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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ASKED TO JOIN
IN PRESIDENTIAL PRAYER

NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--Southern Baptists are being urged to join with President-elect Eisenhower in prayer the hour he spends in church prior to his inauguration on January 20. The appeal comes from J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Grey said, "I would suggest that our churches over the land be open at that identical hour and people invited to enter and pray for God's guidance upon our new president, his cabinet, and all in places of authority that peace and righteousness might prevail and God's will be done."

Chaplain Fred Wilhoite, a Southern Baptist chaplain stationed in Germany, recently wrote to Dr. Grey suggesting the idea.

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DR. GEORGE A. CARVER ELECTED
TO FACULTY WMU TRAINING SCHOOL

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--Dr. George A. Carver, Hightstown, N. J., has been named professor of missions at Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Louisville, Ky. He joins an expanding faculty to which Dr. Hugh A. Brimm was recently named professor of human relations.

Born and reared in Louisville, son of Dr. W. O. Carver, emeritus professor at Southern Seminary, Dr. Carver comes well prepared both in training and in experience. A graduate of Yale University, he received his M.A. degree at Columbia University. An ordained minister, he studied at Southern Seminary and at Union Theological Seminary.

While a missionary to China for ten years he served as professor of English at the University of Shanghai. During the past ten years he has served as a master in the Peddie School in Hightstown, N. J.

Dr. Carver's wife, the former Miss Saxon Rowe, reared in Georgia, is the author of two books about China. She is now librarian for a private school for girls in Princeton, N. J. They have one son, a graduate of Yale, who is now completing his work toward his Ph.D. degree at Oxford University at the age of twenty-three.

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GALVESTON HOTEL SPACE AVAILABLE
FOR SBC CONVENTION MESSENGERS

HOUSTON, Tex.--(BP)--Hotel space for the Southern Baptist Convention that meets here May 6-10 is available in Galveston, a neighboring city, according to William R. Estep, Jr., chairman of the publicity committee for the Houston meeting.

Mr. Estep writes: "The hotels of Galveston are often used for large conventions that meet in Houston. There is a six-lane highway that connects the two cities, making them only forty minutes apart. Galveston, too, has the advantage of being located right on the Gulf with miles and miles of lovely beach.

"The Galvez and the Buccaneer hotels are located on the waterfront. The Jean Lafitte is another very excellent first-class hotel and the Jack Tar Courts will furnish splendid accommodations."

This arrangement may prove very satisfactory to many since this year the Convention will have only two sessions for the day, a morning and an evening session.

Mr. Estep said that those interested should write directly to the Galveston hotels.

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BOYD HUNT MOVES

HOUSTON, Tex.--(BP)--Dr. W. Boyd Hunt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Houston, has resigned to become head of the Department of Theology, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He will occupy the place held by the late W. T. Conner for more than forty years. Hunt has been with the church here since 1946. Prior to that he was a teacher in the seminary. He will take up his new duties on Jan. 15.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is a full report of the future financing of church building needs submitted by the chairman, C. C. Warren, in behalf of the Committee, as adopted by the Executive Committee, Dec. 17, 1952, after conference with state mission secretaries and representatives of the Home Mission Board. It may be of use to the state editors as a basis of a news story, or it may be used as is as a full picture of the situation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FUTURE FINANCING
OF CHURCH BUILDING NEEDS

Your Committee on Future Financing of Church Building Needs met in the chapel of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, July 15, 1952. Approximately four hours were spent in studying the need for church buildings, what was being done by the Home Mission Board, our Texas brethren and other denominations, what needed to be done, and what was being proposed by many.

Following this study, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary, joined us and gave us his opinion that the needs for the present could be met with the \$500,000 which the Executive Committee had authorized them to borrow, along with what they had, plus what might be contemplated from an annuity plan which members of the Home Board had under consideration. In view of this statement, your committee concluded that it would be unwise for them to proceed further until after the August meeting of the Home Mission Board when they could be informed of the action, plans, etc., of the Board for meeting the Church Building Loan need.

On December 14 the members of your committee received a communication from Dr. Lawrence which included the following recommendations adopted by the Home Mission Board at the August meeting in Ridgecrest:

Therefore, (1) we recommend that the Home Mission Board seek denominational approval to launch a movement designed to increase the corpus of our Church Loan Funds to not less than ten million dollars within the next five years; and that we clear this program through denominational channels and implement initial ways and means to execute it so as to dramatically present the needs and launch this program in the Houston Convention in 1953. Needs in all sections of our Convention shall be treated with equal consideration.

Also, (2) in view of the unprecedented expansion of Southern Baptist churches which we anticipate within the next five years, we recommend that plans be made to increase substantially and annually the Church Loan Fund to be administered by the Home Mission Board for the next twenty-five years.

Furthermore, (3) we believe that the existing personnel and facilities for the administration of a Convention-wide Church Loan Service should be increased to adequately care for an expanding program.

Realizing that the work of your committee and the above recommendations of the Home Mission Board were so vitally related, a joint conference of representatives of the two groups was arranged and held yesterday at the Sam Davis Hotel.

We now desire to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Executive Committee is convinced that there is great need for church buildings in the West and other parts of our Convention territory.

2. That we recognize that the Home Mission Board is our denominational agency through which Southern Baptists should seek to meet these needs.

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3. That we recognize that the availability of substantial loan funds for church buildings will make it possible for many additional churches to reach more people, and to participate more fully in the plans and programs of our Convention and its agencies.

4. That we commend the Home Mission Board for its long-range program to increase the corpus of its loan funds in accordance with the provisions of the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention. The Home Mission Board indicates the following sources from which they hope to raise said funds;

- (1) Annuities
- (2) A portion of its percentages of the advance section of the Cooperative Program budget, beginning with 1952 receipts.
- (3) The designation of \$100,000 from the 1953 Annie Armstrong Offering.
- (4) Gifts from donors who have a special interest in these mission projects, such solicitations to be made in accordance with the Convention's Business and Financial Plan.

5. Inasmuch as these plans of the Home Mission Board comply fully with the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention, we recognize that the Home Mission Board is free to proceed with their plans on that basis, and we recommend that we lend every encouragement to their efforts in behalf of these needy churches and seek to integrate such efforts with and relate them to the entire promotional program of the Convention.

6. That your committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Warren, Chairman
Carl E. Bates
Judge Frank Hooper
H. C. Chiles
Louie D. Newton
J. W. Storer, ex officio
Porter Routh, ex officio