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BOARD PLANS EXTENSION  
NEGRO BAPTIST WORK

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Mission work among Negroes in 1952 was conducted in five different phases by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, according to a report of a special survey committee headed by Harold G. Sanders, Georgia. (1) There are thirty-one teacher-missionaries working in Negro colleges. (2) Twenty Negro centers sponsor evangelistic services, study classes and Vacation Bible schools. (3) Three hundred and seventy-four Negro institutes were conducted in 1952 with an enrolment of 6,314. (4) Seventy scholarships were granted to ministerial and missionary students. (5) Eight students were appointed to do summer work among Negroes in large cities.

Guy Bellamy, Oklahoma City, directs the program for the Board.

The Committee proposes five areas for advance in Negro work:

- (1) Baptist Student Union programs on every Negro campus of higher learning.
- (2) More and better kindergartens and Good Will Centers, an area in which Catholics are making their greatest inroads among Negro people.
- (3) Better denominational co-operation: Each church, pastor and member of the Convention seek opportunities for helpfulness and sharing of ideas with Negro churches, pastors and people everywhere, to the end that the gospel might more fully be exemplified by both groups and that the kingdom be advanced among us all.

Other members of the special survey committee are G. F. Garrison, Georgia; O. M. Seigler, Georgia; Hugh R. Bumpas, Oklahoma; Beecher Rhodes, Virginia; Eugene Pratt, Illinois; J. Ralph Grant, Texas; T. J. DuBose, California; T. J. Gamble, Jr., New Mexico.

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## SBC COMMITTEES TO MEET

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Two important Southern Convention committees are soon to convene. The Committee on Relations with Other Religious Bodies will meet in Memphis, Tennessee, January 29, at the King Cotton Hotel. Dr. T. C. Gardner, Dallas, Texas, is chairman.

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CORRECTION ON BAPTIST PRESS OF JANUARY 19, 1953

The last paragraph on the story headed "SBC Committees to Meet" should read as follows:

"The Committee on Boards will meet in Nashville on February 17. E. C. Brown, Blytheville, Arkansas is chairman."

CHICAGO CHRISTIAN FINDS  
TURE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Christian spirit flourishes in the hearts of the true followers of Christ. Proof of this is seen in a letter addressed to Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, by a man in Chicago, Illinois, who wishes to remain anonymous. He lives in Chicago's North Side and is attempting to establish the Second Southern Baptist Church of Chicago in a fifty block area where there is very little evangelical preaching. He makes it plain that his letter is not an appeal for financial aid. He says in the letter:

"For several years now there has been impressed upon my heart, as I have observed the reckless spending in the giving of gifts at Christmas time, the thought as to how great would be the aid to the missionary cause of Southern Baptists the world around if the same amount of money that is spent in honoring the supposed birthday of our Lord by those who call themselves the Lord's people, was given, not in buying gifts for each other, but in giving gifts to the One who should rightly receive them.

"We have all had these same thoughts many times, but so far as I know, no concerted effort has ever been made to change the situation. For this reason, I, in my small way, have resolved to try to do something about it and to solicit others to join ranks.

"I am an individual of modest income, for which reason my gifts at Christmas time do not exceed twenty-five dollars. I, therefore, purpose to forward to the headquarters office of the Southern Baptist missionary enterprise, and give strength to my resolve with money order enclosed herewith, the sum of twenty-five dollars as a Christmas gift to him who has redeemed me by his precious blood and is now engaged in preparing a place for my eternal habitation.

"Whether or not I shall continue my usual Christmas giving to individuals, I am not now resolved, but am resolved henceforth to give, over and above my regular church giving of 25 per cent of my income, this special gift to missionary headquarters direct for this year of 1953 and for the years following as God shall give me grace.

"It is my thought that this money shall be proportionately divided among the various missionary efforts."

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SET DEADLINE  
EXHIBIT SPACE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--February 15, has been set as the deadline for applications from Convention institutions and agencies desiring exhibit space for the Southern Baptist Convention at Houston. Applications should be sent to Mr. John Williams, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

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STAINBACK  
HEADS BBI

LAKELAND, Fla.--(BP)--Arthur House Stainback, pastor, Stoney Creek Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, has been elected president of Baptist Bible Institute, Lakeland, Florida. The official inaugural has been set for February 2, with Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, preaching the inaugural sermon assisted by Dr. John Maguire, executive secretary of Florida Baptists.

Mr. Stainback is a native of North Carolina but moved to Virginia as a boy where his public school education was secured. After regular work at the College of William and Mary and the Hartford Theological Seminary, he secured the M. A. from New York University in the field of "administration of religious affiliated institutions of higher learning." He is a Ph. D. candidate in the same field at the University of North Carolina.

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SBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MOVES INTO NEW QUARTERS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has moved into new quarters in the recently finished administration building of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The Committee now occupies the entire third floor of the building except for a large conference room that is to be jointly used by the Executive Committee and The Baptist Sunday School Board. The move does not change the address of the Committee.

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TEXAN TAKES BSU POST

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Bill B. Cody, former student secretary at the University of Kentucky at Lexington, has been announced as a new associate in the Baptist Student Department. A native of Texas, he has been at the university for the past three years.

A graduate of Baylor University in 1946 and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1949, Cody will assume his new duties January 1. He has been outstanding in the field of evangelism and will continue to specialize in this area in his new work. He is an ordained minister.

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