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Jubilee To Start With
Simultaneous Prayers

ST. LOUIS--(BP)--The five year Baptist Jubilee Advance, 1959-1964 will be officially launched with a nation-wide Wednesday evening prayer service on Dec. 31, 1958, in all churches of the seven participating Baptist bodies.

This was voted by the Central Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance in its winter meeting here recently and announced by C. C. Warren, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and general chairman of the Central Committee.

The Central Committee also authorized appointment of four additional sub-committees on emphases: (1) the 1960 Emphasis Committee on Teaching and Training; (2) the 1961 Emphasis Committee on Stewardship and Enlistment; (3) the 1962 Emphasis Committee on Church Extensions, and (4) the 1963 Emphasis Committee on World Missions.

The 1959 Committee on Evangelism through Cooperative Witness was authorized last year. Personnel of all committees are selected from the participating groups, which represent about 18 million Baptists in the United States and Canada.

On recommendation of the publicity committee a publicity program was adopted.

It consists of:

1. A regular, bulletin-type progress report to leaders.
2. A pamphlet to describe the origin, purpose and program of the advance.
3. A pamphlet outlining the history of Baptist work in North America.
4. A poster for the churches pinpointing dates and emphases.
5. Effort to secure a professional, secular studio to produce a major motion picture on some phase of Baptist work.
6. Special news releases by the publicity committee and an organized public relations effort to place the Baptist Jubilee Advance before the American public.

Next meeting of the Central Committee will be in New York City on Oct. 7.

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Indiana Church Joins
Southern Convention

PLAINFIELD, Ind.--(BP)--The 85th Indiana church to affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention was organized here recently. Plainfield Baptist Church has 24 charter members. Work in Plainfield began last Dec. 2 under sponsorship of Marwood Baptist Church, Indianapolis.

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10 Actions Recommended
By Executive Committee

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Executive Committee will present 10 recommendations for action by the Southern Baptist Convention at its 1957 session in Chicago next month.

The recommendations include a proposed \$16 1/2 million Cooperative Program budget goal and plans for Southern Baptist participation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The Executive Committee will also recommend that the Convention continue its Committee on Church-Related Vocations for another year. The Convention is also being asked to approve a charter for the Brotherhood Commission, one of its agencies.

Until the present, the Brotherhood Commission has operated without a charter. A charter will provide the Commission with legal status, but will not alter the relationship of the Brotherhood Commission to the Convention, according to Executive Secretary Porter Routh of the Executive Committee. The activities of the Brotherhood Commission, he continued, will not be changed by the charter.

The Committee on Church-Related Vocations was created by the 1956 Convention to investigate the needs for young people to fill positions as ministers, church staff workers, and as workers with denominational agencies.

The recommendation for a \$16 1/2 million budget goal for 1958 -- which would be the highest in the history of Southern Baptists -- also carries with it a proposed distribution of the money to the various agencies supported by the Convention.

The \$16 1/2 million would come through the Convention's financial plan, known as the Cooperative Program. The first \$13 million would go to support operations and capital expenses of all Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Funds over and above \$13 million would be divided only between the Convention's Foreign and Home Mission Boards. The Foreign Board would receive 75 per cent and the Home Board 25 per cent.

Other recommendations of the Executive Committee would:

1. Remove a technicality which occurred when the Woman's Missionary Union, Convention auxiliary, elected Mrs. R. L. Mathis, an employee of Baptist-operated Baylor University as its president.

The WMU president automatically becomes a member of the SBC Executive Committee. However the Convention cannot have as a member of its Executive Committee anyone employed by a state Baptist or Southern Baptist institution (other than the Convention president and senior secretary, who are exempted).

The new provision extends this exemption to cover the president of the WMU as well. Approving the recommendation would prevent any question about her eligibility

to be a member of the Executive Committee.

2. Provide Convention messengers with more time to consider r solutions and other business matters presented to the annual session.

3. Make the movement to establish 30,000 new Southern Baptist churches and preaching stations an integral part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The Executive Committee will hold another meeting immediately before the Convention opens in Chicago. Routh reported that additional recommendations for Convention action would result from this meeting.

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Gibson Resigns Post With Kansas Baptists

WICHITA, Kans.--(BP)--Hoyt S. Gibson, editor of the Baptist Digest since April, 1954, has announced his resignation, effective June 15.

Official weekly publication for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, the paper has achieved a circulation increase of 126 per cent during the three years Gibson served as editor. The increase was from 2700 to the present 6119.

Formerly a semi-monthly publication, the Baptist Digest has been issued weekly the past two years.

Gibson is editor of the Kansas section of the "Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists." The past year, he has been secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

His future plans are unannounced.

John M. McBain, Kansas City, Kan., chairman of the newspaper's directors, said:

"The board of directors of the 'Baptist Digest' announce with regret that we have accepted the resignation of Brother Hoyt Gibson as editor effective June 15, 1957.

"During the three years of his service our state paper has taken on a form and stature of growth toward maturity. Doctrinal soundness, denominational loyalty, and Christian spirit have become realities. The finances have been managed wisely, and the circulation has increased from 2700 to over 6,000.

"We express our gratitude to God for the fellowship and service of Brother Gibson. We commend him to any future place of service where God may lead him."

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RA Literature Going To
Brotherhood Commission

MEMPHIS--(BP)--Royal Ambassador literature will be handled from the office of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here after Oct. 1.

Executive Secretary George W. Schroeder said that it is another step in transferring the Royal Ambassadors from the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention to the Brotherhood.

After Oct. 1, he said, all subscriptions to the RA magazine, Ambassador Life, and all requests for organizational materials should be addressed to the Brotherhood Commission office at 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis.

Until that date, however, the magazine and literature orders should be sent to the WMU office in Birmingham.

Royal Ambassadors is a boys' missionary organization of Southern Baptists which since its organization has been under auspices of the WMU. The Convention voted several years ago to transfer the RA work to its Brotherhood Commission, allowing time for the transition to take place.

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BSU Seeks Baptists
Entering Annapolis

ANNAPOLIS, Md.--(BP)--Are any Southern Baptists entering the U. S. Naval Academy here in July?

If so, the new Baptist Student Union at the Academy wants to know who they are.

"We would love to be able to meet each Baptist midshipman within a few days after he enters the Academy and invite him to be a part of the many Baptist activities of our program," the BSU president writes.

Information should be sent to the BSU president, Parke L. Brown, Jr., 4403 Bancroft Hall, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis.

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DC Baptist Leaders
To Pray For Graham

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Baptist pastors and evangelists in the Nation's capital have pledged to pray daily for Evangelist Billy Graham, who opens an evangelistic crusade in New York City next month.

The ministers made their pledge while a Baptist simultaneous evangelistic crusade was under way in the Washington metropolitan area.

The text of the ministers' resolution:

"Having experienced some of the difficulties of having an evangelistic crusade for Christ in a large city, we, the pastors and evangelists of this Baptist simultaneous evangelistic crusade of metropolitan Washington, D. C., covenant together to pray daily for Billy Graham in his forth-coming crusade in New York City.

"Also having participated in various crusades conducted by Billy Graham we heartily endorse him and commend him for his outstanding ministry as an evangelist. We encourage every follower of Christ in the great city of New York to give his whole-hearted support to this evangelistic effort. We will also encourage the members of our churches to pray daily for Graham and this crusade." -30-

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.....William Bushnell and Russell Hammar have been appointed to the faculty of the school of church music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

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.....Dorey Mackey, layman from Paris, Tex., has been elected president of Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention. He is the first layman to be so honored.

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.....The first annual conference for Baptist pastors sponsored by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will be held on the seminary campus in Fort Worth June 10-14.

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....."You cannot overcome a false philosophy by force, although it has been attempted many times in the history of the world. It can only be overcome by a superior faith -- a false philosophy beaten down by a true philosophy. We have the true philosophy in Christianity, but we shall never overcome the influence of communism with a Sunday morning Christ or a tepid dedication."--Sidney W. Powell, former pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., during Baptist evangelistic crusade in Washington, D. C.

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.....Burrell L. Wood, Jr., head of the chemistry department at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., has been awarded a National Science Foundation fellowship which will enable him to spend a year in advanced study and research in Switzerland.

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.....Hugh Van Eaton, Glasgow, Ky., has accepted a call as pastor to First Baptist Church, Jasper, Ala.

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.....Wesley Lindsey, Prescott, Ark., has accepted a call to First Baptist Church, Richmond, Mo.

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.....Earl R. Rogers has been elected an associate in the department of evangelism of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. If he accepts the position to which he has been elected by the convention's board of directors, Rogers will divide his time between the promotion of evangelism and church music. He is at the present time minister of music in Second Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark.