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AUGUST SBC MISSION  
GIFTS TOTAL \$895,660

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Mission gifts for the month of August reached \$895,660, bringing the year's total receipts thus far to \$7,415,798, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention's Executive Committee. This is an increase of \$763,805 or 11.48 per cent over last year's figure of \$6,651,993 for the same period.

Southern Baptists gave \$131,374 in designated gifts to Convention-wide causes in August bringing the year's total to \$5,689,058. This is an increase of \$419,325 or 7.96 per cent during the same period of 1953.

Cooperative Program and designated receipts together totaled \$1,027,035, bringing the total for the year thus far to \$13,104,856, an increase of \$1,183,130 or 9.92 cent.

Texas led the states in Cooperative Program receipts for the month with a total of \$225,000, North Carolina was second with \$91,249, and Tennessee third with \$72,449.

District of Columbia and Oregon-Washington are the only states not showing an increase in gifts when compared with the same period last year.

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RIDGECREST PREPARES TO  
TAKE LONG WINTER'S NAP

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The last strains of "Elijah" brought the most successful summer in the history of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly to a close recently, as the 500 voice choir sang this moving oratorio by Mendelsshon at the annual Church Music Conference.

The only remaining spark of life to the dynamo of summer Baptist activity is the 175 staffers and 400 Air Force men and women here for a short Protestant Spiritual Life Conference. It is a far cry from the peak of the summer when 3,572 guests and 415 staffers swarmed these hills of God.

The huge cooking vats were closed down, extra platters, dishes, and silver were washed and laid away as the assembly prepared to take a long winter's nap.

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CUTLINE FOR ENCLOSED MAT--Herman L. King, superintendent of adult Sunday school work in the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, has been promoted to the position of superintendent of Sunday school administration in the same department. King has been with the Board since 1939.--BAPTIST PRESS