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Pittsburgh Baptists Plan New Mission

COLUMBUS, O.--(BP)--A Southern Baptist mission or church will be formed in Pittsburgh during July, according to a report made to the quarterly meeting of the board of State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

Convention Executive Secretary Ray Roberts reported that a group of Southern Baptists living in the western Pennsylvania city have requested help from Ohio Baptists.

He said that a revival would be held in Pittsburgh July 13-20, and that the organization of a mission or church would "quite definitely" follow the revival.

Southern Baptists in Pittsburgh have rented a temporary place of worship and there were 28 in attendance on a recent Sunday. It was expected that up to 75 persons would be charter members of the new mission or church.

There is no Southern Baptist-affiliated church in Pittsburgh at present, Roberts said.

The Ohio convention executive board also approved a plan for publishing the Baptist newspaper, Ohio Baptist Messenger, on a twice-monthly basis starting in September. It is now published once a month.

Editor R. G. Puckett said the paper would be issued on the first and 15th days of the month.

Gifts by Ohio Southern Baptists were reported to have increased. Cooperative Program receipts for the first six months of the year were \$62,271, or \$11,200 greater than for the first half of 1957.

They were approximately four times greater than receipts for the first six months of 1954, when the convention was organized.

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Kansas Church Signs Building Contract

WICHITA, Kans.--(BP)--Sharon Baptist Church here has signed the largest single building contract ever entered into by a church affiliated with Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists.

The contract was for \$180,500. The new unit includes an auditorium and educational space. When the new building is finished, the present building will be used entirely for educational purposes.

The new and old buildings together will care for 1000 students in Sunday school classes.

Sharon Church, organized in December, 1951, expects the new building to be ready when it celebrates its seventh anniversary.

Pastor of the church is Rang Morgan, president of Kansas convention. Its membership is 870. Morgan has been pastor for six years. Sharon Church's 1958 budget is \$100,000, of which one-fifth is allocated for missions.

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Stetson Offers Course
In Russian Language

DELAND, Fla.--(BP)--Stetson University here will offer courses in Russian language this fall, President J. Ollie Edmunds announced.

It becomes the second Southern Baptist-related college to offer the language currently. Baylor University at Waco, Tex., has a four-year sequence.

"Two or three other Baptist colleges have offered Russian in past years when they had faculty members qualified to teach it, although they do not offer it at present," according to R. Orin Cornett, Nashville, executive secretary, Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Stetson President Edmunds said that "nearly 10 million Russians are studying English and only about 7500 Americans are studying Russian."

He reported that Serge Alexander Zenkovsky was added to the Stetson faculty to teach Russian. Zenkovsky also will teach Russian history. The professor is a native of Kiev.

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Kenosha Church Granted
Loan For New Building

DALLAS--(BP)--A Texas Baptist association of churches has underwritten a \$28,850 building loan for the Kenosha, Wis., Missionary Baptist Church.

Frank Burress, superintendent of missions for the Wisconsin-Minnesota Baptist Association, said the 247-member Kenosha church planned to begin construction of the new building in mid-July.

17 Texas Baptist churches, members of the Cisco Baptist Association, located between Fort Worth and Abilene, participated in the loan guarantee. It marked the first time, said Burress, that an association had underwritten a loan for one of the Wisconsin-Minnesota Association churches.

Texas Baptists have sponsored pioneer mission work in the two-state area since September, 1956.

The Cisco association also voted to pay \$140 per month for one year on the building indebtedness after the church moves into the new building.

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It's Acute There
But Cute Here!

Lien Chow, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, and professor at Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary, Taipei, Taiwan, told of an interesting incident which occurred behind the scenes at the fifth Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto.

"The roll call of the nations is always a most impressive sight in the conference. Most of you here saw the march of the flags of the 63 nations . . . but you were not at the rehearsal. Let me share with you one incident . . . during the rehearsal. When the Near East was introduced, the flagbearers of Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon came in at the same time in alphabetical order.

"Immediately, I thought this was an unusual combination. After they marched on the stage, while the director was waiting for the others to come up, I saw that these three delegates were talking.

"The next thing I saw was the girl from Israel using her flag playfully, and jokingly, softly hitting the Jordan flag, and in turn the Jordanian flag was hitting the Lebanon flag. They all laughed. The whole action had taken place in about 10 seconds.

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"If I may borrow an expression from American girls, I would say 'how cute.' It is very cute, but the situation over yonder is very acute, isn't it? How can it be acute over there and cute over here? I have but one answer: Christ is our hope. Reconciliation is the term I want to use. Beyond the boundary of the nations, we are one in Christ."

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Dr. Wilburn Taylor
Dies In Nashville

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Dr. Oury Wilburn Taylor, editor emeritus of the Baptist and Reflector, died in Nashville July 8. He was 73 years of age.

Dr. Taylor, historian as well as editor and preacher, had been ill with cancer for some time.

He was editor of the Tennessee Baptist Convention weekly newspaper from 1933 to 1950 when he was succeeded by the present editor, Richard N. Owen.

After retiring as editor of the Baptist and Reflector, Dr. Taylor was commissioned by Tennessee convention to write a three-volume history of Tennessee Baptists.

After several years of research, the first volume of the history---covering the years up to 1832---was released last year and a special recognition of it was made at Tennessee convention's annual session last November.

Dr. Taylor had also headed the historical committee of Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Virgie B. Glover Taylor, and a son, Wilburn Taylor, employed in the planning and scheduling section of the Baptist Sunday School Board here.

Funeral services were conducted July 10 at Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, with Pastor Harold Purdy and R. Kelly White, president of Baptist-operated Belmont College in Nashville, officiating.

Several members of the staff of Tennessee Baptist Convention and friends from Southern Baptist agencies located in Nashville were among pallbearers.

Dr. Taylor was born Sept. 11, 1885 near Murray, Ky. During his 37 years in the ministry, he was pastor of churches in Kentucky and Tennessee. He was also professor at Hall-Moody Institute, a private school at Martin, Tenn., now defunct.

He received the A. B. degree from Union University, Tennessee convention school at Jackson, Tenn., in 1919. Union honored him with the doctor of divinity degree in 1933.

The first volume of Tennessee Baptist history prepared by Taylor was entitled, "Early Tennessee Baptists." He had completed some research for the remaining two volumes before his death, but had not had an opportunity to prepare them for publication.

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17 Leaders And Pastors
Will Attend Swiss Meet

WASHINGTON--(BP)--At least 17 Southern Baptist pastors and other denominational leaders are scheduled to attend the meeting of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance in Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 2-8.

C. E. Bryant, press representative for the Alliance said the following plan to attend:

Theodore F. Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and president of the Alliance.

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Robert S. Denny, associate secretary for youth, Baptist World Alliance, Washington.

Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

George W. Sadler, retired area secretary for Europe, Africa, and Near East for the Foreign Mission Board.

Frank Means, area secretary for Latin America, Foreign Mission Board.

Cornell Goerner, Sadler's successor as area secretary.

Clifton J. Allen, Nashville, editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board.

W. L. Howse, Nashville, director of education division, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Allen Graves, director, school of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

J. D. Grey, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans.

E. H. Pruden, pastor, First Baptist Church, Washington.

Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Mrs. George Martin, Norfolk, Va., former president, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

R. Paul Caudill, pastor, First Baptist Church, Memphis.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., who succeeded Mrs. Martin as WMU president.

William Denham, pastor, River Oaks Baptist Church, Houston.

Edgar Hallock, missionary to Brazil, Foreign Mission Board.

Several of those listed will be accompanied by others in their family. In addition, Bryant said, two or three other Southern Baptist leaders, whose plans were indefinite, may also be present.

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BP Folks and Facts.....

.....Connie A. Dabney resigned as pastor of Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., to accept pastorate of Truett Memorial Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.

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