



June 5, 1953

127 Ninth Avenue, North

Nashville, Tennessee

**MAY COOPERATIVE GIFTS
SHOW INCREASE**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Southern Baptists gave \$959,187.03 in May through their Cooperative Program for the support of Convention-wide agencies and institutions, bringing the year's total to date to \$4,207,720.16, an increase of 15.40 per cent over the Cooperative Program receipts during the same period last year, Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced.

All states show an increase in gifts when compared with the same period last year except Alabama, California, New Mexico, and Tennessee.

Designated gifts for the month amounting to \$782,802.40 brought the total for the year in designated contributions to \$4,813,798.44. This figure is 18.56 per cent higher than for the same period last year.

In May Southern Baptists gave through both the Cooperative Program and designations a total of \$1,741,989.43, making a total of \$9,021,518.60 thus far in the year.

**MONTHLY REPORT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Porter Routh, Executive Secretary
May, 1953**

RECEIPTS

	<u>Cooperative Program</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Specials	30.90	110.50	141.40
Alabama	34,078.39	44,448.63	78,527.02
Alaska	489.16	--	489.16
Arizona	2,589.12	2,000.00	4,589.12
Arkansas	27,618.89	22,463.26	50,082.15
California	2,121.62	4,521.34	6,642.96
Dist. of Columbia	1,825.58	2,163.27	3,988.85
Florida	59,771.93	29,496.49	89,268.42
Georgia	58,048.22	39,548.06	97,596.28
Illinois	16,827.73	9,412.60	26,240.33
Kansas	835.02	1,281.34	2,116.36
Kentucky	42,518.04	32,757.67	75,275.71
Louisiana	31,862.61	24,567.38	56,429.99
Maryland	8,560.88	--	8,560.88
Mississippi	48,689.82	49,643.71	98,333.53
Missouri	40,175.49	39,467.42	79,642.91
New Mexico	6,913.31	6,824.44	13,737.75
North Carolina	87,671.86	123,725.81	211,397.67
Oklahoma	48,890.37	22,264.42	71,154.79
Oregon-Washington	---	---	---

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South Carolina	72,226.88	69,013.32	141,240.20
Tennessee	84,643.16	46,851.89	131,495.05
Texas	219,166.66	164,356.97	383,523.63
Virginia	63,631.39	47,883.88	111,515.27
Totals for month	959,187.03	782,802.40	1,741,989.43
Year to Date	4,207,720.16	4,813,798.44	9,021,518.60
1952 to Date	3,645,974.15	4,060,227.09	7,706,201.24

COMPARISON 1952 AND 1953 RECEIPTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
January-May, 1953

	Cooperative Program 1953	Cooperative Program 1952	Designated 1953	Designated 1952
Specials	1,948.84	1,139.55	7,043.05	7,586.52
Alabama	214,795.16	217,474.72	212,869.76	189,381.04
Alaska	1,222.90	625.00	--	1,478.54
Arizona	12,729.37	7,831.43	17,630.55	10,726.96
Arkansas	161,142.79	146,406.96	122,799.68	99,283.54
California	10,860.07	11,033.31	28,052.81	20,348.51
Dist. of Columbia	13,896.26	11,988.59	15,278.36	10,368.48
Florida	257,499.57	207,531.84	175,781.30	144,542.45
Georgia	269,897.51	250,216.61	319,565.95	267,601.79
Illinois	70,468.06	54,669.22	45,596.13	37,620.04
Kansas	3,610.25	2,452.40	3,965.09	2,305.41
Kentucky	222,069.24	184,086.03	190,038.58	164,877.09
Louisiana	153,553.91	128,922.42	217,244.09	162,436.91
Maryland	36,271.96	32,038.33	688.88	200.00
Mississippi	192,255.50	166,759.32	205,176.79	180,006.80
Missouri	209,479.71	188,702.81	192,416.89	154,237.59
New Mexico	25,903.95	26,669.25	42,494.20	50,774.74
North Carolina	315,582.03	306,621.11	466,355.78	395,793.92
Oklahoma	271,174.75	207,789.37	199,412.14	178,186.94
Oregon-Washington	1,791.81	1,533.45	4,575.60	3,663.33
South Carolina	393,265.30	304,496.14	268,277.08	236,739.57
Tennessee	328,841.68	348,520.26	198,396.83	168,407.15
Texas	714,333.30	559,583.30	1,547,822.22	1,282,565.33
Virginia	325,126.24	278,882.73	332,316.68	291,094.44
Total	4,207,720.16	3,645,974.15	4,813,798.44	4,060,227.09

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(EP)--Open House ceremonies of the new eleven-story administration building of the Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. were held May 26.

The 2500 visitors who registered had an opportunity to go on guided tours through the fourteen departments and agencies housed in the new administration building, see religious Broadman films made on the West coast under the supervision of the Board's Audio-Visual Aid Department, and visit the art gallery. In the Art Department were exhibits which pictorialized the different steps of producing periodicals, a display of the Uniform and Graded series of Sunday school periodicals, and a number of other exhibits were on display.

The new administration building, recently completed, is one of five buildings which house the Sunday School Board's activities. The executive building, 161 Eighth
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Avenue, North, is perhaps the most widely known. A new printing plant, located on Thompson Lane, on the outskirts of the city, was completed last year.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb retired June 1 from the Board after eighteen years as executive secretary-treasurer and on that date became secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, whose offices are located in the new administration building. Dr. James L. Sullivan, Abilene, Tex., assumed the position of Board executive secretary-treasurer on the same day.

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SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY ANNOUNCES
ENLARGEMENT PROGRAM

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has announced the purchase of nine duplexes, a new president's home, and four vacant lots amounting to more than \$100,000.

Trustees have also authorized expenditure of \$250,000 on the rehabilitation of the older buildings. Of this amount, \$150,000 will be spent on Fort Worth Hall, oldest building on the campus. It will be modernized, including new wiring and new plumbing facilities throughout.

This is the first expansion of student housing facilities in twenty-five years. The seminary owns fifty-six such units near the campus.

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BRYCE FINCH HONORED BY
NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER MAGAZINE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Bryce Finch, photographer, Art Department, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn., was honored by the National Photographer magazine in its December, 1952 issue and the current May issue. They selected Finch's color photographs used on the December, 1952, and February, 1953, issues of Home Life.

Finch came to the Baptist Sunday School Board in January, 1948, after receiving his B. S. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University. He received professional training at the New York Institute of Photography.

The National Photographer magazine is published by the Photographers' Association of America.

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Baptist Press

BAPTIST BOOK STORE
OPENED IN DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio--(BP)--The formal opening of the Baptist Book store owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was held here May 29, Harold L. Ingraham, business manager, and John H. Williams, director Book Store Department, of the Sunday School Board announced.

The new store is being launched simultaneously with the opening of the Ohio Southern Baptist headquarters.

"It is a supply depot for our Baptist churches in Ohio, and we expect to furnish supplies and materials to other denominations," the acting manager, Miss Irma Gallagher, said.

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"AWARD OF MERIT" AWARDED
SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--An "award of merit" certificate was recently awarded to the Baptist Sunday School Board by the Nashville postmaster, Lewis E. Moore, for being one of twelve Nashville publishing concerns which send more than 1,500,000 pounds of printed matter through the mails annually.

The award was made in "recognition of and gratitude for sustained co-operation with the Nashville Post Office in the preparation of the printed matter submitted for mailing."

This is the first time any such awards have been made in the United States and the Nashville postmaster said there is a possibility the practice will be adopted by the Post Office Department.

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MARY CHRISTIAN RETURNS
FROM MISSION TOUR

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Mary Christian, associate in the Book Store Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, has just returned from a missionary tour in Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Cuba.

The purpose of the trip was to become more familiar with Southern Baptist mission work in those areas. She visited Baptist churches, mission stations, printing plants, and other points of interest.

Miss Christian is in charge of the sales promotion of books of missionary interest of all publishers through the Baptist book stores.

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J. HOWARD WILLIAMS ELECTED
SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY HEAD

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--J. Howard Williams, executive secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention, was unanimously elected president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary by the trustees, Tuesday, June 2, effective August 1, 1953.

The 58-year-old Texas Baptist leader, who went to the Texas Baptist post from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City in 1946, is a native Texan, and took his seminary work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and at Southern.

Dr. Williams was brought up in the First Baptist Church, Dallas, under the preaching of Dr. George W. Truett, and served as pastor of two churches in Dallas before going to Southern Seminary.

To serve as president of Southwestern will be no new responsibility for Dr. Williams. He has been president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, of the Board of Trustees of Oklahoma Baptist University, and of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

After serving as executive secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention from 1931 to 1936, he went to the First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., and from there to the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, where he was serving when he returned to Texas in 1946.

During World War I, Dr. Williams served as a chaplain with the 1st Army Corp in France.

He was married to Miss Floy Ettys Kelly, the daughter of an Arkansas Baptist minister in June, 1920. They have five children, Martha Genne (Mrs. Frank Sandford), Carolyn Lee (Mrs. Joe Mason), J. Howard, Jr., Kelly Dan, and Floy Kate.