

November 27, 1958

Alabama Elects Davis;  
Sets \$3,515,000 Budget

BIRMINGHAM--(BP)--Alabama Baptist State Convention elected B. Locke Davis, pastor of Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, Ala., president. He succeeds Harold W. Seever of Mobile.

It celebrated the 150th anniversary of Baptist work in Alabama at its recent annual session here.

It adopted a budget goal for 1959 of \$3,515,000. Of that amount, \$1,134,200 is to be forwarded to agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Alabama convention had a record turnout of messengers, with registration reaching over 2600. More than 5000 messengers and visitors were present at the closing session of the convention, addressed by Evangelist Billy Graham.

Goals for 1959 for the convention were adopted also. They include 35,000 baptisms, increased total membership of affiliated churches to 685,000 compared with the present 651,000, half-million enrolled in Sunday schools, 220,000 enrolled in Training Unions, 265,000 enrolled in vacation Bible schools, and 100,000 circulation for the weekly Alabama Baptist.

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American Bible Society  
Aids In 1959 Emphasis

NEW YORK--(BP)--The American Bible Society here has printed one million copies of the Gospel of John for the Southern Baptist Convention's "New Life for You" emphasis during 1959.

Printing was done at the request of the department of evangelism of the Convention's Home Mission Board. Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, is secretary of evangelism.

The pocket-size, paper-back Gospel of John is the same format as distributed by the American Bible Society generally. However, the special edition has a different front cover emphasizing the "New Life for You" theme. The back cover contains an invitation to visit a Southern Baptist church.

On the title page, the name of the Bible Society is carried together with a notation that the special edition was printed for the Home Mission Board department of evangelism and for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The special edition is being sold at Baptist Book Stores. Space is provided on the back cover for an individual church to print its own name.

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\$58,800 Grant Given  
Wake Forest College

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--Wake Forest College here has been awarded a \$58,800 grant from the National Science Foundation to conduct an institute for high school teachers of science and mathematics next summer.

The grant covers expenses for teachers attending the institute and also operational costs. The institute, which will begin June 15 and last six weeks, will be limited to approximately 60 teachers. John W. Nowell, professor of chemistry and assistant dean of the college, will be the director.

"The purpose of the institute," Nowell said, "will be to improve instruction in science and mathematics in the high schools. There will be courses, seminars, lectures, and informal discussions to bring high school teachers into contact with

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the sciences and mathematics as living, growing bodies of knowledge. The program will be conducted by able scientists who also have the interest and skill to interpret their subjects to high school teachers."

Courses will be offered in botany, chemistry, mathematics, physics, and zoology. Each participant will be expected to take two courses.

Applicants will be considered from throughout the Southeast. Preference will be given persons less than 60 years old, those who have had no formal college instruction in science or mathematics in the past five years, those who have at least three years teaching experience, and persons who have not previously attended such an institute.

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DISTRIBUTION OF CONVENTIONWIDE FUNDS  
Executive Committee SBC

1958 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS  
(Operating and Capital Needs)

	<u>1958 Total</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
Foreign Mission Board	\$ 5,685,250	43.62
Home Mission Board	1,961,750	15.05
Relief and Annuity Board	325,000	2.49
Southern Seminary	519,191	3.98
Southwestern Seminary	551,442	4.23
New Orleans Seminary	460,067	3.53
Golden Gate Seminary	1,537,333	11.79
Southeastern Seminary	746,967	5.73
Radio & Television Commission	400,000	3.07
American Seminary	100,000	.77
Carver School	128,000	.98
Southern Baptist Hospital	175,000	1.34
Brotherhood Commission	120,000	.92
Public Affairs Committee	24,500	.19
Southern Baptist Foundation	27,500	.21
Education Commission	35,000	.27
Historical Commission	32,000	.25
Christian Life Commission	21,000	.16
Convention Operating Budget	185,000	1.42
Miscellaneous		
Totals	\$13,035,000	100.00

All over \$13,035,000 to go 75% to Foreign Mission Board and 25% to Home Mission Board. Budget met in November, 1958, and 75-25 distribution began thereafter and will continue through Dec. 31.

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Midwestern Seminary  
Construction Begun

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here has awarded a contract for \$801,000 for construction of four buildings on its campus.

Seminary President Millard J. Berquist said that the contract was awarded to Swenson Construction Co. of Kansas City. Construction was to start following ground-breaking ceremonies Nov. 30 and the four buildings are to be ready for use next September.

Buildings for which contracts were let included an administration building, a library, a chapel, and one housing six classrooms and faculty offices.

Capital needs allocations from the Southern Baptist Convention for the years 1959 and 1960 are to be used in payment.

Berquist said the buildings will be of "conservative contemporary design" and of stone construction. Hedrick and Stanley of Fort Worth are architects.

Mayor H. Roe Bartle of Kansas City and Southern Baptist Convention leaders were to be special guests at the ground-breaking.

The new Southern Baptist Convention seminary is in its first year of operation. It is using buildings of Calvary Baptist Church here for its current session, for which a capacity 150 students are enrolled.

Berquist reported that if construction follows the hoped-for schedule, the seminary can have its classes on its 99-acre campus in the Kansas City North area during 1959-60 academic year.

The library is designed to handle 70,000 volumes and will have a three-story stack room. It is the only one of the four buildings scheduled to go above a single floor. The chapel will seat 500 persons.

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First Michigan BSU  
Chapter Organized

EAST LANSING, Mich.--(BP)--A group of 15 students met here recently to adopt a constitution as a Baptist Student Union and to make plans for the gradual development of a BSU program at Michigan State University.

The Michigan State chapter is believed to be the first BSU organization in Michigan. BSU is the student work carried on by the Southern Baptist Convention. The Baptist State Convention of Michigan, affiliated with Southern Baptists, was organized a little over one year ago.

The charter members of the Michigan State University chapter come from seven states and the Philippine Islands. There are 19,000 students enrolled in Michigan State.

Chester Halsted of Livonia, Mich., will serve as chairman of the local group until election of a president and other officers can be arranged. Charles Lassiter, of the University's agriculture department, will be the chapter's faculty advisor. Paul Clark, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Lansing, will serve as pastor-advisor.

Assisting in the formation of the BSU Chapter here were Joe Watson, secretary of religious education for the state convention, and Truett Smith, editor of the convention's newspaper, Michigan Baptist Messenger. Both are from convention offices at Detroit.

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