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**JUNE MISSION GIFTS  
SHOW INCREASE**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Mission gifts to Southern Baptist causes through the Cooperative Program for the month of June total \$683,137, Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced. This brings the total for the year to \$4,890,857, an increase of ten per cent, or \$444,423, over the same period last year.

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

Designated mission gifts received a total of \$189,493, for the month, which makes an increase of 18.42 per cent when compared with the same period last year.

This makes a total of \$872,630 for the month of June, and a grand total of \$1,222,703 for the first half of 1953, or an increase of 14.10 per cent over the same period last year.

The following is a record of gifts received this month by states:

COMPARISON 1952 and 1953 RECEIPTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION  
January-June, 1953

	Cooperative Program 1953	Cooperative Program 1952	Designated 1953	Designated 1952
Specials	2,037.72	1,663.95	9,357.95	9,443.89
Alabama	248,394.40	261,469.02	225,270.69	199,712.81
Alaska	1,467.48	750.00	2,597.59	1,478.54
Arizona	15,272.19	9,331.43	20,246.62	11,226.96
Arkansas	188,761.68	173,249.74	125,906.49	102,679.79
California	14,091.85	13,681.33	29,097.45	21,618.03
District of Columbia	16,627.99	14,565.33	16,908.73	12,151.77
Florida	291,706.44	246,905.92	182,341.74	144,542.45
Georgia	320,069.93	299,495.79	332,690.13	283,796.18
Illinois	81,074.88	66,285.74	48,374.81	39,247.33
Kansas	4,299.17	3,074.78	5,821.60	3,091.37
Kentucky	262,639.07	216,558.75	203,129.33	173,973.36
Louisiana	185,416.52	155,025.94	226,451.95	168,028.30
Maryland	42,738.17	32,038.33	3,253.68	2,599.15
Mississippi	216,688.15	197,210.00	214,974.55	195,772.33
Missouri	249,558.04	226,838.63	202,473.96	163,889.14
New Mexico	25,903.95	32,281.08	42,494.20	52,563.04
North Carolina	378,407.61	366,321.84	476,233.48	407,640.24
Oklahoma	312,960.19	260,407.16	205,584.22	185,240.58
Oregon-Washington	3,079.82	1,732.95	6,439.21	4,066.68
South Carolina	474,679.17	357,965.37	282,274.58	239,663.16
Tennessee	371,981.50	410,634.02	209,793.01	180,623.51
Texas	818,499.96	772,499.96	1,593,965.84	1,324,537.72
Virginia	364,501.36	326,446.89	337,609.71	297,425.48
	<u>4,890,857.24</u>	<u>4,446,433.95</u>	<u>5,003,291.52</u>	<u>4,225,011.81</u>

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Baptist Press

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITALS'  
MINISTRY INCREASED IN 1952

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Southern Baptists' twenty-six hospitals treated a total of 257,211 patients in 1952, according to J.P. Edmunds, secretary of Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. This is an increase of 12,731 patients over 1951. Total property value of the hospitals is \$66,991,522 with an indebtedness of \$13,953,275.

Baptist hospitals are located in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Texas leads all the states with a total of six, Oklahoma is second with five, Louisiana third with four, and Tennessee follows with three.

Two thousand five hundred and two nurses were in training in twenty of the hospitals last year, and 1,788 were graduated.

They have a bed capacity of 6,801 for whites and 286 for Negroes. Last year 7,397 Negroes were cared for.

The total endowment is \$2,044,218 and \$18,296,000 is expected to be spent in the near future for new buildings and equipment.

In 1952, 28,319 charity patients were treated and \$2,291,576 was spent in caring for these.

A total of 43,130 babies were born in the hospitals.