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Adams To Make Tour  
Of African Churches

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will make a "comprehensive tour" of Baptist churches and mission stations in Africa this summer, Alliance offices here reported.

Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., will be accompanied by Robert S. Denny, the Alliance's associate general secretary, and by Mrs. Adams.

Baptist churches are known to exist in 19 countries on the African continent, and they reported a total membership of 281,784 last year.

The Adams' and Denny will leave Washington July 8. Their itinerary includes mission stations operated by 13 different Baptist conventions.

The same three persons made a trip around the world last summer and participated in the Asian Baptist Youth Conference at Hong Kong.

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Traffic Advice: Don't  
Use Auto In Chicago

CHICAGO--(BP)--If you come to Chicago by automobile, don't plan to use it to commute between downtown hotels and the International Amphitheater.

The best thing to do is to park your car and use some other means of transportation to and from the Amphitheater, the arrangements committee for the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention session recommends.

While there is a 15-acre parking lot at the International Amphitheater, it is a four-mile drive to reach the Amphitheater from the area where most Conventioners will be staying. Much of that driving would have to be done through congested city traffic on unfamiliar streets, some of it during rush hours.

There are several large parking lots, owned by the city or by private firms, within a short distance of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, the Convention headquarters hotel.

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add honorary degrees----

Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark.--Doctor of divinity degrees to S. A. Whitlow, pastor of First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, and to Rel Gray, pastor of First Baptist Church, Helena, Ark.

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Five Major Questions  
Will Confront S.B.C.

CHICAGO, Ill.--(BP)--At least five major questions will confront the 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention when it opens its four-day meeting at International Amphitheater May 28.

In addition to these major questions there will be four or more matters of Convention emphasis which will be brought out in programs and reports.

The probable major questions are:

1. The proposed sixth seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention. The 1956 session at Kansas City approved the seminary and asked a special committee on theological, religious, and missionary education to consider a site for it and means for financing it.

The committee has visited several proposed sites including Chicago, Kansas City, and Denver. It has not thus far indicated whether it will recommend any one of these as the most suitable location for the seminary.

Strong sentiment exists among Southern Baptists for each of the localities. Supporters of each have made clear by word and printed material why they believe their site is most appropriate.

2. The survey of Southern Baptist Convention agencies. The committee to study the total Southern Baptist program of activities is asking for another year to complete its survey. If the request is granted, the question will be one of the major ones confronting the 1958 Convention at Houston rather than the 1957 Convention.

3. The election of a new Southern Baptist Convention president. C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., ends his two-year term as president and is ineligible to be re-elected.

4. The proposed SBC hospital at Miami, Fla. The 1956 Convention approved location of a hospital there, following offer of land and part of the money necessary to build it from Arthur Vining Davis, retired aluminum company official and multi-millionaire Florida land developer. From several Convention groups and well-known ministers has come opposition to the hospital being operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. They feel that the hospital ought to be an undertaking of Florida Baptists instead.

5. The pending amendment to the Southern Baptist Convention constitution regarding church autonomy. The proposed amendment was offered at the 1956 Convention but must be heard a second year before it can be acted upon. Its supporters claim it would give increased weight to the Convention's position that churches now co-operating with it have complete freedom over their property and internal affairs, including withdrawal of co-operation with the SBC.

The emphases which will underlie the 1957 Convention are (1) world missions, since 1957 is World Missions Year; (2) the joint session of the Convention and Woman's Missionary Union, only the second time in SBC history it has happened; (3) the record budget of \$16 1/2 million for 1958 to be offered for approval; (4) development of plans for the Baptist Jubilee Advance and establishment of 30,000 new churches, missions, and preaching points by 1964.

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800th Baptist Church  
Joins Illinois Asso.

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--The 800th church to affiliate with the Illinois Baptist State Association has been organized, fulfilling a goal the association set to be reached prior to the 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Noel M. Taylor, association executive secretary, reported that the 800th church is Southside Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, Ill. First Baptist Church, Waltonville, Ill., (No. 799) was organized at the same time.

Both new churches are former missions of Logan St. Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, Otho Williams, pastor.

Southside Church, Mount Vernon, with 105 charter members, occupies a \$17,900 building constructed by the sponsoring church. However the new church has assumed the remaining debt on the building.

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New Post Created By  
Ouachita Trustees

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.--(BP)--Ouachita College trustees have created the new post of vice-president of the college and elected James Edmondson to fill it.

Edmondson, a professor at the Baptist college since 1951, is presently chairman of the department of business. He will be primarily responsible for financial administration and fund-raising.

The trustees re-elected Ralph Phelps to a fifth year as president of the college.

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Chandler To Deliver  
Anniversary Speech

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Governor of Kentucky, A. B. Chandler, will speak for the golden anniversary celebration at Campbellsville Baptist College here on May 17.

May 17-20 has been designated as semi-centennial week-end on the campus.

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### SBC Gives Support To American Bible Society

NEW YORK--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention is the second-leading denomination in financial support to the American Bible Society.

The Bible Society office here reported that during 1956, Southern Baptists contributed \$120,732 to work of translating, publishing and distributing Bibles and portions of Scripture carried on by the Society.

Only The Methodist Church gave more as a denomination--\$174,447. Northern Presbyterians (U.S.A.) followed Southern Baptists with gifts amounting to \$73,583.

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### 78-Year-Old Seamstress Begins Missionary Work

DALLAS--(BP)--A white-haired little seamstress who is now 78 years old has embarked on the adventure of a lifetime.

Clutching her worn Bible in one hand and her plane ticket in the other, Mrs. J. L. "Mom" Anthony, alone but unafraid, boarded an airliner here for the Warri Province of Nigeria, 9000 miles away. She will serve as a Southern Baptist missionary for six months.

Mrs. Anthony will work with Milford Howell, a missionary already on the field, in teaching native Bible classes and in doing whatever other jobs are necessary to the effort.

Her trip is sponsored by personal friends and the University Baptist Church at Abilene, Tex., where she lives. Mrs. Anthony couldn't have financed the journey by herself, for she is a widow, lives alone and makes her own way as a seamstress.

Mrs. Anthony has been a Sunday school teacher for more than 50 years, has spoken hundreds of times at church and denominational meetings, and has read her Bible every day for the past 61 years.

For the past four summers now Mrs. Anthony has done missionary work in Wyoming, Montana, Canada, and Hawaii. When she became a Christian as a young woman, her mother ordered her out of the house, but she stayed. As a result, not only her parents but five sisters and four brothers as well accepted Christ.

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Mrs. Anthony is too old to go overseas as a missionary for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, so she goes instead as a self-styled "tourist."

Born in McMinnville, Tenn., on Feb. 23, 1879, Mrs. Anthony moved later to Oklahoma and New Mexico.

A paralysis attack some five years ago impaired use of the left side of her body, but she can still teach the Bible and witness for Christ, and this is what she enjoys doing more than anything else. She went to Africa because she believes she can help win more people to Christ there.

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#### New Buildings Approved For Furman University

GREENVILLE, S. C.--(BP)--Contracts for four new buildings to be erected at the new campus of Furman University have been officially approved by the University's board of trustees.

The buildings include three dormitories and a dining hall. Already completed at the new campus, five miles north of Greenville, are four major structures -- a men's dormitory, administration building, main classroom building, and library.

Construction on the buildings is expected to start immediately, and should be completed in about a year, according to J. H. Scarborough, administration director of the university.

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#### Registration Rises For Baptist Men's Meeting

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--Three states moved past the 100 mark in advance registrations for the first National Conference of Southern Baptist Men during April. Texas leads in number of men registered, with Oklahoma and Missouri second and third respectively. Total registration now is 847.

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Four-Month Receipts  
Run 9 Per Cent Higher

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptist Convention total receipts through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts are 9 1/4 per cent higher than during the same period a year ago, Convention Treasurer Porter Routh reported here.

Receipts for the first four months of 1957 are \$10,835,356 compared to \$9,918,255 for January-April, 1956, according to Routh. The four-month Cooperative Program receipts are up \$341,404, or 7 3/4 per cent over 1956 and designated gifts are up \$575,696, or 10.44 per cent.

"Although the totals for the first four months of 1957 show increases over 1956, the monthly record of receipts for April shows a slight decline in receipts over April, 1956," Routh continued.

Totals for April, 1956, were \$1,157,504 through the Cooperative Program and \$829,365 through designated offerings. For April, 1957, the figures are \$1,108,703 through the Cooperative Program and \$751,705 through designations.

This indicates a drop of \$48,801 in Cooperative Program receipts and \$77,660 in designated receipts--making a total decline over April, 1956, of \$126,461.

The April, 1957, receipts also show a slight decline in receipts compared to the previous month's figures. March, 1957, Cooperative Program receipts were \$1,140,748 and designated receipts were \$783,833. This represents a drop of about \$32,000 in Cooperative Program and \$32,000 in designated gifts, Routh pointed out.

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.....A memorial to John Leadley Dagg, president of Mercer University from 1844 to 1854, was dedicated at Hayneville, Ala., on May 3. Dagg died at Hayneville in 1884, and his grave has remained unmarked to this day.

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.....Henry W. Crowe has resigned the pastorate of Golden Gate Baptist Church, Berkeley, Calif., to accept a call to Eastside Baptist Church in Portland, Ore.

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.....Wake Forest College will eventually acquire the 4,000-item library of Edwin John Stringham, composer, writer, and teacher who came to North Carolina to retire.

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.....Miss Alga Motychak has been selected new elementary secretary in the religious education department of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. Miss Motychak will have the responsibility of promoting cradle roll Sunday school work and nursery, beginner, and primary work for Sunday school and Training Union in Oklahoma.

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.....L. E. Maples, pastor of First Baptist Church, Miami, Okla., has resigned to accept the call of First Baptist Church, Huntington Park, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles.

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.....Shildes R. V. Johnson, Upland, Ind., will join the faculty of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., in September as associate professor and acting chairman of the division of Bible and religion.

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