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## JULY MISSION GIFTS INCREASE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--For the support of Convention-wide agencies and institutions Southern Baptists gave \$849,704 in July through their Cooperative Program. This brings the year's total to date to \$5,740,561 an increase of 11.56 per cent over the Cooperative Program receipts during the same period last year, Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced.

Alabama, New Mexico, and Tennessee are the only states not showing an increase in gifts when compared with the same period last year.

Designated gifts for the month amounting to \$146,180 brought the total for the year in designated contributions to \$5,149,472. This figure is 18.24 per cent higher than for the same period last year.

In July Southern Baptists gave through both the Cooperative Program and designations a total of \$995,885, making a total of \$10,890,034 thus far in the year.

### COMPARISON 1952 and 1953 RECEIPTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION Porter Routh, Executive Secretary January-July, 1953

	Cooperative Program 1953	Cooperative Program 1952	Designated 1953	Designated 1952
Specials	2,316.10	1,896.09	9,357.95	9,458.89
Alabama	282,667.95	301,555.55	238,198.62	204,523.84
Alaska	1,467.48	875.00	2,597.59	1,528.54
Arizona	16,272.19	11,244.49	21,768.17	11,994.70
Arkansas	216,380.57	200,092.51	126,711.48	103,396.33
California	17,198.04	15,632.16	29,583.00	21,887.90
District of Columbia	19,525.56	17,441.87	18,936.23	14,154.73
Florida	346,412.77	291,874.76	188,401.08	150,761.04
Georgia	385,183.70	350,541.77	343,340.84	296,467.29
Illinois	96,119.38	74,954.35	49,705.91	39,962.60
Kansas	5,221.30	3,625.18	5,998.60	3,366.39
Kentucky	300,669.11	247,942.95	210,357.41	178,481.87
Louisiana	217,279.13	181,129.46	230,269.02	172,499.90
Maryland	50,623.27	37,412.71	3,410.36	2,599.15
Mississippi	254,101.17	218,450.58	219,310.63	199,610.00
Missouri	289,761.63	261,817.77	212,914.83	173,569.86
New Mexico	32,465.91	37,833.42	45,239.22	56,399.46
North Carolina	451,067.77	407,795.22	485,924.48	414,710.23
Oklahoma	374,116.94	304,378.82	209,457.59	188,022.99
Oregon-Washington	3,613.22	2,047.09	6,449.26	4,095.47
South Carolina	549,087.30	437,262.89	290,525.25	244,055.91
Tennessee	436,810.45	467,800.44	216,071.46	184,500.50
Texas	922,666.62	865,416.62	1,634,533.73	1,360,314.95
Virginia	469,534.39	406,646.59	350,409.52	318,838.67
	<u>5,740,561.95</u>	<u>5,145,668.29</u>	<u>5,149,472.23</u>	<u>4,355,201.21</u>

TEXAS BAPTISTS ELECT  
EDUCATION SECRETARY

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Harold A. Haswell, president of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., was elected executive co-ordinator of the Texas Baptist Christian Education Commission, according to an announcement made by Leonard L. Holloway, director, Public Relations Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The Commission was set up at the December, 1952 meeting of the Texas Baptist Executive Board to promote Christian education for the Baptists through their colleges, provide an equitable plan for division of funds among these institutions, and assist the schools in achieving a full integration of curricula.

Dr. Haswell, an ordained minister, received the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Missouri.

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ATLANTA FIRST BAPTIST  
CALLS PASTOR

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Roy O. McClain, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Orangeburg, S. C., accepted a call to the pastorate of Atlanta's First Baptist Church.

The Atlanta church had been without a pastor since April, 1952 when James W. Middleton resigned to fill the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.

Dr. McClain received the A.B. degree from Furman University, the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is a trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Furman University and is president of the Orangeburg Ministerial Association.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--J. S. Hopkins, former Sunday school secretary of Texas, died in Dallas August 2. Funeral services were held at Gaston Avenue Baptist Church here.

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RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly and Camp Ridgecrest for Boys received a grade A sanitation rating recently by the North Carolina Board of Health, according to an announcement made by Willard Weeks, manager. This includes the kitchens, dining rooms, guest houses, and accommodations.

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Baptist Briefs--cont.

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--James N. Morgan, pastor of the North Fort Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., and first vice-president of the Texas Baptist Convention, was named president of the Convention to succeed Forrest Feezor who was elected executive secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The 1953 Southern Baptist Convention Annual came off the press this week and was mailed to the Southern Baptist pastors and denominational leaders, according to George Fraser, Washington, D. C., secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Annals are sent to the pastors and denominational leaders without cost, however, to all others ordering this publication a charge of \$2.50 is made.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--The executive board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention will recommend to the state convention meeting in November an increase of 5 per cent in state funds going through the Cooperative Program to Southern Baptist causes.

For a number of years Arkansas has retained 60 per cent of the receipts with 40 per cent going to Convention-wide causes.

All money received after the Capital Needs funds and the Operating Budget is paid in full will be divided 50-50 between Southern Baptist Convention causes and state causes.

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## PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF MISSION BOARDS

By  
Dr. E. C. Routh

Recently Carr Collins, Dallas, Tex., a well-known Baptist layman and insurance executive, proposed through the Baptist state papers that the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board be consolidated.

There is nothing new in this proposal. At the Asheville meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1916, another Texas Baptist layman, M. H. Wolfe, offered a resolution that the articles of the Constitution be so amended as to create in the place of the Boards one strong executive board which should direct all of the work and enterprises fostered and promoted by the Convention.

The following year at New Orleans the Wolfe resolution was referred to a large representative committee which recommended that the Boards of the Convention remain separate. The committee recommended also that a standing committee of seven be elected annually to act for the Convention between sessions with certain prescribed duties. That was the beginning of the present greatly enlarged Executive Committee which acts in an advisory capacity on all questions of co-operation between the different agencies of the Convention and those of other conventions, whether state or national, but shall not have authority to control or direct the several boards, agencies, and institutions of the Convention. The Executive Committee is charged with the responsibility of receiving and disbursing all current funds of the Convention in accordance with the budgets adopted by the Convention; and after study of the boards and institutions of the Convention, the Executive Committee recommends to them and to the Convention needed adjustments.

There are three reasons why the proposed consolidation of these two great mission boards would be unwise and impracticable.

First is the matter of emphasis. The areas and activities of the two boards are so diverse and distinct that due emphasis could not be given to either phase of world mission activities if the work were consolidated under one board. Both would inevitable be neglected more than under the present plan. If home and foreign missions were consolidated, why not include state missions also for the sake of efficiency?

Moreover, Baptists need to resist the temptation to effect big organizations in the name of efficiency. The New Testament teaches the principles of diversities of gifts and diversities of administrations. Jesus himself designated differing

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