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Note to Baptist Editors: The following is the year's end statement on Southern Baptist Convention receipts. -(BP).

1957 Cooperative Gifts
Hit Peak \$14,260,301

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention received a record \$14,260,301 last year on its Cooperative Program budget which supports denomination-wide educational and missionary work.

Convention Treasurer Porter Routh said this was \$1,050,022 over the 1956 previous record budget income. The basic 1957 budget was \$11 million and all funds received over that amount were divided between the Convention's Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

In addition, Routh said the Convention received \$8,589,117 through offerings designated to particular Convention activities, rather than subject to percentage distribution as are budget gifts.

These designated offerings also were above 1956 gifts. Designated offerings to Convention-wide activities in 1956 were \$7,732,267.

The year's total of Cooperative Program (budget) receipts and special designations reached a new high of \$22,849,418, topping the 1956 total of \$20,942,547.

Giving to Southern Baptist Convention activities increased in both Cooperative Program funds and designated offerings in all except five of the 24 state conventions affiliated with the SBC (not counting Hawaii and Alaska).

gave \$ _____ in 1957 through the Cooperative Program and \$ _____ through designated offerings. This compared with \$ _____ in 1956 through the Cooperative Program and \$ _____ through designations. This placed the state _____ among those in the SBC for the year.

Four states--California, District of Columbia, New Mexico, and North Carolina--fell slightly below their 1956 gifts through the Cooperative Program although they increased their designated offerings. Arizona, while increasing its Cooperative Program gifts, fell slightly below its 1956 designations.

Only Arizona and New Mexico were behind 1956 in total of Cooperative Program and designated gifts.

1957 disbursements included \$13,553,913 to the Foreign Mission Board and \$4,278,242 to the Home Mission Board. Except for designations, no other Convention agencies received disbursements after early October when the Convention reached its \$11 million basic budget.

These figures do not include amounts contributed for support of local church and state Baptist activities.

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Secretaries Of Mission
Boards Express Thanks

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Executive secretaries of Southern Baptists' two mission boards have expressed gratitude to God and to Southern Baptists for \$3,260,301 which their boards shared from advance Cooperative Program receipts in 1957.

Advance Cooperative Program receipts are those received after the Southern Baptist Convention has reached its basic budget, shared by about 20 agencies.

The Convention reached its Cooperative Program basic goal of \$11 million early in October. Advance funds were those funds received from that date through Dec. 31.

The Home Mission Board's 25 per cent share of Advance funds was \$815,075 and the Foreign Mission Board's three-quarter share was \$2,445,226.

Foreign Mission Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen said: "On behalf of the Foreign Mission Board and missionaries throughout the world I wish to express to Southern Baptists our deep gratitude for 1957 support of foreign missions through the Cooperative Program.

"Advance funds representing 75 per cent of receipts beyond the Convention-wide budget have reached a new height of \$2,445,226. Every dollar of this makes possible advance in an increasingly urgent world task. We enter 1958 with thanksgiving and confidence."

Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, declared: "Thanks for the good news that the Home Mission Board is receiving \$815,075 from the 1957 Advance section of the Cooperative Program budget.

"This will make possible an advance in practically every phase of home mission work and will give special impetus to the growth of new churches and to pastoral ministry in pioneer areas.

"It will help strengthen and undergird the 30,000 movement for the establishment of new churches and missions, will give larger support to the minorities and the underprivileged, and will make possible the ministry of 200 missionaries

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that could not otherwise be supported.

"We are grateful to our Baptist churches and Baptist constituency for this increase in their support and will seek to make every dollar produce large spiritual dividends."

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Orphanage Assumed By
North Carolina Board

THOMASVILLE, N. C.--(BP)--The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina have taken over operation of the Pembroke Indian Orphanage in Robeson County, N. C.

The orphanage, with 17 Indian children currently being cared for, previously was operated by Robeson and Burnt Swamp Baptist Associations. They turned the institution over to the state Baptist agency Jan. 1.

The main Baptist Children's Home in North Carolina is located in Thomasville. The 1957 session of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina approved the plan to bring the Indian orphanage into the convention family.

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New York City Chapel
To Be Manhattan Church

NEW YORK CITY--(BP)--New York City's first Southern Baptist church will be organized here Jan. 10 with Paul S. James, formerly of Atlanta, serving as pastor.

It will be called Manhattan Baptist Church. The organizational meeting will be in the New Yorker Hotel. The chapel from which the church is being constituted has been meeting in the 23rd St. YMCA building in Manhattan.

The chapel has been affiliated with the Maryland Baptist Union Association.

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