

March 6, 1958

P R O G R A M

Southern Baptist Religious Education Association
First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas

May 19-20, 1958

MONDAY AFTERNOON

J. M. Price, Sr., Presiding

- 2:00 Devotional J. Earl Meade, Dallas, Tex.
2:10 President's Message J. M. Price, Sr., Fort Worth, Tex.
2:20 Development of Elementary Curriculum Florrie Ann Lawton,
Nashville, Tenn.
2:45 Panel Discussion Ann Bradford, Fort Worth, Tex.
Mrs. Polly Dillard, Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Helon Harwell, New Orleans, La.
3:25 Integration of Elementary Work James Daniel, Fort Worth, Tex.
3:50 Panel Discussion La Verne Ashby, Nashville, Tenn., Elsie Rives,
Birmingham, Ala., Helen Young, Nashville, Tenn.
4:30 Adjourn

MONDAY EVENING

Keener Pharr, Presiding

- 7:00 Devotional Andrew Allen, Dallas, Tex.
7:10 Correlation of the Educational Program Ernest Loessner,
Louisville, Ky.
7:35 General Discussion led by Herman King, Nashville, Tenn.
8:05 Problems Confronted in Religious Education Norman O'Neal,
Clinton, Miss.
8:30 General Discussion led by W. M. Browning
9:00 The Jubilee Advance. W. L. Howse, Nashville, Tenn.
9:30 Adjourn

TUESDAY MORNING

Findley B. Edge, Presiding

- 9:00 Devotional Kermit King, Jackson, Miss.
9:10 Theological Foundations of Religious Education Howard P. Colson,
Nashville, Tenn.
9:35 General Discussion led by. John T. Wayland, Wake Forest, N. C.
10:05 Psychological Foundations of Religious Education Kelva Moore,
New Orleans, La.
10:35 General Discussion led by John Drakeford, Fort Worth, Tex.

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Tuesday Morning (Cont'd)

11:05 Group Conferences

- Teachers Findley B. Edge, Louisville, Ky.
- S. S. Field Workers J. L. Pollard, Alexandria, La.
- Training Union Field Workers . . George Caldwell, Montgomery, Ala.
- Educational Directors Keener Pharr, Charlotte, N. C.
- Youth Directors Phillip B. Harris, Fort Worth, Tex.
- Elementary Workers Mrs. Polly Dillard

12:15 Adjourn

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

J. L. Pollard, Presiding

- 2:00 Devotional Truett Sheriff, Albuquerque, N. M.
- 2:10 Duties and Relations of Church Staff Panel Discussion
Grady Cothen, Oklahoma City, Okla., Richard Kay, Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Betty Brewer, Birmingham, Ala., Ethel McIndoo
- 2:55 Week-Day Religious Education Mayme Lee O'Brien
- 3:20 General Discussion led by James C. Barry, Nashville, Tenn.
- 3:50 Business Session
- 4:30 Adjourn

2 Convention Leaders
Die At Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--Two Southern Baptist leaders died here recently within a 24-hour period.

Deb Lee Stennis, former vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, died following brain surgery. Stennis, cousin of Sen. John Stennis (D., Miss.), was pastor of four rural churches in the Meridian, Miss., area.

Funeral services were held Mar. 7.

Lewis M. Smith, Birmingham, president of Alabama Power Co. and a member of the SBC Executive Committee, died after an illness. Services were conducted Mar. 6.

Stennis was born July 3, 1909, in Kemper County, Miss., north of Meridian. Except for a two-year period, Stennis had been pastor of Baptist churches at Union, Miss., and New Hope, Miss., since 1936.

In 1941-42 he was a pastor in Washington Parish, La.

The Southern Baptist Convention elected Stennis second vice-president during its 1956 session at Kansas City, Mo. He presided over part of the 1957 session of the Convention at Chicago.

Stennis remained a rural church minister by his own choice, feeling that God had called him to that particular type ministry. "No church is unimportant," he once said. "No church is smaller than its vision for missions."

Smith was active in civic and denominational affairs. He was member-at-large of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America. He was president of the Birmingham Civic Symphony Association.

He was past district governor of Rotary International and past president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

In denominational life, he served also as trustee of Howard University, Baptist four-year school at Birmingham. He was a director of Birmingham Baptist Hospitals, operated by Baptists in the Birmingham area.

Smith was born Sept. 3, 1894 at Warrior, Ala., near Birmingham. He joined Alabama Power Co. in 1923 as a draftsman in the engineering department. In 1939 he became chief electrical engineer and in 1944 director of public relations.

From that he was promoted to vice-president and then to general manager. Smith became president in 1952.

Light Weight Clothing
Suggested For Houston

HOUSTON--(BP)--If weather follows its usual May pattern, it will be warm enough in Houston for Southern Baptist Conventioneers to wear lightweight clothing.

They might also like to bring along bathing suits.

And bring raincoats or umbrellas, too, the weatherman advises. The average rainfall for May is 4.84 inches.

A May day high temperature is often 85 degrees and the lows about 55. The average mean temperature is 76 degrees.

Houstonians dress in spring clothing at that season of the year. Women wear spring cottons or synthetics, with small, conservative hats. Men wear tropical weight suits.

Dark Colors predominate. For protection against a cool spell, stoles or sweaters for women are suggested. Linen jackets also are worn.

Some swimming pools in Houston will be open by May 20. Gulf of Mexico beaches, 50 miles to the south, are usually popular by that time and concessions open.

Humidity ranges from 60 to 92 per cent.

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Texas Board Faces
Institutional Needs

DALLAS--(BP)--Financial needs of convention institutions was the major business transacted by the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas here.

The board gave Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, permission to borrow \$1-1/2 million to complete a 250-bed expansion program. The total construction program, expected to be completed in 1959, is costing \$4 million.

Hospital Administrator Boone Powell said the \$1-1/2 million will be borrowed "from commercial lending agencies."

Three Texas colleges were authorized to conduct fund-raising drives among individuals (but not churches) for a total \$1,175,000.

Howard Payne College, Brownwood, will seek \$750,000 for a science classroom building. University of Corpus Christi will ask \$250,000 in gifts for similar purposes. Decatur College at Decatur will campaign for \$175,000 for a new library.

The executive board granted Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, a direct

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\$100,000 contribution toward replacing the university's chapel-auditorium.

The chapel-auditorium burned last November.

Harold Haswell, director of Christian education commission for Texas Baptists, Dallas, reported the \$100,000---coming out of Cooperative Program receipts---was to his knowledge "the largest single appropriation ever made from Cooperative Program funds to a Texas Baptist institution for capital needs."

The executive board further voted to furnish \$100,000 in endowment funds for University of Corpus Christi. The money will come from the regular Convention budget---part from Christian education allocations and part from surplus.

A. B. White, Dallas, executive vice-president of the convention's church loan department, made a six-year progress report on department activities. He said that in the last half-dozen years the department has loaned \$11-3/4 million to 369 churches in Texas and other western states.

He reported also that "The Southern Baptist Convention has declined to accept at this time the Texas convention's church loan corporation, an agency designed to loan money to churches outside Texas." White did not elaborate on the statement.

The executive board also agreed to underwrite \$100,000 worth of loans to churches in its Minnesota-Wisconsin association. That is 25 per cent of the total \$400,000 to be borrowed by churches in those northwestern states.

A group of Texas Baptist laymen, it was reported, have agreed to underwrite another \$100,000 of the necessary amount in loans.

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Ministers' Wives Plan Houston Conference

HOUSTON--(BP)--The Ministers' Wives Conference---held during the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention---will meet Thursday, May 22, at River Oaks Baptist Church here.

Meeting hours are 2:30 to 4 p.m. Mrs. W. E. Denham, Jr., Houston, president of the ministers' wives group, said transportation will be provided.

During the 1-1/2 hour conference, the ministers' wives will elect new officers and will have 30-minute conferences. Following the business meeting, the Houston Ministers' Wives Conference will entertain the visiting wives at a tea.

Mrs. W. Edwin Crawford is president of the Houston conference.

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Purpose of the Ministers' Wives Conference is to promote fellowship and understanding among the wives of ordained ministers in the SBC, according to Mrs. Denham. All ministers' wives are invited to the conference and tea.

One of the main items of business at the conference will be the vote on a proposed constitution for the organization. The Ministers' Wives Conference originated in 1956 during the session of the SBC in Kansas City, Mo.

Other officers of the conference are Mrs. Perry Crouch, Asheville, N. C., vice-president; Mrs. James Hatley, Fort Worth, secretary, and Mrs. DeWitt Matthews, Macon, Ga., treasurer.

February SBC Gifts
Over 9 Pct. Ahead

NASHVILLE--(BP)-- contributed a total of \$
for Southern Baptist Convention objectives in February. The total for all gifts
was \$4,458,302, Treasurer Porter Routh announced here.

Of the state's total gifts, \$ was through the Cooperative
Program and \$ was through designated offerings. This placed the
state among those affiliated with the SBC.

The total Cooperative Program receipts for Convention-wide uses last month
was \$1,265,116 compared with \$1,183,977 for the previous February, Routh said.
Designated gifts for February, 1958 were \$3,193,185, approximately \$100,000
greater than for the same month in 1957.

With five exceptions, all states were ahead of 1957 in their gifts to
Southern Baptist Convention objectives.

Arkansas, Missouri, and Virginia were below the previous year in Cooperative
Program gifts. District of Columbia and South Carolina were behind 1957 both
in Cooperative Program and designated gifts.

The year's total gifts (January-February) now amount to \$7,730,796 which
is 9.65 per cent higher than for the same months in 1957. Cooperative Program
receipts increased 9.78 per cent to \$2,740,781 for the year to date.

Designated offerings were up 9.58 per cent to \$4,990,015.

The high amount of designated offerings is attributed to money still being
forwarded from state convention offices from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
for Foreign Missions.

This is indicated by the fact that February disbursements included over
\$3,700,000 to the Foreign Mission Board---\$3,175,787 of that sum coming through
designated gifts.

For the year to date the Foreign Mission Board has received \$6,145,819 of
that total \$7,730,796 disbursed.

Figures reported each month by the SBC treasurer's office do not include
amounts retained by local churches or state conventions for their missionary,
operating, educational, and benevolent objectives.