

April 5, 1958

March Convention's  
Receipts \$2,332,970

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Total March receipts at the office of the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer were \$2,332,970 of which \_\_\_\_\_ contributed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The state's total included \$ \_\_\_\_\_ through the Cooperative Program and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ through designations, according to Treasurer Porter Routh, of Nashville. The total placed the state \_\_\_\_\_ among those in the SBC.

Total Cooperative Program receipts from all states in March were \$1,193,958 and total receipts through designations were \$1,139,012. The high amount in designations reflects money still being received from states through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

March, 1958, receipts were about \$408,000 greater than for the same month in 1957. Cooperative Program receipts were up for the corresponding month by \$53,000 and designations up by \$355,000.

Total receipts for the year to date---three months---are \$10,063,767 compared with \$8,974,947 for a year ago, an increase of 12.13 per cent. Designations are up 14.83 per cent to \$6,129,028 while Cooperative Program funds are up 8.17 per cent to \$3,934,739 for January-March.

Nine states were below their March, 1957, forwardings either in Cooperative Program or designated gifts. However, only five states' totals were below the corresponding month a year ago---Arizona, District of Columbia, Georgia, Oregon-Washington, and Texas.

For the three-month period so far in 1958, funds from six states were less in some category. District of Columbia was less than the corresponding quarter in both Cooperative Program and designations. Virginia was less in Cooperative Program and total gifts.

All other states were over their total amounts for the first quarter of 1957.

Funds reported at the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office do not include monies retained by local churches for their budgets, nor by the state conventions for their budgets.

March disbursements included \$520,000 in Cooperative Program receipts and \$1,127,159 in designations (including Lottie Moon money) to the Foreign Mission Board.

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Tar Heels Charter  
Planes For Houston

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--For the third year in a row, nearly 150 Tar Heel Baptists will be flying to the Southern Baptist Convention in chartered planes.

72 passengers will leave the Raleigh-Durham Airport Monday morning, May 19, for the 4-1/2-hour, nonstop flight to Houston. At the same time, another airplane with 76 passengers aboard, will depart from the Charlotte airport. Flying time from Charlotte will be only three hours, 50 minutes.

Return flights will leave Houston Saturday morning, May 24, with arrival in Raleigh-Durham and Charlotte shortly after noon.

Marse Grant, of Thomasville, N. C., editor of *Charity and Children*, at the Baptist Children's Home, is arranging this year's flight as he has done for the past two years when the Convention met in Kansas City and Chicago.

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American Seminary  
Schedules Lectures

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Garnett-Nabrit Lectures have been scheduled for Apr. 29-May 2 here by the ministers institute of American Baptist Seminary.

Meetings will be held at the local seminary and at 15th Ave. Baptist Church, Nashville. J. Royster Powell, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Joliet, Ill., is Founders Day speaker.

Personnel for lectures, sermons, and conferences include Clyde T. Francisco, professor of Old Testament, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville; R. E. Penn, pastor, First Baptist Church, Gary, Ind.

Henlee H. Barnette, professor of Christian ethics, Southern Baptist Seminary; I. H. Henderson, pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Kendrick Grobel, professor of New Testament, Vanderbilt University divinity school, Nashville, and William J. Harvey, pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Theme of the lectures is "God's Word in a Changing World."

American Baptist Seminary is a theological institution to train Negro religious leaders. It is jointly supported by the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.

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Miss Lucy Boyce Wills  
\$240,000 To Seminary

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--The daughter of the founder and first president of Southern Baptist Seminary here has left the seminary \$240,000, according to a will probated recently.

Miss Lucy G. Boyce, daughter of Seminary President James P. Boyce, died in Washington, Dec. 23. She left an estate valued at approximately \$500,000.

She stipulated that the money left the seminary be used to establish a James P. Boyce Fund. Boyce, who also was a president of the Southern Baptist Convention, died in 1888.

Among Miss Boyce's other bequests was a \$20,000 trust fund, income from which will go to her maid. At the maid's death, the income from the trust fund will go to the seminary.

The seminary has under construction at present a new library to be named in honor of President Boyce. A seminary officer said that the bequest will not affect a drive under way among seminary alumni to raise funds for the library.

He said "It will enable the seminary to do additional things for the library we hadn't planned on."

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Johnson Appointed New  
Assistant At Hospital

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--Emmett R. Johnson has been appointed to the newly-created position of assistant administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital here. Johnson will assume his new position June 2.

He is presently administrator of Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, Ky. Johnson came to the Paducah hospital in 1952 while it was under construction.

He has been associated with H. L. (Bert) Dobbs, administrator, Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville and executive director, Kentucky Baptist Hospital Commission. It was during this period that the hospital plans at Paducah were organized and construction launched.

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"The new position at Baptist Memorial Hospital is brought about because of the need for strengthening the administrative organization of this hospital," Lawrence R. Payne, Jacksonville, administrator, said.

Baptist Memorial Hospital opened in September, 1955, as the second hospital directly owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. It is under the management of the Southern Baptist Hospital Commission.

"In selecting Mr. Johnson for this position," Payne continued, "I do so with a feeling of gratitude for his dedicated life to the hospital ministry. I am quite proud of his accomplishments in the hospital field and believe he will add much to our organization which has already accomplished a great deal, but which is overworked.

"We are fortunate in being able to attract Mr. Johnson and to challenge him in this new position." Johnson is a native of Houston, Tex., and was connected with a medical center in Tyler, Tex., before moving to Kentucky.

Baptist Memorial Hospital has 272 beds plus 70 bassinets. It has recently begun construction of two more floors to its Wolfson Children's Hospital.

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Home Missions Feature  
At Second RA Congress

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Ed Taylor, Weslaco, Tex., missionary to migrant workers, will be a featured program personality at the Second Conventionwide Royal Ambassador Congress here.

Home missions will be featured at the Wednesday night session, Aug. 13, with Taylor a part of the presentation.

Taylor, who conducts his missionary work in a mobile trailer unit, will bring his equipment and demonstrate to Royal Ambassadors at the Congress exactly how his work is carried on.

The entire Home Mission Board presentation will be conducted in this manner with missionaries giving an actual demonstration of the way Southern Baptist missionary work is carried on in the homeland.

Among groups to which the Home Mission Board ministers are migrants, Chinese, deaf, French, Indians, Spanish-speaking, and international students. These will be featured.

The entire arena of Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum in Fort Worth will be used as a stage to present the action.

"A presentation of this kind has never before been attempted," according to Eddie Hurt, Jr., Memphis, Royal Ambassador secretary, Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

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Telephone Hookup Used  
By Jacksonville Group

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--The Jacksonville Baptist Pastors Conference used a special telephone hookup to hear from three Baptist leaders about plans for evangelistic crusades in 1959.

Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, spoke from Washington, where the Alliance has offices. C. Oscar Johnson, former president of the Alliance, spoke from St. Louis. Leonard Sanderson, secretary of evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, spoke from Dallas.

The direct telephone line was set up courtesy Southern Bell Telephone Co. to demonstrate to the pastors how such arrangements could be made available to groups, according to O. D. Moore, Jacksonville minister who is program chairman of the pastors conference.

The telephone was connected to a speaker system in an auditorium of First

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Baptist Church here. Each of the men speaking was on the line for about 10 minutes, Moore said.

Questions were relayed from the 40 ministers attending the meeting and were answered by the three speakers.

Adams discussed evangelistic plans being made by Baptist groups around the world, particularly those in North America, during 1959---the year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance set apart for evangelistic crusades.

Johnson spoke on evangelism and also gave the Jacksonville ministers some pointers on retirement. Johnson recently retired from pastorate of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis.

Sanderson outlined plans being made within the Southern Baptist Convention for special days of prayer, simultaneously-conducted revivals, and establishment of new churches.

Moore said the pastors also wanted to hear from Billy Graham but the evangelist was travelling between San Francisco, site of his next crusade, and his Minneapolis headquarters at the time of the pastors meeting.

Moore said the first contacts with the men who spoke by long distance was made two weeks in advance. Final details were worked out four days before the conference met.

Although such an arrangement had been used by other groups in Jacksonville, it was the first time the Baptist pastors conference had used it, Moore added.

"The program was received enthusiastically," he commented. "We really think it did something to help us get ready for the 1959 evangelistic crusade."

Tracts on the Baptist Jubilee Advance and the plans for evangelistic work in 1959 were distributed to local ministers before the meeting. After hearing from the speakers, the pastors conference held a brief discussion on the subject.

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#### Church Aids Another In Building Program

MIAMI, Fla.--(BP)--Northwest Baptist Church here has dedicated its second educational unit, built with \$80,000 loaned the church by the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Homer G. Lindsay Sr. is pastor of the Jacksonville church. His son, Homer Jr., is pastor of the local church.

"We couldn't build now," Lindsay of Jacksonville said, "and the Miami church couldn't borrow the money elsewhere because it is a fairly new church and had just finished its first educational unit only two years ago."

Result: The First Baptist Church of Jacksonville dipped into its building fund and made a five-year, mortgage-secured loan to the church in Miami. The loan covered the full construction cost.

Northwest Church here has 1000 members. Completion of the second educational unit increases the capacity of the educational plant of the church to 1200.

Lindsay Sr. gave the dedicatory address at the completion of the new unit.

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Hurricane-Destroyed  
Churches Rebuilding

By Grady Sparkman

CAMERON, La.--(BP)--Two complete church plants were dedicated in Cameron Parish (county) replacing those destroyed when hurricane Audrey smashed this Gulf coastal area nine months earlier.

Dedicated were the First Baptist Church of Cameron and Oak Grove Baptist Church, Creole.

Not formally dedicated, but almost complete, is the building at Grand Chenier which was also completely destroyed by the tidal wave that left 547 persons dead or missing.

The church at Cameron contains 6330 square feet and cost \$85,310, including a new pastor's home. The church received \$65,000 from Louisiana Baptists' hurricane relief fund to help pay the cost of rebuilding, according to W. Z. Lewis, pastor.

Oak Grove Church was rebuilt at a cost of \$54,862 and contains 4400 square feet in addition to 2000 square feet in the new parsonage. The church received \$47,000 from the hurricane fund. Wallace Primeaux is pastor.

Grand Chenier Church, which is actually a mission of the Creole church, has spent \$14,954 on their incomplete building that contains 3000 square feet. This church received \$12,000 from the hurricane fund.

Shortly after the hurricane struck last June 27, Louisiana Baptists launched a campaign to raise \$100,000 for relief and rehabilitation in the Cameron area. In about two months the fund grew to more than \$135,000.

A small part of the fund was also used to aid two Negro churches in Cameron Parish.

Guest speakers at the two dedication services included T. C. Pennell, Shreveport, president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and Robert L. Lee, Alexandria, executive secretary.

A plaque in the vestibule of Oak Grove Church read:

"To the glory of God and in loving memory of members of Oak Grove Church who lost their lives in hurricane Audrey . . . We give thanks to God for the generous response of Southern Baptists, Louisiana Baptists especially, and others in our great hour of need."

An estimated 75 per cent of the 2200 buildings destroyed by the storm have been rebuilt and most of the 6,000 survivors who lived in the parish have returned to their homes.

However, the search for missing bodies still continues and an average of one body is found in the debris or in the marshes every week.