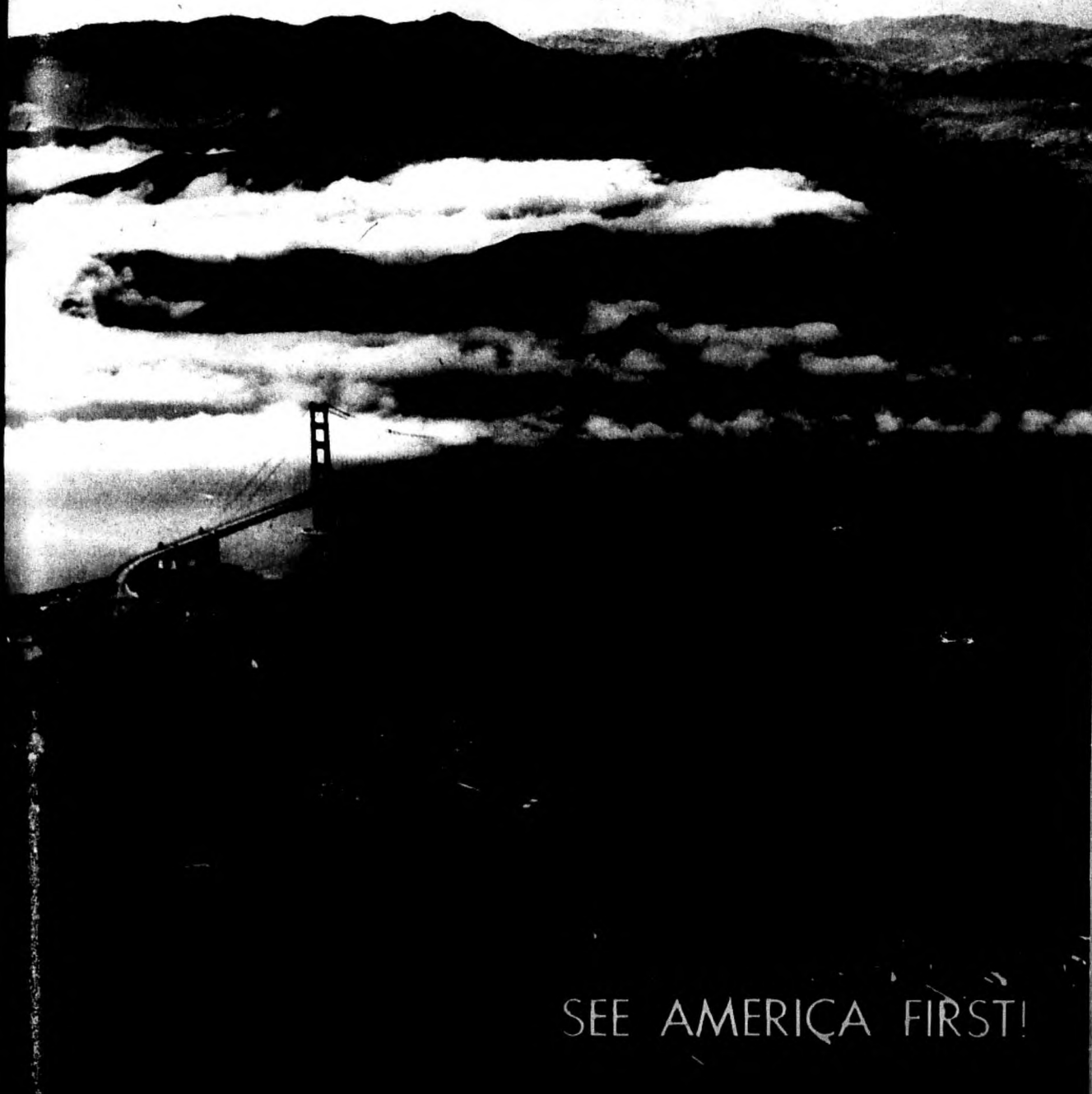


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Missions Today

Baptist Chaplain Presents Bible to Astronaut Glenn



Navy Chaplain Aubret H. White presented Lieutenant Colonel J. D. Glenn with a Bible on his return from outer space. The presentation was made in the Commodore's stateroom aboard the U.S.S. Noa. Standing left to right: Commodore R. O. Middleton, Colonel Glenn, Chaplain White, and Captain J. D. Exum.

Laurel, Mississippi and Cape Canaveral Report Surveys

A church community survey in Laurel, Mississippi revealed a high membership record with only 5.5 per cent of residents above nine years of age without church affiliation. Of the 17,000 people surveyed 76.5 per cent were members of local churches. In a survey of the Cape Canaveral area including Cocoa, Melbourne, Eau Gallie, and Titusville, Florida only 55.2 per cent indicated church membership. Twenty-three per cent of these have non local membership.

Moscow Film Accelerates Red Drive Against Baptists

A motion picture entitled "The Sinner" is being prepared by a Russian film company to strengthen the campaign against the Baptist denomination in the U. S. S. R., according to Moscow radio. The film deals with a love affair between a young Baptist girl on a dairy collective farm and a young tractor driver.

Baptist Pastor Hits Christian Amendment

Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (D., N. C.) recently included in his remarks in the Congressional record a sermon by W. W. Finlator of Raleigh, North Carolina's Pullen Memorial Baptist Church. Speaking on the proposed "Christian" amendment to the Constitution Finlator said that it is a "dismal commentary" on the state of theological thinking to call America "Christian" with its growing crime rate, flaunting of moral standards, racial hostilities, and worship of money values and status symbols. Finlator added that the amendment has "ominous overtones and dark suggestions to which we ought to be alerted."

Home Missions

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LETTERS

A LETTER TO THE READER

Dear Reader,

Will Rogers once accused Baptists of wearing out the highways of the nation with their meetings and conventions. What would Will say about us today? The passage of the years have intensified the travel, and 1962 will probably be a record year, since the Southern Baptist Convention meets in San Francisco.

Many have proposed various ways of conserving some of the money spent on such ramblings, even to elimination of a year's convention and donating the travel costs to missions.

This issue is one method by which travel energy and costs may be conserved: use them to see America as a mission field as you travel for business, pleasure, or for religious purposes.

The issue is an enlargement of the travel guide, started a few years ago by L. O. Griffith, in an effort to meet the need of the traveling Baptist who wanted to visit mission points. The guide has met with wide acceptance, and last year it was distributed to more than 100,000 Baptists.

So this year, we present all the old travel guide did, plus many extras. The issue attempts to do these things: (1) name mission locations for you to visit, (2) establish some guide lines for visiting these locations, (3) present the alignment of state conventions and the pioneer areas, (4) briefly tell the history of Southern Baptists in each state or area, (5) highlight many of the historical points in Baptist life, and (6) list the Southern Baptist agencies, state headquarters, and the institutions of each state.

Some things had to be left out, even with devoting an entire issue to the project. We had wanted to list outstanding tourist points in each state, and we wanted to tell more of the work as it is being done today. However, all our other issues are devoted to the present, so we felt this one could best emphasize history.

Because of space limitations, no detailed information is supplied on Cuba, Panama, Alaska, or Hawaii. This is primarily a presentation of work in the continental United States, and we hope to present in later issues stories concerning these areas. Those visiting outside the continental states are encouraged to write the mission offices there.

Have a pleasant, careful trip. Visit the churches, the mission points, and the institutions of our denomination. Appreciate the state, home, and foreign mission work you are doing. See America first, but see it as a mission field.

The Editor

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HAB Photo by Rogers

Spanning cloud and sea, the Golden Gate Bridge stretches across the wide bay at San Francisco, reminding many that the Southern Baptist Convention convenes in this city June 5-8, 1962. May it also remind us of the purpose of this meeting—to perfect our telling of the good news of Christ—that we might bridge the gulf that lies between God and man.

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get a new vision of missions

by Courts Redford
Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board

tips to the traveler

Many of our friends will be attending the Southern Baptist Convention, and going to one of the pioneer areas for vacation, this summer.

We hope you will take advantage of the opportunities that will be yours to visit some of our mission fields and meet the missionaries on your trip.

In order to help you to enjoy these visits and to obtain the greatest possible benefit from them, we have suggested certain "Tips to the Travelers."

We believe these suggestions will make it possible for you to get the maximum benefits from your visits and will make it possible for the missionaries to render the maximum service to you.

I should like to encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to visit these mission fields. This first-hand contact with the missionaries will mean much to you as you report your trip to the friends back home. It will help you to get a new vision and a new concept of the work being done on our mission

fields.

Many of you may not have the privilege of taking a trip this summer. You will not be visiting these mission fields or going to the convention. However, this issue of *Home Missions* will help you to make an imaginary visit to our mission field throughout the convention territory.

Study the map; get acquainted with the names of the missionaries; obtain as much information as possible concerning the various types of mission service. A study of this issue of *Home Missions* will give you a much broader outlook on the scope of our home mission task.

If you cannot make a real visit to a few of our mission fields you can make a dream visit to a great many of them. Your life will be enriched by such a visit.

Below we are giving the tips that have been prepared for the traveler who visits the mission fields. I hope you have a good time on your journey.

Visiting a mission field where Southern Baptists have invested their money and missionaries have invested their lives can be one of the most delightful experiences of your life.

Remember, the impression you make upon the people you visit is as important as the impression they make upon you.

To make your visits as interesting and as rewarding as possible, follow these suggestions:

- Use this Travel Guide in connection with the directory of home missionaries published in the Leadership Edition of *Home Missions* magazine each March and September. Write to 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga. for a copy of the directory if you do not receive this edition.

- Notify the missionary, when possible, of your coming. This is especially important if you are part of a large group which could interfere with the program of the mission.

- Be considerate of the missionaries' time, but get acquainted with them and with their families. Enter their homes only when they invite you.

- Be appreciative of any kindnesses. Be brief if asked to speak publicly. Express only praise in public, and if you must criticize the buildings, the Home Mission Board, or the people, do it privately and to the proper persons.

- Show a considerate and courteous interest in the people as your friends, not as objects of curiosity. You may be as peculiar to them as they seem to you.

- Respect the religion of other people, even though it is strange to you, and live the golden rule.

- Be punctual and reverent at church. Save your sightseeing for other times than during or immediately after the services.

- Take pictures any time, except during services. Though permission is usually granted, consult with the missionary before taking any pictures of the people.

- Present a witness of a happy Christian at all times. (You will remember that smoking is frowned upon among most of the Christians in our language congregations.)

- Have a good time and tell your church and your friends of your visit when you return home.



ONLY 60 PER CENT OF NEARLY 185,000,000 Americans are affiliated with any religious body, including Jews, Unitarians, B'Hai, Buddhists, and all.

YOU DO NOT have to go abroad to see tourist attractions! See America first!

India has its Mount Everest which is 29,140 feet high but America has its Mount McKinley which, although only 20,300 feet, rises much higher above its surroundings. Paris has its lace-like Eiffel Tower, but New York has its magnificent Statue of Liberty. Brazil has its Amazon River, the largest on the globe; the United States has its Mississippi which, with its main tributary, is the longest river on earth. Mexico boasts its Aztec and Inca ruins; the United States invites you to ancient Indian cliff-dwellings. England has its London; we have our New York. France has the Riviera; we have Palm Beach. The South Pacific has Tahiti; but we have Hawaii. Africa with its Victoria Falls hardly outdoes America with its Niagara.

And you do not have to go abroad to find the teeming multitudes of lost, sin-cursed, hell-bound human beings. America has her share!

See America first! Not America only, but see America first!

Look at America's need. There are now 50 states in this union—all of it our home mission territory. It once was only the southern states but now it is Hawaii and Alaska, the Far West and the populous Northeast, the scenic Northwest and the neglected Middle West.

If America are nearly 185,000,000 souls. Only 60 per cent of them are af-

filiated with any religious body, including Jews, Unitarians, B'Hai, Buddhists and all. That means that more than 100,000,000 Americans have not been born again! Why 227,000 children from our Baptist homes alone reach the age of accountability every year, and more than 1,600,000 from the other homes! America needs Christ.

When liquor interests can boast that somebody drinks in 80 per cent of American homes; when a man who is honest enough to return a bag of money lost by Brink's Inc. to its owner has to move from his home because of the numbers who make fun of him and his family; when our crime rate rises every year, and our nation wobbles in its world leadership for lack of moral purpose, then we must conclude that America needs the transforming power of Christ.

We also need to see what is being done to bring Christ to America. We need to see the vastness of the enterprise called home missions with its more than 1950 missionaries. We need to try to visualize 1,107 missionaries in our language groups ministry working with Spanish, Indian, French, deaf, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Russian, Korean, Portuguese, Czechs, migrants, and international students, as well as in Cuba and Panama. We need to see the directors and teachers working with the millions of American Negroes, endeavoring to help them help themselves through trained leadership.

We also ought to understand the meaning, couped in saved souls, of our division of evangelism with its tremendous leadership in the promotion of soul winning. If we are ever led to win America through better and more evangelistic efforts this group will do it.

Still another area where only eternity will reveal its true value is co-operative missions, in which Home Mission Board, state convention and sometimes associations, join in support of the work of winning and conserving people for Christ.

But for sheer fascination pioneer missions probably takes the lead. The efforts to plant churches and develop programs in the states where Southern Baptists have only recently begun work challenges the best that is in us. There are more people and fewer churches in these states than in the Southland. There are 92 millions of people in these 29 states and only 1,800 Southern Baptist churches. Eighty-three missionaries and 200 mission pastors receive support from the Home Mission Board to serve in this area. It is literally the hope of America—the winning of these great population centers which elect our presidents and control our press.

And side by side with pioneer and co-operative missions in the 30,000 Movement which is the name given to the effort begun a few years ago to double the number of preaching places by the year 1964. Southern Baptists

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by Max Stanfield
Klamath Falls, Oregon

see AMERICA first



down SOUTH in dixie

Baptist beginnings in the Southeast date back to 1683

THE SOUTHEASTERN states comprise an area bordering the Atlantic coast from Virginia to the sandy tip of Florida, stretching back across rolling farmlands and steep mountains to dip down to the broad valley of the Mississippi River. Although diverse in its geography, the Southeast is unique in a heritage of Protestant English-Scotch-Irish immigrants and large Negro population, giving this area (often called the "Bible Belt") more of a sameness of culture than perhaps any other region of the United States. It is here that Southern Baptists first evolved as a distinct and separate body, meeting to form the Southern Baptist Convention on May 8-12, 1845 at the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Georgia.

Baptist beginnings in the Southeast date back to 1683 when William Screven of Kittery, Maine immigrated to the Charleston area and helped form the first Baptist Church of the South Carolina seaport in 1696. South Carolina, enjoying perhaps a greater measure of religious liberty than the other Southern territories, was the cradle of Baptist work in the South. Even in 1704 when the Anglican Church was established as the colony church, "dissenters" were "notoriously known to be above two-thirds of the people and the richest and soberest among them." Today Baptists in South Carolina number 510,102 of the state's 2,369,234 population with 1,488 churches. In the rolling Piedmont region near Greenville, Baptists established the first Baptist college in the South (Furman University) dating from 1825 and still in operation, the first theological seminary for Southern Baptists in 1859, and the first Sunday School Board of the Convention in 1863. Luther Rice, the pioneer of home

missions in America, is buried in the churchyard of Pine Pleasant Church near Newberry.

In 1714 the General Assembly of General Baptists of England appointed two ministers to "go to Virginia to propagate the gospel of truth." Early Baptists suffered restrictions and persecution from the colony Church of England, though its influence of formal worship was felt in such early practices as "devoting children," sometimes called "dry christening." By continually asserting freedoms of speech and religion, early Baptists directly influenced the writers of the United States Constitution. The churches encouraged work with Negroes, allowing them membership in the church and preaching privileges. Home mission needs were surveyed as early as 1829 when young ministers were engaged at a salary of \$25 per month to extend the associational ministry and organize new churches. Today there are 1,354 Baptist churches in Virginia with a membership of 472,723 of the state's 3,903,555 population.

The second largest state convention in the Southern Baptist Convention is North Carolina with 3,315 churches, comprising 923,297 of the state's 4,529,238 population. However in colonial times Baptists in North Carolina suffered political oppression to the extent that most of them moved west to the frontiers of Georgia and Tennessee. The colonial governor, Tryon, believed that Baptists' religious convictions led them to oppose not only the state church but the state. And, because of his hostile attitude toward them, no community in which Baptists were strong sent soldiers to Tryon's aid during the American Revolution. Early in-

terest in missions caused the formation of societies such as the Baptist Philanthropic Society and the North Carolina Society for Foreign Missions whose membership was open to anyone who would pay into the treasury as much as \$2.00 annually. North Carolina now extends its mission ministry to the historic Outer Banks where migrants have vest crops near the site of the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island.

During the first period of Baptist life in the colony of Georgia, the denomination contributed much to the welfare of the state, principally as regards religious freedom. About 1768 while on a visit from his home in South Carolina, Daniel Marshall was arrested, made to give security and stood trial in Augusta for preaching in the parish of St. Paul. He was threatened with severities if he dared preach any more in the neighborhood. Marshall, however continued to preach in the section and later baptized the constable who had arrested him. Georgians early felt the responsibility to "minister to Negroes and Indians." In 1818 Georgia Association expressed definitely its beliefs that Indians could be taught the things of God. The chiefs of the Creek Indian nation indicated they desired instruction and later a school was established. Georgia Baptists have 2,923 churches with a membership of 901,914. The state population is 3,917,240.

The first sermon preached in Louisville, Kentucky was preached by Squier Boone, brother of Daniel Boone. He was one of many Baptists who were among the original settlers of Kentucky. During the mass migration period in the late 1700's the first Baptist church was organized at Elizabethtown. Today there are 2,223 Baptist churches in the state.



SOUTH

One early church was the famous "traveling church" of Spotsylvania, Virginia. It was constituted in 1767 with 25 persons and migrated to Kentucky, acquiring 200 members and four preachers along the way. After the church reached the frontier, the members divided into several churches. There are now 622,494 Baptists in Kentucky. The population of the state is 3,015,967.

R. B. C. Howell of Nashville, Tennessee wrote of this state's first efforts of Baptist organization in 1842: "The Convention was in existence nine years. During this time it placed on the field annually an average of 15 missionaries; they assisted in the ordination of about 40 ministers, organized about 150 churches and baptized 15,000 persons." As in Kentucky many of the first permanent settlers of Tennessee were Baptists. Two Baptist churches were said to be started among the earliest settlers in 1765 and broken up by the Indian Wars of 1774. One most vital concern of the church in its beginning was correcting social evils, business meetings often being devoted to disciplining members. The first governor of Tennessee, John Sevier, is thought to have been associated with Baptist worship; and the denomination's influence in state affairs is seen in the state's constitution which clearly outlines precepts of religious liberty. Baptists in Tennessee have 2,649 churches. Of the state's 3,531,773 population, 782,820 are Baptists.

The 727,124 Southern Baptists of Alabama developed from a hardy group of Baptist settlers who came to the region in the late 18th century. One early leader, L. C. Davis who called himself "The Club Ax," was a Revolutionary War soldier who had starved and frozen at Valley Forge. He was the first moderator of the first Baptist association in Alabama in 1819 in Montgomery county where Baptists had organized the first church of any denomination. "The Club Ax" was filled with religious zeal and his congregations knew that he was "ready to sustain with physical force" if necessary any utterances which fell from his lips in the pulpit. The population of Alabama is now 3,244,298 and there are 2,801 Baptist churches in the state.

The first Baptists arriving in the Natchez country of Mississippi came

from South Carolina in 1780, bringing their church letters with them. Despite bitter opposition from Roman Catholic clergy ministering to Spanish and French settlers and continuous Indian molestation, Baptists formed their first church in the state in 1791 at Cole's Creek. The Mississippi Society for Baptist Missions, Foreign and Domestic was organized in 1817. Churches were urged to have a sermon preached on missions each year and to set aside a special fund in each church for the aid of traveling preachers. Pastors were asked to practice itinerant preaching in destitute areas and work was begun among Negroes and Indians. Churches in Mississippi number 1,806 with a membership of 476,395 of the state's 2,162,422 population.

In 1837 the American Baptist Home Missionary Society of New York saw the needs of scattered Baptists in Florida and sent one missionary to the territory. This missionary served only 13 weeks, but from 1832 to 1841 the society supported three missionaries and the work in Florida, spending only \$400. (The problems were not financial but of finding brave and able men to go to the region where Indians were often on the warpath.) One early missionary, James McDonald, had the opportunity to preach the gospel at the many funerals he was called upon to conduct. Baptists came to Florida from Georgia and Alabama, bringing church letters with them. They organized the first Baptist church in Nassau County in 1821 at Pigeon Creek. Florida with a population of 4,886,016 (a growth of 40 per cent since 1950) has 1,252 Baptist churches with a membership of 511,071.

Although Baptist history in the Southeast is long and colorful, the future presents opportunities to extend Christianity that necessitate the same energies and enthusiasm of the early Baptists. Cuban refugees in Florida, migrant workers traversing the great agricultural region from the Atlantic to the Mississippi, foreign-born in the large industrial cities and seaports who speak no English, and the vast population of all of these nine states who claim no religion at all give us a vision of spiritual needs that we must have if America is to know Christ.

Historic Points and Mission Points

ALABAMA

Marion: First site of Home Mission Board. (History Room, Siloam Baptist Church, constituted 1822.) Judson College (1838), one of first denominational colleges for women.

Greensboro: Site of organization of Alabama Baptist State Convention 1823.

Huntsville: Flint River Baptist Church (Primitive, constituted 1808). First Baptist Church in Alabama Territory. Enon, now First Baptist, second church in state (1809).

Montgomery: State Baptist headquarters. First Capitol of Confederacy. Site of early mission to Indians. LeCompre, missionary.

Birmingham: Ruhama oldest church in city (1818). Location of Howard College, the *Alabama Baptist*. Headquarters WMU of Southern Baptists. Convention.

BIRMINGHAM
*Howard College
*Indian Mission Work
Contact E. R. Iba
800 North 20th St.
BIRMINGHAM
Baptist Hospital
708 Tuscaloosa Ave.
258 Highland Ave.
GADSDEN
*Baptist Memorial Hospital
1136 Sixth Ave.

CITRONELLE
*Indian Mission Work
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MONTGOMERY
*State Board Office
408 So. Perry St.
MARION
*Judson College
THOY
*Alabama Baptist Children's Home

FLORIDA

DANIA
*First Seminole
*Indian Baptist Church
Contact
G. E. Gresham
4701 Stirling Rd., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
DELAND
*Stetson University
*Florida Baptist Assembly
GRACEVILLE
*Baptist Bible Institute
JACKSONVILLE
*Baptist Memorial Hospital
*State Board Office
1230 Hendricks St.
LAKELAND
*Florida Baptist Home for Children
KEY WEST
White St. Baptist Church (Spanish)
1326 White St.
*Not HMB Work
*Contact Missionary before visiting

HOME MISSION

GEORGIA

Appling: Location of Kiokoe Baptist Church which was constituted in 1772 by Daniel Marshall near Appling.

Augusta: First Baptist Church, the place of the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Church was constituted in May 1817, growing out of the "Baptist Prayer Society" which was formed March 25, 1817.

Penfield: Original site of Mercer University founded in 1833. Former Chapel of the University is now occupied by Penfield Baptist Church which was constituted in 1839.

Macon: Present location of Mercer University which was founded at Penfield in 1833. Adiel Sherwood offered the resolution in 1831 which resulted in the organization of the school.

Powelson: Place of the organization of the Georgia Baptist Convention June 27, 1822. Jesse Mercer was elected the first president, or Moderator, and J. P. Marshall, clerk.

Atlanta: Location of the Home Mission Board. Also the offices of the *Christian Index*, the second oldest Baptist paper. First published as the *Columbian Star*, which began publication Feb. 2, 1822.

ATLANTA
Capitol Ave. Week Day Program
870 Capitol Ave.
S. E.
*Georgia Baptist Hospital
300 Boulevard N. E.
1111 Street Baptist Center (GWC)
588 Hill St. S. E.
Home Mission Board
161 Spring St. N. W.
State Board Office
201 Peachtree St. N. E.
Stewart Good Will Center
183 Howell St., S. E.
CLAYLAND
*Trinity-McConnell College
FORNITH
*Trinity College
HAPEVILLE
*Georgia Baptist Children's Home (Branches at Milledgeville, Baxley)
MACON
Baptist Community Center (GWC)
2201 Second St.
*Mercer University
MT. VERNON
*Brewton-Parker College
NORMAN PARK
*Norman College
ROME
*Shorter College
SAVANNAH
*Savannah Baptist Center
315 East Harris St.
WAYCROSS
*Baptist Village

KENTUCKY

Cumberland Gap and the noted Wilderness Road over which early Baptists came in to Kentucky. Daniel Boone as early as 1764 came this way, and a group of Baptists known as the "Traveling Church" under the leadership of Lewis, Elijah and John Craig came this way in 1784.

Richmond: In the Court House Square at Richmond now stands the stone marked "Squire Boone 1770." Made by the brother of Daniel Boone to inform him of his return from North Carolina. Squire Boone II (1744-

1815) "was the first Baptist preacher that planted foot in Kentucky."

Boonesborough: Here Squire Boone assisted in building the first log fort or station in Kentucky. March or April, 1775. On August 7, 1776 he performed here the first marriage ceremony in Kentucky uniting in wedlock Samuel Henderson and Elizabeth Callaway.

Shelbyville: During the "summer of 1775" Squire Boone first visited the locality of Clear Creek, north of the present city. He erected a stone slab bearing his name in red, which gave rise to the name "Painted Stone." The First Baptist Church organized in 1819. It was here in September 1831, John Mason Peck and Jonathan Going "agreed on the plan of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, headquarters now in Valley Forge, Pa."

Harrodsburg: Thomas Tinsley and William Hickman preached the first sermons here in April 1776. The site of reconstructed log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln's parents were married, June 12, 1806. The cabin originally stood on the site in the Beech Fork Settlement and moved to Harrodsburg in 1911.

Elizabethtown: Site of Severns Valley Baptist Church organized June 18, 1781. The first evangelical church constituted between the Allegheny and Rocky Mountains. First house of worship erected and occupied in 1815. Present building erected in 1955.

BAGDAD
*Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
2825 Lexington Rd.
Kentucky Southern College
GEORGETOWN
*Georgetown College
GLENDAL
*Glendale Baptist Children's Home
*State Board Office
Kentucky Baptist Building
LEXINGTON
Elkhorn Baptist Mission Center
722 West High St.
*Central Baptist Hospital
LOUISVILLE
*Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Rd.
Good Will Center
1818 Portland Ave.
*Kentucky Baptist Hospital
810 Barret Ave.
MIDDLETOWN
*Spring Meadows Children's Home
*State Board Office
Kentucky Baptist Building
MOREHEAD
*Pinecrest Children's Home
ONEIDA
*Oneida Baptist Institute
PADUCAH
*Western Baptist Hospital
PINEVILLE
*Clear Creek Baptist School
WILLIAMSBURG
*Cumberland College

MISSISSIPPI

Vicksburg: Site of National Military Park and cemetery.

Clinton: Site of Mississippi College, established in 1826, one of the oldest Baptist Colleges in the United States.

Woodville: Site of oldest extant Baptist Church in Mississippi. Woodville Baptist Church, organized in 1800. Site of boyhood home of Jefferson Davis.

Jackson: Site of Baptist State Convention headquarters. Also, State Museum of History in old capitol building.

BLUE MOUNTAIN
*Blue Mountain College
CLEVELAND
*Chinese Baptist Church
*Morrison Mexican Chapel Mission
CLINTON
*Camp Garway
*Mississippi College
*Mississippi Baptist Historical Society
GREENVILLE
*Chinese Baptist Mission of First Baptist Church
*William Carey College
JACKSON
*Baptist Hospital
*Children's Village
*State Board Office
*Mississippi St. at Congress
*NEWTON
*Clarke Memorial College
PASS CHRISTIAN
*Gulfshore Baptist Assembly
*Kittawake Baptist Assembly
PHILADELPHIA
Baptist Indian Center
225 Peachtree Ave
SHELBY
*Mexican Mission

NORTH CAROLINA

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*Home for the Aging
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CHEROKEE
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*State Board Office
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*North Carolina Baptist Assembly
*Baptist Children's Homes of N. C.
WAKE FOREST
*Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
WINGATE
*Wingate Junior College
WINSTON-SALEM
*North Carolina Baptist Hospital
*Wake Forest College
*Home for the Aging

SOUTH CAROLINA

Somerton Plantations: (near Pinopolis 40 miles north of Charleston) Site of the first Baptist Church in the South. By 1696 had moved from Kittery, Maine, under leadership of William Screven.

Charleston: First Baptist Church moved to Charleston from Somerton Plantations. Present building erected 1822. Home of Richard Furman, first president of Triennial Convention. Childhood home of James P. Bryce, George Street, founder and past president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Grahamville: 7 miles north Enlow Baptist Church first begun as an "arm of Charleston church." Constituted as church in 1746.

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across the muddy MISSISSIPPI

Baptists began to be heard following the Louisiana Purchase in 1803

TODAY'S traveller quickly crosses the mighty Mississippi at any one of a number of bridges which easily span the swift, muddy waters. There is no sense of accomplishment nor of hindrance, it is just another scenic wonder in the unfolding picture of America.

Less than 150 years ago, however, these waters were a barrier to the pioneer, and slowed the settlement of the territory west of the "Big Muddy." Across the river was the land of the French and Spanish, the Mexican, and the Indian.

While at the head of the river, Missouri was growing and developing. And next door, the plains of Kansas awaited the frontier desperadoes and the cattle-men; only the buffalo and the Indian roved the land.

All of these lands and waters waited for the Baptist voice, and as the settlers forded the rivers, crossed the plains, helped Sam Houston set in motion his "one horse" republic, the Baptists went with them.

Missouri after 1763 was foreign and almost exclusively Catholic—law and circumstances subdued the Baptist voice, but Baptists began to be heard during the days following the Louisiana Purchase of 1803.

Daniel Boone, who was "religiously disposed and a Baptist in sentiment," helped settle the area above St. Charles. But John Clark became the first pioneer preacher (though not then a Baptist) to visit the country west of the Mississippi in 1798.

Later Clark and Talbot, a dissatisfied Methodist preacher, confessed their faith at a public meeting in Illinois and baptized each other and several others.

Bethel Baptist Church, about a mile and a half south of Jackson, was the first permanent church, organized in

1806. Fee Fee Baptist Church, organized near St. Louis in 1807 is the oldest alive today.

John Mason Peck, first Baptist home missionary, aided in establishing the First Baptist Church in St. Louis in 1818.

There were approximately 2,000 Baptists in Missouri when it became a state in 1821. These were involved in anti-mission controversies, slavery agitation, Indian tribes, Mormons, war, and cholera. Finally 31 messengers convened at Providence Baptist Church in Callaway County in 1834 to begin the Missouri Baptist General Association.

When the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, the Missouri Convention aligned with them. Then followed years of division and dual alliances with the American Baptist Home Mission Society. But today the state convention is aligned with the SBC, though some churches are dually aligned with American and Southern Baptists.

There are now 1716 churches with a membership of 455,824.

Louisiana looks back this year to 150 years of statehood, and in that beginning year the Half Moon Bluff Baptist Church was organized near Bogue Chitto River between the present towns of Franklinton and Clifton.

Although individual Baptists probably moved into Louisiana from Natchez country of Mississippi as early as 1780, the first Baptists, of whom there is a documented record, to enter the state were Bailey E. Chancey and his family. They came to East Feliciana Parish in 1798.

This heroic man, defying the regulation which forbade all except Roman Catholic priests to preach in the territory, was "taken prisoner by the Cath-

olic authorities." They released him shortly thereafter but refused to let him "establish a church, which was a cherished object with him."

Mt. Lebanon became the center of the Louisiana Baptist work in the 19th century. Here the Louisiana Baptist Convention was organized in 1845 for the 2,000 Baptists in the state. The year was a fateful one for state conventions, Texas and Arkansas both organized. Louisiana now has 1,245 churches with 411,140 members.

Arkansas Baptists in the early 1800s faced physical barriers of the wild country, danger from Indians, shortage of preachers, Campbellism, and antislavery. Still they persisted.

As thousands of settlers migrated into the Mississippi Valley, the Baptists came with them. The first church was organized in 1818 with 12 members. Fourche a Thomas settlement (later known as Columbia).

The Little Rock Baptist Church in 1825 constructed a meeting-house, which became the first known church building of any faith. Both the territorial legislature and the state constitutional convention later convened in this small log building in 1836.

Thirty years after the first church was organized there were 83 others and nine associations with 2,749 members. These formed the state convention, the Brownsville Church in Tulip in 1845 for the purpose of supplying "the adulterated word of life" to the area.

Today 1151 churches have 310,504 members with that word.

Texas, which J. B. Gambrell called a "trophy of home missions," was also with Louisiana one of the first objects of missionary work by the fledgling Southern Baptist Convention, through its Board of Domestic Missions.

SOUTHWEST



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MISSISSIPPI

However, Baptists had been in the state as early as 1822. In fact, it was in Noah T. Byars' blacksmith shop at Washington-on-the-Brazos that the declaration of independence for the Texas Republic was signed in 1836. Byars later was ordained a Baptist minister.

And it was at Washington that the first Baptist church was constituted in 1837. The first missionaries, sent by the Home Mission Society of the Triennial Convention in 1840 and 1841 were James Huckins and William Tyron. When the SBC was organized, they were appointed by the Board of Domestic Missions as Southern Baptist missionaries.

Texas became a state in 1845, but before the Republic died it had chartered for Texas Baptists Baylor University, which became the oldest higher educational institution in the state. The Baptist convention was organized in the state in 1848.

Even Sam Houston was converted by the Baptists (1854) and they had started missions to the Comanches. The convention of today, known as the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was not formed until 1886 when the two strong Baptist groups merged.

Texas Baptists thereafter, stretched over a thousand miles in any direction,

found unity and success unmatched by other state groups. There are 1,660,449 Southern Baptists in 3,845 churches.

Oklohom was Indian territory and a mission field until 1889 when the great "runs" of the homesteaders populated the area with whites. The region was first divided into halves: Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory. This same division was reflected in Baptist work.

However, the various Baptist groups, white and Indian, gradually found unity and at Shawnee in 1906 they formed the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. There were 29,669 members of the churches.

The first Baptist church had been organized in 1832 among migrating Georgia Creeks by Isaac McCoy at Ebenezer Station. But it was among the Cherokees that Christianity made its greatest progress. By 1844 there were numerous works translated in their language, a printing press and newspaper in operation.

Oklahoma Baptist College was founded at Blackwell in 1900, but was later sold. Oklahoma Baptist University was established at Shawnee in 1910.

With more than 150 Indian churches, Oklahoma Baptists now report 472,176 members in 1307 churches.

Kansas was cursed by the Civil War in more ways than one. The guerrilla warfare and clash between settlers before, during, and after the war bled the state.

Southern Baptists' first efforts in Kansas came a year after recognition of Kansas as a Territory (1854) and five years before statehood in 1861. The Board of Domestic Missions sent missionaries among the Wea and Potawatomi Indians, but the Civil War stopped this.

Not until 1910 does the record show many Baptist churches in the state. That year six affiliated with Missouri Baptists. From then until 1945 others were constituted, to affiliate either with Missouri or Oklahoma conventions.

In 1945 the Kansas Southern Baptist Fellowship was organized at Burden, and in 1946 seven churches formed the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists at Chetopa. Now there are 33,141 members of 153 churches in this pioneer convention

Historic Points and Mission Points

MISSOURI

BOLIVAR
*Southwest Baptist College
BRIDGETON
*Missouri Baptist Children's Home
11300 St. Charles
Rock Rd.
HANNIBAL
*Hannibal-LaGrange College
JEFFERSON CITY
*State Board Office
213 Adams St.

ARKANSAS

ARKADELPHIA
*Ouachita Baptist College
MONTEFELLO
*Arkansas Baptist Orphanage
WALNUT RIDGE
*Southern Baptist College
1700 West 13th St.

KANSAS

LAWRENCE
Baptist Indian Center
140 Indian St.
WICHITA
Indian Southern Baptist Church
1650 Decker
*State Board Office
281 1/2 North Main

LOUISIANA

Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, near Gibsland: Site of organization of Louisiana Baptist Convention (1848) and sponsor of Mount Lebanon University, one of the earliest educational ventures of Baptists in the state.
Pineville: Site of Louisiana College established in 1906.
Ville Platte: Calvary, oldest Baptist Church in the state, organized in 1812.

New Orleans: One of the first fields of the Home Mission Board; also site of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

ALEXANDRIA
*Baptist Hospital
*State Board Office
1260 MacArthur Dr.
ARCADIA
*Baptist Golden Age Home
BATON ROUGE
*Baton Rouge General Hospital
DE RIDDER
*Beauregard Memorial Hospital
HOMER
*Homer Memorial Hospital
MONROE
*Louisiana Baptist Children's Home

HOME MISSIONS

OKLAHOMA
Atoka: First Baptist Church, organized in 1869 by J. S. Murrow. Is the oldest Baptist church in continuous service in Oklahoma.
Shawnee: Site of organization of the Oklahoma Convention in 1906; also Oklahoma Baptist University established there in 1910.

Westville: Four miles north of Westville is site of the original town of "Baptist" which was founded by Jesse Bushyhead, leader of group of Cherokees over the "Trail of Tears," who arrived in 1839. His grave is located there.

Muskogee: Site of Bacone College founded as an Indian University in 1880 by J. S. Murrow and others. Fountain Baptist Church, seven miles north of Muskogee, at or near site of First Baptist Church on Oklahoma soil, 1832.
BRINTOW
Brintow Memorial Hospital
FANTON
Canton Indian Mission
CHILCOCK
Chilcock Indian Government School (Near Newkirk)
CLINTON
Clinton Indian Mission
FORDHILL
*Fordell Memorial Hospital
DAVIS
*Davis Creek Assembly
ENID
*Enid General Hospital
HANNIFON
Hannifon Indian Church
12 miles North of Elk City
HOLLIS
*Hollis Mexican Mission
HUGO
*Hugo Golden Age Home
MANGUM
*Southwest Baptist Hospital
MIAMI
Miami Baptist Hospital
MUSKOGEE
*Oklahoma Baptist Hospital

OKLAHOMA CITY
*Baptist Children's Home
63rd and North Pennsylvania
*Baptist Memorial Hospital
First Mexican Baptist Church
706 South Wall
*Mary Hardin-Baylor College
1211 South Youngs
*Golden Age Homes
820 N.W. 8th St.
*State Board Office
1141 No. Robinson
PERRY
*Perry Memorial Hospital
PRYOR
*Grand Valley Hospital
QUAPAW
Spring River Indian Church
SAYRE
*Sayre Hospital
SHAWNEE
First Indian Mission
418 West 11th St.
Kickapoo Indian Baptist Church
(5 miles west of Shawnee)
*Oklahoma Baptist University
STILLWATER
*Stillwater Municipal Hospital
TULSA
Bowen Place Indian Mission
West First Street and N. Rosedale

TEXAS
Nacogdoches: The old North Baptist Church, located north of the city limits, is the oldest extant Baptist Church in the state, organized in 1818. Present building was constructed in 1852.

Fort Worth: Site of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, organized in 1908.
Waco: Site of Baylor University. Also, site of organization of Baptist General Convention of Texas, by a merger of earlier Baptist bodies in 1886.
San Antonio: Site of the Alamo.

ABILENE
Ambler Avenue Mexican Mission
AMARILLO
Mexican Baptist Mission
Houston at 17th Avenue
*Hardin-Simmons University
*Hendrick Memorial Hospital
AUSTIN
First Mexican Baptist Church
1402 East Second
HAY CITY
Emmanuel Mexican Baptist Mission
Avenue G and Ingersoll and Hiawatha
*State Board Office
703 North Ervay
DECATUR
*Decatur Baptist College
EL PASO
Good Shepherd Mexican Mission
801 Wares
EL PASO
Second Mexican Baptist Church
1301 Brodbent
FATLE PASS
First Mexican Baptist Church
537 Ferris
EL PASO
Chinese Baptist Church
701 Northwest Fifth
BROWNFIELD
First Mexican Baptist Church
Highway 386 North
BROWNSVILLE
First Mexican Baptist Church
806 Adams
BROWNWOOD
*Howard Payne College
BRVAN
Mexican Baptist Mission
305 West 16th
BURNET
*Buckner Baptist Boys Branch
CORPUS CHRISTI
First Mexican Baptist Church
1605 Comanche
*University of Corpus Christi
DALLAS
*Annuity Board
511 North Akard
Baylor University College of Dentistry
Baylor University Medical Center
Bethel Mexican Baptist Mission
3106 El Beato
*Buckner Baptist Children's Home

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HOUSTON
Buckner Baptist Haven (For Aging)
*Baylor University College of Medicine
Calvary Mexican Mission
5225 Cochran
Chinese Baptist Church
1823 Lamar
*Memorial Baptist Hospital
First Mexican Baptist Church
North Palmer St.
Second Mexican Baptist Church
8000 Avenue "N"
LAMPASAS
Mexican Baptist Mission
1701 South Main
LAREDO
First Mexican Baptist Church
1315 San Bernardo
LITTLEFIELD
Mexican Baptist Mission
Highway 385 North
LYBROCK
*Buckner Baptist Girls Home
LULING
Mexican Baptist Mission
221 North Laurel
MAHSHALL
*East Texas Baptist College
MIDLAND
First Mexican Baptist Church
503 North Tyler
MONAHANS
Mexican Baptist Mission
302 East "C" St.
PASADENA
Saksama Gardens
Mexican Mission
1037 Joseph
PHARR
First Mexican Baptist Church
201 East Juarez
PLAINVIEW
*Wayland College
ROSENBERG
Mexican Baptist Mission
501 Fourth St.
ROUND ROCK
*Texas Baptist Children's Home
NAN ANGELO
*Baptist Memorial Geriatric Hospital

SAN ANTONIO
Antioquia Mexican Mission
2122 Collins
Beacon Hill Baptist Church (Spanish Dept.)
614 Fredericksburg
Bryan Street Mexican Mission
139 Bryan
*Buckner Baptist Maternity Home
Calvary Baptist Church (Mexican)
Houston at Calaveras
East Lawn Mexican Chapel
901 North Pine
El Jordan Mexican Baptist Mission
Southwest 19th and Merida
*Mexican Baptist Children's Home
Loma Park
Mexican Mission
435 Yolanda
South San Antonio Mexican Mission
263 King
*Temple Mexican Baptist Mission
524 South at Newton
Westlawn Mexican Mission
330 So. San Dario
SAN MARCOS
*San Marcos Baptist Academy
SHALOWATER
Mexican Baptist Mission
Highway 84 West
SPRINGLAKE
Mexican Baptist Mission
Highway 70 West
STANFORD
Mexican Baptist Mission
313 South Porter
WACO
*Baylor University
*Hilcrest Memorial Hospital
WAXAHACHIE
Goodwill Mexican Baptist Mission
116 Kaufman
WELLINGTON
Mexican Baptist Mission
Highway 83 North
WICHITA FALLS
Mexican Baptist Mission
808 Seymour

NOTE: *Not Home Mission Board work. Listed in appreciation for the contribution made to home missions. The Home Mission Board cooperates with state boards in mission programs and evangelism.
**Do not visit work without first contacting missionary.

NOTE: Where the word "Spanish" is used in the names of churches or missions, it may denote any Spanish-speaking people such as Mexicans, Cubans, etc. To help you read signs in Spanish, "Iglesia" means church, "Hispano-Americano" means Spanish-American. Other Spanish words are very similar to the English.

Not all Home Mission work is listed.

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Mexican Baptist Mission
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LULING
Mexican Baptist Mission
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MAHSHALL
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First Mexican Baptist Church
503 North Tyler
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Mexican Baptist Mission
302 East "C" St.
PASADENA
Saksama Gardens
Mexican Mission
1037 Joseph
PHARR
First Mexican Baptist Church
201 East Juarez
PLAINVIEW
*Wayland College
ROSENBERG
Mexican Baptist Mission
501 Fourth St.
ROUND ROCK
*Texas Baptist Children's Home
NAN ANGELO
*Baptist Memorial Geriatric Hospital

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where the WEST begins

New Mexican Baptist work began in 1894 when H. W. Read stopped there because of illness

JUST where the West begins is hard to determine: the westbound traveler, having changed his watch from Central to Mountain Standard Time, still keeps on, as he crosses the eastern reaches of Montana, Wyoming or Colorado, through the same undulating High Plains area that stretches behind through the Dakotas or Nebraska, drained by the same eastward-running rivers.

The rise toward the foothills of the Rockies is almost imperceptible. But certainly when he sees piling up far in the distance the rugged, snow-capped mass of the Continental Divide, he knows that the West is at hand. From Glacier International Peace Park on the Canadian border, the continent's backbone runs south through western Montana, diagonally across southwestern Wyoming, and south again in a twisting course across west-central Colorado into northeastern New Mexico.

In western Montana the peaks of the Rockies soar to elevations of from 8,000 to 12,850 feet, and in Wyoming they reach up to 1,000 feet higher still; in Colorado, the "highest" state, are 50 of the country's 64 named mountains exceeding 14,000 feet.

Perhaps 2,000 years before the discovery of America by Europeans, the Basket Makers of the Mesa Verde, Colorado's southwestern plateau, were building their habitations against cliff and canyon walls; they and their successors of later centuries, the Cliff Dwellers, achieved the highest level of civilization of its type yet discovered.

In 1805-06 Lewis and Clark crossed and recrossed Montana and Idaho on their trip to and from Oregon.

Colorado Baptist General Convention began in 1955 when messengers from 90 churches met in Colorado Springs. Churches from five western

states were represented: Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska. The churches had been affiliated with Arizona and New Mexico.

In these states today there are 26,230 Baptists in 165 churches. The population of the area is more than 5.5 million. In recommending points to visit Executive Secretary William Ray writes:

"In Denver there are 33 Southern Baptist churches, the mint, and the museum. Other places to visit are Estes Park, Pikes Peak, Cave of the Winds, and the Seven Falls. Just out of Canon City, where the state penitentiary is located, is the Royal Gorge, the highest bridge in the world.

"In western Nebraska, our most northern Southern Baptist church is at North Platte, and at Scottsbluff, the first one in western Nebraska to affiliate with the Colorado Convention. Here are also two or three national monuments.

"At Casper, Wyoming, is the first church to be constituted in the area and affiliated with Arizona, now with Colorado. At Thermopolis is the amazing Hot Springs Sulphur Park.

"In South Dakota, Pierre, the capital city, is the Oahee Dam, one of the highest in the world. At Spearfish is where the famous play of the crucifixion of Christ is staged.

"In North Dakota, one of our fastest growing pastoral missionary churches is found at Grand Forks, and at Minot is another growing pastoral mission field. At Williston is found the first Southern Baptist church established in North Dakota.

"In Montana the traveler will find the Crow Agency and the Custer Battlefield. In Billings, one of the larger cities, there are three of our churches. At

Butte are the larger and older copper mines."

New Mexico Baptist work began in 1849 when H. W. Read of the Baptist Home Missionary Society (of the Triennial Convention), paused in Santa Fe while en route to California. He stopped because of illness. He stayed because of compassion. When he saw the spiritual destitution of the region he requested and secured the consent of the society to remain.

Years passed before Baptists reentered after Read retired. For a time there was conflict between two groups of Baptists. Then in 1912 the differences were settled, old conventions dissolved and the present convention organized. Affiliated churches reported that year 7,672 members. At the close of 1961 there were 84,184 members in more than 260 churches.

New Mexico ranks fifth in area among the 50 states, and it is truly "The Land of Enchantment," where one considers its history (older than either St. Augustine or Jamestown) or its scenic grandeur: the mountains, the deserts, the painted cliffs whose colors are always changing, the dazzling miracle of the White Sands National Monument, the marvel of the Carlsbad Caverns National Park, the volcanic craters, the extensive beds of lava flow or the excitingly interesting Indian pueblos or Navajo reservation (not rich because of the discovery of enormous deposits of uranium, gas or helium).

It is a land of enchantment because of its people. The Indians, numbering more than 70,000, the date of whose ancestry eludes the probing of anthropologists, constitute a major missions challenge. (Progress in missionary work among them has been exceeding

encouraging during recent years.) The Spanish, counting approximately 300,000 trace their ancestry to the Conquistadors of the early sixteenth century. The pioneers from many states of the U. S. heroically confronted and triumphed over hostile circumstances and peoples. Thousands have come seeking and finding health.

In more recent years the population has become increasingly cosmopolitan because of the excellent climate, the growing industry, and the many scientific and military bases. Every conceivable economic, social and educational strata are amply represented among the one million inhabitants of the state. In one Baptist church there are more people holding Ph.D. degrees than on some college faculties; yet in the same church are members of the Caucasian, Indian, Spanish, and Negro races.

SNOW CAPPED PEAKS, DEEP ROCKY GORGES are typical of the beautiful scenery in the Yosemite Park area of California.



Mission Points

*Not HMB Work
**Contact Missionary before visiting

NEW MEXICO

ALAMOGORDO
Spanish Baptist Church
Fourth and Texas Streets
ALAMO
Alamo Navajo Baptist Church
Near Magdalena Baptist Indian Center
618 Indian School Rd., N. W.
ALBUQUERQUE
Bethany Spanish Baptist Church
305 4th N. W.
Indian Center Baptist Church
618 W. Indian School Rd., N. W.
First Spanish Baptist Church
217 Iron St., S. W.
*State Board Office
618 Central S. E.
ANTHONY
Anthony Spanish Mission
ARTESIA
First Spanish Baptist Mission
300 Lopez
BELEN
First Spanish Baptist Church
4th and Castillo
BERNALILLO
Bernalillo Baptist Mission (Indian and Spanish)
CARLSBAD
Gethsemane Spanish Baptist Church
601 South Third
709 So. Alameda
CLOYIS
First Spanish Baptist Church
218 Jones
CANONCITO
Canoncito Indian Mission
(Contact M. V. Gonzales, Albuquerque)
CUBERO
Laguna-Acoma Baptist Indian Mission
DEMING
Spanish Baptist Church
310 E. Cedar St.
DENVER
Spanish Baptist Church

DULCE
Dulce Baptist Indian Mission
EL RITO
El Rito Spanish Mission
ESPAÑOLA
Spanish Baptist Mission
Hill Street
FARMINGTON
Baptist Indian Center
501 West Broadway
GALLUP
Spanish Baptist Mission
310 N. First St.
GLORIETA
Glorieta Baptist Assembly
HATCH
Spanish Baptist Mission
ISLETA
Isleta Indian Baptist Church
JEMEZ
Indian Baptist Mission
LAS CRUCES
Spanish Baptist Mission
428 E. Bowman St.
LAS VEGAS
Spanish Baptist Mission
300 Becca Ave.
LOVINGTON
Spanish Baptist Mission
210 North Second
PARK VIEW
Spanish Baptist Mission
PORTALES
*New Mexico Baptist Children's Home
Spanish Baptist Mission
(Contact 320 So. Avenue D
RATON
Spanish Baptist Church
300 Lopez
ROSWELL
Calvary Spanish Baptist Church
606 East Tilden
First Spanish Baptist Church
417 East Wildy
SANTA CLARA
Santa Clara Baptist Indian Mission
Santa Clara Pueblo near Espanola
SANTA FE
Baptist Indian Center
1428 Cerrillos Rd.
Spanish Baptist Mission
217 Johnson
SHIPROCK
Navajo Baptist Mission
SOFTORRO
Spanish Baptist Mission
121 Grant Avenue
TAOS
Baptist Indian Mission
North Pueblo Rd.
Spanish Baptist Church
LaLoma Road
TINIAN
Navajo Baptist Mission
Southwest of Cuba
TUCUMCARI
Spanish Baptist Church
111 College
WAGON MOUND
Spanish Baptist Church
ZUNI
Indian Baptist Mission
(Contact Wm. Young)

COLORADO

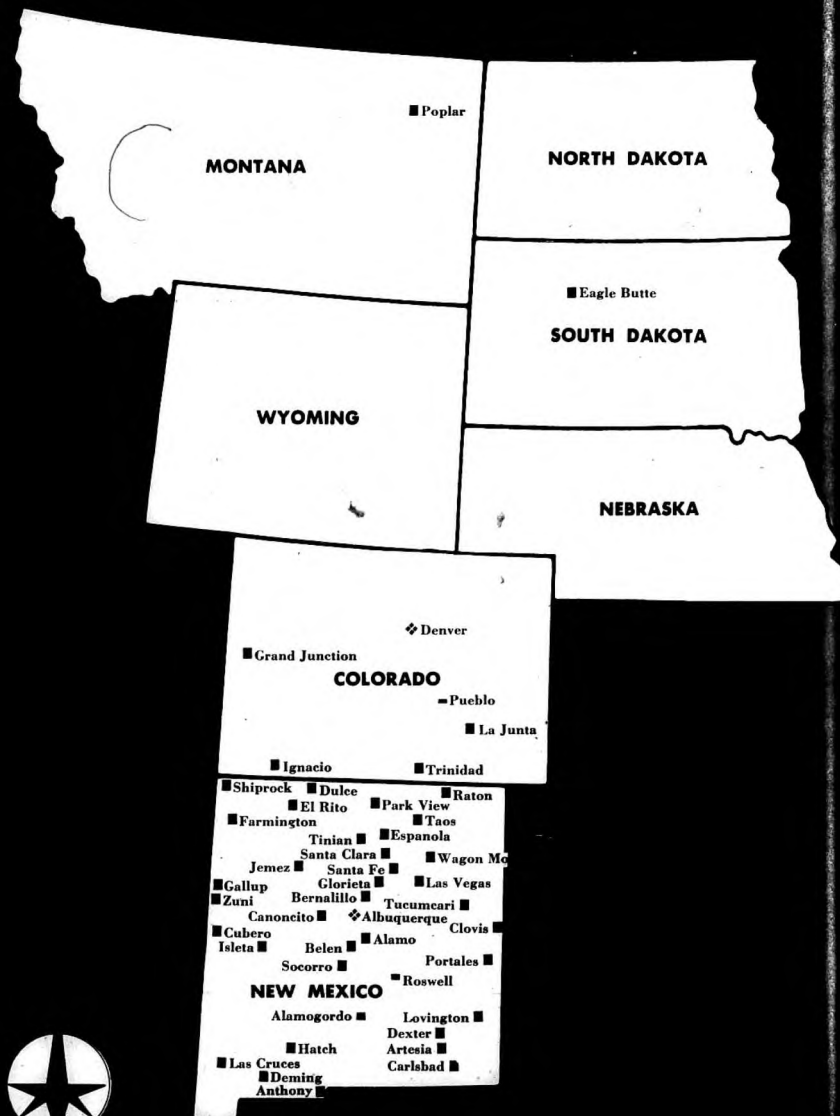
DENVER
Metropolitan Baptist Church
(Spanish)
West Ninth and Kalamath
*State Board Office
106 Fillmore St.
GRAND JUNCTION
Southern Baptist Spanish Mission
650 West Colorado Avenue
IGNACIO
Indian Baptist Mission
Roy Muncy
LA JUNTA
Olivet Spanish Baptist Mission
1004 Avenue "A"
PUEBLO
Central Baptist Church (Spanish)
Lake Avenue and Grant Street
TRINIDAD
Bethel Spanish Baptist Mission
413 Frost St.

MONTANA

POPLAR
Indian Baptist Mission
A. L. Davis

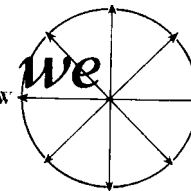
SOUTH DAKOTA

EAGLE BUTTE
Dakota Baptist Mission
W. W. Knight



CALIFORNIA *here we* *come again...*

by Elmer Leslie Gray
Mill Valley, California



ELEVEN years ago Southern Baptists ventured west to hold their first convention on the Pacific coast. Never before had they gone farther west than Texas for their annual business meeting.

Besides coming to hold their convention in San Francisco, they came to look over their new work in California. In 1938, 13 years before their coming, the first Southern Baptist church had been organized in the golden state. The number of Southern Baptist churches increased to 13 by 1940 and the messengers from these organized a state convention.

By 1942 the number of churches in the state had increased to 31 with 3,000 members and the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in San Antonio, Texas, accepted the Southern Baptist General Convention of California as a co-operating constituent.

When Southern Baptists came to San Francisco in 1951, they found a young, vigorous state convention. However, it was small compared to the older conventions and state associations in the south. At that time California could claim only one per cent of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention and only one-half of one per cent of the members.

Southern Baptists are returning to San Francisco in 1962 for their annual convention. They will find that the work in California has grown in the intervening years. Although the state had only 1 per cent of the churches in the convention in 1951, it had 10 per cent of the gain in the following 11 years. The California churches increased from 301 to 755 for a gain of 150 per cent while the number of churches all over the convention increased by 16 per cent.

The messengers from the churches of other states will find that the California convention has grown in financial strength. Eleven years ago its total annual

receipts amounted to a little over \$300,000.00 with \$129,000.00 of this coming from the churches. Its budget for 1962 calls for an income of \$1,472,000.00 with anticipated receipts from the churches amounting to \$880,000.00.

California Southern Baptists are showing an increasing interest and support in missions beyond their own state. Eleven years ago their total annual gifts to co-operative world missions amounted to \$38,500.00 and their 1962 budget goal for these causes amounts to \$378,000.00. Back then the Annie Armstrong offering in the state was \$4,600.00 and the Lottie Moon offering was \$9,900.00. The goal this year is \$40,000.00 for the Annie Armstrong offering and \$128,000.00 for the Lottie Moon offering.

California is still a mission field and one of the ripest in the nation. Although Southern Baptists have increased from 39,880 in 1951 to their present 175,000, the population of the state has increased from ten million to 16 million and there are now more non-church members in California than there were people in the state eleven years ago. The Southern Baptist churches of California have increased their baptisms from 5,000 in 1951 to almost 15,000 a year.

One of the needs of the churches is leadership. The effort to meet this need is indicated in increased enrollment in Bible study and in church membership training. The Sunday school enrollment has grown from 47,000 to over 150,000 and the Training Union enrollment from 6,000 to over 60,000.

The Southern Baptist Convention has recognized the mission opportunity in California. It has increased its aid as the state organization has grown in its ability to utilize effectively such support. In 1951 the Home Mission Board channeled \$45,900.00 into California

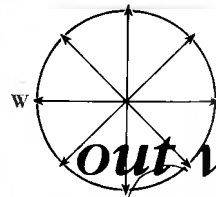
work and the Sunday School Board contributed an additional \$12,000.00. The 1962 California budget includes anticipated receipts from the Home Mission Board of \$254,000.00 and from the Sunday School Board of \$25,000.00.

Another mission enterprise in California by Southern Baptists is the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. The first report of the seminary to Southern Baptists was made at the San Francisco convention in 1951. From that first year of its adoption the seminary has increased from an institution with total assets of \$320,000.00 to one with total assets of over five and a half million dollars. Over 500 graduates from this school are serving around the world. They serve in 31 states and 15 foreign countries. Southern Baptists have made a significant contribution to the advancement of Christ's cause in California through Golden Gate Seminary. A recent study revealed that over half of the churches in the state were started by Golden Gate students or former students.

Those attending the June convention in San Francisco are urged to look into the Southern Baptist work in California and the other western states. In the states west of Texas and Oklahoma are 28 million people. In this area are seven conventions with 1,572 churches and 362,321 church members.

Convention messengers would return to their own churches with a greater concern for missions if they would visit Southern Baptist churches, missionaries, state convention offices, and Southern Baptist institutions on their trip to the west.

Note: Write the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, 316 West McDowell, Phoenix, for guide to SBC information centers for visitors on their way to the 1962 Convention.



out where the WEST ends

The first SBC missionaries came in 1854 during the California Gold Rush

A VISIT to the Pacific coastal states and the states which border them will carry you to the sea coast, the desert, mountains, plains, fertile valleys, and wastelands of an area composing a fourth of the United States.

Here, stretched between Mexico and Canada live more than 23 million people, but only 242,715 of them are Southern Baptists. And these, for the most part, have organized their churches during the last 20 years.

The Southern Baptists you will meet in the conventions of California, Oregon, Washington, and Arizona will be optimistic, theologically conservative, and hard at work building a church or sponsoring a mission, usually under exacting difficulties.

This is what they call "big country," big ranches, big mountains, big lakes, big cattle herds, big cities, and big reputations.

California is the biggest of them all, both Baptist and otherwise. Missionaries were the first white men to settle among the Indians. From 1759 until ownership of the area passed from Spain to Mexico in 1821 the Franciscans planted their missions and converted the Indians. Stripped of state support by Mexico, the missions died, but a strong Spanish influence is seen everywhere.

In 1845 the territory was seized by the United States, and in 1849 the gold rush populated the area and hurried statehood (1850). Four years later the new Southern Baptist Convention started mission work, despite objections the expense would not be justified because the people were so bent on getting gold they would not pay attention to preaching.

For seven years the Board of Domestic Missions (now the Home Mission Board) employed 15 missionaries. Among them was J. Lewis Shuck, twice a missionary to China (once under the Triennial Convention and then under

the Foreign Mission Board) who had returned to the States on the death of his second wife.

The Civil War stopped the mission work here as everywhere, and Southern Baptists were not to re-enter the state until 1940. That year 13 small churches organized the Baptist General Convention of California.

Recognition was sought from the SBC in 1941, and favorable action was taken the next year in San Antonio. Thus began the modern "pioneer" movement of Southern Baptists into the west.

There are now 168,011 Southern Baptists in 900 churches among the 15,537,413 residents of the state. In the past ten years, while state population grew 46.8 per cent, Southern Baptists increased 443.2 per cent.

A survey of Sacramento reveals the spiritual need of this state. Here only 25 per cent of the people are members of local churches. A Baptist leader said, "This is one of the lowest uncovered in the nation." There are more lost people in California than Texans in Texas.

More than five million of the people are of foreign extraction, making the state a prime mission field. Language churches have a prominent part in convention activities. Last year the vice president of the convention was a Spanish pastor.

Arizona, which this year is celebrating its fiftieth year of statehood, actually boasts affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention longer than any of the far western states.

Fifty-three years after James Bristow preached the first Baptist sermon under a cottonwood tree at Middle Verde, the Baptist General Convention of Arizona was constituted (1928) with 11 churches.

By 1955 the convention included churches in Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, North and South Dakota. That year 80 churches

formed the Colorado convention and left Arizona with work only in Utah, Idaho, and Nevada.

Today these four states have 49,879 Baptists in 219 churches. In Arizona, with a population of 1,283,000, Southern Baptists are the second largest Protestant denomination. There are 85,000 Indians in the state and Southern Baptists have strong work among them and other language groups.

Idaho and Utah, both more than 70 per cent Mormon, have formed a regional program, which may soon develop into a state convention. Now there are more than 40 churches with some 4,000 members, of a population of more than 1,500,000. Utah's first Southern Baptist church was organized at Roosevelt in 1944.

Along U. S. Highway 30N from Pocatello, Idaho, across the entire state of Utah to Rock Springs, Wyoming, a distance of 260 miles, the only Baptist witness is a mission at Soda Springs. Except for two Presbyterian community churches and a Roman Catholic church there is no other witness except that of the Mormons.

Oregon-Washington, linked together in a Baptist state convention since 1948, boasts the record of being the site where Baptist work in the west began.

It was in Oregon where the first Baptist church west of the Rockies was organized in May, 1844, 13 miles west of Portland. The meeting took place in the home of a Missouri deacon, David Lennox, and they called a Kentucky preacher, Vincent Snelling.

A historic church building stands at the old site of this church, known as the West Union Baptist Church.

Despite gold, forests, and Indian wars, the people persisted. In fact, this year Seattle is host to the world fair, and the two states have a population of more than 4.5 million. There are 24,815 Southern Baptists in 168 churches, including some in western Canada.

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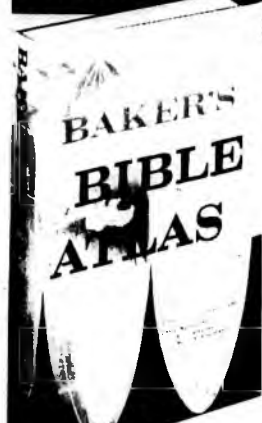
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THERE ARE some, of course, who would not see a miracle in the events which have recently involved J. T. McGill of New Orleans.

But then few see as many daily miracles in re-claimed lives as does McGill, who is superintendent of the Baptist Rescue Mission here.

This particular miracle involved the need for a new building. The old one on Esplanade Avenue needed enlarging and repairing, but city restrictions blocked the way.

The mission is owned and operated by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, and when the request was received at the Atlanta office for a new building, approval was given. There was one stipulation—the old building must be sold first.

The "for sale" sign went up, and McGill went shopping for a building.

A very suitable, six-story structure at 201 Magazine Street appeared to meet every present need, plus providing for future expansion. The owner agreed to a 30-day option.

The weeks passed into months, and the old building did not sell. Finally, 89 days had passed. McGill was speak-

ing during the annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions at the Gentilly Baptist Church in New Orleans. He told the congregation of his needs and hopes.

After the service one of the members said, "I'll buy your present building, restore it to its original design, and then resell it. All over the purchase price I get for the building, I will give to the Home Mission Board."

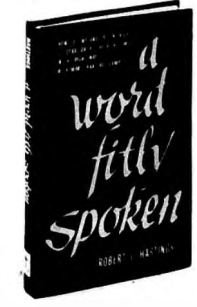
McGill was overwhelmed. This was his first time to meet the man, who was neither acquainted with rescue mission work nor had he seen the building. A phone call the next morning started the process of buying and selling.

"Needless to say, I saw in a very strong way how God works in mysterious ways," McGill commented. "This has taught me never to give up but to have faith in God's providence."

The new mission, which will open September 1 as the Baptist Center, will have an enlarged ministry with 350 beds and the space to expand to 500. Meanwhile, the Rescue Mission will continue at the old location.

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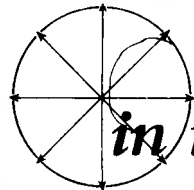


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An Indian raid broke up an Illinois revival in 1796

UNDER the ordinance of 1787, the country around the Great Lakes north and west of the Ohio River was organized as the Northwest Territory of the new United States. Here in the vast prairies the first settlers formed tightly-knit communities for protection against the savage Indians and hazards of wilderness living. The white man encountered Indians on all the great waterways, and the earliest settlements were around Christian missions.

Except for French and English traders, no white immigration began until after the American Revolution. Following the French and Indian Wars the territory was ceded to the English, and the English king gave the Illinois charter to Virginians.

The first settlers of Illinois were Virginians, and the first churches were organized by Virginians. A group of soldiers who had fought under George Rogers Clark formed a settlement called New Design in west central Illinois in 1781. A Baptist preacher from Kentucky, James Smith, visited the area in 1787 and converted the first known Baptist in Illinois, James Lemen. Ice was broken from a creek near Waterloo, and Lemen became the first person to be baptized by immersion in Illinois.

A subsequent revival was broken up by an Indian raid, but the community continued to prosper. In 1796 a church was formed at New Design with 28 members. The new churches were intensely missionary but soon felt the tide of dissension earlier experienced in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Controversy split churches across Illinois, resulting in the formation of several Baptist groups. One sect bore the interesting name "No Effort" Baptists because they believed Daniel Parker's

"two-seed" doctrine that some are irrevocably lost to the devil.

For most of their history, Illinois Baptists remained divided. In 1906 the Illinois State Baptist Association was formed at Pinckneyville and membership in Southern Baptist churches in Illinois now totals 156,504.

In 1800 the Northwest territory was divided and later subdivided into the territories of Indiana and Michigan. Immigration was slow until after the War of 1812. Then the mass of immigration swept westward, passing over Michigan which had been reported a morass of unhealthy swampy land.

Later settlers in the territory made use of Michigan's many natural resources, and during the mid-nineteenth century large industrial cities developed. Michigan Baptists trace their beginnings to 1934 when land-poor Southerners moved north to find jobs in auto factories and steel mills. Finding no Southern Baptist work, missions and churches were gradually organized. In 1951, six churches joined to form the Motor Cities Association of Southern Baptists under the sponsorship of the Arkansas Convention.

In 1957 Michigan became a full-fledged state convention; and there are now 19,003 Southern Baptists in the state, a fraction of the 7,793,294 population.

Indiana, in the heart of the agricultural plains of the mid-west, is the youngest state convention of Southern Baptists. The first Southern Baptist church in the state was organized prior to World War I as the Second Baptist Church of Hymera.

By 1948 other churches had organized in Evansville, Hammond, New Trenton, and Clarksville. The first three

churches affiliated with Illinois Baptists and the next two with Kentucky Baptists. Messengers from 111 churches reported to the third state general meeting in 1958 and the convention was organized. There are now 28,736 Baptists in Indiana.

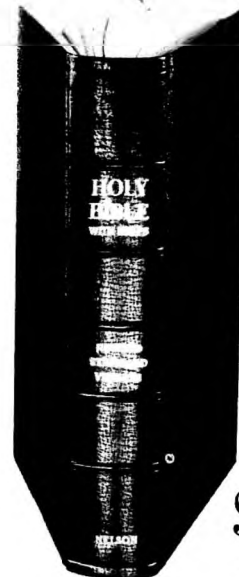
A Michigan couple who moved to Madison, Wisconsin in 1949 saw the need for another Baptist church in the city which had a 100-year old American Baptist church and two Negro Baptist churches. In 1953 they helped charter Midvale Baptist Church in Madison, the first Southern Baptist church in Wisconsin.

Since that time, Southern Baptists have not only grown in Wisconsin but in Minnesota. In June 1961 the fourteenth church was constituted in the Wisconsin-Minnesota Baptist Association which cooperates with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The fourteenth church was constituted from the Emmanuel Baptist Mission in Rochester, Minnesota and is an example of how Southern Baptist work grows in new areas.

The Southern Baptist Church of Minneapolis sponsored the mission for two and a half years. During the pastoral's time, the missions committee of the church drove 180 miles round trip each Sunday to conduct services. The first pastor, B. J. Williamson, arrived in February 1960. A former hospital chaplain in Texas, Williamson serves also as chaplain to the hospitals used by the Mayo Clinic staff at the world famous medical center. His church receives support from five Texas churches.

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Each mission chapel belongs to the association in Missouri where the sponsoring church is affiliated. When these chapels are constituted into churches, an Iowa association will be organized, affiliating with the Missouri convention. Southern Baptists now have mission stations in most of the principal cities in Iowa.



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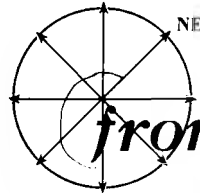
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Baptists in Washington, D. C. met in the newly-built U. S. Treasury building in 1801

STONY hills, deep forests, and unfriendly Indians were what the Pilgrims discovered the bitter winter of 1620 they landed on the rockbound North Atlantic coast and founded the first Northeastern settlement at Plymouth in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Escaping religious persecution of the Church of England, they brought with them a stern form of Calvinism which proved as intolerant as the church they had fled.

Dissenters of Puritan Calvinism were banished to the wilderness and included Baptists and Quakers. Roger Williams, traditionally a Baptist, settled south of Massachusetts and established the colony of Rhode Island proclaiming a policy of complete religious tolerance and separation of church and state. The first Baptist church in America was organized in Providence in 1636; and Brown University, the oldest Baptist college in America, was established in 1764. Although Baptists are the oldest denomination in Rhode Island, over 85 per cent of the population (997,000 in 1960 census) are listed as communicants of the Roman Catholic Church.

In Massachusetts and New Hampshire by 1684, intolerance and "Bible" government had been considerably curtailed. By the first part of the 18th century toleration of non-Calvinist sects was becoming more general. The two first Baptist missionaries in America were born in Massachusetts in the latter part of the century. The first American Baptist foreign missionary, Adoniram Judson was born at Malden in 1788; and the first to present the cause of missions in America was Luther Rice, born at Northboro in 1783.

Baptists came to Maryland in 1742 after Lord Baltimore had established the colony not only as a refuge for

persecuted Catholics but as a community where freedom of worship and conscience were essential. Freedom of worship in Maryland was not as liberal as in Rhode Island, but only denying the doctrines of the Trinity and speaking against the virgin Mary were subject to penalty by law.

Henry Loveall was the first pastor of the first Baptist church in Maryland organized in 1742 at Baltimore Towne and now known as Sater's Baptist Church. The first Sunday school was begun in 1797 at the Second Baptist Church of Baltimore and was not only the first Sunday Bible school in America but the first to use volunteer teachers.

Antimissionism caused many divisions among the Maryland churches. However, a small group of Old School Baptists grouped together to form the Maryland Baptist Union Association in 1836. The Association included not only Maryland but some District of Columbia churches who later formed their own association. Today the Baptist Convention of Maryland serves as the affiliate convention for Southern Baptist churches in New Jersey, eastern New York and Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine, and Delaware.

The first recorded meeting of Baptists in the District of Columbia was in 1801, the first worship service being held in the newly built U. S. Treasury Building. Eight months later in 1802, the First Baptist Church was organized in a private home with six charter members.

Discipline was unusually strong in churches of this period as may be witnessed in the Washington church. Of the six founding members, three were

excommunicated and two withdrew in dissension to form another church.

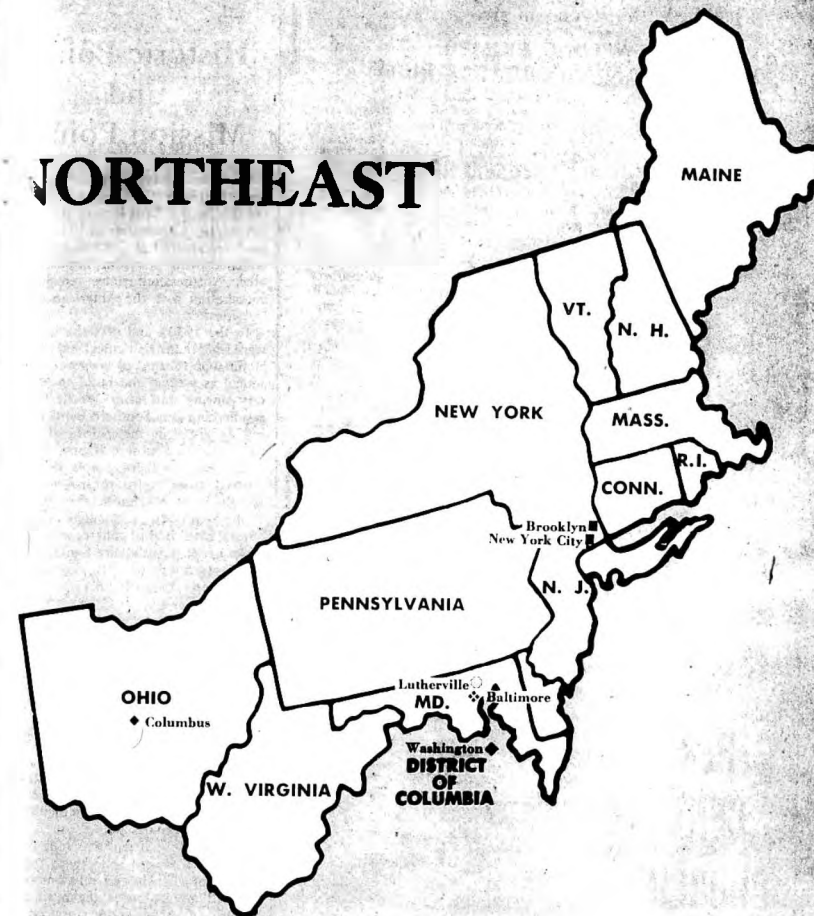
Luther Rice, appointed by the American Foreign Mission Society, returned from India in 1813 to present the mission cause to Baptists in America. He made Washington his headquarters and started the first Sunday school in the city in 1819. The same year a Literary Association headed by Rice began work to establish a Baptist college in the city. Money for the college was raised by the association and contributors included John Quincy Adams and John C. Calhoun.

"The first commencement was held in December 1824 and was attended by U. S. President James Monroe, the secretaries of State, War, and Navy, leading members of both houses of Congress, and Lafayette who happened to be on his famous visit to America at this time." The institution, Columbian College, continued under Baptist control until 1904 when the charter was changed and it became nondenominational George Washington University.

Baptists in the South and Northeast shared in the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions during the early 19th century. It was formed in Philadelphia in 1814 and known as the Triennial Convention because it met every three years.

Expansion and recession of the work in home missions gradually reverted back to the first purpose of the convention, foreign missions, reflecting a difference in Baptists North and South. Southern Baptists preferred a central organization promoting every phase of denominational work while the North tended toward separate societies for each phase of the work.

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In the 1930's and 40's the trend toward the industrial cities and the beginning of shifting of corporation personnel as well as the build-up of military during and after World War II resulted in many Southern Baptists coming to areas in the Northeast where there was no Southern Baptist work.

In Ohio, Southern people in the industrial cities began to feel the need for the type of church they had left in the South. As a result they organized several small Baptist congregations made up of people largely with Southern Baptist background. In 1940, five of these

EAST

churches organized the White Water Association and affiliated with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Feeling the need for statewide missions and evangelism, the association moved into other areas of the state. In January of 1954, 160 messengers representing 39 Southern Baptist churches in Ohio met and organized the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

This same pattern has followed in other Northeastern states with the formation of chapels and missions by interested groups under the auspices of fostering churches and pastoral missionaries. The constituted churches affiliate with the Maryland and Ohio Baptist Conventions. Today there are Southern Baptist chapels, missions, or churches in every state in the Northeast. The Maryland Association includes some 60,468 Baptists in 11 states. Ohio Baptists numbering 41,630 include Southern Baptists in West Virginia and western Pennsylvania and New York. The District of Columbia has 35,066 members in 55 churches.

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*Manhattan Baptist Church
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*Union Baptist Center
128 S. Highland Avenue

*Baltimore Place Baptist Church
Baltimore Mallory

LUTHERVILLE
*Saters Baptist Church

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COLUMBUS
*State Board Office
1860 East Broad St.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON
*Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs
*Baptist World Alliance
*State Board Office
1628 - 18th St., N. W.

*First Baptist Church
1326 - 18th St., N. W.

Anna B. Johanning
Christian Center
4025 Ninth St., S. E.

SOUTH

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Georgetown: Grave of Wm. Screven, who died in 1713. "Ana Baptist Cemetery" on Church Street, site of grave of Edmund Botsford (1745-1819).

Society Hill: Welsh Neck Baptist Church organized 1738 nearby. Present church building in Society Hill has outdoor baptistry with dressing rooms.

Greenville: Site of first Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Site of first Baptist School Board (1863-1873). Location of Furman University and South Carolina Baptist Courier.

Newberry: Nearby at Pine Pleasant Baptist Church is grave of Luther Rice (1783-1836). Marker placed by South Carolina Baptist Convention.

ANDERSON
*Anderson College

COLUMBIA
*Capital Park Baptist Center (OWC)
1300 Gist St.
*House Good Will Center
*Finance Good Will Center
*State Board Office
101 Hampton St.

DARLINGTON
*Bethesda Home
*Easley Baptist Hospital
*Military Academy

GREENVILLE
*Furman University
*Greenwood
*Connie Maxwell Children's Home
*Six Mile Baptist Hospital

TENNESSEE

CHATTANOOGA
*Baptist Mission Center (OWC)
108 Ruby St.

*Baptist Children's Home

JEFFERSON CITY
*Carson Newman College

KNOXVILLE
*East Tennessee Baptist Hospital

MEMPHIS

*Baptist Brotherhood
1548 Poplar Ave.
*Baptist Center
(Rescue Mission)
125 Linden Ave.
*Baptist Memorial Hospital

*Baptist Children's Home
NASHVILLE

*Belmont College
*American Baptist Theological Seminary (Negro)
1800 White's Creek Pike

*Christian Life Commission
*Education Commission
*Executive Committee
*Historical Commission
*Southern Baptist Foundation
*Stewardship Commission
*Sunday School Board
127 Ninth Ave., N.
*State Board Office
1812 Belmont Blvd.
*Midstate Baptist Hospital

VIRGINIA

Culpepper: Where Baptist pastors were imprisoned. The Baptist Church was constituted in 1774. Present site of Culpepper jail where the pastors were imprisoned is occupied by the Gospel Tabernacle.

Richmond: First Baptist Church organized here in June 1780. Location of the Foreign Mission Board since its organization in 1845. Richmond University founded in 1830 and first conducted as the Dunlora Academy, later Virginia Baptist Seminary, Richmond College, and rechartered as Richmond University in 1920 and located on its present campus.

Williamsburg: First capitol of Virginia 1699-1780 now restored in its colonial setting. In 1770 Baptists sent a petition to the House of Burgesses seeking relief from various religious disabilities to which they were subjected. Later they were joined by other "Protestant dissenters" in seeking relief which later they turned to freedom.

BLUEFIELD
*Bluefield College

BRISTOL
*Virginia Interment College

CHATHAM
*Hargrave Military Academy

ETHELLE
*Virginia Baptist Home

DANVILLE
*Averett College

ETTRICK
*Virginia Negro Baptist Children's Home
1618 Wise Ave. S.E.

FORK UNION
*Fork Union House (OWC)
404 Elm St., S.W.

LYNCHBURG
*Virginia Baptist Hospital

SALEM
*Virginia Baptist Children's Home

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NOTE: Where the word "Spanish" is used in the names of churches or missions, it may denote any Spanish-speaking peoples such as Mexicans, Cubans, etc. To help you read signs in Spanish, "Iglesia" means church; "Hispano-Americano" means Spanish-American. Other Spanish words are very similar to the English.

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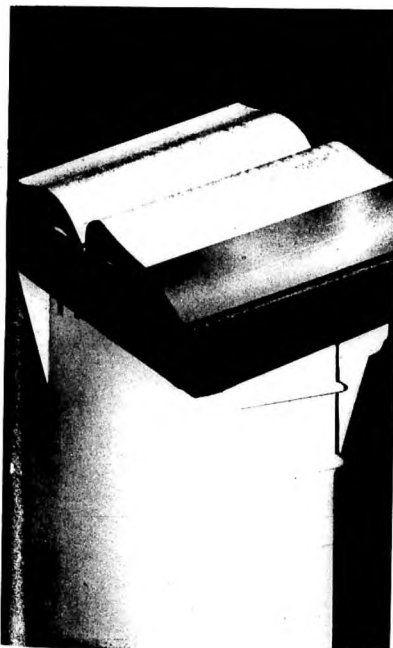
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