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—Convention Photos by Carl Jones, Louisville

Southern Baptist Convention officers: left, Archie Ellis, Second Vice President; center, Rep. Brooks Hays, President; and Chester Quarles, First Vice President.

THIRD LARGEST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION HELD IN HOUSTON

President Brooks Hays, of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Washington, D. C., rapped for order at the Southern Baptist Convention on Tuesday night, May 20, at 7:10, calling together the 101st session during its 113 year history, in the Sam Houston Coliseum, Houston, Texas. The music this year was conducted by William J. Reynolds, Tennessee. Following the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Conductor Reynolds led in the singing of the second song, which was "New Life For You," written by Edwin McNeely, late head of the music department of Southwestern Seminary, and Mr. Reynolds. This was the first time this song has been sung in public.

The first devotional leader was formerly a Kentuckian. He was Malcolm B. Knight, of Florida, who was raised in Harrodsburg, and is one of two preacher sons of the late Dr. Charles W. Knight, Sr., long pastor of the First Church, Harrodsburg.

R. E. Milam, Oregon, sought to amend Joe W. Burton's motion about seating the messengers. The Milam amendment was an effort to include messengers from the Canadian churches. President Hays ruled the amendment out of order since the framers of the Convention had restricted the membership to the United States, and asked that Milam regard his amendment as a resolution and bring it before the convention in another form.

Two Committees Appointed

Secretary James W. Merritt read two committees appointed by President Hays:

Resolutions Committee: Homer Lindsay, Florida, chairman, E. C. Brown, S. C.; Clyde Hickerson, Va.; Wallace Bassett, Texas; John J. Hurt, Jr., Ga.

Committee on Committees: James Westberry, Ga.; Allen J. Beck, Md.; R. Stewart Grizzard, Va.; W. D. Laws, Ariz.; Frank Haynes, S. C.; James Boyd, Fla.; W. D. Morris, N. C.; John Buchanan, Ala.; Ray Collum, Miss.; Raymond Rogers, Tenn.; E. H. Moore, Ill.; Erwin L. McDonald, Ark.; Perry Webb, Texas; Murray Fuquay, Okla.; Floyd Looney, Calif.; M. P. German, D. C.; Charles Curry, Mo.; Perry Sanders, La.; Walter A. Mitchell, N. Mex.; and Phillip Wilson, Ky.

The gavel was turned over to First Vice President W. Douglas Hudgins. He called on Mrs. Brooks Hays to come to the platform that he might recognize her

and that all might see her. He next called upon Mr. Hays to give his President's Address.

Eisenhower Sends Greetings

On reaching the platform, Mr. Hays read a telegram of greeting from President Eisenhower:

"Honorable Brooks Hays, Member of Congress, President: Please give my greetings to the delegates and guests attending the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. This great congregation, inspired by a long tradition of faith and good work, represents a most constructive force in the life of our people. Coming together from all parts of the nation, you will be strengthened to advance the peaceful objectives of the church, both at home and abroad. Best wishes for a splendid meeting. Dwight D. Eisenhower."

The audience broke out into thunderous applause almost before the reading was concluded, and later voted to ask Secretary Merritt to make fitting reply.

President's Address

The President's Address by Brooks Hays was largely a recountal of his various activities into which he has entered during the past twelve months in trying to represent the Southern Baptist Convention. In this address he only mentioned his trip to Moscow, saying that he would devote full time to that in his Friday night address. "On Friday evening I shall have something to say about my trip to Moscow," he said, "a trip financed by the Foreign Mission Board—a sacred mission, perhaps the most solemn and important one I have ever undertaken. The promotion of peace presents a great challenge to Southern Baptists and we should efficiently and formally accept it. Consequently, I recommend that the convention authorize the appointment of a committee to report within a year, on what Southern Baptists can do to promote peace and good will in the world."

Dale Cowling, pastor of the Second Church, Little Rock, proposed a resolution, asking that, "in keeping with the president by his message," that a committee of nine be appointed "to report to the 1959 Convention on ways and means by which Southern Baptists can contribute to the cause of world peace."

Vice President Hudgins referred this

matter to the Resolutions Committee.

Noel M. Taylor moved that this body instruct its secretary to reply to the telegram of President Eisenhower. The standing vote was unanimous. Walter Doggrell, of Georgia, moved that all telegrams received by the convention be answered, and this was approved by an aye vote.

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Jubilee Advance

C. C. Warren, North Carolina, brought in the report of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee, which dealt with three phases: (1) The Baptist Jubilee Advance, sponsored by the Baptist Joint Convention's Jubilee Advance Program; and (2) the 30,000 Movement. There were two recommendations proposed, the first, "that we approve and join in the celebration of the sesqui-centennial of the Triennial Convention at Atlantic City, May 18-24, as proposed by the Baptist Joint Committee sponsoring the Baptist Jubilee Advance. It is contemplated that the participating bodies will hold their annual conventions in or near Atlantic City immediately preceding or following the date set for the Baptist Jubilee Celebration, so that as many as possible may attend." The second recommendation was that A. V. Washburn and Millard A. Berquist be placed on the Southern Baptist Convention's Jubilee Advance Committee, to succeed J. N. Barnette and Roland Q. Leavell, both of whom have now retired.

The Jubilee Advance program was continued with an address by W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas, which was delivered with utter abandon. Dr. Criswell was at his best, and this message many thought was one of the finest of the whole convention.

The Jubilee Program was concluded with a pageant directed by Cecil McGee in which many participated, setting the objectives of the movement.

The Youngest Convention

Fred Hubbs was introduced as being the youngest executive secretary of the youngest Baptist State Convention of Southern Baptists—Michigan. New state conventions are growing so fast that it is probable that Hubbs and Michigan will not keep the honor long.

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, named three important developments in their work during the past year: (1) The National Brotherhood Conference, held in Oklahoma City; (2) the transfer of the Royal Ambassadors from the Woman's Missionary Union to the Brotherhood; and (3) the addition of a new wing on the Brotherhood Building in Memphis.

Porter W. Routh announced that this is the first time in 31 years that Dr. Austin Crouch has not been present at the Convention. During the year he was struck by a car and was killed instantly.

Routh said that last year the Convention authorized the Executive Committee to make plaques to be given to former presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are seven living at the present time. In point of time, (1) Fred F. Brown, Knoxville, was elected in St. Petersburg, Fla., in 1932, and

served throughout the year, speaking on behalf of the convention, but was worn out and a sick man by the time the next session met at Washington, D. C. So Doctor Routh made the comment that "Dr. Brown has the distinction of having been the only president of the Southern Baptist Convention who never presided." Since he could not be present at the 1958 session, his plaque was presented him previously at Knoxville. Also absent in 1958, was Louie D. Newton, Atlanta. Presentation of the other plaques were made as follows: J. D. Grey made a brief talk as he gave the memento to (2) W. W. Hamilton, Louisiana; the (3) Louie D. Newton plaque was presented by A. Judson Burrell and was accepted on his behalf by Judge Frank A. Hooper; G. Allen West, Nashville, gave the fourth plaque to (4) Robert G. Lee, Memphis; Clare Clark presented the next to (5) J. D. Grey; Herschel H. Hobbs to (6) J. W. Storer, Nashville; and Carl G. McCraw to (7) C. C. Warren, North Carolina.

Attendance Large—But Not the Largest

The final enrollment for 1958 was 11,905, which was 1,071 below the all-time record of 12,976 reached in 1953 when the convention also met in Houston. The figure of 11,905 is also under the 1956 meeting in Kansas City of 12,254; but was considerably above the recent low-water mark of 9,109 reached in 1957 at Chicago.

Convention Sermon

Harold W. Seever, Kentuckian now loaned to Alabama, who was alternate for the Convention sermon, read the Scriptures, and Mrs. John Seelig, choir singer from the Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, sang "Blessed Redeemer" to the delight of all, after which her pastor, Dr. Robert E. Naylor, thrilled the messengers with his convention sermon, based on John 2:23-25.

Election of Officers

The election of officers provided some little diversion, but was not notably exciting, as elections sometimes are. J. D. Grey, New Orleans, nominated Brooks Hays for re-election, and in the usual off-year, that would have been the end of it. But not at Houston. Two other messengers, as was their right, furnished the incumbent with some opposition. L. F. Minnis, Washington State, nominated Secretary Robert E. Milam, of the Oregon Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Mary Odum, Texas, nominated Robert E. Naylor, pastor of Travis Avenue Church in Fort Worth. This last named gentleman might have posed a real threat, for he was registered from Texas and what is more, had just the day before delivered one of the finest convention sermons ever preached before that body. However, the tellers were so swamped with votes for Hays that it was soon found that most of the messengers were happy to have him for another year.

The real contest came in the choice of a first vice president, and the messengers were kept in suspense for many hours before the matter was finally settled.

E. H. Westmoreland, nominated Bruce H. Price of Virginia; Wayne Dehoney nominated Harold W. Seever, of Alabama; and Howard Aultman, nominated Chester L. Quarles, secretary of Mississippi. All of these men were top-grade men, all were in prominent positions, all three were exceedingly capable. Those who knew them—and practically everybody did—would have gladly voted for all three. In other words, it was so hard to make a choice. This obvious fact was confirmed when the tellers, after the ballots were counted, brought in a report that no one of the three received a majority vote. In other words, they were fairly evenly divided. It therefore was necessary to have a run-

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Newly elected officers of Woman's Missionary Union: Left to right, Miss Alma Hunt, Secretary; Mrs. Marie Mathis, President and Mrs. Robert Fling, Recording Secretary. A record Lottie Moon Offering of over \$6,000,000 was reported for 1957 and over \$1,000,000 already given for the Annie Armstrong Offering in 1958.



DALEY OBSERVATIONS

A Shouting Convention

I would never have believed it. Seeing and experiencing it, I still have difficulty believing that an old fashioned, wet eyed, shouting prayer meeting could take place at a Southern Baptist Convention with an audience of 15,000 or more. But it happened at the 1958 Convention in Houston.

It was Foreign Mission night. The congregation had already been stirred by the introduction of almost 50 new mission appointees on their way to all parts of the world, by the soul-provoking testimonies of missionaries fresh from the far away fields and by the impassioned plea of Foreign Mission Secretary Baker J. Cauthen for a new gospel thrust into the needy world. Now the dedicated secretary was daring to lead the 15,000 already wearied messenger in a 30-minute prayer meeting.

"Praise the Lord for his wonderful name" rang out a voice high in the huge coliseum soon after heads were bowed in earnest prayer.

The only shouting I ever heard before in a convention was in an effort to raise an objection or make a point, and it was startling to realize what was happening. Audible sobs and tear filled eyes were present on all sides. The Lord was present and heaven was near. I had come to report but I joined the others to repent and pray for a new personal dedication to the world mission task.

This year's convention had more than the usual number of high hours of inspiration. Another of these was on the last night when more than the usual number of messengers remained to the last hour for a truly soul-lifting experience as Convention President Brooks Hays recounted his recent visit to Russia and Baptist World Alliance President Ted Adams recalled hopeful experiences in all parts of the world. Baptists have never been so challenged to see the gospel as the only hope for world peace and to take their destined place in the realization of the Kingdom here on earth.

The 1958 Convention was regarded by most messengers as a good one and the setting could hardly be better. Last year 20,000 Southern Baptists were absorbed by Chicago like a drop of rain in the ocean, but the estimated 25,000 or more messengers, family members and visitors this year spilled all over Houston, crowding hotels, eating places, streets and newspaper headlines. Union Association, itself, in which Houston is located, has 156 Baptist Churches with 135,000 members.

Prices were more reasonable than expected. A breakfast of ham, eggs, grapefruit, toast, coffee, and

doughnuts could be had all for 66c and that's always welcome to Baptists, especially to those who want at least one deluxe charcoal steak during the convention on a limited expense account.

All the reports of work last year showed progress in spite of the economic recession and plans for the years ahead indicate advance and continued growth. The most thrilling of all plans proposed were those related to the Golden Jubilee Advance, a 6-year program of world evangelization celebrating the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in America. The effort will have the co-operation of Baptist groups in America totaling 19 million members.

Probably the most refreshing thing about the whole Convention was the inimitable presiding of President Brooks Hays. A more gracious, fair and considerate presiding officer never held the gavel and always evident was that humility which becomes a great man. Free from the cute cleverness of a personality preacher, the pious unctious of an important man of God, or the dignified pomp of a politician, Hays left no room for criticism. The respect of the messengers which led to his election last year has grown into warm admiration, affection and love and there's almost universal feeling he is God's gift to Southern Baptists for this critical hour.

It was with his help that the explosive race issue was handled with extreme delicacy. One attempt to delete three lines from the Christian Life Commission report on race relations got nowhere, and an effort to have a \$15,000 grant to the Commission from the Fund for the Republic refunded failed, though it evoked considerable discussion. Unfair newspaper reporting might have reached the Deep South but the Convention did nothing to incite any Baptists.

The controversial Survey report went smoother than most expected but came out with only slightly more than a .500 batting average. The sections referred for further study promise to furnish some heated discussion for several years to come.

The only real cloud over the convention was the current controversy at Southern Seminary between the administration and a group of professors. It was on the lips and hearts of almost all messengers, many of whom resented the fact that no statement was made by the trustees until the convention had adjourned and most messengers had departed for home.

Next year the convention comes to Louisville. Due to a policy adopted this year concerning meeting sites, this is likely the last time a Southern Baptist Convention will ever meet in Kentucky. Every one of the 600,000 Kentucky Baptists should try to attend at least one session for it's hard to conceive of ever being the same after such a memorable experience.

The Southern Seminary Controversy

A Presentation Of The Background And Incidents Leading To The Current Crisis In Southern Seminary

The Southern Seminary is dear to me. I love every brick in every building and every blade of grass and beech tree that adorn its campus. The teachers, administration and other personnel of past and present have made a greater contribution to my life than anyone save my own family. Because of this the recent trouble has been a sickening, sad experience. I determined not to tell the sad story on these pages but when it broke in the secular press, I felt I was obligated. I know that anything said will meet violent disagreement by some, but if an editor is to avoid all controversial matters, he might as well turn in his pen and pad.

This seminary, like all our other institutions, belongs to Southern Baptists and Baptists deserve to know the facts about their institutions. We have never been a hush-hush people letting only a few on the inside know what was going on. For that reason I am trying to provide some accurate account of the current crisis. I will deal with the facts as I have them and any partiality toward either side is unintended. My information is based on my experience of six years on the campus, frequent visits to the campus over nine more years when I was never far from the campus, and intimate friendship with many teachers and other seminary personnel.

Background

The present crisis at Southern is the boiling over of a pot that has been simmering for years. Historically the seminary has been largely faculty controlled with the president serving much as a faculty chairman administering the faculty program. But even this manner of operation brought many clashes of personalities in the past. This close knit faculty fellowship not only set seminary policy but guarded carefully faculty positions. Anyone proposed as a new faculty member generally had to be approved by the entire faculty.

It was inevitable that with a growing faculty and staff more authority and control must be vested in the seminary administration. A definite change in policy came in 1942 when the trustees elected Dr. Ellis Fuller as president. Up to this time the presidents had been for the most part of the teaching type with strong intellectual and theological orientation.

Dr. Fuller was a brilliant and powerful preacher, a popular pastor and a proven administrator but did not claim great scholarship. He was a builder and fund raiser par excellence as can be seen by his accomplishments and was greatly loved but never enjoyed full academic respect from all the faculty.

Dr. Fuller had his troubles with internal matters. Many faculty meetings were sharp and conferences with individual professors were even sharper. He was greatly disturbed about professional jealousies and vying for prestige and position among faculty members. The great souled man never seemed to quite understand it all.

There was much anxiety concerning the choice of Dr. Fuller's successor. There was question in the minds of some professors when Dr. Duke McCall was chosen but the early years of his administration saw good administration-faculty relations. He was scholarly himself and pled privately and publicly for his faculty members that they might have the right and time to pursue truth.

In the meantime changes in the constitution and by-laws made by the trustees put more and more authority and responsibility in the president's hands and relegated the faculty to a more subordinate role. A further step in this direction came in the last year or so when a reorganization was effected upon the recommendation of a management-consultant firm. The setting up of five deans to assist in administration and other changes seemed to further decrease the prestige of the faculty. By this time it was becoming an issue with some faculty members for and some against the new order. At this point it ought to be observed that only the Theology faculty has become involved in this controversy and a considerable number of this faculty has supported the administration all through the incident. From here on when the faculty is mentioned, reference is generally only to the thirteen who signed charges against the president.

The Immediate Provocations

The growing unrest on the part of some faculty members was heightened to the breaking point by several recent experiences which brought on personal differences between the president and the group.

One of these was a recent ordination examination of a seminary student conducted by an examining council of Louisville pastors and seminary professors. When the student did not give all the expected answers, especially on the doctrine of the Scriptures and revelation, a little hassle developed between the pastors and the professors. Subsequently the pastors appealed to President McCall concerning the student's and the professors' views and apparently it was resented by some professors as a threat to academic freedom. The present conflict, however, between the president and teachers is apparently personal, not doctrinal.

Another incident occurred in connection with the annual trustee meeting in March when the faculty report to the trustees spoke of low morale of the faculty and pointed to the administration as the cause. A further difference developed over faculty promotions this spring. Traditionally the full professors evaluate and recommend, in conference with the president, faculty promotions. This year the professors and president were not agreed and consequently recommendations by the professors for promotion were passed over, and promotions not recommended by the faculty were recommended by the president. This widened the breach.

The same thing happened in connection with faculty additions. One man proposed for the faculty was turned down by the president on what he thought was legitimate grounds. The recommendations of the theology faculty for a dean was also rejected by the president. In the meantime some additions to the faculty and staff were made without the approval of the entire theology faculty.

Another matter that has figured prominently in personal controversy is the charge of plagiarism against the president. Plagiarism is the improper use of another person's material. Here is how this charge came about. Dr. McCall accepted a writing assignment for the 1958 Broadman Comments and upon finding insufficient time for preparation, enlisted the help of some professors to do background and research work. For this the professors were to be paid and the president was to use the material in his preparation and use his name in publishing. When the material appeared the professors claimed that it was in some places substantially the way they turned it in. This they regarded as a violation of the agreement. The president on the other hand claimed that the material from the professors was so refined and precise as not to need great change and since he had paid for it, it was his material. The president has admitted the lack of wisdom in the whole plan.

A similar misunderstanding developed between the president and another pro-

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Pictured above is the new president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Nathan Brooks. Mrs. Brooks is pictured to the left and Acting President George A. Carver on the right. Standing behind is the newly elected president of the Carver board of trustees, B. L. Williams, Jr., of Illinois.

Southern Baptist Convention in Houston

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off election. The contest then was between the two highest—Price and Quarles. Though we do not know the figures, the tellers finally got around to telling us, after getting the votes separated, that Quarles was elected, but we may be sure that Price had a sizeable bloc of votes.

But long before the first vice presidency was decided, the convention already had a second vice president. James B. Gullidge, of South Carolina, nominated Archie Ellis, of the same state, and he was elected without opposition.

James W. Merritt, Georgia, and Joe W. Burton, Tennessee; were re-elected as secretaries; and Porter W. Routh was re-elected treasurer.

To St. Louis in 1961

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was composed of Bruce H. Price, Virginia, chairman; Ollin J. Owens, S. C.; Earl Kelly, Miss.; Jack O'Neal, Calif.; W. A. Duncan, Ga.; John Phillips, Ill.; Randolph Gregory, N. C.; Lowell Milburn, Okla.; and Vander Warner, Md. When it brought in its report it recommended St. Louis for the convention in 1961, to be held May 21-24 that year; and that R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Church, Memphis, be the preacher for the 1959 convention in Louisville; and that his alternate should be Frank Morris, pastor of the Bull Street Church, Savannah. The 1960 convention is to be in Miami Beach, Fla.

A new voice this year before the Convention was that of James D. Belote, president of the University of Hong Kong, and what a voice! He gave a world-wide view of the task before us. "Think of Japan," he said, "with her 90,000,000 people. Think of Tokyo, now the largest city of the world. As we walk down the streets of that city we see some 200 people, and out of the 200 we pass only one is a Christian; 199 out of each 200 are even now without Christ and without hope."

Belote mentioned Kentucky's A. L. (Pete) Gillespie in the city of Osaka, with her 3,000,000 people, "and we are expecting him—one man—to win the 3,000,000. The task is not yet begun." He surveyed Indonesia and her 13,000,000, Pakistan and the other nations with their millions. He asked, "Who was it who said, 'Take up your cross and follow me?'" It was not Karl Marx. It was our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

The major address on Foreign Mission Night was by Baker James Cauthen, and he was at his best. In the midst of his message he made fine use of "the upward thrust" of the satellite missile as an illustration of how we should work in our missionary endeavors. The 34 new appointees for foreign service were introduced and stood across the front of the platform.

The Wednesday night program was the most inspiring of the whole Convention.

Joseph Richard Estes, pastor of the First Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, conducted the devotional at the Wednesday night session.

More About the Convention

Survey Report Accepted In Part

The report of the S. B. C. Committee on Total Program, generally known as the Survey Committee, which provided most of the 1958 pre-convention discussion was approved only in part by convention messengers. The very fair and orderly presentation and consideration of the report consumed one whole afternoon session with two 30 minute extensions.

The report contains 38 separate recommendations: 20 of these were approved as presented; 3 more were approved with slight changes and 15 were sent back to the same committee for further consideration.

Among those approved were ones pertaining to the Executive Committee including the establishment of the new Stewardship Commission, the convention committees, the Foreign Mission Board, the Sunday School Board, the Relief and Annuity Board, Missionary and Theological Education, Southern Baptist Hospital, Woman's Missionary Union and the Inter-Agency Council.

Those referred for further study included all those pertaining to the Home Mission Board, the Southern Baptist Foundation, the new Church Loan

Board, and several concerning the Commission.

The committee displayed an unusually fine spirit in the presentation of the report and Chairman Douglas Branch is to be especially commended for consenting to the resumption of a task on which the committee has already labored 2 years. The messengers also refrained from verbal fireworks that had been predicted by some.

17½ Million Dollar Budget Approved

Sixteen recommendations from the S. B. C. Executive Committee were approved by messengers to the 1958 convention. The recommendation of most interest related to the 17½ million dollar budget for convention agencies. \$10,800,000 was assigned to operation budgets; \$4,200,000 was allotted for capital needs and \$2,500,000 was set for advance funds for the Foreign and Home Missions Boards. This budget is to be reached through Cooperative Program gifts.

Other recommendations approved included the procedure of future conventions to begin on Tuesday evening and close on Friday evening, the elimination for meeting sites of cities "in which

there is a considerable distance between the available hotels and the Convention Hall and rotating membership on the Committee on Order of Business.

New Officers of the Convention and Related Groups

New officers are elected annually by the Southern Baptist Convention and by the other southwide groups which meet in conjunction with the Convention. Among those elected this year in Houston to serve until the 1959 Louisville Convention were:

Southern Baptist Convention—Pres., Cong. Brooks Hays, Arkansas; 1st V. Pres., Chester Quarles, Mississippi, 2nd V. Pres., Archie Ellis, South Carolina; Senior Secretary, James Merriett, Ga.; Junior Secretary, Joe Burton, Tenn.

Woman's Missionary Union—President, Mrs. Marie Mathis; Secretary, Miss Alma Hunt; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Robert Fling.

Religious Education—President, Kenner Pharr; V. Pres., John Durst; V. Pres., Charles Norton; Secretary, James Ivey.

Music Education—Pres., Paul McCommon; V. Pres., Plunkett Martin; Sec., Nettie Lou Crowder.

Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference—Pres., Charles Bowles, Alabama; Sec.-Treas., Frank Morris, Georgia; V. Pres., W. O. Vaught, Jr., Arkansas.

Ministers' Wives—Pres., Mrs. Ollin J. Owens, South Carolina; V. Pres., Mrs. W. R. Pettigrew, Kentucky; Sec., Mrs. Delbert Atchison, Alabama; Treas., Mrs. Woodson Armes, Texas; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Charles Treadway, Tennessee; Program Chairman, Mrs. Edward Bird, South Carolina.

Kentuckians Named to Convention Agencies

A number of Kentuckians were among the newly named or renamed at the Houston Convention for various boards, commissions and committees of the Southern Convention.

They were:

T. J. Barksdale, Home Mission Board; Henlee Barnette, Christian Life Commission; A. B. Colvin, Sunday School Board; Leo T. Crismon, Historical Commission; H. Leo Eddleman, Trustee, Carver School; John C. Huffman, Home Mission Board; Franklin P. Owen, Committee on Order of Business; L. C. Ray, Southern Baptist Foundation; Mrs. Henry Turlington, Trustee, Carver School; C. Carlton Weatherston, Relief and Annuity Board; Philip Wilson, Committee on Committees; Verlin Kruschwitz, Committee on Boards.

Other Kentuckians serving on Convention agencies or committees whose terms have one or more years left are:

Frank Norfleet, Executive Committee; E. N. Wilkinson, Executive Committee;

Philip Wilson, Executive Committee; Carroll Hubbard, Foreign Mission Board; Fred T. Moffatt, Foreign Mission Board; Harold D. Tallant, Sunday School Board; Rollin S. Burhans, Relief and Annuity Board; W. R. Pettigrew, Trustee, Southern Seminary; Joseph E. Stopher, Trustee, Southern Seminary; Clarence F. Manning, Trustee, Southern Seminary; V. V. Cooke, Trustee, Southern Seminary; Leo T. Wolford, Trustee, Southern Seminary; W. T. Chapin, Trustee, Southern Seminary; George W. Norton, Trustee, Southern Seminary; Ira J. Porter, Trustee, Southern Seminary; Russell Procter, Trustee, Southern Seminary; W. G. Violette, Trustee, Southern Seminary; C. E. Gheens, Trustee, Southern Seminary; F. A. Sampson, Trustee, Southern Seminary; Lyman S. Allen, Trustee, Southwestern Seminary; George E. Hays, Jr., Trustee, New Orleans Seminary; E. Keevil Judy, Trustee, Golden Gate Seminary; C. R. Daley, Trustee, Southwestern Seminary, John Sandridge, Trustee, Carver School; Mrs. C. P. Gunther, Trustee, Carver School, Richard Van Hoose, Trustee, Carver School, Mrs. J. Chester Durham, Trustee, Carver School; J. Herbert Gilmore, ver School, L. Leroy Highbaugh, Trustee, Carver School; Mrs. E. M. Nuckols, Trustee, Carver School; Eugene Enlow, Trustee, Carver School; Nata Lee Woodruff, Trustee, Carver School; Robt. E. Humphreys, Trustee, Midwestern Seminary; Edwin F. Perry, Education Commission; A. W. Walker, Radio and Television; Eugene Siler, Brotherhood Commission; C. R. Daley, Baptist State Papers Committee; Allen W. Graves, Church Related Vocations Committee; Nolan Howington, Church Related Vo-

cations Committee; Allen W. Graves, Denominational Calendar Committee; E. N. Wilkinson, Survey Committee; Duke K. McCall, Baptist Jubilee Committee.

Southern Baptists Richest Ever

Total assets of the Southern Baptist Convention stood at \$164,422,978 as of December 31, 1957, according to Convention Treasurer Porter Routh, Nashville.

This was an increase of over \$15 million over the previous year. Total Convention assets on Dec. 31, 1956, were \$149,195,723.

During the same period of time, total liabilities of the Convention showed a decline from \$9,677,752 on December 31, 1956 to \$7,827,808 at the close of 1957.

One of the greatest increases of assets during the year was in assets of the Convention's Relief and Annuity Board, with offices at Dallas. The assets of this agency increased from \$47,544,615 at the close of 1956 to \$53,991,028 at the close of 1957.

The Relief and Annuity Board is the agency responsible for handling the retirement and annuity programs for Baptist ministers and denominational workers.

The transfer of Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Ky., to operation of the Convention was responsible for another sizeable increase in assets. The school's assets on last December 31, were \$1,532,020.

Carver School was officially a part of the Woman's Missionary Union, Convention woman's auxiliary, on December 31, 1956 and so was not included at that time among SBC total assets.



Survey Committee leaders: Standing left to right, E. N. Wilkinson, Ky.; W. Barry Garnett, Washington, D. C. Seated left to right, Lawrence Wilsey, Chicago, Management Consultant; Douglas Branch, North Carolina, Committee Chairman and Carr Collins, Texas.

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AT WORK

Students Serve In Kentucky Mission Fields

By ELDRED M. TAYLOR



J. Edward Cunningham, left, Director of the Mountain Mission program for the Executive Board, confers with members of the Youth Revival Team. The members are: Mary Lou Kiper, Campbellsville College; Blane Tucker, Berea College; Jerry Hayner, right, Cumberland and Georgetown Colleges; not shown, Raymond Hon, Georgetown College.

The college students pictured above are typical of forty students to do mission work in Kentucky this summer. They will serve under the Summer Student Mission Program of the State and Home Mission Boards. The State Board will sponsor thirty-five such students and five will be furnished by the Home Mission Board.

The Revival Team above will work under the direction of J. Edward Cunningham. This team will conduct mission revivals in the mountain area of our state. Each summer student is assigned to serve under the direction of a regular State Missionary.

These student missionaries are a great help to the regular missionaries in their busy summer schedules. The students conduct Vacation Bible Schools, teach study courses, work in revivals, do visitation, personal soul-winning, take census, and whatever else that may need to be done in order to help the missionary and the work of our Lord.

Most summer students are mission volunteers. In this program the student not only serves the Lord, but gains valuable first-hand experience under the direction of a veteran missionary. The

small amount of remuneration received will help the students to continue their college training. This is an invaluable program of mission work.

BROTHERHOOD

Regional Brotherhood Conventions June 2-13

By FORREST R. SAWYER



F. R. Sawyer

The 1958 Regional Brotherhood Conventions began June 2 and will conclude June 13.—The first meeting on June 2 will be held at the first Baptist Church, Morganfield. Don Bratcher is the Regional Brotherhood President. June 3 the meeting was with J. Frank Young and the First Missionary Baptist Church of Benton, where Emmett R. Johnson is the Regional Brotherhood President.

June 5 (today) the meeting is being held at Glasgow. Louis Shepherd is the Regional President. June 6 the men will meet with Dr. J. T. Burdine of the Bardstown Baptist church. Dr. Don Chatham is the Regional President. Bernard D. King, Brotherhood Secretary for the Georgia Baptist Convention, will be the out-of-state and featured speaker for these meetings.

June 9 Dr. Elroy Lamb and the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church in Danville will be host to the Regional Meeting, presided over by Regional President Sam Ferrell, Jr. June 10 the meeting will be held with the Dry Ridge Baptist Church, Malcomb Rhodes, Regional Brotherhood President. June 12 the meeting will be held with the Allen Baptist Church, John W. Hall of Martin, the Regional President. The closing meeting scheduled for June 13 will be with Pastor F. R. Walters of the Manchester Baptist Church. Clinton B. Hammons of Barbourville is the Regional President. The out-of-state speaker and Brotherhood leader for this second week of meetings will be G.A. Ratterree, Brotherhood Secretary for the Florida Baptist Convention.

One of the features of this year's conventions will be a forty minute conference for Brotherhood leadership.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Awards

By MRS. GEO. R. FERGUSON



Mrs. Ferguson

We are happy to give recognition to the following organizations for work on the Aims for Advancement. We regret that the information did not reach our office in time for earlier recognitions: *Advanced*—WMS, Immanuel Church, Paducah, West Union Association; *Honor*—Jr. G.A., Forks of Elkhorn Church, Franklin Association; *Honor*—YWA, Calvary Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association: *Advanced*—Int. G.A., Calvary Church, Lexington, Elkhorn Association.

SUPPLEMENTAL OFFERING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, JUNE 29

Does your church include the Cooperative Program in its giving? If not,

why don't you talk with your pastor about it? The Cooperative Program is the life-line of all of our mission work. In this writer's opinion, it is the only plan I know whereby we can literally carry out the Great Commission in the fullest sense.

June 29 has been designated by Kentucky Baptists as a day for special emphasis on the Cooperative Program. If your church is already doing its best in Cooperative Program giving, you may not need to observe this day. It is planned as "catch-up day" for those who may be behind schedule in their giving, or a day to enlist those who are not now giving through this wonderful plan.

Woman's Missionary Union believes in and heartily supports the Cooperative Program. Enlist your members in 100% giving, regularly, through this channel for world missions. Use your influence to get your church to give a larger percentage to world missions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Make your reservations now to attend WMU Weeks at Glorieta, Ridgecrest and Cedarmore. Glorieta, July 17-23, write Manager E. A. Herron, Glorieta, New Mexico; Ridgecrest, August 7-13, write Manager Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest, North Carolina; Cedarmore, (WMU) August 25-29; (BWC) August 30-Sept. 1, write Manager Marvin Byrdwell, Bagdad, Kentucky. Limited space makes it necessary to make your reservations EARLY.

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Preparation For '59 Simultaneous Crusades Well Under Way

By ELDRED M. TAYLOR



E. M. Taylor

Dr. C. E. Matthews used to say that spirit directed preparation is 70% of the success of a revival. Any preacher who is called of God and will preach the truth, can have a successful revival when preparation is made. You see, God honors planning and preparation. The Holy Spirit can and will direct advance preparation.

The 1959 Simultaneous Revival Crusades offer Southern Baptist their greatest hour of opportunity in soul-winning. Surely this nation needs a spiritual awakening. Southern Baptists can be used of God to bring about true revival. The question is, will we meet God's conditions for revival?

Kentucky Baptists are giving every indication of excellent preparation for

the '59 Crusade. Since February 1, there have been held sixty-five associational Evangelism Clinics. These clinics were planned primarily to start preparation for next year's Crusades and help associational Steering Committees plan their work. Twenty-five faithful, trained pastors in the state conducted these clinics.

Reports show that over 3,500 people attended these clinics of which about 800 were pastors. Almost all associations in Kentucky have voted to participate in the '59 Crusades and over fifty Steering Committees have been elected.

Thus with the Crusades about ten months away, Kentucky has the best start on preparation ever made. If the associational Steering Committees will be faithful to their task of planning and promoting the Crusades, 1959 should be our highest year in soul-winning. This may be the beginning of a spiritual awakening in our midst. If it should be, I surely want to have a part in it.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make June Check-Up Month In Your Sunday School

By ROY E. BOATWRIGHT



R. E. Boatwright

Enrolment gains require prayer, planning, and work on the part of all Sunday school superintendents, officers, and teachers.

Checking Results. The efficiency of your Sunday school may be checked in various ways.

Study carefully plans made during Preparation Week. No doubt, many goals were set for increased enrolment for all departments and classes on Preparation Week last September. Now is a good time to check the progress. Look carefully at the departments that have made gains and study the reasons. Make plans now to assist all of the departments for future gains.

Check the progress each department has made on the standards. The standards may serve as a program of work. Growth is usually determined by the amount of effort expended in reference to the ten points on the standard.

Opportunities For Additional Gains.—When the seven laws of Sunday school growth are observed, growth will be evident.

A larger organization will usually guarantee more people. Every Sunday school should start new departments

and classes. It is not necessary to wait until the first week in October to do this.

Vacation Bible Schools Offer Opportunities for the Enrolment of Additional People.—Every Sunday school should promote an adequate Vacation Bible School follow-up program. Last year, in Kentucky there were approximately 15,000 boys and girls enrolled in Vacation Bible Schools who were not enrolled in Sunday school. Many of these can be reached for Christ if the Sunday school leaders will go after him.

Visitation.—Check now on your visitation program. If you find a lack of interest, make plans to increase enthusiasm by providing adequate number of prospects, and select and train additional visitors.

New Sunday Schools.—There will be many Mission Vacation Bible Schools conducted this summer. Could it be possible to establish a Sunday school at the close of each Mission Bible School? There is no better time to do this than during the month of June. New Sunday schools grow faster and reach more people than older ones. The ratio of baptism in new churches is one to eight, while in all other churches the ratio stands about one baptism for every twenty-four church members.

Summer slump may be avoided in churches that plan for gains in June.

TRAINING UNION

Associations Report Observing Baptist Youth Night

By JAMES WHALEY



James Whaley

Leaders in Kentucky associations have shown a growing interest in Baptist Youth Night. This meeting is unique in that it is planned, promoted, and presided over by the youth of the association under the auspices of the associational Training Union.

This special meeting for all the youth of the association has several definite purposes. Five of these purposes are listed in the Youth Night tract and are as follows:

1. Engaging the youth in vital Christian work.
2. Bringing the youth of the association together.
3. Providing them with an inspirational meeting of their own.
4. Providing for them experience in planning, promoting, and carrying out such an activity.
5. Encouraging further youth partici-

pation in the Training Union work of the church and association.

Advance reports seem to indicate that more Baptist Youth Nights will be reported this year than last year. The comments in some of the reports from the associational directors also express the enthusiasm generated by these meetings. Mr. Charles Mitchell, director of West Kentuckiana Association said, "We had a good program with four discussion groups. Five people dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service!" Rev. Ira Singleton, director of West Union Association commented, "This was not just another so-called youth meeting attended largely by adults. It was raining but we really had the young people. Our attendance goal was 250 and 219 attended." Mr. Carl Lee Carpenter, director of Logan County Association, reported that their Baptist Youth Night was the best they have ever had.

Most associations observe Baptist Youth Night in April. This meeting may be held at any convenient time in the year.

So far, we have received 19 reports. They are as follows:

Assoc.	No. Pres.	Chs. Rep.	Pas. Pres.
Bell County	73	6	2
Bethel	82	10	7
Campbell County	130	12	7
Casey County	35	5	3
Christian County	221	10	8
Gasper River	39	7	2
Greenup	275	11	6
Henry County	48	5	3
Little Bethel	98	11	4
Logan County	88	10	4
Long Run	87	18	6
Lynn	50	6	6
North Bend	266	21	11
Ohio River	200	—	—
Rockcastle	55	4	3
Salem	102	11	3
Shelby County	108	8	6
Warren	115	10	9
Wayne County	120	8	7
West Kentucky	67	7	5
West Kentuckiana	125	12	4
West Union	219	23	11

MUSIC

LIBERTY HAS FIRST ASSOCIATIONAL HYMN SING

By EUGENE F. QUINN



E. F. Quinn

Liberty Baptist Association had its first hymn sing on May 7 with 125 Baptists from eight of the 41 churches in the association attending. The Church Choirs of Salem, T h r e e Springs and Cave City brought the special music. Hiseville Baptist Church was the host.

Liberty association plans to have a hymn sing during each quarter, under the direction of Associational Music Director Bill Waldrop of Park City. An associational music committee has been formed, composed of Miss Alice Rogers

The Southern Seminary Controversy

(Continued from Page 3)

fessor concerning the preparation of a history of the seminary for the centennial celebration next year.

One other issue deserves a mention. This has to do with the relationship of the seminary professors to the denomination. The professors claim the right to criticize the denominational program and policies and have used the classroom to do so. Some denominational leaders and pastors have expressed alarm over students who have come out of the seminary critical and resentful of denominational policies. The professors hold that this is constructive criticism necessary for the health of a free religious body; critics held that this criticism has degenerated to cynicism and ridicule and is a case of biting the hand that feeds.

The Crisis

All these matters added up to a serious personal conflict which had to have attention. Word reached the campus that the Theological Committee of the Trustees was coming for an investigation. Connected with this report was a rumor that two or three professors were to be dismissed.

In preparation for the visit of the committee, a list of charges and complaints against the president was drawn up and signed by thirteen professors. They were: Theron D. Price, Henry E. Turlington, J. Morris Ashcraft, Guy H. Ranson, T. C. Smith, William H. Morton, Heber F. Peacock, G. Hugh Wamble, John J. Owens, William L. Lumpkin, J. Estill Jones, John M. Lewis, and Thomas O. Hall, Jr. These and others were heard individually by the committee and their testimonies recorded and preserved. After five days of investigation the committee informed the thirteen that a recommendation for support of the president would be made to the full board. Further efforts for reconciliation in a five and one-half hour conference between the president and the thirteen failed.

The thirteen continued the fight by sending a letter to each trustee reiterating their intention to resign if the president was vindicated. In Houston before the meeting of the trustees, countless hours were spent by influential alumni trying to resolve the conflict. This also failed.

Shortly before midnight on the last day of the convention after an 11½ hour meeting the trustees released an announcement of support of Dr. McCall

as Director of Instrumental Activities, Mr. Buford Spillman as Director of Congregational Activities, Mr. Everett Ruby as Director of Graded Choir Activities and Mr. Waldrop as chairman.

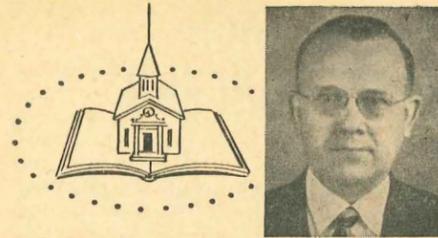
and the present type of administration. However the professors were not dismissed as some expected but rather a hope was expressed for their willingness to continue their ministry within the present framework. A full statement from the trustees is to be read to the full theology faculty on the day this article is being written. The trustees made provision for a June 12 Board meeting in Louisville at which time dismissals could be made if the breach is not healed by resignation or reconciliation before then.

Many Baptists have expressed dismay that such a thing could happen to men whose life and ministry have to do with studying and interpreting the revelation of God in Christ. To the outsider it seems men could live by the gospel they preach and teach. I have given the above background to show it is not so simple. Preachers and professors are only human subject to all the onslaughts of Satan and added to this is the depth of conviction which often appears to observers as mere stubbornness.

To non-Baptists who would try to embarrass us about such an incident, there is a good answer. We are a free people where everyone has equal right to express his views and be heard. In a denomination where popes, bishops and other church rulers operate, such an incident could be squelched without any unfavorable publicity but at a great sacrifice of human rights and dignity. Freedom comes at a high price but what Baptist would not count it more than worth the price?

►The Carver School Alumni Association elected Mrs. J. Brandon Price, Paducah, Kentucky, as its president at its meeting in Houston, Texas, last week. Mrs. Price is the erstwhile Mary Pat Kent, former YOUth secretary in the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union office. Miss Norma Jean Baker, assistant in Public Relations at Carver School, Louisville, Ky., was elected resident secretary-treasurer. Other officers elected were: Miss Miriam J. Robinson, Raleigh, N. C., vice president; and Miss Bertha Wallis, Atlanta, Ga., recording secretary.

►Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore announce the arrival of a daughter, Kathy Ann, April 19. The young lady's father is minister of recreation at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville. Her father and mother (nee Carolyn Chick) are graduates of Georgetown College, and her father is also a graduate of Southern Seminary. The newcomer's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chick, Beaver Dam, and Pastor and Mrs. R. S. Moore, long of Georgetown, but now of Campbellsville. Brother R. S. Moore, long time pastor and teacher in Kentucky, is now a professor in the English Department of Campbellsville College.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles

June 8, 1958

IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

Association with Moses for forty years afforded Joshua sufficient practical experience to qualify him for the leadership of Israel. When he assumed this position of leadership, he had proved himself to be a man of faith, steadfastness and spiritual integrity. He had great faith in God to Whom he manifested a remarkable devotion. There was no delaying or wavering when the way of duty was made clear to him.

Joshua was strong and courageous. Back of his heroic achievements was a thorough acquaintance with the holiness and majesty of God. Joshua did not shrink from any hardships, but he proved his fidelity to the trust that was reposed in him. He did not fear toil or danger so long as God and duty called him to any task.

I. The Conquest. Joshua 11:16-20, 23.

Jericho was so well fortified that it was the greatest obstacle to the conquest of Canaan. When it was finally conquered, the fame of the army of Israel spread quickly and widely. Joshua was fully aware of his responsibility to God, Who had placed him in charge of the hosts of Israel, and, whether he pleased the Israelites or not, he was determined to please God. It took approximately seven years to complete the conquest of Canaan. The conquest of the land was no easy task, but Joshua worked at it faithfully, patiently and perseveringly until it was done. As is true in the case of all others, Joshua did not labor in vain when he conscientiously and perseveringly did the will of God in the long struggle.

II. The Choice. Joshua 24:14-15.

Knowing the fickleness of the people whom he had led so long and loved so much, Joshua called together their leaders and delivered his farewell address unto them. He began by summarizing their history since the days of Abraham their forefather, pointing out the remarkable way in which God exercised oversight of them during their stay in the wilderness and stressing the fact that He had enabled them to conquer Canaan. After rehearsing God's dealings with His people, Joshua reminded them of their dealings with God. He recalled their murmurings, reluctant service and frequent revolts.

Joshua was aware of the fact that many of the people were pretending to

serve God and at the same time were secretly worshipping the ancient idols of their Mesopotamian ancestors. He could not tolerate such double-mindedness. He knew that by their idolatry they were violating the first commandment of the decalogue and were incurring the displeasure of God. Joshua frankly declared that their attempt to serve Jehovah and other gods at the same time was an utter impossibility; therefore, in view of God's faithfulness to them, he urged them to abandon all of the false gods and to be whole-hearted in their allegiance to the true and living God. Joshua stressed the fact that God would never consent to their divided allegiance, for He has always refused to be worshiped as one among many. Their only safety, said he, lay in their abstaining from the heathen practices of those about them and in their being loyal to God.

What God had done for them should have prompted them to be faithful and loyal to Him and to serve Him in sincerity and in truth. The fact that God had brought them safely into the Promised Land placed them under an abiding obligation to be true to Him. Only as they were loyal and true to God did they have any right to expect His help and blessing in the subjugation of the remaining tribes.

To assist the Israelites in making the decision, Joshua promptly and publicly announced his own in the words: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Personal example is eloquent beyond the power of words. This clear avowal on the part of Joshua was not a resolution made for the first time in order to influence his listeners. This important decision was solemnly made, openly avowed and earnestly adhered to until the end of his life. His attitude was the only reasonable one for him, for his people or for us. We admire him greatly for his strong convictions and his faithful devotion to God. It is an absolute certainty that nobody can effectively get others to be devoted to God unless he sets them and example. Nobody respects any would-be religious leader who says, "Do as I say, not as I do." One example is worth more than many arguments.

III. The Commitment. Joshua 24:16-18.

In response to Joshua's example and urgent appeal, the Israelites promptly acknowledged the grace with which God

had dealt with them in bringing them out of Egypt, miraculously preserving them through the wilderness and bringing them safely into the Promised Land. Moreover, they boldly declared their determination to repudiate all false gods which they had secretly and iniquitously sought to retain and to serve Jehovah faithfully. Of course, they made the right decision. However, as Joshua detected, in their quickly spoken commitment there were indications of a superficial apprehension of the full meaning of what they were saying.

Not only for them, but also for us, the right decision is to commit ourselves whole-heartedly and unreservedly to serving God and Him alone. As we think of all that He has done for us, gratitude alone should compel us to yield ourselves completely unto Him and spend our lives in doing His blessed will.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MAY 25, 1958

	S.S.	Add.	T.U.
Louisville, Walnut St.	1,320	3	293
Missions (3)	141	2	46
Lou., Carlisle Avenue	1,130	—	412
Missions (3)	252	—	80
Hopkinsville, Second	982	1	—
Madisonville, First	982	—	277
Mayfield, First	975	—	285
Owensboro, Third	921	—	251
Lexington, Immanuel	911	—	233
Evansville, Grace	895	—	—
Murray, First	843	—	—
Mission (1)	30	—	—
Lou., Crescent Hill	830	1	210
Missions (2)	133	—	—
Bowling Green, First	826	—	164
Mission (1)	115	1	—
Lexington, Calvary	809	2	201
Mission (1)	35	—	—
Covington, Calvary	796	—	—
Elizabethtown,	—	—	—
Severns Valley (2)	787	—	155
Hopkinsville, First (1)	776	—	122
Covington, Latonia	742	—	150
Mission (1)	110	—	26
Newport, First	736	5	194
Missions (2)	163	—	—
Lou., Beechland	733	—	131
Lou., Victory Memorial	708	2	152
Mission (1)	150	—	61
Lou., Beechmont	689	—	121
Missions (2)	412	—	124
Lexington, Grace	682	4	232
Missions (2)	123	—	—
Frankfort, First	659	6	—
Mission (1)	93	—	—
Ashland, First	553	—	92
Missions (3)	164	—	—
Somerset, First	550	—	—
Mission (1)	67	—	—
Paducah, First	545	—	157
Lou., Southside	538	1	113
Erlanger	535	3	90
Lou., Hazelwood	532	3	90
Henderson, Immanuel	530	—	—
Missions (2)	80	—	—
Covington, Southside	513	—	117
Lou., Rockford Lane	512	—	269
Lou., Third Ave.	506	—	108
Mission (1)	136	—	35
Evansville, Calvary	498	—	201
Ashland, Unity	498	—	76

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By **BAKER J. CAUTHEN**
 Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia

The final figure of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is now complete. The total of \$6,121,585.14 is \$880,839.75 more than last year. This money is an expression of growing missionary conviction and compassion as the realities of today's world are being faced.

The administration of this money reinforces all our labor of missions throughout the world. From its beginning Woman's Missionary Union has addressed itself to the cultivation of prayer and the study of missions and to giving; but it has recognized that the administration of funds and the projection of work are the responsibility of the Foreign Mission Board.

The Lottie Moon Offering represents gifts to the overseas work of the Foreign Mission Board and is used to meet urgent requests which have been presented to the Board by official action of the Missions throughout the world.

Of this year's Offering, \$2,500,000 is a part of the 1958 budget of the Foreign Mission Board. Additional allocations amounting to \$2,615,500 were approved at the Board's semiannual meeting in April. This action came after similar approval by the Southwide Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union meeting in Birmingham, Ala., in February.

The final appropriations for the 1957 Offering will be approved by the Foreign Mission Board in session at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly in June following similar consideration by the Southwide Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union meeting in Houston, Texas, in May.

The administration of the Lottie Moon Offering receives the same careful attention that is given to every appropriation made by the Foreign Mission Board for any purpose. Needs are first studied

on mission fields and are recommended to the Board by official action of the mission organizations. These needs then are given administrative study by the secretaries of the Board. Recommendations are then prepared and submitted to the Southwide Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union and, following their approval, to the Foreign Mission Board for final action.

It should be borne in mind that, although the Lottie Moon Offering has grown remarkably, the basic dependence of the Foreign Mission Board upon the Cooperative Program for its financial reinforcement remains unchanged.

In 1933, when the Foreign Mission Board had a total income of \$697,987, the Cooperative Program provided 42.3 per cent of this amount. In 1957, the Cooperative Program provided 49 per cent of the Board's total income of \$14,270,964.

All plans for missions advance must be laid upon the premise that support of foreign missions through the Cooperative Program will continue on an ascending scale. Advance made in recent years has come about because there has been increasing support of foreign missions through the Cooperative Program, both in the amount specified in the Southern Baptist Convention's operating budget and in the 75 per cent of all Southwide Cooperative Program receipts beyond the budget.

While the Foreign Mission Board is just a dependent upon the Cooperative Program for its income as ever in its history, the growth of the Lottie Moon Offering has produced important developments in the Board's finances.

In 1933 the Lottie Moon Offering provided 20.2 per cent of the funds received by the Board. In that same year, however, designated gifts provided 25.2 per cent of all funds received.

As the Lottie Moon Offering has grown, the percentage of the total income of the Foreign Mission Board provided by that Offering has increased. In 1957, 37 per cent of the Board's income came from the Lottie Moon Offering.

This growth, however, is attended by a displacement of designated giving. Whereas 25.2 per cent of the Foreign Mission Board's 1933 income was derived from designated gifts, only 10.8 per cent of the Board's 1957 income came from designated gifts. This means that the growth of the Lottie Moon Offering through the displacement of designated giving now brings to the Foreign Mission Board a much higher percentage of its income which is subject to the careful administrative procedures outlined above.

Another interesting fact is that 76 per cent of the funds which the Foreign Mission Board now receives as designated gifts is for missionary salaries and other items scheduled for

budget appropriations. Only 24 per cent of the designated gifts received is for items aside from budget provision.

This study indicates that advance in foreign missions depends upon continued increase of its income through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering. These two sources of income are vitally necessary and are essential to the financial stability of the Foreign Mission Board as it faces world-wide responsibilities.

God is raising up an increasingly large number of the finest of his servants to go as missionaries. These young people are challenging Southern Baptists with their lives. We thank God that the hosts of people who through prayer, love, and giving provide money for foreign missions through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering stand ready to hold up the hands of these who cross the world to share the message of redemption with mankind.

It is highly important that we keep in mind that the growth we have experienced is only a partial response on our part to the responsibilities God has set before us. We must not congratulate ourselves upon half doing a great task. We must press ahead toward a realization of our possibilities as stewards of Christ's blessings. God is giving much to Southern Baptists. He is expecting much from us. There is a long way to go, and we dedicate ourselves without reserve to the task before us.

►Miss Alice Kendall, faithful and loyal member of the First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky., died recently. She will be missed especially by the Dorcas Class, which has followed her fine leadership for years and by the Woman's Missionary Society and the Vacation Bible School.

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►First Baptist Church, Morganfield, observed Missionary Emphasis Week April 20-25. Speakers for the week were: Leslie Johnson, missionary emeritus to North Brazil; George D. Park, former Army Chaplain who served in the Western Pacific; Fred Barnes, who told of the work of the Home Board to Indians and ranchers and Charles Dickson, former missionary to Brazil. Earl L. Hohman is pastor at Morganfield.

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