

PROCEEDINGS

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

June 2-5, 1954

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 2

1. The ninety-seventh session of the Southern Baptist Convention was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President J. W. Storer (Okla.) in the Kiel Municipal Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri.

2. Warren M. Angell (Okla.) led in singing "All Hail the Power," "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story," and "Have Faith in God."

3. Charles H. Black (Okla.) read Philippians 3:8-15 and led in the opening prayer.

4. President Storer presented Mrs. Storer and Gloria Dawn Briggs, of Ferriday, Louisiana, now attending her eighth consecutive session, she having attended her first convention at the age of three in St. Louis in 1947.

5. Secretary Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) reported an enrolment of 5,023 messengers. It was moved and carried that these messengers constitute the Convention and that duly accredited messengers from churches in co-operation with the Convention who arrive late be recognized as members of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership as set out in Article III of the Constitution.

6. Dale Cowling (Ark.), chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Order of Business, which was adopted:

GENERAL THEME: "Forward . . . in Christ Jesus"

Wednesday Morning

Scripture: Philippians 3:8-15

9:00	Song and Praise	11:15	Miscellaneous Business
9:10	Scripture and Prayer—Charles H. Black, Oklahoma	11:25	Special Music—W. L. Huguen, Alabama
9:15	Secretary's Report on Registration—Joe W. Burton, Tennessee	11:30	Denominational Calendar—Albert McClellan, Tennessee, Chairman
9:20	Committee on Order of Business—Dale Cowling, Arkansas, Chairman	11:40	Southern Baptist Foundation—T. L. Holcomb, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
9:25	Appointment of Committee on Committees and Committee on Resolutions	11:55	Southern Baptist Hospital—Frank Tripp, Louisiana, Administrator
9:30	Special Music—Bison Glee Club, Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma	12:10	Worship Special Music—Bellevue Baptist Church Choir, Tennessee
9:35	President's Address—J. W. Storer, Oklahoma	12:30	Annual Convention Sermon—Slater A. Murphy, Tennessee Alternate—H. Leo Eddleman, Kentucky
10:00	Special Music—Bison Glee Club, Oklahoma	1:00	Adjourn
10:05	Executive Committee Administration Report—Porter Routh, Tennessee, Executive Secretary		
11:05	Committee on Amendment of Bylaw 18—S. H. Jones, South Carolina, Chairman		

Wednesday Night

Scripture: Acts 13:1-3 and Romans 10:8-17

7:00	Song and Praise
7:10	Scripture and Prayer—Leroy Smith, Arizona

- 7:15—Committee on Baptist State Papers—W. Barry Garrett, Arizona, Chairman
 7:35 Executive Committee Report on Promotion—Merrill D. Moore, Tennessee, Director of Promotion
 8:00 Foreign Mission Board Report—Baker James Cauthen, Virginia, Executive Secretary
 8:50 Worship
 Special Music—Richard Lin, Kentucky
 9:00 Sermon, Foreign Missions—Dr. Cauthen
 9:30 Adjourn

Thursday Morning

Scripture: Isaiah 55

- 9:00 Song and Praise
 9:10 Scripture and Prayer—G. Earl Guinn, Louisiana
 9:15 Committee to Study Brotherhood Sponsorship of Royal Ambassadors—Robert E. Naylor, Texas, Chairman
 9:35 Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business
 10:00 Memorial Service—John H. Buchanan, Alabama
 10:10 Special Music—Southwest Baptist College Choir, Missouri
 10:15 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
 10:20 Address—Winfield Edson, California
 10:45 Relief and Annuity Board—Walter R. Alexander, Texas, Executive Secretary
 11:10 Election of Officers Concluded and Miscellaneous Business
 11:30 Baptist World Alliance Representative—Joel Sorenson, Sweden
 11:45 Sunday School Board Report—James L. Sullivan, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
 12:25 Special Music—Men's Choir, Southern Seminary, Kentucky
 12:30 Address, "A Million More in '54"—Dr. Sullivan
 1:00 Adjourn

Thursday Night

*Scripture: Isaiah 55—
 11th Verse, Key Verse*

- 7:00 Song and Praise
 7:15 Scripture and Prayer—Theron H. King, Illinois
 7:20 Woman's Missionary Union—Mrs. George R. Martin, Virginia, President
 7:40 Baptist Brotherhood—George W. Schroeder, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
 8:00 Home Mission Board Report—

- Courts Redford, Georgia, Executive Secretary
 8:50 Special Music—Mississippi College Band, Mississippi
 Mrs. Harold Taylor, Illinois, soloist
 9:05 Sermon—C. E. Matthews, Texas
 9:30 Adjourn

Friday Morning

Scripture: Joshua 24:14-24

- 9:00 Song and Praise
 9:10 Scripture and Prayer—M. O. Owens, Jr., North Carolina
 9:15 Report of Committee on Boards
 J. Ray Garrett, Washington, D. C., Chairman
 9:35 Committee on Negro Ministerial Education—H. Leo Eddleman, Kentucky, Chairman
 9:45 American Baptist Theological Seminary—L. S. Sedberry, Tennessee, Secretary
 10:00 Special Music—Men's Ensemble, Golden Gate Seminary, California
 10:10 Report on Seminaries—Roland Q. Leavell, Louisiana
 11:10 Committee on Committees
 11:20 Miscellaneous Business
 11:35 Radio Commission—Paul M. Stevens, Georgia, Director
 11:50 Special Music—Ouachita College Choir, Arkansas
 12:00 Worship—Emphasis on Christian Home—Joe W. Burton, Tennessee
 12:30 Sermon, "The Christian Home"—Olin T. Binkley, North Carolina
 1:00 Adjourn

Friday Night

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:1-16

- 7:00 Song and Praise—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Irey, Arkansas
 7:10 Scripture and Prayer—Robert D. Hughes, California
 7:15 Committee on Public Affairs—C. Emanuel Carlson, Washington, D. C., Executive Secretary
 7:30 Historical Commission—Norman W. Cox, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
 7:45 Chaplains Commission—Alfred Carpenter, Georgia, Director
 8:00 Christian Life Commission—A. C. Miller, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
 8:15 Education Commission—R. Orin Cornett, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
 8:30 Youth Service—G. Kearnie Keegan, Tennessee
 9:30 Adjourn

Saturday Morning		
<i>Scripture: Romans 10:1-11</i>		
9:00	Song and Praise	10:20 Committee on Baptist Circulation Campaign—Louie D. Newton, Georgia, Chairman
9:10	Scripture and Prayer—James F. Heaton, Missouri	10:30 American Bible Society—Thomas T. Holloway, Texas
9:15	Committee on Time, Place, Preacher	10:40 Committee on Audio-Visual Aids—J. Norris Palmer, Louisiana, Chairman
9:25	Committee on Resolutions	10:50 Special Music—Chapel Singers, Southern Illinois College of Bible, Illinois
9:35	Miscellaneous Business	11:15 Sermon—Forrest C. Feezor, Texas
9:50	Special Music—Oklahoma Choir Directors' Quartet, Oklahoma	12:00 Adjourn
10:00	"The Country Church"—Sam W. Scantlan, Oklahoma	

7. Secretary Burton announced the appointment by the president of the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

John H. Buchanan, *chairman* (Ala.), W. Barry Garrett (Ariz.), Sam C. Reeves (Ark.), Elmer L. Gray (Calif.), Edward B. Willingham (D. C.), C. Roy Angell (Fla.), Frank A. Hooper, Jr. (Ga.), I. E. Lee (Ill.), W. R. Pettigrew (Ky.), James W. Middleton (La.), Roy D. Gresham (Md.), Purser Hewitt (Miss.), J. E. Hewlett (Mo.), Charles H. Ashcraft (N. M.), Claud B. Bowen (N. C.), A. F. Crittendon (Okla.), Wallace R. Rogers (S. C.), A. D. Foreman, Jr. (Tenn.), W. Landon Miller (Tex.), and Wade H. Bryant (Va.).

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

W. C. Boone, *chairman* (Ky.), Henry A. Parker (Ala.), Fred Stumpp (Calif.), R. F. Caverlee (Va.), Wallace Bassett (Tex.).

TELLERS

Kendall Berry, *chairman* (Ark.), Lacy Beckham (Tex.), W. H. Heard (Ga.), Marvin Crowe (Tenn.), W. H. Hamilton (Fla.), Robert L. Stockton (Okla.), Cecil W. Jones (Miss.), Clifton C. Thomas (Md.), Gerald D. Cosby (Ariz.), Clyde C. Godfrey (Wash.), John W. Dowdy (Mo.), Garrett Graham (Ala.), J. E. Rawlinson (S. C.), Jesse S. Bell (Ky.), L. H. Moore (Ill.).

8. With Vice-president E. Hermond Westmoreland (Tex.) in the chair the Bison Glee Club of Oklahoma Baptist University, directed by Warren Angell, sang "Gloria in Excelsis" and "Thy Name We Praise."

9. President Storer delivered his presidential address, "The Making, Meaning, and Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention." (See page 63.)

10. The Bison Glee Club sang "The Testament of Freedom."

11. With President Storer again presiding, Porter Routh (Tenn.), executive secretary of the Executive Committee, presented the administration report of the Executive Committee.

12. Austin Crouch (Tenn.), first executive secretary of the Executive Committee, who attended his first convention sixty years ago, led in a prayer of thanksgiving for God's blessings on the work of the Convention.

13. C. C. Warren (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 1 of the Executive Committee's report which, on motion was adopted:

Recommendation No. 1

We recommend that the Bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended to make Bylaw 21 read as follows: "The charters of all agencies shall provide that the trustees or directors of such agencies be elected by the Convention, and that their charters may not be further amended without the prior consent of the Convention."

14. Edward H. Pruden (D.C.) presented Recommendation No. 2 which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend that the present Bylaw 21 of the Southern Baptist Convention shall become Bylaw 22.

15. Frank A. Hooper, Jr. (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 3 which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 3

(1) We recommend that whenever the Executive Committee shall have determined that any agency has not complied with the provisions of Bylaw 21 within twelve months after the adoption of such bylaws, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to report such fact to the Convention for such action as the Convention may see fit to take.

(2) It is recommended that the Convention approve the charter of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as follows:

Charter

of

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

An Act to incorporate The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1st. That George Hunt, Squire L. Helm, Hiram Woods, Jr., Jeremiah B. Jeter, J. L. M. Curry, William F. Broadbush, Thomas H. Pritchard, W. M. Wingate, M. E. Heck, James C. Furman, Thomas J. Earle, J. O. B. Dargan, Joseph A. Lawton, Julius C. Smith, James K. Mendenhall, Thomas P. Smith, Thomas P. Life, Lewis H. Shuck, James L. Reynolds, Joseph E. Brown, Patrick M. Mell, D. A. Vason, Samuel Henderson, D. W. Gwin, I. T. Tichenor, M. W. Phillips, E. D. Miller, T. G. Jones, M. Hilleman, J. B. Wornall, J. T. Williams, and John H. Luther, and their associates and successors in office, trustees of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, an institution of learning about to be located at Louisville, Kentucky, shall be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and by said name shall have perpetual succession of officers and members according to the by-laws they may establish, and for that purpose the said corporation shall have power to ordain all such by-laws for the regulation of their succession, and government and for the organization and government of the said institution of learning, as they may deem necessary, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, or of the United States, to have, use and keep a common seal, and the same to break and alter at will; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any Court of Law or Equity in this State, or the United States, and to have and enjoy every right, power, and privilege incident to such corporations; and the said corporation is hereby empowered to have, hold, retain, possess, and enjoy all such property as they now have, or are entitled to, or which has been given, granted, or devised, or shall hereafter be given, granted, or devised thereto, or in any manner acquired thereby, and the same to sell, alien, or transfer at pleasure, and the same likewise to hold exempt from any taxes or assessments of whatever kind, whether State, County, or municipal, or otherwise;

provided that the sum so held shall not at any one time exceed the sum of Forty Million (\$40,000,000.00) Dollars,

and provided also, that the income alone derived from the rents, profits, dividends, and other annual proceeds of the estate, funds and investments of the said corporation, together with such funds as shall be, or have been given specifically for annual expenditures, shall be liable for the current expenses, or shall be expended for the annual support and maintenance of the institution thus established, and the principal of the said estate shall be sacredly kept untouched, except for permanent improvements and such changes of investments as the Trustees may make from time to time,

provided further, that the Trustees of said corporation shall preserve inviolable and maintain forever in the management and control of this institution, the fundamental laws established by the Educational Convention, which met at Greenville, South Carolina, on the last day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-eight, by which The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, an institution chartered by the General Assembly of the State of South

Carolina, on the 21st day of December, one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-eight, was established, and the corporation created by this Act is hereby authorized and empowered to receive all property which may be transferred to it by the corporation created by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina as aforesaid, and to assume all the trusts associated therewith.

That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act and have perpetual continuance and authority.

FUNDAMENTAL LAWS

(The following laws were made fundamental in the Constitution of the Seminary adopted by the Convention which met at Greenville, S. C., on the 30th day of April, 1858, and are continued perpetually in force under the Charter obtained from the Legislature of Kentucky, approved February 15th, 1876.)

In its plan of organization these Rules shall be fundamental:

1. A trustee must be a member of a regular Baptist Church in the State form which he is appointed.
2. The first Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Convention meeting at Greenville at this time.
3. The Board shall fill any vacancies that may occur in its number and appoint additional members according to the provisions of the 4th Article of the Fundamental Laws. But the election shall be from a nomination of not less than two persons for each vacancy to be filled or new appointment to be made; said nomination to be made by the Southern Baptist Convention at the session of that body next ensuing after such vacancy shall take place, or new appointment shall be required; *provided*, that should the Convention fail to nominate, as above, then the Board may proceed to an election without such nomination.
4. The Board of Trustees of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary shall consist of one member from the District of Columbia, two members from each of the following States: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Illinois, New Mexico, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri, nine members at large and one member additional from any of the above mentioned States or the District of Columbia, where contributions now or hereafter made by residents of such State or District to any of the funds of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary amount to at least the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars in the aggregate. Each State Trustee must be a resident of the State from which he is elected and shall automatically cease to be a trustee on removal of his residence from the State from which he was elected. The term of office of any of the existing trustees shall not be curtailed by the adoption of this amendment, but in filling vacancies hereafter no vacancy shall be filled until the number of members from any State shall be reduced below three, where such State is entitled to an additional Trustee on account of contributions made by residents of such State, and until the number of members from any State shall be reduced below two, where such contributions aggregating \$100,000.00 have not been made by residents of such State.

In regard to the District of Columbia, no vacancies shall be filled until there is no member on the Board of Trustees from said district unless said district shall have qualified by contributions aggregating \$100,000.00, in which event no vacancies from said district shall be filled until the number of members from said district shall be reduced below two.

The term of office of the trustees hereafter elected from said States and the District of Columbia shall be five years.

The nine members at large shall be elected by the Board from nominations made by The Southern Baptist Convention. The first election of these trustees at large shall be made by the Board of Trustees from eighteen persons nominated by The Southern Baptist Convention, three of them for a period of three years, three of them for a period of four years and three of them for a period of five years, and thereafter all elections, except to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal, shall be for a term of five years.

As vacancies shall occur in the Board of Trustees, such vacancies shall be filled from nominations of two persons for each vacancy made by The Southern Baptist Convention at the session of that body next ensuing after such vacancy or vacancies shall take place, or new appointment shall be required, *provided*, that should the Convention fail to nominate at its meeting after the vacancy occurs then the Board may proceed to election without such nomination.

All elections to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal, shall be for the unexpired term.

5. The Executive Committee of the Board, in connection with its President, shall be entrusted with the charge of the institution and the business of the Board. Its acts must be reported to the first stated or called meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present, but shall be valid and binding from time action is taken by the Executive Committee.
6. A vacancy shall be declared in the case of any Trustee who shall have been absent from all meetings of the Board for three years.
7. Removal from the State for which he is elected, or exclusion from the church of which he is a member, shall also make vacant the office of a Trustee.
8. No Professor of the Seminary shall be a member of the Board of Trustees.
9. Every Professor of the Institution shall be a member of a regular Baptist Church; and all persons accepting Professorships in this Seminary, shall be considered, by such acceptance, as engaging to teach in accordance with, and not contrary to, the Abstract of Principles hereinafter laid down, a departure from which principles, on his part, shall be considered ground for his resignation or removal by the Trustees—to-wit:

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

I. THE SCRIPTURES.

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are the only sufficient, certain and authoritative rule of all saving knowledge, faith and obedience.

II. GOD.

There is but one God, the Maker, Preserver and Ruler of all things, having in and of himself, all perfections, and being infinite in them all; and to Him all creatures owe the highest love, reverence and obedience.

III. THE TRINITY.

God is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit each with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence or being.

IV. PROVIDENCE.

God from eternity, decrees or permits all things that come to pass, and perpetually upholds, directs and governs all creatures and all events; yet so as not in any wise to be the author or approver of sin nor to destroy the free will and responsibility of intelligent creatures.

V. ELECTION.

Election is God's eternal choice of some persons unto everlasting life—not because of foreseen merit in them, but of His mere mercy in Christ—in consequence of which choice they are called, justified and glorified.

VI. THE FALL OF MAN.

God originally created man in His own image, and free from sin; but, through the temptation of Satan, he transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original holiness and righteousness; whereby his posterity inherit a nature corrupt and wholly opposed to God and His law, are under condemnation, and as soon as they are capable of moral action, become actual transgressors.

VII. THE MEDIATOR.

Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, is the divinely appointed mediator between God and man. Having taken upon Himself human nature, yet without sin, He perfectly fulfilled the law, suffered and died upon the cross for the salvation of sinners. He was buried, and rose again the third day, and ascended to His Father, at whose right hand He ever liveth to make intercession for His people. He is the only Mediator, the Prophet, Priest and King of the Church, and Sovereign of the Universe.

VIII. REGENERATION.

Regeneration is a change of heart, wrought by the Holy Spirit, who quickeneth the dead in trespasses and sins enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the Word of God, and renewing their whole nature, so that they love and practice holiness. It is a work of God's free and special grace alone.

IX. REPENTANCE.

Repentance is an evangelical grace, wherein a person being, by the Holy Spirit, made sensible of the manifold evil of his sin, humbleth himself for it, with godly sorrow, detestation of it, and self-abhorrence, with a purpose and endeavor to walk before God so as to please Him in all things.

X. FAITH.

Saving faith is the belief, on God's authority, of whatsoever is revealed in His Word concerning Christ; accepting and resting upon Him alone for justification and eternal life. It is wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit, and is accompanied by all other saving graces, and leads to a life of holiness.

XI. JUSTIFICATION.

Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal of sinners, who believe in Christ, from all sin, through the satisfaction that Christ has made; not for anything wrought in them or done by them; but on account of the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness by faith.

XII. SANCTIFICATION.

Those who have been regenerated are also sanctified, by God's word and Spirit dwelling in them. This sanctification is progressive through the supply of Divine strength, which all saints seek to obtain, pressing after a heavenly life in cordial obedience to all Christ's commands.

XIII. PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS.

Those whom God hath accepted in the Beloved, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere to the end; and though they may fall, through neglect and temptation, into sin, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the Church, and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be renewed again unto repentance, and be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XIV. THE CHURCH.

The Lord Jesus is the Head of the Church, which is composed of all his true disciples, and in Him is invested supremely all power for its government. According to his commandment, Christians are to associate themselves into particular societies or churches; and to each of these churches he hath given needful authority for administering that order, discipline and worship which he hath appointed. The regular officers of a Church are Bishops or Elders, and Deacons.

XV. BAPTISM.

Baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus, obligatory upon every believer, wherein he is immersed in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, as a sign of his fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, of remission of sins, and of his giving himself up to God, to live and walk in newness of life. It is prerequisite to church fellowship, and to participation in the Lord's Supper.

XVI. THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The Lord's Supper is an ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be administered with the elements of bread and wine, and to be observed by his churches till the end of the world. It is in no sense a sacrifice, but is designed to commemorate his death, to confirm the faith and other graces of Christians, and to be a bond, pledge and renewal of their communion with him, and of their church fellowship.

XVII. THE LORD'S DAY.

The Lord's day is a Christian institution for regular observance, and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, resting from worldly employments and amusements, works of necessity and mercy only excepted.

XVIII. LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE.

God alone is Lord of the conscience; and He hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are in anything contrary to His word, or not contained in it. Civil magistrates being ordained of God, subjection in all lawful things commanded by them ought to be yielded by us in the Lord, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

XIX. THE RESURRECTION.

The bodies of men after death return to dust, but their spirits return immediately to God—the righteous to rest with Him; the wicked, to be reserved under darkness to the judgment. At the last day, the bodies of all the dead, both just and unjust, will be raised.

XX. THE JUDGMENT.

God hath appointed a day, wherein he will judge the world by Jesus Christ, when every one shall receive according to his deeds; the wicked shall go into everlasting punishment; the righteous, into everlasting life.

10. No trustee or Professor shall be elected or removed by the Board, except at an annual meeting, and by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

11. All applicants for matriculation as Students shall furnish satisfactory evidence, to the Faculty, of their piety and call of God to the Ministry, and of the fact that the church to which they belong approves of their desire to enter upon that work. They shall also pledge themselves to submit to such rules as the Faculty may lay down for the government of the Seminary, and shall be entitled to its instruction free of any charge for tuition.

Financial Board

Section 1.—The principal of all contributions and donations for an endowment fund of said Seminary shall be held forever sacred and inviolate and same shall not be broken in upon for any purpose whatever. The interest, income, and dividends thereof may be used for the support and expenses of said institution.

Section 2.—There shall be a Financial Board which shall be elected from the Board of Trustees which shall function and serve as provided for in the Bylaws. The Financial Board shall invest or supervise the investment of all endowment funds of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary along with any other funds which may be committed to it.

Section 3.—That it shall be the duty of the trustees once every year to appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to count and examine all securities in the hands of the Financial Board and to make report in writing to the trustees of the result of such count and examination.

Tax Exemption

That the exemptions contained in said Act, to which this is an amendment, shall continue in full force as long as said Seminary shall not make any charge for tuition to persons of any denomination of Christians studying or preparing for the ministry, and any law allowing a repeal or limitation of such exemption is hereby repealed so far as said Act is concerned.

Borrowing of Funds

That The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is hereby empowered and authorized to borrow money not exceeding three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) and to secure the same by mortgage or pledge upon any property owned by it, and to execute notes or obligations therefor, payable in such amounts and at such times as may be convenient.

Amendments

This charter may be amended in conformity with the laws of the state of Kentucky but only with the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.

16. Howard M. Reaves (Ala.) presented Recommendation No. 4 which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 4

We recommend to the Convention that the action taken by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1949, as found on page 36 of the 1949 *Annual*, with regard to the matter of interim appointments to boards, be made a part of and be included in Convention Procedure, such action by the Convention being as follows: (1) That the Convention recognize the right of agencies to make interim appointments until the next session of the Convention. (2) That all interim appointments shall be immediately reported to the Committee on Boards. (3) That all agencies shall report all vacancies to the Committee on Boards immediately upon the occurrence of such vacancies.

17. J. Winston Pearce (Md.) presented Recommendation No. 5, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 5

We recommend the approval of the budgets of the Convention agencies, as found on pages 84 to 94 of this *ANNUAL*, insofar as they do not conflict with the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention.

18. T. K. Rucker (Ark.) presented Recommendation No. 6, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 6

We recommend that distributable Cooperative Program receipts for 1955 be distributed on a single percentage basis up to the Advance Program for home and foreign missions.

19. Secretary Routh and W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 7, which was adopted in three parts and then adopted as a whole:

Recommendation No. 7

(1) We recommend that a full \$9,100,000 of Cooperative Program funds be distributed for current operating expenses and capital needs in 1955 as follows:

	1955 Operating	1955 Capital	1955 Total	1955 Per cent
Foreign Mission Board	\$2,875,000	\$ 600,000.00	\$3,475,000.00	38.19
Home Mission Board	710,000	439,800.00	1,149,800.00	12.64
Relief and Annuity Board	500,000	291,900.00	791,900.00	8.70
Southern Seminary	310,317	242,466.67	552,783.67	6.07
Southwestern Seminary	360,317	242,466.67	602,783.67	6.62
New Orleans Seminary	333,316	253,203.33	586,519.33	6.45
Golden Gate Seminary	204,400	199,800.00	404,200.00	4.44
Southeastern Seminary	235,650	550,363.33	786,013.33	8.64
Radio Commission	200,000	12,000.00	212,000.00	2.33
American Seminary	60,000	42,000.00	102,000.00	1.12
Carver School	61,000	—	61,000.00	.67
Southern Baptist Hospital	40,000	120,000.00	160,000.00	1.76
Brotherhood Commission	65,000	6,000.00	71,000.00	.78
Public Affairs Committee	15,000	—	15,000.00	.16
Baptist World Alliance	30,000	—	30,000.00	.33
Southern Baptist Foundation	25,000	—	25,000.00	.27
Education Commission	32,000	—	32,000.00	.35
Historical Commission	26,000	—	26,000.00	.29
Christian Life Commission	17,000	—	17,000.00	.19

Totals	\$6,100,000	\$3,000,000.00	\$9,100,000.00	100.00
\$9,100,000 Operating and Capital Needs				
100,000 S.B.C. Budget				

\$9,200,000 Total

First \$100,000 to go to S.B.C. Budget

All over \$9,200,000 to go 75 per cent to Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to Home Mission Board.

(2) The present five-year program (1952-56) for Capital Needs of institutions and agencies be extended two years, through 1958.

(3) The same total figure be followed for each additional year, namely, \$3,000,000.00, to be allocated on the following schedule:

	1956	1957	1958
Foreign Mission Board	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 600,000
Home Mission Board	439,800.00	500,000.00	500,000
New Orleans Seminary	253,203.33	253,203.34	—
Southwestern Seminary	242,466.67	242,466.66	—
Southern Seminary	242,466.67	242,466.66	—
Southeastern Seminary	550,363.33	350,130.34	358,567
Golden Gate Seminary	199,800.00	626,733.00	1,256,433
American Seminary	42,000.00	—	—
Relief and Annuity Board	291,900.00	—	—
Radio Commission	12,000.00	35,000.00	100,000
Southern Baptist Hospital	120,000.00	150,000.00	150,000
Brotherhood Commission	6,000.00	—	35,000

Totals	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000
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(4) That the Executive Committee consider launching another five-year program, from 1959-1964.

20. H. C. Chiles (Ky.) presented Recommendation No. 8, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 8

We recommend that the Convention Operating Budget for 1955 be as follows:

Convention Expense (including <i>Annual</i>)	\$ 45,000.00
Special Committees	10,000.00
Executive Committee	90,000.00
Convention Reserve	15,000.00
Total	\$160,000.00

(By agreement the Sunday School Board will pay \$60,000.00 of the amount required for the operation of the Convention Budget, and the remaining \$100,000.00 will be provided out of distributable funds before further allocations are made.)

21. C. Vaughan Rock (Ariz.) presented Recommendation No. 9, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 9

We recommend that additional distributable Cooperative Program funds above \$9,100,000, and the Convention Operating Budget of \$100,000 be distributed through the Advance Program, with the Home Mission Board receiving 25 per cent and the Foreign Mission Board 75 per cent.

22. Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.) presented Recommendation No. 10, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 10

(1) It is our conviction that request should be made to the Senate Finance Committee for a Social Security bill covering ministers which would be least objectionable to our people and presenting fewer complications in the future. It should be a bill calling for a social security contract between the Federal Government and the individual, without in any sense involving the churches.

(2) It is our further conviction that in the event the above is not provided we would request a Social Security Bill with the provision that both the minister and the employing organization should have elected coverage in order to effect or maintain participation.

23. It was moved and carried that the time be extended five minutes.

24. Oliver R. Shields (Mo.) presented Recommendation No. 11, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 11

We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention accept the invitation of the city of Miami to hold the 1955 Convention in that city, May 18-21, and that we express appreciation to the Washington, D. C., committee for their efforts to make arrangements to entertain the Convention in 1955, which invitation has been withdrawn because of inadequate auditorium facilities.

25. J. D. Grey (La.) presented Recommendation No. 12, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 12

That a committee be appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, composed of the executive heads of the Foreign Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, the presidents of the five seminaries, the executive secretary of the Executive Committee, the president of the state executive secretaries, the president of the Southern Baptist Press Association, and five members at large, to consider the advisability and the practicability of producing a film or films of some Baptist personality, for example William Carey or Roger Williams, with the authority to approach other Baptist bodies in this and other lands regarding such an undertaking, and report back to the 1955 Convention, after conference with the Sunday School Board, suggesting methods of producing such a film or films, including research and preparation of script, financing, and distribution, provided the cost of such investigation for the ensuing year shall not exceed \$1,000.

26. G. Allen West, Jr. (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 13, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 13

We recommend that the same committee on Theological Education appointed at the Houston convention in 1953 "to make a study of our total program of theological, religious, and missionary education as it involves financial support from the Southern Baptist Convention" be continued.

27. Secretary Routh presented Recommendation No. 14, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 14

We recommend *Bylaw 6—Agencies of the Convention*: line 12(c) be amended to read "The Southern Baptist Commission on The American Baptist Theological Seminary" instead of The Commission on The American Baptist Theological Seminary.

28. The Administration Section of the Executive Committee report was adopted as a whole.

29. S. H. Jones (S.C.) presented the report of the Committee on Revision of Bylaw 18, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Revision of Bylaw 18

Instead of the present wording of the bylaw, we recommend the substitution of the following wording:

"18. Adoption of Reports: The adoption of recommendations contained in reports to the convention shall not bind the convention on any other matters in the body of the reports; but the convention reserves the right to consider and amend the body of all reports."

The present bylaw reads as follows:

"18. Only Recommendations Binding: Nothing contained in reports to the convention shall be construed as an action of the convention except the recommendations which are definitely listed and adopted by the convention."

We also recommend that Bylaw 14 be amended by adding the words, "Special Committee," after "Commission" in line 1 item (c) and the words "or Committee" after "agency" in line 3 of the same item.

We recommend also that the recording secretary of the Convention be asked to print all recommendations along with the body of reports in the Convention ANNUAL, as well as in the proceedings.

30. W. L. Huguen (Ala.) sang "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus."

31. Albert McClellan (Tenn.) presented the report of the Committee on Denominational Calendar which was adopted:

CALENDAR FOR 1955

A Guide for Co-ordinated Denominational Activities and Emphases

(Special emphases for a given month are printed first, followed by specific activities to be observed during that month.)

January

Cooperative Program
Church Schools of Missions

Volunteer Student Service Week
Special Bible Study Week, January 3-7
W.M.S. Focus Week, January 16-21

February

Evangelism
The Theological Seminaries and Carver
School of Missions and Social Work

Dedicated Vocations Week—Life Commitment Day

Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 6
Y.W.A. Focus Week, February 13-19

March

Evangelism
Home Missions

W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering*, February 28 to March 4
Training Union Study Courses (avoiding Week of Prayer)
Simultaneous Revival (Tropical Zone), March 6-20
Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School and Offering*, March 27

April

Evangelism
Christian Education
Christian Literature and Church Libraries

Simultaneous Revival (Central Zone), March 27 to April 10
Simultaneous Revival (Northern Zone), April 10-24
Youth Week in the Churches, sponsored by the Training Union
Jewish Fellowship Week

May

Hospital Ministry

Christian Home Week, May 1-8
G.A. Focus Week, May 8-14
W.M.U. Annual Meeting, May 15-17
Southern Baptist Convention, May 18-21

June

Relief and Annuity Board (and Offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers*)
Nurse Recruitment

Vacation Bible Schools
Ridgecrest, Glorieta, State Assemblies, and Camps

July

Ridgecrest and Glorieta
State Assemblies and Camps

August

Ridgecrest and Glorieta
State Assemblies and Camps
Sunbeam Focus Week, August 14-20
Off-to-College Day in the Home Churches

September

Church Music
Foundations: Southern Baptist and State

Associational Sunday School Planning Meetings
Training Union Planning Meetings (or in October or November)
W.M.U. Season of Prayer for State Missions and Offering (as promoted by the state W.M.U.'s)
Transfer Church Membership Week, Sept. 11-18

Student Join-the-Church Day (Sunday following college opening)

October

Sunday School Training Courses
Church Sunday School Planning Meetings
Layman's Day, October 9
State Mission Day in the Sunday School and Offering, October 23 (as promoted by the states)

November

State Papers and Missionary Magazines
Christian Stewardship Week, October 30 to November 6
Enlistment Day and Every-Member Canvass, November 6 (or nearest convenient Sunday)
R.A. Focus Week, November 6-12
Orphanage Day and Offering (as promoted by the states)

December

Foreign Missions
W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*, November 28 to December 2
Southwide Simultaneous Associational Training Union Meetings, December 5
Student Night at Christmas, December 25

*These offerings have been approved by the Southern Baptist Convention.

NOTE.—At some time during the year, emphasize the service to all types of Southern Baptist work, at home and abroad, which the American Bible Society renders by supplying the Scriptures, without profit and usually below cost, and explain its need for contributions from the churches.

32. T. L. Holcomb (Tenn.) presented the report of the Southern Baptist Foundation, which was adopted.

33. Frank Tripp (La.) presented the report of the Southern Baptist Hospital, which was adopted.

34. Warren Angell led the Convention in singing the Doxology. The Bellevue Baptist Church Choir of Memphis, Tennessee, directed by Thomas P. Lane, sang a selection of anthems and hymns. The congregation sang "My Faith Looks up to Thee." H. Leo Eddleman (Ky.) read Philippians 3:8-16 and led in prayer. The Bellevue Quartet and choir sang "Take up Thy Cross." Slater A. Murphy (Tenn.) preached the annual Convention sermon on the subject, "Advancing with Christ." The session was concluded with the "Hallelujah Chorus" sung by the Bellevue Choir and prayer by Slater A. Murphy.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

35. Warren M. Angell and the Bison Glee Club led the Convention in singing "Speak to My Heart." The congregation sang "My Hope Is Built."

36. Leroy Smith (Ariz.) read Acts 13:1-3, Romans 10:8-17, and led in prayer.

37. W. Barry Garrett (Ariz.) gave the report of the Committee on Baptist State Papers and also the report of the Committee on Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign. The reports were adopted after which each editor was introduced, and the report was discussed by W. Barry Garrett.

38. It was moved and carried that the Committee on Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign be continued.

39. Porter Routh presented Merrill D. Moore (Tenn.) director of promotion for the Executive Committee, who in turn introduced J. Norris Palmer (La.), Promotion Committee chairman.

40. Horace G. Adams (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 1 of the Promotion Committee's report:

Recommendation No. 1

That we reaffirm our conviction that the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists is the fundamental, effective, and indispensable channel of providing for the needs of all our work; and that we continue through every means at our disposal to urge all Baptists to join in giving the Cooperative Program their loyal and undivided support.

41. Charles C. Bowles (Ala.) presented Recommendation No. 2:

Recommendation No. 2

To stimulate giving through the Cooperative Program, we recommend:

1. That churches prayerfully consider giving through the Cooperative Program on a percentage basis.
2. That as churches go on percentage basis, they undertake to give a larger percentage through the Cooperative Program than their gifts the preceding year represented.
3. That we suggest an increase of at least 5 per cent of the total church budget through the Cooperative Program during 1955.

42. G. Allen West, Jr. (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 3:

Recommendation No. 3

That Christian Stewardship Week in 1956 be particularly referred to as WORLD MISSIONS WEEK and that the churches be encouraged to contribute to world missions through the Cooperative Program, increasing the total undesignated budget receipts through the Cooperative Program by 6 per cent each year.

43. John W. Wood (Va.) presented Recommendation No. 4:

Recommendation No. 4

That Stewardship Weeks be set as follows: 1955, October 30-November 6; 1956, October 29-November 5; 1957, October 27-November 3.

44. Sterling L. Price (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 5:

Recommendation No. 5

Inasmuch as the goal of 34 million dollars for the Cooperative Program for 1954 apparently helped us advance from 19 million dollars in 1950 to what may reach as high as 30 million dollars in 1954, we recommend that for 1955 the Convention set the same goal of 34 million dollars for the Cooperative Program, including all state and Southern Baptist Convention causes, and we respectfully suggest that each state give consideration to this objective as the goals for 1955 are set.

45. The above recommendations 1 to 5 were adopted.

46. On motion of Porter Routh the report of the Executive Committee as a whole was adopted.

47. The report of the Promotion Committee was discussed by Merrill D. Moore and Horace G. Hammett (S.C.).

48. Warren Angell led in singing "How Firm a Foundation"

49. Baker James Cauthen (Va.) presented the report of the Foreign Mission Board, which was adopted. Secretary Cauthen directed the program on foreign missions as follows:

Tribute was paid to M. Theron Rankin and Everett Gill, Jr., executive secretary and secretary for Latin America respectively, both deceased during the year. Mrs. Rankin and Mrs. Gill were presented, and President Storer led in prayer.

George W. Sadler (Va.) spoke on "We have Advanced in Africa, Europe, and the Near East." H. W. Schweinsberg (Colombia) spoke on "We Have Advanced in Latin America." Marion Moorhead (Japan) spoke on "We Have Advanced in the Orient."

Before presenting the new missionary appointees, Frank K. Means (Va.) introduced six veteran missionaries: Bertha Smith (China, 1917), Flora Dodson (China, 1917), L. L. Johnson (Brazil, 1915), Susan Anderson (Nigeria, 1918), J. Franklin Ray (Japan, 1904), and John Jackson (China, 1919).

New missionary appointees introduced were:

Orient.—Dan Cobb (S. C.), appointed for Thailand; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fielder (Tex. and China) and Mary Lou Massengill, R.N. (Ky.), appointed for Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Parks (Tex.) and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Moore (Miss.), appointed for Indonesia.

Latin America.—Martha Jean Capshaw, R.N. (Ky.) and Frances Crawford,

R.N. (Tex.), appointed for Colombia; Roberta Hampton (Okla.), appointed for Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Emit Ray (Tex. and Okla.), appointed for Bahama Islands; Mrs. Don McCoy (Okla.), appointed for Brazil.

Africa, Europe, and Near East.—Carolyn Cate, R.N. (Tenn.), Anne Dwyer, R.N. (Va.), and Mr. and Mrs. William Hern (Mo. and N. C.), appointed for Near East; LaWanda Couch, R.N. (Tex.), Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crowder (Ala.), Estelle Freeland (Tex.), Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kennedy (Tex.), Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wasson (Ark.), and Anita Roper (Ga.), appointed for Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. John Cheyne (Ala.) and Mrs. and Mrs. Gerald Harvey (Mo.), appointed for Southern Rhodesia.

Elmer S. West, Jr. (Va.) led a prayer of dedication. Richard Lin (China) sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Baker J. Cauthen brought the missionary address, "Advance Must Continue!" Charles E. Maddry (N.C.) led in prayer.

50. R. Paul Caudill (Tenn.) presented a resolution concerning a committee on increased efforts toward world evangelization, which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

51. J. W. Storer pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 3

52. W. Hines Sims (Tenn.) led the Convention in singing "He Leadeth Me," "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

53. G. Earl Guinn (La.) read Isaiah 55 and led in prayer.

54. Robert E. Naylor (Tex.) presented the report of the Committee to Study Brotherhood Sponsorship of Royal Ambassadors and moved the report be adopted, which was seconded.

55. W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) moved that Section 4 of the report be amended to read: "That the necessary additional financing be a matter to be referred to the Executive Committee." The motion to amend carried.

56. The report, as amended, was adopted:

(1) That the following proposal of Woman's Missionary Union, to transfer the Royal Ambassador sponsorship to the Brotherhood Commission, be approved by this Convention:

"That Woman's Missionary Union request the Brotherhood Commission to employ a Royal Ambassador secretary and to direct the promotion of Royal Ambassador work. For a period of three years Woman's Missionary Union will contribute \$10,000 per year for salary, travel and promotional expense.

"The office of the secretary shall be in the headquarters of the Brotherhood Commission.

"In this three year period the promotion of Royal Ambassador work shall be under the direction of a Joint Committee composed of the president and executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union and three members for each body appointed by the respective body.

"The Chairman of the committee shall be one of the five members from the Brotherhood Commission elected by the Joint Committee.

"At the end of the three-year period the transfer of R.A. work to Brotherhood sponsorship will be consummated with the assurance of the continued interest of Woman's Missionary Union in the missionary education of boys."

- (2) That the Royal Ambassador program continue to be a missionary organization.
- (3) That the Convention allocate adequate funds to the Brotherhood Commission for the promotion of this work.
- (4) That the necessary additional financing be a matter to be referred to the Executive Committee.

57. R. Paul Caudill (Tenn.) led in prayer for God's blessing on the new sponsorship of the Royal Ambassador program as provided in the report.

58. Chairman Buchanan announced the appointment of the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher:

COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

Harold W. Seever (Ala.), *chairman*; Roland A. Smith (Ariz.), S. A. Whitlow (Ark.), Arlie L. McDaniel (Calif.), Herbert W. Baucom, Jr. (D. C.), R. B. Culbreth (Fla.), Franklin Owen (Ga.), William J. Purdue (Ill.), Harold D. Tallent (Ky.), James T. Horton (La.), J. Winston Pearce (Md.), G. C. Hodge (Miss.), T. W. Croxton (Mo.), A. A. DuLaney (N. M.), Donald G. Myers (N. C.), M. F. Ewton (Okla.), John A. Hamrick (S. C.), Charles A. Trentham (Tenn.), James H. Landes (Tex.), and W. Malcom Fuller (Va.).

59. Chairman J. Ray Garrett (D.C.) presented a partial report of the Committee on Boards:

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (only one to be elected for each vacancy)

Terms expiring in 1959: W. L. Ball, Jr. and Archie W. Brickle, South Carolina; Millard J. Berquist and Allen Watson, Florida; Wade H. Bryant and Edward E. Rutledge, Virginia; H. C. Croslin, Jr. and John Phillips, Illinois; Ralph L. Douglas and N. P. Howington, Arkansas; Laurence A. Free and Frank A. Downing, Maryland; H. I. Hester and Conrad R. Willard, Missouri; W. R. Pettigrew and Henry Beech, Kentucky; George Ritchey and D. Lewis White, Louisiana; Wallace R. Rogers and Wm. R. Bussey, South Carolina.

Terms expiring in 1957: Herbert E. Bergstrom and Thurston Rock, New Mexico; Ernest L. Honts and Wade Kay, Virginia.

Terms expiring in 1956: J. H. Coleman and Jack R. DeVore, New Mexico; James F. Burriss and Elbert H. Walker, South Carolina.

Terms expiring in 1955: J. W. Hodges and Wade Armstrong, Oklahoma; R. C. Miller and Roy C. McClung, Oklahoma; Merrill Meadows and Max O'Neal, Georgia.

At large, terms expiring in 1959: V. V. Cooke and Hankins Parker, Leo T. Wolford and George Riggs, Kentucky.

60. Vice-president Westmoreland announced that nominations for Convention officers were in order.

61. Wallace R. Rogers (S.C.) nominated J. W. Storer (Okla.) for president.

62. L. E. Barton moved, and it carried unanimously, that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for J. W. Storer. The ballot was cast by the secretary, and Dr. Storer was declared elected president.

63. E. D. Solomon (Fla.) nominated for first vice-president Homer G. Lindsay (Fla.).

64. E. Moss Robertson (Ga.) nominated Roy P. Otwell (Ga.) for first vice-president.

65. A motion to suspend the rules and vote by standing was adopted.

66. Homer G. Lindsay was elected first vice-president.

67. O. D. Evans (Mo.) nominated for second vice-president O. R. Shields (Mo.).

68. Bryce Twitty (Okla.) nominated John W. McCall (Tenn.) for second vice-president.

69. A motion to suspend the rules and vote by standing was adopted.

70. Judge McCall asked that his name be withdrawn.

71. It was moved and carried that the secretary cast the ballot of the Convention for O. R. Shields for the second vice-president. The ballot was cast, and O. R. Shields was declared elected second vice-president.

72. John H. Buchanan (Ala.) conducted a memorial service (see page 68).

73. Special music was brought by the Southwest Baptist College Choir (Mo.), directed by Mrs. Katheryne Hines.

74. Vice-president Westmoreland returned the gavel to President Re-elect Storer.

75. President Storer recognized Joshua Grijalva, fraternal messenger of the Mexican Baptist Convention.

76. The time was extended five minutes.

77. O. R. Shields, general chairman, presented the St. Louis committee chairmen:

AUDITORIUM: William Bryan

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS: O. D. Evans

FINANCE: O. D. Evans

FIRST AID: C. E. Copeland and O. H. Fisher

HOUSING RESERVATIONS: J. Edwin Hewlett

INFORMATION: Homer E. DeLozier

LUNCHEONS AND BREAKFASTS: D. W. Jones, Herman E. Wooten

MUSIC: E. N. Rogers, Nelson Reagan

NURSERY: W. C. Brodersen, Richard Osborn, Mrs. W. F. Sewell

PAGES: Herbert A. Kuntz

POST OFFICE: L. L. Fuqua

PUBLICITY: James T. Shirley, Ralph A. Couch, William H. Bolick, Wilbur V. Snider

PULPIT SUPPLY: L. Jack Gray

RADIO AND TELEVISION: Floyd H. North, Robert J. White

REGISTRATION: Ira H. Peak, O. A. Winscott, Eugene Spruell

TRANSPORTATION: Joyce Pillsbury, Roy H. Whisler

USHERS: James W. Chostner

78. Winfield Edson (Calif.), past president of the American Baptist Convention, addressed the Convention.

79. Wallace Bassett (Tex.) presented the report of the Relief and

Annuity Board. The report was discussed by R. S. Jones (Tex.), associate secretary, and R. Alton Reed (Tex.) and adopted.

80. The chair announced that nominations for secretaries were in order. Carl J. Giers (Tenn.) nominated J. P. Edmunds (Tenn.).

81. James W. Middleton (La.) nominated James W. Merritt (Ga.).

82. J. P. Edmunds requested that his name be withdrawn.

83. Motion was made and carried that the secretary cast the ballot for James W. Merritt. The ballot was cast, and Dr. Merritt was declared elected secretary of the Convention.

84. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) nominated Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) for secretary.

85. Motion was made and carried that the president cast the ballot of the Convention for Joe W. Burton for secretary, which was done.

86. Allen W. Graves (Okla.) nominated Porter Routh as treasurer. There being no other nominations, Dr. Graves moved that the secretary cast the ballot for the Convention. The ballot was cast, and Dr. Routh was declared elected treasurer.

87. Porter Routh read a cablegram which had been received from Billy Graham in London and moved that the Convention instruct the secretary to send a message in reply, which was done.

88. Allen W. Graves (Okla.) offered a special recommendation of the Radio Commission. The recommendation was discussed by J. D. Grey (La.).

89. A motion to extend the time for five minutes failed.

90. Chairman Cowling moved to set 6:30 P.M. as the time for special consideration of this matter. The motion failed.

91. A motion to extend the time for five minutes carried.

92. After further discussion by James P. Wesberry (Ga.) of the Radio Commission's special recommendation, R. L. O'Brien (Ga.) moved the recommendation be amended to read as follows:

(1) In an effort to rethink its task in terms of meeting the challenging responsibilities of television and expanding opportunities of radio, your Radio Commission requests permission to study the possibilities of relocating its central office at whatever point within the Southern Baptist Convention territory that can best meet our needs in technical facilities, station relation, financial support, production talent, and access to the population. It is understood that the expense of any move would not be paid out of the Cooperative Program allocation to the Radio Commission.

(2) That the place of location be left open for further study of the Radio Commission, with the instruction that they present their report to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and to the Southern Baptist Convention for final approval.

93. The recommendation, as amended, was adopted.

94. C. Oscar Johnson (Mo.) introduced Joel Sorenson (Sweden) who addressed the Convention on the youth work of the Baptist World Alliance.

95. James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) gave the report of the Sunday

School Board, which was adopted. The work of the Sunday School Board was discussed by Clifton J. Allen, Harold E. Ingraham, J. M. Crowe, J. N. Barnette, and James L. Sullivan, who announced the new organization of the Sunday School Board which will become effective September 1.

96. Special music was brought by the Men's Choir of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Ky.), "Lead on, O King Eternal" and "Lost in the Night."

97. James L. Sullivan addressed the Convention on "A Million More in '54," and pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY EVENING

98. Warren Angell led the Convention in singing "I Love to Tell the Story" and "Fairest Lord Jesus."

99. Theron H. King (Ill.) read Isaiah 55 and led in prayer.

100. Mrs. George R. Martin (Va.) moved the adoption of the Woman's Missionary Union report. The motion prevailed, and Mrs. Martin addressed the Convention.

101. George W. Schroeder (Tenn.) moved the adoption of the report of the Brotherhood. After discussion by Secretary Schroeder and introduction by James Sapp (Tenn.) of laymen who will soon tour mission fields in South America, the report was adopted.

102. Vice-president Westmoreland presented the new officers elected at the morning session.

103. Courts Redford (Ga.) presented G. Frank Garrison (Ga.) who directed the Home Mission program:

Testimonials Emphasizing New Phases of Home Missions

STUDENT SUMMER PROGRAM—Jack Park, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

CHURCHES' MINISTRY TO MILITARY PERSONNEL—M/Sgt. Grady W. Endsley, United States Air Force

MINISTRY TO JUVENILE DELINQUENTS—Leland H. Waters (Ga.) and Lawrence Trivette (Tenn.)

JEWISH EVANGELISM—Rev. and Mrs. Jack Altman, Jr., Louisville, Kentucky.

CHURCH LOANS—Preston M. Denton, pastor, Springfield, Illinois

NEGRO BAPTIST STUDENT UNION WORK—S. E. Grinstead, Nashville, Tennessee

NEGRO EVANGELISM—W. C. Trotter, Chicago, Illinois

CHAPLAINCY—Chaplain William R. Howard, United States Naval Training Center, and Mrs. Howard

DIRECT MISSIONS—Rev. and Mrs. Victor Kancubbe, missionaries to the Indians, Lawrence, Kansas.

OUTPOSTS—Miss Ondina Maristany, Havana, Cuba

ADDRESS—"Let Us Possess the Land"—Courts Redford

104. Courts Redford moved the adoption of the Home Mission Board report and of the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has exhausted the \$500,000 line of credit extended it by the two Atlanta banks, in making loans to new churches and,

WHEREAS, the Home Mission Board has repaid \$100,000 of the money borrowed—thus reducing the amount owed to \$400,000 and,

WHEREAS, the need for church loans continues to be staggering—a conservative estimate of the needs between now and January 1, 1959, being some \$18,000,000 and

WHEREAS, loans totaling \$1,590,400 have already been approved for future closing and,

WHEREAS, only \$220,174 is available in all funds at present for the closing of these approved loans and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the Home Mission Board's total loan requirements from now until December 31, 1955, will amount to some \$5,370,226 and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that not more than \$1,596,366.94 will be available between now and December 31, 1955—leaving an additional amount needed to meet requirements for the next nineteen (19) months of \$3,773,859.06 and,

WHEREAS, the constitution and growth of new churches depends quite largely upon their ability to secure desirable sites and to construct or obtain suitable places of worship and,

WHEREAS, the constitution and growth of new churches is recognized as the New Testament plan for Kingdom advance and is the best investment that any denomination may have.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND to the Southern Baptist Convention:

(1) That permission be hereby granted the Home Mission Board to defer all payments on funds heretofore borrowed for church loan purposes until September 1, 1958.

(2) That permission be hereby granted the Home Mission Board to borrow an additional amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 on the most favorable terms and conditions obtainable. Said money to be lent to churches on such terms and conditions as the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention may prescribe—the interest rate on such loans to be not less than 5 per cent; same to be repaid from repayment of church loans or if said source be insufficient that repayment may be made from Capital Needs funds or funds from the Advance section of the Cooperative Program budget—such payments to be made annually over a period not to exceed ten years, starting December 31, 1956.

(3) That the Southern Baptist Convention approves the plan of the Home Mission Board to emphasize the constitution of new churches in 1956.

(4) That 1956 be designated as "Buildings For Others" year.

(5) That the churches of the Convention during 1956 be encouraged to adopt and sponsor new churches either near home or in other areas.

(6) That these mothering churches be asked to supply necessary funds to help the new churches to construct their buildings.

(7) That the smaller churches which are unable to fully finance the construction of a building for a new church be encouraged to furnish funds for a certain portion of the building, such as the auditorium, a classroom, or a certain number of square feet in the new building.

(8) That all such funds for new buildings, unless otherwise designated, be made available to these new churches through the Home Mission Board as loans which shall revert to the Church Extension Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board to increase the corpus of that fund and that the Home Mission Board through its Church Loans Department be authorized to implement the plan and give publicity to it.

(9) That all concerned be urged to provide such building funds over and above Cooperative Program gifts.

105. John H. Buchanan (Ala.) moved that these recommendations be referred to the Executive Committee with the request that, with the Home Mission Board, they study these recommendations, with the Executive Committee having power to act. The motion to refer carried.

106. The report of the Home Mission Board was adopted.
107. The Mississippi College Band played "The Holy City" and "Onward Christian Soldiers."
108. Mrs. Harold Taylor (Ill.) sang "The Niney and Nine."
109. C. E. Matthews (Tex.) preached to the Convention, using the Scripture Matthew 16:13-18, on the subject, "Together with Christ in Evangelism."
110. The Convention adjourned with prayer by Dr. Matthews.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 4

111. Warren Angell led the Convention in singing "The Church's One Foundation," "Blessed Assurance," and "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."
112. M. O. Owens, Jr. (N. C.) read Joshua 24:14-24 and led in prayer.
113. J. Ray Garrett (D. C.) brought the report of the Committee on Boards.
114. Porter Routh moved to amend the report as follows: That the new members added to the Executive Committee be divided into terms of one, two, and three years according to the alphabetical beginning of their names with the understanding that future Committees on Boards shall follow the requirement of Bylaw 9, which states that all members shall be elected for three years each. The amendment was adopted.
115. The report of the Committee on Boards was adopted.
116. H. Leo Eddleman (Ky.) moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Negro Ministerial Education. The motion carried, and the report was discussed by Committee Chairman Eddleman.
117. L. S. Sedberry (Tenn.) presented the report on the American Baptist Theological Seminary. The report was adopted.
118. The Golden Gate Men's Ensemble (Calif.) brought special music.
119. Roland Q. Leavell (La.) presented the reports of the seminaries. The work of the seminaries was discussed by Harold K. Graves (Calif.), Ray Frank Robbins (La.), Sydnor L. Stealey (N. C.), Duke K. McCall (Ky.), J. Howard Williams (Tex.), and Roland Q. Leavell.
120. President Storer presented Ralph Johnson (N. Y.) secretary of the Missionary Council of the American Baptist Convention.
121. Chairman Buchanan brought the completed report of the Committee on Committees, which was adopted.
122. Chairman Garrett announced the division of terms of service for new members of the Executive Committee in conformity with the amendment offered by Porter Routh (Item 114).

123. R. E. Milam (Ore.) presented the following petition signed by the Executive Committee of the Executive Board of the Baptist General convention of Oregon-Washington:

First, in offering this petition we wish to express our gratitude to the Southern Baptist Convention and to our Lord Jesus Christ for the blessings which have been ours since our petition for recognition and aid was granted at Oklahoma City in 1949.

In these five years we have grown from 21 churches to 87, plus 20 missions, and from 3,000 to 9,000 members. Last fall we had 10,000 enrolled and it seems now that we will reach our goal to add 5,000 to our Sunday School enrolment this year.

But at this time we wish to petition the Convention on behalf of Western Canada. Churches in British Columbia and the prairie provinces have asked for affiliation in our state convention, and are supporting the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists. These churches are composed of Canadian members who have expressed the conviction that Canada desperately needs the program which Southern Baptists alone can give.

They call attention to the fact that in British Columbia and Alberta there is only one Baptist to 158 in the population. The population is 2,169,501, Baptist churches of all groups number 115, and total Baptist membership is 13,700. (In the whole of Canada the population is counted 50 per cent Catholic.)

The Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington is at this time aiding churches in Canada affiliated with us in opening up new fields in great un-churched areas out of funds given for our work by a great Southern Baptist church. Our needs are great but the needs of our Canadian brethren are greater.

We call attention to the fact that through its Home Mission Board the Southern Baptist Convention aids such other countries as Cuba and Panama even though there is a language barrier to overcome. Here there is no language barrier and it is our conviction that in the great Northwest, what was once "the Oregon Country" could again be united in a common cause—this time under the banner of Christ to make strong the spiritual foundations of sister nations. Our Southern Baptist Boards are now aiding Alaska on one side and the Northwestern States on the other.

Our plea is that the Home Mission Board, the Sunday School Board and other Southern Baptist agencies be permitted to aid us in this work in Canada in and through churches affiliated with our state convention.

Dr. Milam then moved that in view of the petition of the Executive Committee of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon and Washington, that any supporting agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention be permitted, at their discretion, to grant the privilege to employees of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon and Washington to aid churches affiliated with said state convention even though their salaries may be paid in part by the said agency.

124. W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) made a point of order that the motion by R. E. Milam violated Article II of the Constitution of the Convention. President Storer sustained the point of order. Appeal was made to the Convention, which overruled the president's ruling, and the point of order was not sustained.

125. The motion by R. E. Milam was discussed by J. Winston Pearce (Md.), George R. Wilson (Tex.), and H. H. Hargrove (Tex.) The motion was adopted.

126. L. E. Barton (Ala.) moved that the period for miscellaneous business be extended twenty minutes. The motion carried.

127. H. H. Hargrove (Tex.) offered a resolution on newspaper advertising which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

128. L. E. Barton (Ala.) moved that the Committee on Order of

Business for 1955 be instructed to provide two afternoon sessions (on the second and third days) at the next annual meeting and that the committee be requested to follow carefully Bylaw 19 of the Convention which provides that one-third of the time allotted for any report shall be reserved for discussion. The motion was adopted.

129. Stanley E. Wilkes (Tex.) offered a resolution concerning "Christ in Industry," which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

130. James L. Sullivan (Tenn.), at the request of Thomas T. Holloway (Tex.), offered a resolution on the American Bible Society, which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

131. Allen W. Graves (Okla.) introduced Paul M. Stevens (Ga.), who presented the report of the Radio Commission. He moved adoption of the report with the following recommendations:

(1) Whereas, the scope of the activity of this body has been extended by the development of television, and this body has already entered upon activities in the field of television, as authorized by paragraph 5 of the Charter, and

Whereas, the members of the corporation consider it advisable that a designation of the corporation including the word "television" be adopted and put into use,

We request that the corporation hereafter be authorized to conduct its business under the trade name and style of "The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention" instead of "The Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention," and the director of the corporation be authorized and directed to execute and file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of DeKalb County, Georgia, the notice of said trade name and style as required by the laws of the State of Georgia.

(2) We further recommend and request that By-Law 6, Section (c), in Convention By-Laws, be amended to read: "The Radio and Television Commission," instead of "The Radio Commission."

The motion carried, and the Commission's report was discussed by Paul Stevens.

132. Stanley E. Wilkes moved to reconsider Item No. 92. The motion carried.

133. A motion to extend the time for ten minutes carried.

134. R. Paul Caudill (Tenn.) moved that Item No. 92 be amended to read:

(1) In an effort to rethink its task in terms of meeting the challenging responsibilities of television and expanding opportunities of radio, your Radio and Television Commission requests permission to locate its central office at whatever point within the Southern Baptist Convention territory that can best meet our needs in technical facilities, station relations, financial support, production talent, and access to the population. It is understood that the expenses of any move would not be paid out of the Cooperative Program allocation to the Radio Commission.

(2) That the place of location be left open for further study of the Radio and Television Commission with the instruction that they present their report to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention or to the Southern Baptist Convention for final approval with the understanding that if circumstances should arise within the year that should be to the advantage of the Radio and Television Commission to move, that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention be given authority to approve the location with any necessary charter changes required.

135. The previous question was moved and carried.

136. The amendment to Item No. 92 carried.

137. The Christian Home Service was directed by Joe W. Burton (Tenn.). Special music was given by the Ouachita College Choir, directed by Herbert M. Cecil; Mrs. Edwin Ireby (Ark.); junior choirs directed by Mrs. Helen Hart Faris (Mo.)

Family worship was conducted by the family of Dr. and Mrs. Everett D. Sugarbaker (Mo.)

Olin T. Binkley (N. C.) spoke on "The Christian Home" based on Ephesians 5:22 to 6:4.

The Convention adjourned with benediction in song by W. L. Huguen (Ala.), "Bless This House."

FRIDAY EVENING

138. Vice-president Westmoreland called the Convention to order. Warren Angell led the Convention in singing "Amazing Grace."

139. Mrs. Edwin Ireby (Ark.), accompanied on the organ by her husband, gave a violin solo.

140. Warren Angell led in singing "The Church's One Foundation."

141. Robert D. Hughes (Calif.) read 1 Timothy 4:1-16 and led in prayer.

142. Walter Pope Binns (Mo.) introduced C. Emanuel Carlson (D.C.) who spoke on the work of the Public Affairs Committee.

143. Secretary Burton reported the enrolment of messengers had reached a total of 10,906.

144. The secretary read a message of brotherly greetings from the 1954 Grand Assembly of the Metropolitan Church Federation of Greater St. Louis to which, by common consent, the secretary was instructed to reply.

145. Norman W. Cox (Tenn.) moved the adoption of the report of the Historical Commission. The motion carried, and Secretary Cox discussed the work of the Commission.

146. Alfred Carpenter (Ga.) introduced Chaplain Asa Jones, Chaplain Alvin Collins and Mrs. Collins, and Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Beasley, who gave brief testimonies on their work in the chaplaincy.

147. The gavel was returned to President Storer, who presented A. C. Miller (Tenn.) for the report of the Christian Life Commission.

148. A motion was made to adopt the report and the recommendations of the Commission.

149. A motion was made to amend the recommendations by eliminating Recommendation No. 3.

150. The time was extended five minutes.

151. A motion to extend the time for ten minutes failed.

152. The motion to amend by striking Recommendation No. 3 failed.

153. A motion to vote seriatim failed.

154. After discussion by J. B. Weatherspoon, (Ky.), Commission chairman, and others, the report and recommendations were adopted:

(1) ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

There is a growing concern on the part of the responsible citizens of this nation over the increase year after year in the number of our delinquent youth. We believe that the spiritual ministry of the Christian gospel is the most effective preventative of juvenile crime, but less than half of the youth of our nation 18 years of age and under receive any kind of religious instruction in home, church, or school. The Christian forces within our churches must find ways and means of working with the law enforcement and other agencies within our communities if we stem this threatening tide of juvenile crime.

We, therefore, urge our pastors and members of our churches to acquaint themselves with the facts on this problem in their communities, and to co-operate with the Home Mission Board and other agencies of this Convention in our work in this field as we seek to build a program with specific responsibilities for each agency that will avoid as far as possible the overlapping of effort and expense.

(2) ON INTERSTATE ADVERTISING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Through the improved media of modern advertising technique, we believe the liquor industry of this nation makes excessive and fraudulent claims about the nature of beverage alcohol and about the social advantages in its use. Following the precedent set by this government in the enactment and enforcement of pure food laws, laws that prohibit the distribution and sale of narcotic drugs, and still other laws to protect our citizens from false advertising, we recommend:

1. That Congress be urged to take early and effective action in the enactment of legislation that will prohibit interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio, television, and through mediums of public print; and

2. That this Commission, in co-operation with the Joint Committee on Public Affairs, be asked to communicate this action of the Convention to the Senate committee now holding public hearings on this issue.

(3) CONCERNING THE SUPREME COURT DECISION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

In the light of the recent decision handed down by the Supreme Court of our nation declaring segregation of the races to be unconstitutional, and in view of the position of this Convention in adhering to the basic moral principles of our religion as they apply in race relations, we recommend:

1. That we recognize the fact that this Supreme Court decision is in harmony with the constitutional guarantee of equal freedom to all citizens, and with the Christian principles of equal justice and love for all men.

2. That we commend the Supreme Court for deferring the application of the principle both as to time and procedure until the nation shall have had time to work out methods by which transition from the present practice may be effected.

3. That we urge our people and all Christians to conduct themselves in this period of adjustment in the spirit of Christ; that we pray that God may guide us in our thinking and our attitudes to the end that we may help and not hinder the progress of justice and brotherly love; that we may exercise patience and good will in the discussions that must take place, and give a good testimony to the meaning of Christian faith and discipleship.

4. That we express our belief in the public school system of our nation as one of the greatest factors in American history for the maintenance of democracy and our common culture, and we express the hope that in the working out of necessary adjustments, its place in our educational program shall not be impaired.

5. That we urge Christian statesmen and leaders in our churches to use their leadership in positive thought and planning to the end that this crisis in our national history shall not be made the occasion for new and bitter prejudices, but a movement toward a united nation embodying and proclaiming a democracy that will commend freedom to all peoples.

155. Warren Angell led the Convention in singing "He Leadeth Me."

156. R. Orin Cornett (Tenn.) spoke on the work of the Education Commission.

157. G. Kearnie Keegan (Tenn.) introduced the Youth Service, which was directed by Bill Cody and included musical numbers by the Bison Glee Club, G. Kearnie Keegan, Missouri Baptist Hospital Choir, Jack Kay; testimonies by Jerry Coody (Baylor University), Carol Bruns (Harris Teachers College), Jack Kay (Hardin-Simmons University); and message by Andy Blane (Ky.).

158. The Convention adjourned with prayer by Dr. Keegan and a musical benediction by the Bison Glee Club.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 5

159. President Storer called the Convention to order. Warren Angell led in singing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "Wherever He Leads I'll Go," and "O Zion, Haste."

160. James F. Heaton (Okla.) read Romans 10:1-11 and led in the Lord's Prayer.

161. Harold W. Seever (Ala.), chairman, brought the recommendations for the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher, which were adopted seriatim and as a whole:

(1) That the Convention instruct the Committee on Arrangements of the Executive Committee of the Convention to study the advisability of the Convention meeting from Friday through Tuesday and to present recommendations for action upon this suggestion at the next annual meeting in Miami.

(2) In support of recent action taken by the Executive Committee we recommend that the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher bring recommendations annually for the place of Convention meetings three years in advance rather than two years in advance.

(3) That the Executive Committee study recommending a plan of rotation for the meeting of the Convention among cities that can adequately accommodate the Convention and bring such recommendations at the next annual meeting in Miami.

(4) That the Convention hold its 1956 annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, May 30-June 2, Wednesday through Saturday noon.

(5) That the Convention hold its 1957 annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois, May 29-June 1, Wednesday through Saturday, in consideration of the celebration of the fiftieth year of organization of the Illinois Baptist Convention.

(6) That Monroe F. Swilley, Atlanta, Georgia, be the Convention preacher in 1955 and C. Vaughan Rock, Phoenix, Arizona, be the alternate.

162. A motion to reconsider Item No. 128 was carried.

163. Oliver R. Shields (Mo.) moved that the action which had been authorized in Item No. 128 be deferred until 1956. The motion carried.

164. W. C. Boone (Ky.), chairman, brought these resolutions for the Committee on Resolutions:

Resolution Concerning Selective Service Legislation

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, in May, 1953, petitioned the Congress of the United States to amend Article 1622.43

section 16 of selective service regulation so as to include full-time, vocational lay religious workers, or students preparing for such service, under the 4-D classification, and

WHEREAS, Congressman Wingate Lucas of Fort Worth, Texas, introduced in the 83rd Congress, 2nd session, on March 2, 1954, House Resolution 8167 which will accomplish this purpose,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that this Convention go on record as endorsing Congressman Lucas' bill and so inform him and Selective Service Headquarters.

Submitted by J. M. Price (Tex.) and Alfred Carpenter (Ga.)

**Resolution Concerning a Committee for
Increased Efforts Toward World Evangelization**

Conscious of the fearful trend of world events, and of the appalling crisis which man faces in every realm of his existence, and

Believing that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the only adequate remedy for that crisis, and

Realizing that the doors of evangelism and world missions have already been closed by the iron and bamboo curtains on more than one-third of the peoples of the world, and that the time in which we may enter the remaining open doors may be incredibly short, and

Gratefully conscious of the devoted and sacrificial efforts of our missionaries both at home and abroad, and of the faithful endeavor of the devout leadership of all of our Convention agencies, but

Aware of the fact that we desperately need to step up the tempo of our efforts as Baptists to lay hold on that for which we were laid hold on by Jesus Christ.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) That this Convention authorize its president to appoint a representative committee of seven to study additional ways and means by which the rank and file of our churches may be aroused to action in increasing their support of all our Convention agencies and particularly world evangelization, and

(2) That the committee be instructed to meet with the Promotion Committee in June and report to the Executive Committee in December with specific proposals, for approval, looking toward the implementation of the efforts of the committee and the subsequent report of the committee, in co-operation with the Promotion Committee, to the Convention in Miami in 1955.

Submitted by R. Paul Caudill (Tenn.), Leon M. Latimer (S. C.), John W. Raley (Okla.), Wade H. Bryant (Va.), Harold G. Sanders (Fla.), Harold W. Seever (Ala.), W. Boyd Hunt (Tex.), H. Guy Moore (Tex.), A. Warren Huyck (Fla.).

Resolution Concerning "Christ in Industry"

We as Baptists are keenly interested in promoting the Kingdom in every way possible. We are particularly anxious for our people to know and show daily a living faith. Many of our laymen have already demonstrated unusual zeal in promoting daily devotional meetings in the shops or business where they work.

From these meetings have come the salvation of souls, the strengthening of convictions, the deepening of spiritual life, more harmonious relationships—both among employees and between employer and employees, and a new appreciation for and honor to the name of our Saviour. Such meetings can challenge and use many who could not be reached in any other way.

Believing that such activities should be encouraged and that they should be promoted by our laymen in as large a way as possible,

BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) That we commend our laymen who have already launched such "on the job" daily devotional meetings; and

(2) That we urge other laymen to accept the responsibility of promoting such daily, devotional services "on the job" where they work; and

(3) That we request the Christian Life Commission, the Brotherhood, and the editors of appropriate periodicals to call attention to this needed ministry that laymen can render and give assistance through publication of testimonials, pictures, suggestions for procedure, etc., and continue to give such emphasis periodically; and

(4) That the Christian Life Commission and the Committee on Denominational Calendar give consideration to the possibility of a special season in which to draw attention of all our people to this ministry.

Submitted by Stanley E. Wilkes (Tex.) and G. V. Doyle (Tex.)

Resolution Concerning Advisability
of Special Newspaper Advertising

WHEREAS, newspaper advertising is one of the most effective available means of disseminating information to the public, and

WHEREAS, some other religious groups are using this channel of propaganda with apparent effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, it seems wise that Southern Baptists study the advisability of using this channel to get their message and doctrinal position to the multitudes who never otherwise receive them, both in the older sections of our Convention and in the new areas into which we are expanding,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention be asked to study this matter through a suitable committee of its members and report to the 1955 Convention with such recommendations as are found to be advisable.

Submitted by H. H. Hargrove.

Resolution Concerning the American Bible Society

WHEREAS, this Convention recognizes that widespread distribution of the printed Word of God is a basic necessity in the worldwide missionary task to which we are committed, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the American Bible Society renders an essential worldwide missionary service through translating and publishing the Scriptures without note or comment and through distributing them without profit and usually below cost,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we fraternally urge all our churches and our people to make worthy contributions to the work of the American Bible Society in order to provide enough Scriptures for worldwide missionary needs for the printed Word of God.

Resolution Concerning St. Louis Hospitality

The Southern Baptist Convention in its ninety-seventh session wishes to express appreciation to the Baptists of Missouri and especially of the St. Louis area for their Christian hospitality. We wish to thank all the local committees for their handling of all the details. To the radio, television, and press, who have given publicity to the Convention proceedings, we also acknowledge our gratitude. The auditorium and housing arrangements have been unusually satisfactory. St. Louis has treated us well, and we appreciate every courtesy and help extended to our Convention at this meeting.

165. The resolutions were adopted seriatim and as a whole.

166. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) offered this resolution:

Resolution Concerning Southern Baptists'
Relationship to Canadian Baptists and Others

We rejoice in the witness to the saving power of Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, by all Christians individually and collectively. We are especially grateful for the fellowship in the gospel of Baptist brethren of other unions and conventions. We draw strength from our association in the Baptist World Alliance and pray that by God's grace we may share strength in Christian witness therein.

By act of this Convention we have refused to withhold help from Baptist churches beyond the border of our nation. We do not intend thereby to impugn the Christian faith of our fellow members of the Baptist World Alliance in Canada. We would extend our help to them to the extent of our resources even as we would ask their help, knowing that we can do no less for each other than to pray for each other that God may grant our respective conventions the leadership and power of the Holy Spirit that the world may know our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

On motion the rules were suspended for immediate consideration, and the resolution was adopted.

167. The committee authorized by Resolution No. 2, Item 164, was announced:

COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN PROMOTING WORLD EVANGELIZATION

H. Guy Moore (Tex.), *chairman*, Leon M. Latimer (S.C.), Wade H. Bryant (Va.), John W. Raley (Okla.), Harold W. Seever (Ala.), A. Warren Huyck (Fla.), and R. Paul Caudil (Tenn.).

168. Reuben E. Alley (Va.) moved that the Convention authorize the president to appoint a special committee of seven to search for and to recommend a procedure for prior consideration by the Executive Committee of all matters that have to do with changes in policy by any agency of the Convention when these changes require approval by the Convention.

169. A motion to extend the time for five minutes failed.

170. The motion presented by Mr. Alley (Item 168) was adopted.

171. A motion to approve the Minutes of the Convention as printed in the "Convention Bulletin," subject to necessary clerical revision, was adopted.

172. The Oklahoma Choir Directors Quartet sang.

173. Sam W. Scantlan (Okla.) addressed the Convention on "The Country Church."

174. Thomas T. Holloway (Tex.) spoke on the work of the American Bible Society.

175. It was moved and carried that the secretary be authorized to carry a brief report of the Society in the Convention ANNUAL.

176. With Vice-president Westmoreland in the chair, a motion to print the address of President Storer in the Convention ANNUAL carried.

177. The secretary announced the enrolment of messengers had reached a total of 10,962, second highest in the history of the Convention.

178. At the request of Vice-president Westmoreland, Secretary Cauthen of the Foreign Mission Board offered a prayer for God's blessings on President and Mrs. Storer on their forthcoming trip to Europe.

179. The Secretary announced the appointment by the president of the committee authorized by Item No. 170:

COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE FOR POLICY CHANGES

S. H. Jones (S.C.), *chairman*, T. B. Lackey (Okla.), Frank A. Hooper, Jr. (Ga.), J. Ralph Grant (Tex.), Claud Bowen (N.C.), W. R. Pettigrew (Ky.), and Henry W. Tiffany (Va.).

180. J. Norris Palmer (La.) brought the report on Audio-Visual Aids. The report was adopted, including the following recommendation.

In view of the foregoing, and with the belief that the plan of operation set up by the Convention in its 1950 session is now well established, we recommend that your committee be discharged, it being understood that it is the purpose of those now active in audio-visual fields for this Convention to establish a joint conference committee for study and planning.

Earl Waldrup (Tenn.) discussed our audio-visual ministry.

181. The Chapel Singers of Southern Illinois College of Bible brought special music.

182. Forrest C. Feezor, (Tex.) preached to the Convention on the subject, "He Took It upon Himself," based on Phillippians 2:5-11.

183. The ninety-seventh annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention was adjourned finally after prayer by Dr. Feezor and the singing by the Convention of "My Faith Looks up to Thee" and "I Can Hear My Saviour Calling."

J. W. STORER, President

JOE W. BURTON, Secretary

REGISTRATION BY STATES—1954

Alabama	625
Alaska	6
Arizona	54
Arkansas	475
California	125
Colorado	13
Cuba	1
District of Columbia	59
Florida	285
Georgia	558
Illinois	609
Indiana	23
Kansas	72
Kentucky	745
Louisiana	453
Maryland	63
Michigan	11
Minnesota	1
Mississippi	563
Missouri	1,636
Montana	3
New Hampshire	1
New Mexico	126
North Carolina	730
North Dakota	1
Ohio	33
Oklahoma	537
Oregon-Washington	21
South Carolina	637
South Dakota	2
Tennessee	725
Texas	1,384
Utah	8
Virginia	344
West Virginia	3
Wisconsin	2
Wyoming	5
Missionaries	23
Total Registration	10,962