

PROCEEDINGS

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

MIAMI, FLORIDA

May 18-21, 1955

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 18

1. The ninety-eighth session of the Southern Baptist Convention (one hundred and tenth year) was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by President J. W. Storer (Okla.) in Dinner Key Auditorium, Miami, Florida.

2. Forrest H. Heeren (Ky.) Convention Music Director, led in singing "How Firm a Foundation" and "I Am Thine, O Lord."

3. Hugh Van Eaton (Ky.) read John 12:23-36 and led in the opening prayer.

4. Secretary Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) reported an enrolment of 2,083 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 later be recognized as members of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership as set forth in Article III of the Constitution.

5. John L. Slaughter (S.C.), chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Order of Business, which was adopted:

GENERAL THEME: "Giving God the Glory"

(Let the Lord be glorified—Isaiah 66:5b)

Wednesday Morning		
	9:45	President's Address—J. W. Storer, Okla.
9:00		Worship: Song—Dr. Heeren Scripture and Prayer—Hugh Van Eaton, Ky. (John 12:23-36)
9:10		Secretary's Report on Registration—Joe W. Burton, Tenn.
9:15		Committee on Order of Business—John L. Slaughter, S.C., <i>Chairman</i>
9:20		Appointment of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, and Tellers
9:25		Recognition of Fraternal Messengers Address—Dr. Herbert Gezork, <i>First Vice-President, American Baptist Convention</i>
	10:10	Fellowship in Song (theme song)
	*10:15	Executive Committee Administrative Report—Porter Routh, Tenn., <i>Executive Secretary</i>
	**11:15	Election of Officers
	11:50	Committee on Theological Education—Louie D. Newton, Ga., <i>Chairman</i>
	12:05	Fellowship in Song Special Music
	12:15	Convention Sermon—Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., Ga. Alternate: C. Vaughan Rock, Ariz.
	1:00	Adjourn

*Bylaw 19—Limitations: One-third of the time for consideration of all reports before the Convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor.

**Bylaw 4—Election of Officers: The president, the first, and the second vice-presidents, and the secretaries shall be elected not later than the second day of the Convention, their terms of office to begin at the final adjournment.

Election of officers shall be by ballot, provided however that if there is only one nomination, and no other person desires to nominate, the secretary or anyone designated for the purpose may cast the ballot of the Convention.

Wednesday Night

- 6:55 Worship:
Song—Dr. Heeren
Scripture and Prayer—Mrs.
D. C. Bomar, S.C., (Isa. 6)
7:10 American Bible Society
Representative
7:25 Woman's Missionary Union—
Mrs. George R. Martin, Va.,
President
7:55 Fellowship in Song
8:00 Foreign Mission Board Re-
port—Baker James Cauthen,
Va., *Executive Secretary*
Adjourn
(Election of Officers)

Thursday Morning

- 9:00 Worship:
Song—Dr. Heeren
Scripture and Prayer—S. M.
Morgan, N.M. (Eph. 1:1-14)
9:10 Southern Baptist Hospital
Report—Frank Tripp, La.,
Administrator
9:30 Southern Baptist Foundation
—T. L. Holcomb, Tenn.,
Executive Secretary
9:40 Election of Officers and Mis-
cellaneous Business
10:00 Fellowship in Song
10:05 Sunday School Board Report
—James L. Sullivan, Tenn.,
Executive Secretary
11:00 Special Music
11:05 Relief and Annuity Board
Report
11:25 Committee on Denominational
Calendar—Albert McClellan,
Tenn., *Chairman*
11:30 Committee on Baptist Film—
Louie D. Newton, Ga., *Chair-
man*
11:40 Baptist World Alliance Re-
port—Arnold T. Ohrn, D.C.,
General Secretary
11:55 Election of Officers and Mis-
cellaneous Business
12:20 Fellowship in Song
Special Music
12:30 Radio and Television Com-
mission—Paul M. Stevens,
Ga., *Executive Secretary*
1:00 Adjourn

Thursday Night

- 6:55 Worship:
Song—Dr. Heeren
Scripture and Prayer—J. G.
Miller, Tenn. (Isa. 60:1-6;
19-21)
7:10 Commission on American
Bapt. Theol. Seminary—L. S.
Sedberry, Tenn., *Secretary*

- 7:30 Executive Committee Pro-
motion Report—Merrill D.
Moore, Tenn., *Director of
Promotion*
8:30 Thirtieth Anniversary of Co-
operative Program
8:35 Music—Cherokee Indian
Choir
8:45 Home Mission Board Report
—Courts Redford, Ga., *Execu-
tive Secretary*
Adjourn

Friday Morning

- 9:00 Worship:
Song—Dr. Heeren
Scripture and Prayer—Chas.
R. Standridge, Va., (John 17:
1-10)
9:10 Report of Committee on
Boards—Earl B. Edington,
Fla., *Chairman*
9:25 Historical Commission—Nor-
man W. Cox, Tenn., *Execu-
tive Secretary*
9:40 Chaplains Commission of
S.B.C.—Alfred Carpenter,
Ga., *Director*
9:55 Special Music
10:05 Education Commission—R.
Orin Cornett, Tenn., *Execu-
tive Secretary*
Speaker: Robert S. Kerr,
Okla.
10:40 Miscellaneous Business
11:00 Report of Committee on Com-
mittees
11:05 Christian Life Commission—
A. C. Miller, Tenn., *Executive
Secretary*
11:30 Song
11:40 Report of Seminaries:
Southern Baptist Seminary
—Duke K. McCall, Ky.,
President
New Orleans Seminary—
Roland Q. Leavell, La.,
President
Southwestern Seminary—
J. Howard Williams,
Texas, *President*
Southeastern Seminary—
Sydnor L. Stealey, N.C.,
President
Golden Gate Seminary—
Harold K. Graves, Calif.,
President
12:30 Address—J. Howard Wil-
liams, Texas
1:00 Adjourn

Friday Night

- 6:55 Worship:
Song—Dr. Heeren
Scripture and Prayer—Mar-
ion Perry, Miss., (Rom. 15:
1-12)

7:10	Committee on Public Affairs —C. Emanuel Carlson, D.C., <i>Executive Secretary</i>	10:45	Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign—Louie D. Newton, Ga., <i>Chairman</i>
7:25	Brotherhood Commission— George W. Schroeder, Tenn., <i>Executive Secretary</i>	11:00	Committee on Procedure for Policy Change—S. H. Jones, S.C., <i>Chairman</i>
8:00	Fellowship in Song	11:15	Fellowship in Song Special Music
8:05	Christian Home Hour—Joe W. Burton, Tenn., <i>Director</i> Message—Perry F. Webb, Texas Adjourn	11:25	Inspirational Message: "Glorifying God Through the Church"—Theron D. Price, Ky.
		12:00	Adjourn

Saturday Morning

9:00	Worship: Song—Dr. Heeren Scripture and Prayer—Mar- jorie Jones, La., (John 13: 18-32)
9:10	Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher
9:20	Committee on Resolutions
9:40	Miscellaneous Business
10:10	Memory in Song
10:15	Memorial Service—Leon M. Latimer, S.C.,
10:30	Committee on Baptist State Papers—David M. Gardner, Texas, <i>Chairman</i>

Saturday Night

7:30	Worship: Song—Dr. Heeren Scripture and Prayer—James Crook, Texas
7:40	Presentation of Incoming Convention Officers
8:05	Youth Night Service—G. Kearnie Keegan, Tenn. Message—J. P. Allen, Va. Special Music: Stetson Uni- versity Choir Message—Howard Butt, Texas Adjourn

6. Secretary James W. Merritt (Ga.) announced the appointment by the President of the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

W. Perry Crouch (N.C.), *Chairman*, W. B. Tatum (Ark.), Henry Stokes (Ga.), Wilburn S. Smith (Miss.), W. Leonard Stigler (Tenn.).

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

J. Ralph Grant (Tex.), *Chairman*, B. Locke Davis (Ala.), Gerald Hall (Ariz.), D. David Garland (Ark.), Paul A. Meigs (Calif.), M. C. Stith (D.C.), M. J. Berquist (Fla.), Dick H. Hall, Jr. (Ga.), John L. Phillips (Ill.), Robert E. Humphreys (Ky.), J. T. Horton (La.), J. Winston Pearce (Md.), John E. Barnes (Miss.), T. W. Croxton (Mo.), S. M. Morgan (N.M.), John A. Ellis (N.C.), Sidney M. Maddox (Okla.), Dotson M. Nelson, Jr. (S.C.), Fred Kendall (Tenn.), Garis T. Long (Va.).

TELLERS

George Bagley (Ala.), *Chairman*, L. J. Newton, Jr. (Md.), Loved R. Simmons (Ariz.), Joe T. Odle (Miss.), Ralph W. Davis (Ark.), James T. Shirley (Mo.), Robert D. Hughes (Calif.), Harold G. Sanders (Fla.), Nane Starnes (N.C.), Bernard D. King (Ga.), Tom Wiles (Okla.), Wheeler Thompson (Ill.), Horace G. Hammett (S.C.), Jack Stanton (Kan.), Martin Bradley (Tenn.), Eldred M. Taylor (Ky.), Eual F. Lawson (Mo.), Fred Forrester (La.), John Tubbs (Va.), J. Woodrow Fuller (Texas).

7. The following fraternal messengers were recognized: Dr. Erick Ruden, Stockholm, Sweden, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Sweden, and Mrs. Ruden; Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, Washington, D.C., and Norway, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

8. Dr. Herbert Gezork, first vice-president of the American Baptist Convention, brought greetings and addressed the Convention.

9. With Vice-president Homer G. Lindsay (Fla.) in the Chair.

President Storer delivered his presidential address. (See page 68.)

10. Charles Taylor (Calif.) led the Convention in prayer.

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

12. In introducing the report Secretary Routh presented the following recently installed state executive secretaries: Lucius M. Polhill (Va.), Searcy S. Garrison (Ga.), and Earl Harding (Mo.). He also presented R. Alton Reed (Texas), the new executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board

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

Recommendation No. 1

We recommend the approval of the 1955 budgets of the Southwide agencies, as printed on pages 96-105, insofar as they do not conflict with the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention.

14. Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.) presented Recommendation No. 2, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend that the distribution of Cooperative Program receipts for 1956 be on a single percentage basis, up to the Advance Program for home and foreign missions, with the understanding that if less than \$10,000,000 is received the agencies not sharing in Capital Needs will receive the balance on their operating budgets before final distribution is made.

15. Louie D. Newton (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 3, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 3

We recommend that a full \$10,000,000 of Cooperative Program funds be distributed for Current Operating Expenses and Capital Needs in 1956, as shown on the following schedule:

	1955 OPERATING	1955 CAPITAL	1956 OPERATING	1956 CAPITAL	1956 TOTAL
Foreign Mission Board	\$2,875,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$3,200,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 3,800,000.00
Home Mission Board	710,000.00	439,800.00	785,000.00	439,800.00	1,224,800.00
Relief and Annuity Board	500,000.00	291,900.00	500,000.00*	291,900.00	791,900.00
Southern Seminary	310,317.00	242,466.67	426,500.00	242,466.67	678,966.67
Southwestern Seminary	360,317.00	242,466.67	463,500.00	242,466.67	705,966.67
New Orleans Seminary	333,316.00	253,203.33	378,000.00	253,203.33	631,203.33
Golden Gate Seminary	204,400.00	199,800.00	249,000.00	199,800.00	448,800.00
Southeastern Seminary	235,650.00	550,363.33	288,000.00	550,363.33	838,363.33
Radio and Television Com.	200,000.00	12,000.00	200,000.00	12,000.00	212,000.00
American Seminary	60,000.00	42,000.00	62,500.00	42,000.00	104,500.00
Carver School	61,000.00	.....	70,000.00	.....	70,000.00
Southern Baptist Hospital	40,000.00	120,000.00	40,000.00	120,000.00	160,000.00
Brotherhood Commission	65,000.00	6,000.00	80,000.00	6,000.00	86,000.00
Public Affairs Commission	15,000.00	.....	16,500.00	.....	16,500.00
Baptist World Alliance	30,000.00	.....	30,000.00	.....	30,000.00
Southern Baptist Foundation	25,000.00	.....	25,000.00	.....	25,000.00
Education Commission	32,000.00	.....	32,000.00	.....	32,000.00
Historical Commission	26,000.00	.....	27,000.00	.....	27,000.00
Christian Life Commission	17,000.00	.....	17,000.00	.....	17,000.00
	\$6,100,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$6,900,000.00	.....	.....
CONVENTION OPERATING BUDGET .....	.....	.....	100,000.00	.....	100,000.00
			\$7,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00

*This item is subject to revision following report of a special subcommittee.

All over \$10,000,000 to go 75 per cent to Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to Home Mission Board.

16. T. K. Rucker (Ark.) presented Recommendation No. 4, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 4

We recommend that the Convention Operating Budget for 1956 be as follows:

Convention Expense (including Annual)	\$ 45,000
Special Committees	10,000
Executive Committee	90,000
Reserve	15,000
Total	\$160,000

(By agreement the Sunday School Board will pay \$60,000 toward operation of the Convention Budget, and the remaining \$100,000 will be provided out of distributable funds before further allocation is made.)

17. J. D. Grey (La.) presented Recommendation No. 5, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 5

WHEREAS, Louie D. Newton has served for many years as a faithful member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and

WHEREAS, In May, 1955, he completes his current tenure as a member of the Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS, During this term of service he has served as Chairman of the Finance Committee of this body, and

WHEREAS, The Finance Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Southern Baptist Convention, of which he has served as its honored president, are forever indebted to Dr. Newton for his efficient, faithful, and untiring service to the cause of Christ,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That

1. We thank God for this noble servant, who, through many years, has without stint given of himself in the service of Christ;

2. We express our gratitude to Dr. Newton for his wise leadership as Chairman of the Finance Committee and for his sane counsel in all affairs of the Executive Committee and Southern Baptist life;

3. We pray God's continued blessings upon him, his family, and his noble church as his life grows even richer in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. Grey presented to Dr. Newton a scroll on which was recorded the resolutions of appreciation for his service to the Executive Committee.

18. A. B. Hawkes (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 6, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 6

We recommend that Bylaw 10 be amended to add the following wording, in accord with the action taken by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1950:

"All special Convention committees shall transfer, upon their discharge, all official files to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention."

19. Thomas P. Pruitt (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 7, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 7

We recommend to the Convention that Section XII, Article 3 of the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention be amended to read:

"The financial report of each agency shall be printed in the *Convention Book of Reports* or the *Convention Annual*, and shall contain the following taken from its latest annual audit report:

- (1) Balance sheet
- (2) Analysis of surplus accounts
- (3) Income and expense
- (4) Classified list of investments by fund and type of investment
- (5) Receipts by states of contributions. These should show:
 - a. Cooperative receipts received through the Executive Committee
 - b. Designated receipts received through Executive Committee
 - c. Gifts not received through Executive Committee"

20. Horace G. Adams (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 8. which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 8

The Executive Committee recommends that Article V of the Southwestern Seminary charter be amended as follows:

ARTICLE V

Said corporation shall have a Board of Trustees which shall consist of one member from each cooperating state of the Convention in keeping with By-Law 17 of the Southern Baptist Convention and ten members at large whose residences are adjacent to the Seminary.

All Trustees shall be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention according to the provisions of the Constitution of that Convention.

The term of office of the Trustees elected from said states and the District of Columbia shall be five years. These terms of office shall be so arranged that the numbers of terms expiring in each of these five years shall be as nearly equal as possible.

The ten members at large shall be elected by the Convention. Two of them shall be elected for a term of one year, two for two years, two for three years, two for four years and two for five years, and thereafter all elections, except to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal, shall be for a term of five years. In meeting this provision all Trustees more than one in a state shall be considered at large and their present terms of office be made a part of this pattern.

As vacancies shall occur the Southern Baptist Convention shall fill such vacancies at the session of that body next ensuing. Provided, that if for any cause said Convention shall fail to fill vacancies at the next annual session after the said vacancies occur, the Board of Trustees shall fill such vacancy. It is hereby made the duty of the Trustees to notify the said Convention of any vacancies to be filled.

Provided: That in all cases, Trustees elected shall be citizens of the states composing the Southern Baptist Convention and shall be members of regular Baptist churches in cooperation with the appointing body.

21. Douglas M. Branch (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 9, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 9

The Executive Committee recommends that the Home Mission Board Charter be amended in accord with the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Charter of Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention provides that its charter may not be amended without prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention, and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable for the corporation at its annual meeting to elect two Vice-Presidents instead of one as was the former practice, and also to provide that the Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Board shall have authority, and without any joint signature, to execute quit-claim deeds

and cancellations and releases in cases of repayment of mortgage loans and gifts made by the corporation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention request permission from the Southern Baptist Convention to amend its charter by striking paragraph 2 of the Amendment to its Charter granted January 4, 1938, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Petitioner desires to amend its said Charter, as so renewed and amended, in the following particulars to wit:

(a) By inserting the following provision: "Vacancies in the membership of the Board occurring between the sessions of the Convention shall be filled by the Board or its Executive Committee. This corporation shall, at its annual meeting, elect a President, two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and an Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The corporation shall have the power to provide for the compensation of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer";

"All conveyances, contracts and other written instruments affecting or relating to property or assets of the Board, or affecting or relating to property or assets of any character for which the Board is Trustee, shall be executed by or to the Board in its corporate name. All such conveyances, contracts and other instruments to be entered into or issued by the Board, shall be executed in the name of the Board jointly by its President or one of its Vice-Presidents, and by its Executive Secretary-Treasurer or its Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and, whenever necessary, attested by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, or the Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in lieu of joint signature by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer or its Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer, such joint signature be by such other officer or officers or member or members of the Board as may be authorized and directed so to do at any regular or called meeting of the Board or of the Executive Committee thereof, or, between meetings of the Executive Committee, by the Administrative Committee of the Board; PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the Executive Secretary-Treasurer or the Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be authorized, in the name of the corporation, and without any joint signature, to execute quit-claim deeds and cancellations and releases in cases of repayment of mortgage loans and gifts made by the corporation; and, PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the procedure to be followed in the borrowing of money by the Board and the execution of notes evidencing such loans, and also the manner of signing checks and drafts issued by the Board, shall be as may be provided by the By-Laws of the corporation."

22. Elwyn N. Wilkinson (Ky.) presented Recommendation No. 10, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 10

The Executive Committee recommends that the Radio and Television Commission charter be amended as follows:

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TARRANT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, James Harris, Paul M. Stevens and Frank Burrell, citizens of the State of Texas, under and by virtue of the laws of this state, do hereby voluntarily associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a private corporation under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth as follows:

I.

The name of this corporation is THE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

II.

The purpose for which this corporation is formed is to support and serve the spread of the Gospel of Christ and to effect accompanying charitable, benevolent and educational purposes, by the dissemination of information on the Christian religion through radio, television and similar media of communications.

III.

The principal office and place of business of the corporation shall be in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

IV.

The term for which the corporation is to exist is fifty (50) years.

V.

The Trustees or Directors of the Radio and Television Commission shall be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention in its regular annual meeting for a term of office as prescribed by the Southern Baptist Convention. The number of directors shall be twenty-nine (29) and the names and addresses of directors for the first year are as follows:

Paul Aiken, Atlanta, Georgia; Lester Bates, Columbia, South Carolina; Frank Burress, Jacksonville, Texas; R. C. Cannon, Memphis, Tennessee; E. J. Cobb, Tucson, Arizona; Carr P. Collins, Jr., Dallas, Texas; W. P. Davis, Flora, Mississippi; Fred C. Eastham, Springfield, Missouri.

J. T. Ford, Birmingham, Alabama; John Hamrick, Charleston, South Carolina; James Harris, Fort Worth, Texas; Robert J. Hastings, Carbondale, Illinois; Dale Hufft, Bakersfield, California; Robert S. Kerr, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Malcolm B. Knight, Jacksonville, Florida; Verlin Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown, Kentucky; James Landes, Wichita Falls, Texas; Roy O. McClain, Atlanta, Georgia; S. M. Morgan, Artesia, New Mexico.

L. J. Morris, Raleigh, North Carolina; J. R. Noffsinger, Gainesville, Florida; Loyal Prior, Warwick, Virginia; F. Russell Purdy, Senecaville, Ohio; Vernon Richardson, Baltimore, Maryland; Cecil Travis, Jackson, Mississippi; John Wal-drop, Columbus, Georgia; Jaroy Weber, West Monroe, Louisiana; E. Len Weston, Washington, D. C.; Gerald Trussell, Warren, Arkansas.

VI.

This corporation is without capital stock, and no shares of stock are issued. The value of the goods, chattels, lands, rights and credits owned by this corporation is estimated at \$..... The only persons eligible for membership in this Corporation shall be those persons who serve on the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and this Corporation may in its By-Laws provide that its membership from time to time shall be confined to those members of said Commission wishing to join in the membership of this Corporation, and may provide that any person shall be considered automatically terminated from membership in this Corporation.

VII.

This corporation shall have and be entitled to exercise all powers granted to private corporations generally and to religious corporations specifically by the statutes of the State of Texas and by common law. The net income of this corporation shall not inure in whole or in part to the benefit or profit of any individual and individuals.

VIII.

The incorporators hereof subscribe to this Charter in accordance with the requirements of the statutes of the State of Texas, not in their own behalf but in behalf of and with the full approval and authority of the Southern Baptist Convention, as will appear from a certified copy of a resolution adopted by said Convention at its last regular meeting.

IX.

This charter may not be further amended without the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.

23. Paul A. Meigs (Calif.) presented Recommendation No. 11, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 11

We recommend that Bylaw 6 (*Agencies of the Convention*) (c) be amended to read: The Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, Texas.

24. Oliver R. Shields (Mo.) presented Recommendation No. 12.

Recommendation No. 12

We recommend that the Convention set a minimum of 4,200 hotel and motel rooms for any city inviting the Convention, and an auditorium seating capacity of 10,000, with additional room for exhibits.

25. L. E. Barton (Ala.) moved to refer Recommendation No. 12 back to the Executive Committee for further study, which motion, after general discussion, carried.

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

Recommendation No. 13

We recommend the adoption of the following statement:

(1.) We recognize with gratitude the large contributions in the field of stewardship which have been made through the years and are now being made by the several agencies and departments of our Southern Baptist life, notably the Sunday school, the Training Union, the Brotherhood, the Woman's Missionary Union, in addition to those of the Executive Committee and the several state organizations.

(2.) We recognize the need of a pattern which would comprehend the total financial needs of our churches. This pattern should include an intensification of the assistance given to the churches in methods and techniques already in vogue in the Southern Baptist Convention and would further provide additional services in the form of instruction and guidance in church finances, including fund raising and budget. This need has become evident by the growing trend of many churches toward employment of secular, professional organizations.

(3.) We believe that the task of church finance including local expenses, building funds and missions is one task, and we feel that any plan promoted by the Southern Baptist Convention or its agencies should serve to strengthen the total appeal of the unified budget idea.

(4.) We believe that greater than the need for the inauguration of a denominational program patterned after professional fund raising organizations is the need for extension and intensification of assistance in church finance methods according to patterns which already have been proved in our Southern Baptist experience and which will meet not only the needs of local expense and building funds but also of world missions. Plans which have been projected for training in and demonstration of such methods to the churches seem to us to have merit. In keeping with this conviction we recommend that the plans already approved by the Executive Committee for a convention-wide clinic on church finance early in 1956 and anticipation of state and associational clinics or workshops be reaffirmed and given hearty support by the agencies of the Convention and the state conventions and that further steps in this direction be encouraged. We recognize that such a program will require additional personnel and expense. We recommend that the historic relationship of the Southern Baptist Convention with the state conventions and with the Southern Baptist Convention agencies be observed in the development and promotion of this program.

(5.) It is our understanding that the primary responsibility for the origination, development and promotion of the financial program of the Southern Baptist Convention among the churches is given to the Executive Committee and to the Promotion Committee of the Executive Committee, working in cooperation with the several agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention for the implementation of this program.

27. W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 14, which was adopted:

Recommendation No. 14

That inasmuch as a new survey of capital needs has been authorized, that the agencies of the Convention be informed that they will receive the full amount of the present capital needs commitments without being penalized for special gifts,—as long as the provisions of Section 6 of the Business and Financial Plan regarding special solicitations are met.

28. Albert McClellan (Tenn.) and Merrill D. Moore (Tenn.) associate secretaries of the Executive Committee, were presented. Dr. McClellan led in prayer.

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

30. C. Roy Angell (Fla.) local chairman of Convention arrangements, was presented and made announcements concerning traffic, transportation, and other matters.

31. Forrest Heeren led in singing "O Happy Day."
32. President Storer announced that nominations for Convention officers were in order.
33. E. D. Solomon (Fla.) nominated Homer G. Lindsay (Fla.) for President
34. Forrest Feezor (Texas) nominated Casper C. Warren (N.C.).
35. L. E. Barton (Ala.) nominated John W. McCall (Tenn.)
36. A. B. Van Arsdale (Ala.) nominated Ramsey Pollard (Tenn.).
37. A motion was made that nominations close. Carried.
38. Nominations for secretaries were called for.
39. Louie D. Newton (Ga.) nominated James W. Merritt (Ga.) for Senior Secretary.
40. A motion that nominations for Senior Secretary close and that Secretary Burton cast the ballot of the Convention for James W. Merritt prevailed, and this was done.
41. Oliver R. Shields (Mo.) nominated Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) for Secretary.
42. A motion that nominations close and that Secretary Merritt cast the ballot of the Convention for Joe W. Burton prevailed, and this was done.
43. Nominations for treasurer were called for, and Joe W. Burton nominated Porter W. Routh.
44. A motion that nominations close, and that Secretary Burton cast the ballot of the Convention for Porter W. Routh prevailed, and this was done.
45. President Storer called on Duke K. McCall (Ky.) to lead in prayer for W. Landon Miller (Texas) who is ill. The Convention voted to send Dr. Miller a message of love and sympathy.
46. Arnold T. Ohrn (D.C.) general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, addressed the Convention.
47. Forrest Heeren led in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Love Lifted Me."
48. The Union University Choir (Tenn.) sang "The Lord's Prayer," and "O Divine Redeemer." They were presented by Director John Hughes.
49. Following the reading of 1 Corinthians 1:10-29 by C. Vaughn Rock (Ariz.), who also led in prayer, and a solo, a medley on "The Cross," by George Starke (Ark.), Monroe F. Swilley (Ga.) preached the Convention sermon on the subject "The Taming of the Cross," using as a text 1 Corinthians 1:17.
50. Secretary Burton reported for the tellers that Casper C. Warren (N.C.) had been elected president by a majority of the Convention.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

51. Vice-President Homer G. Lindsay called the Convention to order. Forrest Heeren led in singing, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" and "He Keeps Me Singing."
52. Mrs. D. C. Bomar (S.C.) read Isaiah 6 and led in prayer.

53. Thomas T. Holloway (Texas) spoke on the work of the American Bible Society and presented a resolution which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

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

55. Mrs. George R. Martin (Va.) moved the adoption of the Woman's Missionary Union report. The motion prevailed, and Mrs. Martin presented Baker James Cauthen (Va.) and Courts Redford (Ga.), both of whom addressed the Convention.

56. Tribute was paid to the memory and service of Kathleen Mallory, former executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, by John L. Slaughter (S.C.).

57. Forrest Heeren led in singing "Send the Light."

58. The Georgetown College Choir (Ky.), Ray Baker directing, sang the spiritual, "Great Day," and "Let Thy Holy Presence."

59. Vice-president Lindsay read the following telegram of greetings:

Greetings from the Baptist Convention of Mexico and blessings from the Lord upon you.

SECRETARY OF THE EXTERIOR ALFRED LERIN
PRESIDENTE LIBRADO RAMOS LOAZNO

60. 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 the service and devotion of the staff of the Foreign Mission Board. Special mention was made of the long and valuable service of L. Howard Jenkins (Va.) who has served as a member of the Board for more than forty years and as its chairman for twenty-two years. The work of the Board was reviewed by Secretary Cauthen and reference made to the election of Frank K. Means as secretary for Latin America and James Winston Crawley as secretary for the Orient.

After recognizing the missionaries from Africa, Europe, and the Near East who were present, George W. Sadler (Va.), spoke on the subject, "We Are Declaring His Glory: in Africa, Europe, and the Near East." Missionaries I. N. Patterson and B. Elmo Scoggins spoke on the same subject.

James Winston Crawley spoke on "We Are Declaring His Glory: in the Orient," and Frank K. Means, "... in Latin America." Missionaries from the Orient were presented by Secretary Crawley, who introduced Mr. Lam Chi-Fung (China), chairman of the Hong Kong-Macao Baptist Association, who spoke briefly.

Forrest Heeren led in singing "O Zion, Haste."

Secretary Means presented missionaries from Latin America and new appointees to Latin American fields. John M. Bee, chairman of the Jamaica Baptist Union, was recognized.

Elmer West (Va.), secretary of missionary personnel, presented the following missionary appointees:

AFRICA, EUROPE, AND THE NEAR EAST

Mr. and Mrs. William Bender, of New Mexico and Kentucky, going to Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hampy Dyson, Jr., from Texas and Tennessee, special ap-

pointees for Nigeria; Pauline Martin, from Tennessee, going to Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Robinson, from Oregon and Texas, for Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Small, from Texas and Virginia, going to Southern Rhodesia; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Taylor, from Tennessee, special appointees for Nigeria.

LATIN AMERICA

Mr. and Mrs. James Bryan Brasington, from South Carolina and Florida, going to Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Zebulon Chamlee, Jr., from Georgia and Illinois, going to Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Donald Grober, from Mississippi and Kentucky, going to Equatorial Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Halsell, from Arkansas, going to Equatorial Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee Hawkins, Jr., from North Carolina and Tennessee, going to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edward Renfrow, from Missouri, going to Brazil; Laura Frances Snow, from North Carolina, going to Chile; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Walworth, from Illinois and Alabama, going to Mexico.

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Pervy Augustus Cline, from North Carolina, going to Thailand; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bruce Fryer, Jr., from Texas and Arkansas, going to Indonesia; Douglas Edward Kendall, from Massachusetts, going to Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. S. Judson Lennon, from North Carolina, going to Thailand; Louis Edmund McCall, from North Carolina, for Thailand; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Edward Mercer, from Kentucky and Tennessee, going to Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mullins, from Alabama, going as special appointees to Hawaii; Ancil Beach Scull, from Indiana, going to Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frederick Yarnell, Jr., from Tennessee, going to Malaya.

At the close of the introductions Thomas E. Halsell (Tenn.) who has been assigned to Equatorial Brazil, told of his call to foreign mission service.

H. Guy Moore (Texas) led in a prayer of dedication.

61. The session closed with the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers," led by Forrest Heeren.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 19

62. Vice-president Oliver R. Shields called the Convention to order. Forrest Heeren led in singing "Jesus Saves," "There Is Power in the Blood," and "I Am Resolved No Longer to Linger."

63. S. M. Morgan (N.M.) read Ephesians 1:1-14 and led in prayer.

64. Secretary Merritt moved, and it was carried, that the reading of the Convention Minutes be omitted and the proceedings as published daily in the Convention Bulletin be approved as the record with authority for any necessary clerical adjustments to be made by the Secretary.

65. Frank Tripp (La.) presented the report of the Southern Baptist Hospital and introduced the following nurses from the training schools of three Baptist hospitals who are serving in the Convention's emergency clinic: Southern Baptist Hospital (New Orleans)—Shirley Ann Watson and Peggy Rowe; Alabama Baptist Hospital (Birmingham)—Cindajo Pearce and Ruth Dotson; Georgia Baptist Hospital (Atlanta)—Elizabeth Cannon and Betty Silas.

66. Time for this order having expired, Louie D. Newton (Ga.) moved that additional time be provided for further discussion of the Hospital report. It was voted to extend the time ten minutes.

67. It was moved to approve the recommendation of the Hospital Board regarding the establishment of a Baptist Hospital in the Los Angeles, California, area:

Representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention of California presented a resolution at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, May 8, 1953, which read in part: "Therefore be it resolved by the Southern Baptist Convention now in session in Houston this 8th day of May, 1953, the Hospital Commission be instructed to consider the feasibility of establishing a Baptist Hospital in the Los Angeles area of California." Following a visit of the Executive Secretary of the Hospital Board to the Los Angeles area, and at the request of representatives of the California Southern Baptist Convention, a delegation from California met with the Hospital Board, January 27, 1955, and submitted the following proposal:

(1) The Southern Baptist General Convention of California and the people of the Los Angeles area propose to purchase a suitable building site in Alhambra, California, and provide a minimum of \$2,000,000.00 to be used in the construction and equipping of a general hospital having an initial capacity of 150 beds but so designed as to permit expansion as rapidly as additional funds are available so that ultimately the hospital would have a capacity of 350 beds.

(2) It is requested that the Southern Baptist Convention approve this proposal and instruct its Hospital Board to proceed in the establishment and operation of a hospital in Alhambra, California, to serve the people of the Los Angeles area.

After giving the proposal careful consideration, the Southern Baptist Hospital Board of Directors unanimously voted to "concur in the proposal and agree to accept the responsibility of establishing and operating a hospital in the Los Angeles area if authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention to do so and if the necessary funds and a suitable building site are made available."

68. After discussion by Louie D. Newton (Ga.), L. E. Barton (Ala.), and Frank Tripp (La.), Dr. Newton offered the following substitute motion, which was lost:

That we reaffirm our policy approved in 1949 (p. 47, 1949 S.B.C. ANNUAL) with regard to the establishment of additional hospitals by the Convention until this Convention makes a restudy of its policy.

Dr. Newton asked if the loss of his motion meant a permanent overruling of the 1949 action? The Chair stated he would not so rule.

69. A further extension of five minutes for this order was voted.

70. Secretary Routh made the point that the Convention's Business and Financial plan requires that all new enterprises proposed must be approved by two successive Conventions.

71. It was voted to approve the Hospital report with the understanding that inasmuch as the Chair ruled that the Los Angeles hospital project was a new enterprise, it must be approved by two successive Conventions, in keeping with the Convention's Business and Financial Plan; therefore final approval of the Los Angeles project must await additional favorable action by the 1956 Convention.

72. T. L. Holcomb (Tenn.) presented the report of the Southern Baptist Foundation, which was adopted. Dr. Holcomb introduced the president and secretary of the Foundation.

73. J. Ralph Grant, chairman of the Committee on Committees, nominated the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher and the Committee on Boards, which was approved (for a list of the Committee on Boards, see page 19):

COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

E. Hermond Westmoreland (Texas), *Chairman*, Carl G. Campbell (Ala.), W. O. Vaught, Jr. (Ark.), John Ashcraft (Calif.), J. Ray Garrett (D.C.), Allen Watson (Fla.), Henry Stokes (Ga.), Lowell F. Matheney (Ill.), H. Leo Eddleman (Ky.), R. Houston Smith (La.), J. Guy Saunders (Md.), G. Norman

Price (Miss.), Harold M. Hunt (Mo.), Joseph B. Underwood (N.M.), A. Douglas Aldrich (N.C.), James Burris (S.C.), A. D. Foreman, Jr. (Tenn.), J. Thurman George (Okla.), Samuel S. Hill (Va.), Paul Davis (Ariz.).

74. L. E. Barton (Ala.) moved that By-law No. 4 be amended by deleting the last paragraph, which was approved. The Bylaw as amended would read as follows:

4. *Election of Officers:* The President, the First, and the Second Vice-presidents, and the Secretaries shall be elected not later than the second day of the Convention, their terms of office to begin at the final adjournment.

75. The president announced that nominations for First Vice-president were in order, and the following nominations were made:

W. W. Nisbet (Texas) nominated K. Owen White (Texas).
Roy R. Reynolds (S.C.) nominated Wallace R. Rogers (S.C.).
Porter M. Bailes (Texas) nominated John H. Haldeman (Fla.).
Knox Lambert (S.C.) nominated Franklin Owen (Ky.).
Andrew Hall (Ark.) nominated W. O. Vaught, Jr. (Ark.).
W. O. Kersey (D.C.) nominated J. Ollie Edmunds (Fla.).
Motion was made and carried that nominations cease.

76. The Chair ruled that ballot would be by standing vote, the result of which was that John H. Haldeman (Fla.) and J. Ollie Edmunds (Fla.) led. Motion was made that election be by ballot, but the motion did not carry. Another standing vote was taken, but the Secretary was unable to determine which nominee received a majority vote. The President then announced that it would be necessary to vote by ballot.

77. It was voted to extend the time two minutes for balloting.

78. Earl B. Edington (Fla.), chairman, made the following partial report for the Committee on Boards, which was approved:

SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
(Only one to be elected for each vacancy)

Term expiring in 1956: W. Griffin Henderson and Glen G. Waldrop, Georgia.

Term expiring in 1957: Nolan P. Howington and Hugh Cantrell, Arkansas.

Terms expiring in 1960: Joseph E. Stopher and Edwin F. Perry, Kentucky; Eugene W. Daily and O. Wayne Thomas, Illinois; Frank W. Wood and E. T. Mosely, Oklahoma; Roy C. McClung and Lewis Maples, Oklahoma; J. Newton Razor and W. Morris Ford, Texas; W. T. Chapin and Andrew Broadus, at large; George W. Norton and Barney Markham, at large; Ira J. Porter and F. W. Cwen, at large.

79. James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) presented and reviewed the report of the Sunday School Board, which was adopted. The report was discussed by J. M. Crowe, administrative assistant, and Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary. The heads of the various departments of the Board were recognized.

80. An address by W. A. Criswell (Texas) brought to a close the Sunday School Board period.

81. Secretary Burton announced the election of John H. Haldeman as First Vice-president, and President Storer, to whom Vice-president Shields had returned the gavel, recognized the newly-elected vice-president and presented him to the Convention.

82. W. Hines Sims (Tenn.) led in singing "Glory to His Name."

83. The Mississippi College Choir, led by Ellis Neece Elsey, sang

"Jesus, Our Lord, We Adore Thee," "Christ Went up into the Hills," and a spiritual, "Just a Closer Walk."

84. Wallace Bassett (Texas) presented the report of the Relief and Annuity Board. R. Alton Reed, new executive secretary of the Board, was introduced, and after recognizing members of the Relief and Annuity Board staff and Board members, discussed the report, which was adopted.

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

CALENDAR FOR 1956

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

Crusade for Christian Morality—emphasis throughout 1956

January

Church Schools of Missions
Special Bible Study Week, January 2-6
(*Teachings of Jesus*)
W.M.S. Focus Week, January 15-20

February

The Theological Seminaries and Carver
School of Missions and Social Work
Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 5
Y.W.A. Focus Week, February 12-18

March

Home Missions
W.M.P. Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering,*
March 5-9
Training Union Study Courses (avoiding Week of Prayer)
Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School and Offering,*
March 25

April

Christian Education
Christian Literature and Church Libraries
Youth Week, April 1-8
Jewish Fellowship Week, April 23-29

May

Hospital Ministry and Nurse Recruitment
Christian Home Week, May 6-13
G. A. Focus Week, May 13-19
W.M.U. Annual Meeting, May 27-29
Southern Baptist Convention, May 30 to June 2

June

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

Life Commitment to Christian Service
Vacation Bible Schools
Assemblies and Camps: Ridgecrest, Glorieta, and States

July

Assemblies and Camps: Ridgecrest, Glorieta, and States

August

Assemblies and Camps: Ridgecrest, Glorieta, and States
Sunbeam Focus Week, August 12-18
Off-to-College Day in the Home Churches

September

Church Music
Foundations: Southern Baptist and State
Church Roll Revision
Associational Sunday School Planning Meetings, September 11
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)
Student Join-the-Church Day (Sunday following college opening)
Sunday School Preparation Week in the churches, September 23-30

October

Cooperative Program
Associational Mission Rallies
Sunday School Training Courses
Layman's Day, October 14
State Mission Day in the Sunday School and Offering, October 28 (as promoted by the states)

November

State Papers and Missionary Magazines

World Missions Week, October 28, to November 4

Enlistment Day and Every-Member Canvass, November 4 (or nearest convenient Sunday)

R.A. Focus Week, November 4-10

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,* December 3-7

Training Union "M" Night, December 3

Student Night at Christmas, December 30

*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.

86. Louie D. Newton (Ga.) presented the report of the Committee on Baptist Film which, together with the two recommendations, was adopted:

(1) That this committee co-operate with representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention, particularly the Sunday School Board and the Foreign Mission Board, in the production of Baptist films, commending these films to our people.

(2) That this committee be continued, with the understanding that a conference be arranged with representatives of other Baptist bodies in attendance at the Baptist World Alliance in London this July, looking toward further exploration of the possibility of producing a major Baptist film, and report its findings at the 1956 session of the Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The proposed conference in London will be without expense to the Southern Baptist Convention.

87. Louie D. Newton (Ga.) presented, discussed, and moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education.

88. It was voted to extend the time for this order ten minutes.

89. Elwyn Wilkinson (Ky.) presented a Memorial from the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky as follows:

MEMORIAL FROM THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS IN KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, there are thousands of men being called into the ministry, who have not had the advantages of an early education, many of whom are unable to undertake a course of training involving seminary, college, and even high school work when they have already reached maturity and many have families to support; and,

WHEREAS, the attention of the Southern Baptist Convention has in recent years been called to the need for one or more Bible Institutes within its territory for the purpose of offering instruction in the Bible and the methods of Christian service to those not seeking, or not prepared, to pursue courses of instruction on the degree level; and,

WHEREAS, The Committee on Theological Training appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention to study this whole question has not reported any plan to meet the needs of these men:

NOW THEREFORE, The General Association of Baptists in Kentucky in annual session at Georgetown, Kentucky, this seventeenth day of November, 1954, does hereby earnestly request the Southern Baptist Convention to enter the Bible Institute field of ministerial education, and provide at least two or three such institutions for Christian and ministerial training to meet the needs of those who are called to the ministry, but who cannot attend one of our Southwide seminaries.

Second, that we suggest that the Convention in undertaking such new work set up a policy of regulating such schools as to their administration, curricula, and courses of study with credits therefore, with strict safeguards as to denominational control and co-operation, with a view to preventing any possible competition with our Convention-wide seminaries.

Third, that we offer to the Convention as one of these schools, the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School located near Pineville, Kentucky, subject to the ratification by the Trustees of said school. (The Clear Creek Mountain Preachers School has a campus of nearly seven hundred acres, with some fifty permanent buildings suitable for school use and other activities incident thereto, all together having an audit value of \$612,319.29. Since 1942 this school has been conducted as a distinctly Baptist institution for the instruction of candidates for the Baptist ministry and other Christian work, on a level below that on which the usual theological degrees may be earned, and throughout its history this school has been drawing students from several states of the Southern Baptist Convention territory, the large majority of such students now being from outside the state of Kentucky.

Fourth, we do hereby petition the Southern Baptist Convention to request its Committee on Theological Education or any other committee which the Convention may appoint to visit and investigate the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School with a view to recommending to the 1956 session of the Convention the acceptance or rejection of this offer.

EUGENE SILER, *Moderator*, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky
E. D. DAVIS, *Clerk*, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky

Mr. Wilkinson then moved to amend the report of the Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education as follows:

That the Southern Baptist Convention request its Committee on Theological Education, or any other committee which the Convention may appoint, to visit and investigate the Clear Creek Mountain Preacher's Bible School near Pineville, Kentucky, and the Baptist Bible Institute of Graceland, Florida, with a view to recommending to the 1956 session of the Convention the acceptance or rejection of the offers made by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky and the Florida Baptist Convention to the Southern Baptist Convention in Memorials which are at hand from the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky and the Florida Baptist Convention.

90. John Maguire (Fla.) introduced Cecil Carroll (Fla.) who presented the following Memorial from the Florida Baptist Convention:

**MEMORIAL FROM THE FLORIDA BAPTIST CONVENTION TO THE
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IN ANNUAL SESSION IN
MIAMI, FLORIDA, MAY 18, 1955**

WHEREAS, the work of the Baptist Bible Institute lies within the field of Theological training, and

WHEREAS, the Institute does not compete with or duplicate the work of the regular seminaries that are supported by the Southern Baptist Convention, or the colleges supported by Baptist state conventions, and

WHEREAS, the Baptist Bible Institute in its present location is in position to render vital services to large numbers of Baptist churches in the southeastern part of our country by providing education suitable to the needs of their pastors, and

WHEREAS, the Baptist Bible Institute serves an area that extends beyond the borders of any organized Baptist Association or Baptist State Convention,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Florida Baptist State Convention, in regular annual session assembled, memorialize the Southern Baptist Convention to take such steps as will provide for the ownership, control, promotion, and support of the said Baptist Bible Institute, and

2. That the Florida Baptist State Convention offers its assistance to the Southern Baptist Convention in bringing about a necessary re-organization of this important teaching agency.

91. It was voted to further extend the time for this discussion five minutes.

92. John D. Freeman (Fla.) moved to amend the amendment (Item 89) as follows, and it carried:

That the recommendation be amended to include the words, "At least half the members of this Committee shall be pastors of rural churches or other special rural workers."

93. After further discussion the Wilkinson amendment (Item 89) as amended (Item 92) was lost.

94. H. H. Hargrove (Texas) moved a further amendment to the report of the Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education, as follows, which was adopted:

That the Committee be instructed to bring to the next Convention a detailed report of the financial relationship between the Carver School of Missions and Social Work and the program of theological, religious, and missionary education of the Southern Baptist Convention and make recommendations concerning the future relationship at the next meeting of the Convention.

95. The time was extended thirty seconds to allow John D. Freeman (Fla.) to renew the amendment which he had previously offered (Item 92) as an amendment to the report of the Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education, and it carried.

96. The report of the Committee as amended was adopted, including recommendations as follows:

(1) That a committee be appointed to further study the need of Theological Education and, if deemed advisable and necessary, recommend the location of an additional seminary. At least half the members of this committee shall be pastors of rural churches or other special rural workers.

(2) That the action of the 1950 Convention regarding the relationship of the Southern Baptist Convention to Bible schools be reaffirmed.

(3) That the Committee be instructed to bring to the next Convention a detailed report of the financial relationship between the Carver School of Missions and Social Work and the program of theological, religious, and missionary education of the Southern Baptist Convention and make recommendations concerning the future relationship at the next meeting of the Convention.

97. Porter Routh moved that messages of love and appreciation be sent to the following: Austin Crouch, former executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Convention; W. W. Hamilton, former president of the Convention; Hight C Moore, former Convention secretary, and J. Henry Burnett, former Convention secretary. The motion carried, and the Secretary was instructed to send the messages.

98. The President announced that nominations for Second Vice-president were in order, and the following nominations were made:

Bruce Price (Va.) nominated James P. Wesberry (Ga.).

Paul A. Meigs (Calif.) nominated Kyle M. Yates (Texas).

Sidney Maddox (Okla.) nominated J. B. Leavell (Texas).

Andrew Hall (Ark.) nominated W. O. Vaught, Jr. (Ark.).

A motion to close nominations carried.

99. Kyle M. Yates (Texas) was declared elected by a standing vote.

100. W. A. Duncan (Ga.) presented two resolutions regarding the chaplaincy which were automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

101. Forrest Heeren led in singing "On Jordan's Stormy Banks."

102. The New Orleans Seminary Choir, led by W. Plunkett Martin, sang, "Ho, Every One That Thirsteth" and "Tell Me the Story of Jesus."

103. Malcolm B. Knight (Fla.) presented the report of the Radio and Television Commission, which was adopted. Roy O. McClain (Ga.), Baptist Hour preacher for the past three months; Harold W. Seever (Ala.), who will serve in this capacity during the summer quarter; and Paul M. Stevens, executive secretary of the Radio and Television Commission, were presented and addressed the Convention.

104. President Storer led the closing prayer.

THURSDAY NIGHT

105. Forrest Heeren led the Convention in singing "Standing on the Promises" and "This Is My Story."

106. The Oklahoma Baptist University Choir, led by Warren Angell, sang "Gloria in Excelsis," "Sing and Rejoice," "'Ole Moses," and "Sons and Daughters."

107. J. G. Miller (Tenn.) read Isaiah 60:1-6, 19-21, and led in prayer.

108. L. S. Sedberry (Tenn.) presented the report of the Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, moved its adoption, and briefly discussed the report. Dr. Sedberry presented the Seminary Quartette for a special number, and President Ralph W. Riley, who addressed the Convention.

(Miss) Primrose Funches brought greetings from the National Baptist Convention, Inc., and its president, Joseph H. Jackson. Following another number by the Seminary Quartette, the report was adopted.

109. Secretary Porter Routh presented Albert McClellan, director of publications, and Merrill Moore, secretary of promotion, of the Executive Committee. Dr. Moore presented the Promotion Report of the Executive Committee. This report included the report of the Committee on World Evangelization, H. Guy Moore (Texas), chairman.

110. Albert McClellan (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 1:

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.

111. H. Guy Moore (Texas), Harold Seever (Ala.), R. Paul Caudill (Tenn.), and Leon M. Latimer (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 2:

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend the adoption of the summary of recommendations of the Convention's Committee on World Evangelization as follows:¹

1. That all the agencies and facilities of our Convention be enlisted to secure under God's call and leadership additional missionary personnel; that the month of June be set as a month for the dedication of young people to Christian service; that means be sought to encourage business enterprises to appoint Christian personnel in their foreign operations.

2. That we call upon all the local, state, and Convention-wide educational and promotional facilities to educate our people in the need and enlist their personal support in a great world-mission advance program.

3. That plans be made to give every possible assistance to our Home and Foreign missionaries and the national workers on their specific fields of operation.

4. That we call upon our Home Mission Board through its Department of Evangelism to seek a plan whereby we can co-operate with other Baptist bodies such as the American Baptist Convention, the Negro Baptist Conventions, etc., in a great nation-wide evangelistic crusade or emphasis during the year 1958 or 1959. In correspondence with American Baptist Leaders genuine interest has been expressed in this great undertaking for Christ. And that we call upon the Executive Committee of our Convention to confer with the various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, and with representatives of other Baptist conventions in North America, looking toward the announcement in 1959 of a five-year program of advance which will culminate in 1964, the date of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Baptist work on a national level in the United States and North America.

5. That we call upon our state conventions under the direction of their executive secretary to plan statewide world mission conferences similar to our state evangelistic conferences or that major emphasis be given to world missions in the existing state meetings.

6. Recognizing that the Cooperative Program is the continuing and sustaining lifeline of all of our work, we call upon the churches to pray and work for a missionary spirit, to adopt a worthy budget, to include the Cooperative Program on a percentage basis, to increase the percentage to the Cooperative Program each year and to seek an ultimate goal of at least 50 per cent of its gifts to world missions.

7. Recognizing the urgency of our times, we ask that proper steps be taken immediately to put this program into operation and that 1957 be set for a Convention-wide emphasis on world missions.

8. Remembering that the individual is ever the key to success, we call upon every pastor and member of our Baptist churches to dedicate himself personally to match this urgent hour with his best. Eight million Southern Baptists constitute too great a power to escape the solemn responsibility of failure to win America and the world for Christ.

¹For the Committee's full report see page 363.

112. Mrs. Gordon Maddry (N.C.), John W. Wood (Va.), and B. J. Martin (Texas), presented Recommendation No. 3:

Recommendation No. 3

To carry out the plans previously approved and to implement the suggestions of the Committee on World Evangelization, we recommend:

1. That the period 1956-57 commencing in October, 1956, be designated as *World Missions Year* and that its implementation include the following:

- (1) Increase emphasis on World Missions through the Cooperative Program.
- (2) Continue emphasis upon the objective "Every Baptist a Tither."
- (3) Encourage churches to adopt a goal of at least 50 per cent of all resident members tithing by the end of 1957.

(4) Encourage churches to contribute to World Missions through the Cooperative Program on the percentage basis.

(5) Urge all churches to contribute at least 6 per cent more of total undesignated budget receipts through the Cooperative Program in 1956. Make preparation for this increase in 1955.

(6) Designate Christian Stewardship Week, October 29-November 5, 1956, as *World Missions Week* and use it to launch the year of World Missions emphasis for 1957.

(7) Increase emphasis on World Missions in the annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Conventions in 1956 and 1957.

(8) Urge the states to use the theme of World Missions in the 1956 annual state conventions.

(9) Encourage intensified emphasis on World Missions in the fall of 1956 and all of 1957 in all Southern Baptist Convention, state and associational meetings, including summer assemblies, Sunday School, Training Union, and B.S.U. conventions and special *World Missions Convention*, if feasible.

(10) In connection with the emphasis on the percentage plan of contributing to missions through the Cooperative Program, encourage the churches to increase their percentage for 1957 by an amount which would at least be equivalent to \$1 per member. Churches which have not yet come to the percentage plan would increase contributions at least \$1 per member.

(11) Request all Southern Baptist and state convention agencies and institutions to join in the World Mission emphasis for 1957.

(12) Plan a Southern Baptist Convention stewardship clinic or workshop for 1956 and undertake to work out plans for similar projects in states, associations, and churches.

(13) Designate one Sunday in June, 1957, when young people would be challenged with the World Mission task and asked to follow the leadership of the Lord to the mission fields. Names of those making decisions may be forwarded to the proper individuals.

2. Set, for the year of 1958 which follows the year of World Missions emphasis, a goal of 52 million dollars (or one million dollars a week) for World Missions through the Cooperative Program.

113. J. Carroll Chadwick (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 4:

Recommendation No. 4

With respect to a resolution committed to the Executive Committee at the St. Louis Convention concerning advisability of special newspaper advertising, we recommend that the Division of Publications of the Executive Committee be instructed to offer annually through the SBC Mat Service two series of thirteen mats to be sold at a nominal cost to churches, associations, and districts.

114. H. G. Adams (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 5:

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We recommend that for the year 1956 a goal be set for 38 million dollars for Cooperative Program, including state and Southern Baptist Convention causes.

115. Norris Palmer (La.), chairman of the Promotion Committee, moved the adoption of the Report on Promotion. After an address by H. Guy Moore (Texas), this motion was passed.

116. On motion of Porter Routh (Tenn.) the entire report of the Executive Committee, including the section on Administration presented Wednesday and the section on Promotion presented at this time, was adopted.

117. Merrill Moore (Tenn.) spoke on Church and Denominational Night and the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Cooperative Program, after which he introduced the new film, *Together We Build*, which was shown.

118. Forest Heeren led in singing "Glory to His Name."

119. The Mount Zion Baptist Church Choir (Miami) sang "Great Day," "Let Us Break Bread Together," and "Inflamatus" as the introductory feature of the Home Mission Board program.

120. Executive Secretary Courts Redford (Ga.) led in prayer, after which he presented G. Frank Garrison (Ga.) assistant secretary, who brought the report of the Home Mission Board, which was adopted.

121. Missionaries of the Home Mission Board, former executive secretary J. B. Lawrence (Ga.), and W. A. Duncan (Ga.), president of the Board, were presented.

122. With Hugh R. Bumpas (Okla.), vice-president of the Board, presiding the following program was presented:

"What My Church Means to Me," Mrs. Ernest Geer, Safford, Arizona; "What A Church Means to My Family," Robert W. Fields, Junction City, Kansas; "What A Church Means to My People," Billy Osceola, Okeechobee, Florida; "What Churches Mean to Our Convention," Ray Roberts, general secretary, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio (Columbus); address, "The Primacy of the Church in Mission Advance," by Courts Redford.

123. Baker J. Cauthen (Va.), executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, led in the closing prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 20

124. Forrest Heeren led the Convention in singing "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

125. Charles R. Standridge (Va.) read John 17:1-10 and led in prayer.

126. Earl B. Edington (Fla.) chairman, assisted by other members of the Committee, presented the report of the Committee on Boards, which was approved.

127. President Storer read the following telegram received from President Dwight D. Eisenhower:

To all members of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami, I send warm greetings. I am particularly glad to know your plans for a session devoted to the subject of the Christian home. My best wishes are yours for an inspiring gathering.

President Storer replied as follows:

On behalf of the thousands of Southern Baptists in Convention at Miami, as its president I wish you to know how greatly appreciative we are for your warm and understanding telegram to the Convention. By unanimous request of the messengers present we do thank you and assure you of our abiding prayers for God's blessing on you and yours.

128. Norman W. Cox (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Historical Commission, which was adopted after discussion by Harold E. Ingraham (Tenn.) and Clifton J. Allen (Tenn.).

129. O. M. Seigler (Ga.) presented the report of the Chaplain's Commission and introduced members of the Commission and chaplains present. Three of the chaplains brought brief messages. The report was adopted.

130. W. A. Duncan (Ga.) moved that a message of sympathy and appreciation be sent to Alfred Carpenter, chairman of the Chap-

lain's Commission, who is recovering from a recent illness. Motion carried.

131. Forrest Heeren led in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

132. The Louisiana College Choir, led by P. V. Blanchard, sang, "I Am Weak but Thou Art Strong" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

133. R. Orin Cornett (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Education Commission which was adopted.

134. President Charles L. Harman (Va.) of Bluefield College introduced Senator Robert S. Kerr (Okla.) who addressed the Convention on "Christian Education and Southern Baptists."

135. L. E. Barton (Ala.) presented a resolution on religious liberty and moved that the rules be suspended and that the vote be taken at this time. The motion to suspend the rules was approved.

136. Dr. Barton then moved the adoption of the resolution. After discussion and a statement by Baker J. Cauthen (Va.), executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, it was voted to refer the resolution to a special committee of five, of which Dr. Cauthen should be a member. President Storer appointed the following to serve as this committee:

Baker J. Cauthen, *Chairman*, Duke K. McCall (Ky.), Frank A. Hooper, Jr. (Ga.), C. C. Warren (N.C.), and Barry Garrett (Ariz.).

137. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) presented a resolution on alcoholism which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

138. W. T. Holland (Mo.) read a letter addressed to President-elect C. C. Warren (N.C.) from H. Roe Bartle, mayor of Kansas City, welcoming the 1956 Convention to this city.

139. A. C. Miller (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Christian Life Commission which, following an address by J. B. Weatherspoon (Ky.) and general discussion, was adopted, together with the following recommendation on World Peace:

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PEACE

In this hour the beast of war crouches at our door. We know full well that its avoidance is not wholly in our hands. One nation can force war upon us. One nation alone cannot prevent it. But one nation can demonstrate its desire for peace. One nation can hold to the high principles of honor, honesty, and friendly purpose toward other peoples. One nation can propose institutions and programs to effect peace. As patriotic Americans and as Christian citizens we covet that role for our nation, that history shall one day record that in the mid-twentieth century the most powerful of nations, although clad in armor, played supremely the part of peacemaker and marshalled international opinion to save the world from unspeakable disaster. We would, therefore, raise our common voice as a convention of Christians and American citizens in the following recommendation in behalf of a strong and unfaltering pursuit of international peace.

I. We would first present to the political leaders of the nation the following as expressing our convictions:

1. That we are deeply concerned lest impatience, or panic, or an irrational sense of national pride or hate shall plunge the world in a holocaust of war, and urge upon them their sacred responsibility of saving our nation from that unspeakable tragedy by every possible means.

2. That we decry the spirit of hostility that, blind to the sure effects and fruits of another world war, urges precipitate action in a so-called preventive war, or tries to smother peaceful negotiations under the blanket of that unsavory word "appeasement" or by playing party politics. Such hate and party politics must not be permitted to interfere with the supreme political task of finding the way to peace.

3. That, while we recognize the necessity of preparation for national defense, we deplore any effort of the military to establish a continuing policy of universal requirement of military service, believing that the selective service law is sufficient and that the fruits of universal military training would further weaken the principle of freedom and increase the danger of our becoming a military civilization tempted to world domination.

4. That we approve continued participation in the United Nations organization and other such international forums and conciliar efforts toward international understanding and co-operative agreements whose end is world peace.

5. That we urge immediate and more determined efforts to reach effective agreements for the elimination of atomic weapons, including the hydrogen bomb, and for the radical reduction of armaments as a means of increasing the probabilities of peaceful existence.

6. That it is our conviction that the cause of peace will be served by greatly extending the program of publishing to the world by every means of communication our purpose of peace and the principles of individual and social freedom.

II. We would also urge upon the people of our Convention fellowship and all Christian citizens the following:

1. That we commend the President, the Secretary of State, and other leaders in both parties for their public utterances and patient diplomatic conduct which indicate their purpose to exhaust every possible means toward peace without war.

2. That we endeavor to put out of our thought and speech such ideas as that 'war is inevitable,' that 'war is the only way to stabilize international relations,' that the sooner we go to war and get it over with the better,' or that 'to seek peace avidly is to display either weakness or hypocrisy.' The Christians of America must become the promoters of peace.

3. That we reaffirm our loyal faith in God—our faith in God the Father as the God of Peace—our faith in God the Son as the Prince of Peace who came to establish peace with the Father and among men of good will—our faith in God the Holy Spirit whose mission from within the hearts of his people is to break down dividing walls of pride and bitterness and create a new humanity in Christ. The Christians of America are called upon to become the active instruments of God by living and walking in the Spirit of God.

4. That we give ourselves to prayer for peace in private and in our churches, that we set peace in the center of our hearts' desire for mankind because we love the Lord and cannot forget or limit the meaning of his words: Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.

140. Winston Pearce (Md.) presented for the Committee on Committees, the nomination of the Committee to Study Theological, Religious and Missionary Education, which was adopted.

141. E. H. Westmoreland (Texas) presented the following report for the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher, which was adopted:

TIME: May 20-23, 1958

PLACE: Houston, Texas

We recommend that the Convention open on Tuesday evening, May 20, and that the Committee on Order of Business of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Program Committee of the Southern Woman's Missionary Union jointly arrange the program for Tuesday evening.

PREACHER—1956: Harry P. Staggs (N.M.); alternate, James M. Baldwin (Ill.).

142. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) moved that hereafter the Convention Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher report to the next Convention immediately following the appointment of the committee and that the present committee be continued to make adequate investiga-

tion of all invitations for the year 1959 and report its recommendations to the 1956 Convention session.

After general discussion Dr. McCall moved that the motion be tabled until the Committee on Order of Business was able to find a time for its discussion later in the session. Motion carried.

143. The Convention requested the Secretary to respond to the following telegram of greetings from the Baptist Federation of Canada:

Canadian Baptists extend warmest greetings to Southern Baptist Convention gathered at Miami. May richest blessings attend your deliberations and result from all decisions made.

T. B. McDORMAND
For Baptist Federation of Canada

144. Forrest Heeren led in singing "Glory to His Name."

145. The Southern Seminary Faculty Male Quartette sang "Sing Me a Song of Sharon's Rose."

146. The seminaries reported with President Duke K. McCall (Ky.) speaking for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. McCall presented Gaines S. Dobbins, dean of the School of Religious Education, who concluded his remarks with an announcement that Allen W. Graves (Okla.) had been named dean-elect of the Seminary's School of Religious Education. Dr. Dobbins requested Harold K. Graves (Calif.) to present his brother, the dean-elect, who spoke briefly.

147. President Roland Q. Leavell (La.) reported for the New Orleans Seminary.

148. Robert A. Baker (Texas), a member of the faculty, reported for Southwestern Seminary.

149. President Sydnor L. Stealey (N.C.) reported for the Southeastern Seminary.

150. President Harold K. Graves (Calif.) reported for the Golden Gate Seminary.

151. A motion to adopt the reports of the five seminaries prevailed.

152. Forrest Heeren led in singing "Amazing Grace."

153. President J. Howard Williams (Texas) of Southwestern Seminary addressed the Convention, speaking for the seminaries on theological education.

154. Forrest Feezor (Texas) led in closing prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT

155. With Vice-president Oliver R. Shields presiding Forrest Heeren led the Convention in singing "At the Cross" and "I Have Found A Friend."

156. The Stetson University Choir (Fla.), led by Harold M. Giffin, sang "Ascendit Deus," "O Lord God," and the spiritual, "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray."

157. Marion Perry (Miss.) read Romans 15:1-12 and led in prayer.

158. Porter Routh (Tenn.) presented the report of the Committee on Public Affairs, which was adopted, after which C. E. Carlson (D.C.), executive secretary of the Joint Committee on Public Affairs, addressed the Convention.

159. On motion of E. D. Solomon (Fla.) the Secretary was requested to send a message of sympathy to W. G. Stracener (Fla.), editor of the *Florida Baptist Witness*, whose father passed away last night.

160. With President Storer presiding, Cedrick H. Pollard (Fla.), chairman of pages for the Convention, presented the following Royal Ambassadors who have served the Convention during this session: Randy Dean, Larry Moody, Joe Avent, Bruce Singletary, Mike Pollard, Dick Mullins, John Parrish, and Larry Meddlin.

161. George W. Schroeder (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Brotherhood Commission, which was adopted. Edward Hurt, Jr. and Frank Black, who will serve in the promotion of Royal Ambassador work, were presented. S. R. Woodson (Miss.) and Donald Adcock (N.C.) spoke on Brotherhood work, and Vernon Brown (Ga.) on Royal Ambassador work. Randy Dean (Fla.), a Royal Ambassador, brought the closing message.

162. With Vice-president Shields again presiding, Joe W. Burton (Tenn.), director, presented the Christian Home Hour. After the Convention sang "Lord, I Am Coming Home," led by Forrest Heeren, family worship was conducted by the family of Allen H. Hanson (Fla.). Special music was given by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Holloway (Fla.) and the Stetson University Choir.

Following *Home Life* testimonies by J. C. Ledbetter (Md.) and M. R. Wilder (Nev.), Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hobson (Fla.), who had been married sixty-eight years, and Rev. and Mrs. Howard H. Whatley (Kan.), who had been married one week, were recognized as the oldest and youngest married couple present.

Perry F. Webb, Sr. (Texas) brought the closing message on "The Home" and led the closing prayer.

163. Before Dr. Webb spoke, Dr. Burton read again the telegram from President Eisenhower, which had been read Friday morning, and the Convention voted to send the following message to the President:

We acknowledge with gratitude your expression of prayerful interest in our sessions. Tonight in the midst of our Christian Home service more than 11,000 messengers to the 98th annual session of Southern Baptists have paused for silent prayer for your family. May God give you wisdom and strength every day equal to the tasks which your fellow Americans have thrust upon you.

JAMES W. MERRITT, *Secretary*
Southern Baptist Convention

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 21

164. Forrest Heeren led the Convention in singing "Take the Name of Jesus with You" and "Revive Us Again."

165. Marjorie Jones (La.) read John 13:18-32 and led in prayer.

166. Henry J. Stokes, Jr. (Ga.) presented the following recommendations for the Committee on Resolutions:

Recommendation No. 1

In reference to a resolution submitted by Clifton J. Allen (Tenn.) in behalf of a special committee representing Southern Baptist agencies co-operating in the promotion of a crusade for Christian morality, we recommend the approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the present world order is marked by widespread moral confusion and degeneracy that has produced a worldwide moral crisis of gravest perils;

WHEREAS, vicious evils, such as the combines of crime, gambling, beverage alcohol, lust, communism, and other vested interests of greed and power, have become increasingly aggressive to the point that they constitute a threat to the sanctity of personal character and the stability of government;

WHEREAS, our nation has suffered disgrace before the peoples of the world through shocking breaches of trust in high places of public leadership and through sordid examples of lust and lawlessness in personal and community life;

WHEREAS, the prevailing tone of personal and social life has been corrupted by a philosophy of self-expression, indulgence, and naturalism;

WHEREAS, there is abundant evidence of moral deterioration in many areas of American life and evidence that millions of professing Christians are guilty of dishonesty, adultery, profanity, and addiction to the curse of beverage alcohol;

WHEREAS, home life has felt the moral blight of divorce and marital infidelity;

WHEREAS, the witness of our churches has been tragically hindered by the compromises in moral conduct and the careless indifference to moral standards on the part of many church members;

WHEREAS, the Christian religion is a revelation of the moral purposes of God for the life of man and of the redemptive force whereby men can achieve moral excellence;

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists now having an enrolled membership of more than eight million church members, in some twenty-nine thousand churches, have a fearful responsibility for the moral nurture of their constituency, for the moral quality of the social order, and for the iniquitous evils which have spread moral contamination like a plague;

WHEREAS, the judgment of God must surely fall upon us if we fail to understand the moral crises of our times or fail to elicit and combine our utmost resources to help bring about a moral awakening;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, assembled in Miami, Florida, on May 20, 1955:

(1) That we declare our deepest concern relative to the moral breakdown and corruption that characterize so much of our common life;

(2) That we acknowledge with penitence and humility our own failure to measure up to the high moral standards of Christian discipleship;

(3) That we affirm our conviction that Christian morality is grounded upon the moral nature of God, the moral responsibility of persons, the moral quality of spiritual salvation, and the moral demands of Christ's lordship;

(4) That we affirm our conviction that the sanctity of personality imposes upon us the obligation to contend for moral value in human relations and that moral living must express itself in respect for persons of all races and classes and in honest efforts to vouchsafe to every person the opportunity for fullest self-realization;

(5) That we accept the implications of the cross of Christ in relation to the goal of moral living and commit ourselves to a willingness to suffer for righteousness' sake;

(6) That we express our wholehearted approval of the Crusade for Christian Morality throughout 1956, which has been launched co-operatively by our various Southern Baptist agencies and that we call upon our churches to initiate the most aggressive effort possible to quicken the moral conscience of our people and to foster a moral awakening throughout our nation.

Recommendation No. 2

In reference to a resolution concerning the American Bible Society, we recommend the approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, this Convention recognizes, first that widespread distribution of the printed Word of God is a basic need in mission work around the world, and second, that missionary advance calls for even greater distribution of Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels, and other individual books of the Bible, 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 the Scriptures needed for the missionary advance to which we are committed.

Recommendation No. 3

In reference to a resolution presented by Duke K. McCall (Ky.) in behalf of the Christian Life Commission, and other interested groups, we recommend the approval of the following:

WHEREAS, in its annual meeting last December an urgent call was made to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for a better informed and more aggressive action by the Southern Baptist Convention in its opposition to the manufacture, sale, and use of beverage alcohol, and

WHEREAS, a committee of three was appointed representing the Executive Committee, the Sunday School Board, and the Christian Life Commission to study and suggest a plan for the co-ordination of our forces in opposition to this nefarious traffic, and

WHEREAS, after discussion and some revision of this report, the Executive Committee recommended "that the Southern Baptist Convention at this session should speak in emphatic terms its opposition to the manufacture, sale, and use of alcoholic beverages," and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have the strength in numbers, the power of wealth, and the potential in organization to cope more adequately with the flood tide of liquor, wine, and beer and their destructive influences in our land, and

WHEREAS, we believe and preach a gospel that makes men righteous and imposes on them the responsibility of righteousness in human society, and

WHEREAS, there is every evidence that the liquor forces are too well entrenched behind the barriers of legal protection and within the citadels of social usage to be conquered by impassioned denouncements, and if we are to develop and sustain an effective program looking to the ultimate destruction of this nefarious traffic in beverage alcohol, our people must be accurately informed and girded for political action in the exercise of their Christian citizenship, and

WHEREAS, the false propaganda about the use of alcohol as a beverage and the tremendous social pressure that are being put on our people of all ages have led great numbers of our people to an easy tolerance toward the use of alcohol as a beverage and seeks to remove all guilt from the alcoholic, and

WHEREAS, it is our conviction that the only solution to this problem for the individual is total abstinence and that the only solution of it in human society is total riddance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) That the Southern Baptist Convention express its unceasing opposition to the manufacture, sale, and use of alcoholic beverages, and

(2) That it approve a more intensified program along the following lines:

a. To inform our people of the true nature of alcohol as a beverage and the effects of its use as a beverage on the individual and in society.

b. To provide additional materials that are attractive in appearance, adequate in quantity, and accurate in statement that will make a greater impact on our people on a national scale.

c. To encourage and promote leadership training in the field of alcohol education.

d. To co-operate with the national and state temperance leagues in encouraging our people to vote and take part in political action on temperance issues.

(3) To this end the Convention requests the Christian Life Commission to seek through the normal Convention channels ways and means to implement such a program.

Recommendation No. 4

In reference to the resolution presented by George F. Session concerning uniformity of size of tracts and reports published by the various agencies, we recommend that the request contained in the resolution be passed on as a matter of information, and for such consideration as may seem wise to the administrative leaders of the various agencies.

Recommendation No. 5

In reference to the resolution presented by W. A. Duncan concerning a commendation to the Department of Defense of the United States Government, we recommend the following revised resolution:

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense has provided much excellent material for character development, and the promotion of good citizenship and patriotic culture among our young people in Military Service, and

WHEREAS, the military leaders have co-operated with the chaplains and other leaders in propagating the content of this material to officers and servicemen,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami, Florida, May 18-21, 1955, do commend the Department of Defense for the positive religious and character development programs now being conducted for all members of the armed forces. We urge that even greater effort be put forth to provide the opportunity for persons in the armed forces to further develop their spiritual lives and undergird their moral character to the end that they may be good citizens of our Commonwealth.

Recommendation No. 6

In reference to the resolution presented by W. A. Duncan concerning the chaplaincy service at West Point Military Academy, we recommend:

WHEREAS, the religious ministry at West Point Military Academy is not now in conformity with our American traditions as expressed in the present integrated national defense structure, and is not included in the services rendered by the regular Corps of Chaplains of the United States Army.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Southern Baptist Convention in session in Miami, Florida, May 21, 1955: That the current session of the Congress of the United States be requested to repeal the act approved February 18, 1896, and all amendments pertaining thereto, which original act was entitled "An Act to Amend Section 1309, Revised Statistics, Providing a Chaplain for the Military Academy," and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED: That such repeal provide at West Point Military Academy a religious ministry in the same manner as provided for all other Army Posts and military organizations.

Recommendation No. 7

Your Committee recommends the following resolution concerning the individuals and groups in Miami, Florida, who have had a part in the entertainment of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 18-21, 1955:

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Convention found that its former plan for entertainment of the 1955 Convention could not be carried out as originally planned, and

WHEREAS, the Baptist leaders and city officials of the City of Miami, on short notice, came to our rescue and invited us to meet in their city and use the facilities of their auditorium, and

WHEREAS, C. Roy Angell and his committee on general arrangements have done such a wonderful work in providing for our physical comfort, and the facilities necessary for the work of your Convention, and

WHEREAS, the hotels, the Police Department, and the city officials have been so courteous to the messengers of our Convention, and so co-operative with the leaders of our Convention,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, in session this twenty-first day of May, 1955, so express our sincere thanks and profound appreciation to Dr. C. Roy Angell, general chairman, and the Committee on Arrangements, to the hotel and motel operators of the City of Miami, Miami Beach, and surrounding territory; to the city officials, the Police Department, and bus and taxi operators; to the Associated Press and local newspapers; and to the Radio and television stations of the city of Miami who have given much time and space reporting the work of our Convention.

Recommendation No. 8

We recommend the following resolution concerning the officers of our Convention:

WHEREAS, Dr. James Wilson Storer has served for two years as the beloved President of the Southern Baptist Convention, and

WHEREAS, Homer Gentry Lindsay and Oliver Rebhan Shields as Vice-Presidents, James White Merritt and Joe Wright Burton, as Secretaries, and Porter Wroe Routh, as Treasurer, have all served this Convention with much thoroughness and devotion,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That this Convention express its genuine appreciation to them by a rising vote of thanks.

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

168. L. E. Barton (Ala.) presented a resolution which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

169. Secretary Burton reported that registration of Convention messengers had reached a total of 10,837.

170. Porter Routh (Tenn.) moved that the Convention secretaries express appreciation to the First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., for their generosity in sharing their gifted pastor with the Southern Baptist Convention during his term as president and for the invaluable service he has rendered. The motion was adopted.

171. On motion of Porter Routh (Tenn.) it was voted to instruct the secretaries to publish in the Minutes President Storer's presidential address.

172. President Storer paid tribute to Miami and to those who have served as chairmen of the Convention committees and requested General Chairman C. Roy Angell to present these chairmen, who responded briefly:

GENERAL CHAIRMAN—C. Roy Angell
 ARRANGEMENTS—Lloyd Whyte
 FINANCE—H. Floyd Folsom
 HOUSING RESERVATIONS—James W. Parrish
 EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS—J. Perry Carter
 LUNCHEONS AND BREAKFASTS—Maurice Fain
 USHERS—Jay D. Hicks
 REGISTRATION—Ralph Langley
 PUBLICITY—Carl Moberg
 PULPIT SUPPLY—R. B. Culbreth
 RADIO AND TELEVISION—William Rittenhouse
 TRANSPORTATION—Ladislau Biro
 INFORMATION—C. E. Gillespie
 RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT—Joseph Folds
 POST OFFICE—R. Perry Tomlinson
 PAGES—C. H. Pollard
 MUSIC—Forrest Watkins
 PASTOR'S CONFERENCE—John Haldeman
 YOUTH NIGHT—Ralph Langley

173. Albert McClellan (Tenn.), Convention Press Representative, presented the names of the following newspapers and reporters who staffed the Convention. He expressed appreciation for their high quality of service:

Mrs. Louise Leyden, *Miami Daily News*; Adon Taft, *Miami Herald*; John Stewart, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*; Purser Hewitt, *Jackson Clarion-Ledger*; William Morgan, *Oklahoma City Times*; Paul Wills, *Associated Press*; Caspar Nannes, *Washington Star*; William Sorrels, *Memphis Commercial-Appeal*; Stewart Doss, *Dallas News*; Harold Fey, *Christian Century*; John Popham, *New York Times*; Cullum Greene, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*; William Keel, *Nashville Tennessean*.

174. Baker James Cauthen (Va.), chairman, presented for the special committee the following revision of the Barton resolution on religious liberty, offered Friday. The report of the committee was adopted:

We, the Southern Baptist Convention, assembled in Miami, Florida, May 18-21, because of our historic convictions concerning freedom of religion and separation of church and state, note with gratitude developments in various countries (especially in Latin America) indicating wider recognition of these vital principles, and urge all governments to give encouragement to measures making possible freedom of religion for all.

Believing in the complete separation of church and state, we do not desire to identify ourselves with any political group but only with the principle of full religious liberty. We abhor the invasion of the conscience of men whether by constituted authority of the state or, as is too often true today, by religious bigots in violation of the constitution of a nation.

We join with all who support the principle of religious freedom anywhere in the world, especially in Spain, Israel, Italy, and throughout Latin America. We pray that freedom of conscience may soon be enjoyed in lands now dominated by communism.

175. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) requested the privilege of withdrawing the pending motion which he offered Friday, and this was granted. Dr. McCall then offered the following motion, which was adopted:

That a special committee of five be appointed by the Convention president at this Convention to study the policies and procedures of the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher and report to the 1956 Convention.

176. The President announced the appointment of the committee called for in the McCall motion (Item 175). (See p. 19 for a list of this committee.)

177. Leon M. Latimer (S.C.) conducted a memorial service (see page 72 of this ANNUAL) in which he was assisted by R. S. Jones (Texas), who read the tribute to Walter R. Alexander; Mary Christian (Tenn.), to Kathleen Mallory; D. M. Rives (S.C.), to J. Dean Crain. The Southern Baptist Seminary Quartette sang "Faith of Our Fathers." Dr. Latimer closed the memorial period with prayer.

178. B. J. Murrie (Ill.) presented the reports of the following committees, Baptist State Papers and the Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign, both of which, after discussion by Editor Murrie, were adopted, together with the recommendations:

(1) We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention continue its emphasis on the importance of the Baptist state papers.

(2) We recommend that the agencies of the Convention use every opportunity to stress the importance of the Baptist state papers and that they make maximum use of the papers for the information of the people.

(3) We recommend that the state conventions consider giving more adequate

financial support to the Baptist state papers in order that they may more adequately perform the function for which they exist.

(4) We recommend to the churches that they include the Baptist state paper in their budgets for every family in the church.

179. Henry J. Stokes, Jr. (Ga.) reported that due to the inability to bring together the members of the Committee on Resolutions at this time no action on the Barton resolution presented at the Miscellaneous Business period Saturday morning could be brought.

180. S. H. Jones (S.C.) presented the report of the Committee on Procedure for Policy Change which, together with recommendations, was adopted:

(1) That By-law No. 14 (which deals with procedure) be amended by adding to sub-section (c) the following: Any motion or resolution affecting any such agency or institution, and which is not included in its printed report, shall, when presented before the Convention, be referred to the Executive Committee or to such other committee as the Convention may direct.

(2) That agencies and institutions of the Convention be directed to release to the denominational press, at least sixty days before the Convention meeting, reports of all matters to be presented to the Convention for approval, where such matters may not conform to the financial plan of the Convention or where they would make a change in fundamental policy.

Your committee also calls attention to By-law No. 19 which provides, "One third of the time for discussion of all reports before the Convention should be reserved for discussion from the floor". We observe that this By-law has not always been obeyed, and we urge that it be carefully observed by all parties concerned.

181. Forrest Heeren led in singing "Glory to His Name" and "Blest Be the Tie."

182. The choir of the First Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida, led by Joseph Abernathy, sang "Onward, Ye People" and "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place."

183. Theron D. Price (Ky.), of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary faculty, addressed the Convention on the subject, "The Church."

184. Baker J. Cauthen (Va.) led the closing prayer.

SATURDAY NIGHT

185. Larry Knowles (Fla.) led the Convention in singing "There's Within My Heart a Melody."

186. James Cook (Texas) read 1 Timothy 6:13-21 and led in prayer.

187. Porter Routh (Tenn.) called attention to the fact that three committees had not yet been named and moved:

(1) That the Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign Committee be continued for another year;

(2) That the Committee on Baptist State Papers, to be composed of the editors, with the president of the editors' association as chairman, be continued; and

(3) That the Committee on Denominational Calendar be continued with the substitution of the name of R. Alton Reed for the late Walter R. Alexander.

The motion was adopted.

188. President Storer presented the incoming officers who were on the platform: President-elect C. C. Warren, Vice-president John H. Haldeman, Senior Secretary James W. Merritt, and Treasurer Porter Routh. Mrs. Storer and Mrs. Warren were presented also.

189. G. Kerner Keagan (Tenn.), secretary of the Student Department, was presented and, together with Bill Cody, associate secretary, directed the Youth Night service. The staff of the Student Department, state student secretaries and campus secretaries present were recognized.

Missionaries Gerald and Virginia Riddle and Wesley and Geraldine Lawton, missionaries to the Philippines and to Colombia respectively, were introduced.

Stetson University Choir sang: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "Wonderful Counselor," "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

Bill Cody led in prayer and presented J. P. Allen (Va.) who brought a message on "Young Doctrines for Young Christians."

Larry Knowles led in singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Testimonies were given by "Buck" Martin, University of Miami, and William Gunter, University of Florida. Paula Robeson, University of Miami, sang, "Wonderful Lord."

Larry Knowles led in singing, "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus." Howard E. Butt, Jr. brought a message from the text Revelation 6:2, closing with prayer.

190. Following the prayer and a number by the choir, the Ninety-eighth Annual Session of the Southern Baptist Convention was adjourned finally.

JAMES W. MERRITT, *Secretary.*

J. W. STORER, *President*

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
MIAMI, FLORIDA
1955

Alabama	833
Arizona	61
Arkansas	352
California	53
District of Columbia	62
Florida	1273
Georgia	927
Illinois	150
Kansas	28
Kentucky	601
Louisiana	360
Maryland	98
Mississippi	569
Missouri	451
New Mexico	82
North Carolina	1202
Ohio	42
Oklahoma	378
Oregon-Washington	6
South Carolina	937
Tennessee	769
Texas	1003
Virginia	575
Miscellaneous	25
TOTAL	10,837