

PROCEEDINGS

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

May 30-June 2, 1956

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 30

1. The ninety-ninth session of the Southern Baptist Convention (one hundred and eleventh year) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Casper C. Warren (N.C.) in Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri.

2. W. Hines Sims (Tenn.) Music director, introduced H. Max Smith (Okla.), Convention organist, and Loren R. Williams (Tenn.) and John Kooistra (Mo.), pianists, and led in singing "America," "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee," and "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

3. Earl B. Edington (Fla.) read Proverbs 14:34, Psalms 66:1-10 and 67:1-7, and led in the opening prayer.

4. Secretary Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) reported an enrolment of 8,892 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. Secretary James W. Merritt (Ga.) announced the appointment by the President of the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES.—W. O. Vaught (Ark.), Chairman, James H. Butler (Ala.), Paul W. Davis (Ariz.), Elmer L. Gray (Calif.), Malcolm B. Knight (Fla.), Leslie S. Williams (Ga.), William J. Purdue (Ill.), Fred T. Moffatt (Ky.), Millard B. Box (La.), Harry P. Clause (Md.), James Southerland (Miss.), W. Ross Edwards (Mo.), R. Knolan Benfield (N.C.), John B. Shelton (Okla.), J. S. Day (S.C.), W. Fred Kendall (Tenn.), T. A. Patterson (Texas), Cecil Cook (Va.), S. L. Morgan, Jr. (D.C.).

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.—Louie D. Newton (Ga.), Chairman, Perry F. Webb (Texas), Ralph A. Herring (N.C.), Walter Pope Binns (Mo.), John H. Buchanan (Ala.).

TELLERS.—Chester L. Quarles (Miss.), Chairman, B. Locke Davis (Ala.), H. C. Seefeldt (Ark.), Floyd Looney (Calif.), H. Ray Watson (Colo.), A. L. Carnett (Fla.), O. Norman Shands (Ga.), Bluford M. Sloan (Ill.), E. N. Wilkinson (Ky.).

6. On motion the Convention voted to sustain the President in his ruling that an effort to secure recognition on grounds of personal privilege was out of order at this point.

7. Harold G. Sanders (Fla.), chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Order of Business, which was adopted following an unsuccessful attempt to amend the report to include an additional item.

GENERAL THEME: "Righteousness Exalteth a Nation"—A Crusade for Christian Morality

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34)

Wednesday Morning

- 9:00 Song—W. Hines Sims, Tennessee
- 9:10 Scripture and Prayer—Earl B. Edington, Florida (Prov. 14:34; Psalm 66:1-10; 67:1-7)
- 9:15 Report on Registration, Appointment of Tellers, Presidential appointment of Committee on Committees and Committee on Resolutions—Joe W. Burton, Tennessee, James W. Merritt, Georgia
- 9:20 Committee on Order of Business—Harold G. Sanders, Florida
- 9:25 Welcome to Kansas City—Introduction of speaker, Conrad R. Willard
Address: H. Roe Bartle, *Mayor of Kansas City*
- 9:35 President's Address—C. C. Warren, North Carolina
- 10:00 Music
- 10:05 Executive Committee Administrative Report—Porter Routh, Tennessee, *Executive Secretary*
- 11:05 Miscellaneous Business*
- 11:15 Woman's Missionary Union—Mrs. George R. Martin, Virginia, *President*
Address: Mrs. Edgar Bates, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
- 11:45 Fellowship in Song
Special Music
- 12:00 Convention Sermon—Harry P. Stagg, New Mexico, James M. Baldwin, Illinois, *Alternate*
- 12:45 Adjourn

(There will not be any Wednesday afternoon Session)

Wednesday Night

- 7:00 Song—W. Hines Sims, Tennessee
- 7:10 Scripture and Prayer—John W. Raley, Oklahoma (Mal. 3:1-12; Luke 24:45-49)

- 7:15 Christian Life Commission—A. C. Miller, Tennessee, *Executive Secretary*
Address: Congressman Brooks Hays, Arkansas, *Chairman*
- 7:50 Special Music
- 8:00 Home Mission Board Report—Courts Redford, Georgia, *Executive Secretary*
Address: "America For Christ"—Billy Graham, North Carolina
- 9:45 Adjourn

Thursday Morning

- 9:00 Song—W. Hines Sims, Tennessee
- 9:10 Scripture and Prayer—J. B. Jackson, Jr., Colorado (Deut. 31:12-13; 6:6-9; Rom. 10:8-17)
- 9:15 Historical Commission—Norman W. Cox, Tennessee, *Executive Secretary*
- 9:30 Committee on Baptist Film—Louie D. Newton, Georgia, *Chairman*
- 9:40 Southern Baptist Hospitals—Frank Tripp, Louisiana, *Executive Secretary-Superintendent*
- 10:00 Miscellaneous Business, Election of Officers**
- 10:30 Sunday School Board Report—James L. Sullivan, Tennessee, *Executive Secretary*
- 11:30 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
- 11:50 Special Music
- 11:55 Baptist World Alliance Report—Arnold T. Ohrn, D. C., *General Secretary*
Address—Theodore F. Adams, Virginia, *President*
- 12:30 Adjourn

Thursday Afternoon

- 2:00 Song—W. Hines Sims, Tennessee

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

*NOTE.—It is the responsibility of the person making the report to allow for one-third of the time for discussion from the floor. Guest speakers should be warned.

**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 for the Convention.

- 2:10 Scripture and Prayer—Thomas W. Croxton, Missouri (1 Cor. 4:1-21)
- 2:15 American Baptist Theological Seminary—L. S. Sedberry, Tennessee, *Secretary-Treasurer*
- 2:35 Report of Seminaries:
Southern Baptist Seminary—Duke K. McCall, Kentucky, *President*
New Orleans Baptist Seminary—Roland Q. Leavell, Louisiana, *President*
Southwestern Baptist Seminary—J. Howard Williams, Texas, *President*
Southeastern Baptist Seminary—Sydnor L. Stealey, North Carolina, *President*
Golden Gate Baptist Seminary—Harold K. Graves, California, *President*
Address: Duke K. McCall, Kentucky
- 3:55 Music
- 4:00 Special Committee Report on Theological, Religious and Missionary Education—J. W. Storer, Oklahoma, *Chairman*
- 4:20 Special Committee Report—To Study Policies and Procedures of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher—C. Roy Angell, Florida, *Chairman*
- 4:30 Election of Officers (Continued)
- 4:45 Adjourn
- 9:15 American Bible Society—Thomas T. Holloway, Texas, *Field Secretary*
- 9:30 Committee on Committees
- 9:40 Committee on Resolutions
- 9:50 Miscellaneous Business
- 9:55 Committee on Denominational Calendar—Albert McClellan, Tennessee, *Chairman*
- 10:00 Combined Report of Special Committees on Baptist Papers, and Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign—B. J. Murrie, Illinois, and Louie D. Newton, Georgia
- 10:20 Relief and Annuity Board Report—R. Alton Reed, Texas, *Executive Secretary*
- 10:40 Chaplains' Commission of the S.B.C.—Alfred M. Carpenter, Georgia, *Director*
Address
- 11:20 Committee on Boards—E. Gibson Davis, Tennessee, *Chairman*
- 11:35 Southern Baptist Foundation—T. L. Holcomb, Tennessee, *Executive Secretary*
- 11:45 Music
- 11:55 Address, "Facing Our Fiercest Foe"—Millard J. Berquist, Florida
- 12:30 Adjourn

Friday Afternoon

- 2:00 Song—W. Hines Sims, Tennessee
- 2:10 Scripture and Prayer—Forest Lanier, Georgia (2 Cor. 3:1-18)
- 2:15 Memorial Service—E. D. Solomon, Florida
- 2:30 Brotherhood Commission—George W. Schroeder, Tennessee, *Executive Secretary*
- 3:00 Committee on Time, Place and Preacher
- 3:10 Radio & Television Commission Report—Paul M. Stevens, Texas, *Executive Secretary*
Address: Roy O. McClain, Georgia
- 3:40 Special Music—Baptist Hour Choir, R. Paul Green, *Director*
- 3:50 Miscellaneous Business
- 4:00 Address, "Separation and Spirituality"—Glenn L. Archer, D. C., *Executive Director*
P.A.O.U.
- 4:30 Adjourn

Thursday Night

- 7:00 Song—W. Hines Sims, Tennessee
- 7:10 Scripture and Prayer—Hugh Cantrell, Arkansas (2 Cor. 4:1-11; 5:14-21)
- 7:15 Executive Committee Promotion Report—Merrill D. Moore, Tennessee, *Director of Promotion*
- 7:50 Special Music
- 8:00 Foreign Mission Board Report—Baker James Cauthen, Virginia, *Executive Secretary*
- 9:45 Adjourn

Friday Morning

- 9:00 Song—W. Hines Sims, Tennessee
- 9:10 Scripture and Prayer—A. Douglas Aldrich, North Carolina (2 Cor. 6:1-18)

Friday Night

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| <p>7:00 Song—W. Hines Sims, Tennessee</p> <p>7:10 Scripture and Prayer—T. Edward Damer, Missouri (James 1:12-22; Ephes. 6:10-20)</p> <p>7:15 Youth Night Service—G. Kearnie Keegan, Tennessee
Address: Howard E. Butt, Jr., Texas</p> <p>9:30 Adjourn</p> | <p>9:35 Public Affairs Committee—C. Emanuel Carlson, D. C., <i>Executive Director</i>
Report by Walter Pope Binns, Missouri, <i>Chairman</i></p> <p>9:50 Music</p> <p>10:00 Address, "Crusade For Christian Morality"—Clifton J. Allen, Tennessee</p> <p>10:30 Presentation of New Officers of the Convention</p> <p>10:45 Christian Home Service and Church Music Festival—Joe W. Burton, Tennessee, Choirs—W. Hines Sims, Tennessee
Choirs: Baptist Hour, Baylor University, William Jewell College, and festival choir from Kansas City churches</p> |
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Saturday Morning

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| <p>9:00 Song—W. Hines Sims, Tennessee</p> <p>9:10 Scripture and Prayer—Bob Patterson, Kentucky (Psalm 127; Ephes. 5:15—6:4)</p> <p>9:15 Education Commission—R. Orin Cornett, Tennessee, <i>Executive Secretary</i></p> | <p>Address: "Fidelity in the Family," H. Guy Moore, Texas</p> <p>12:45 Adjournment</p> |
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8. Following the introduction of John B. Pugh (Mo.) who was present when the Convention met in Kansas City in 1923, Conrad R. Willard (Mo.), chairman of the local committee on Convention Arrangements, presented Mayor H. Roe Bartle of Kansas City, who welcomed the Convention and presented keys to the city to President Warren and Theodore F. Adams (Va.), president of the Baptist World Alliance.

9. With Vice-president John H. Haldeman (Fla.) in the Chair, President Warren delivered his presidential address. (See p. 70 of this ANNUAL.

10. A motion was made and adopted that President Warren's address be printed in the Minutes of this Convention and that the secretaries of the Sunday School Board, the Home Mission Board, and the Brotherhood Commission and the executive secretaries of the various state conventions be requested to formulate plans to implement the challenge of President Warren that we double the number of our preaching stations before the celebration of our Third Jubilee in 1964.

11. W. Hines Sims led the Convention in singing "He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Tho't!"

12. With President Warren again presiding, the Hardin-Simmons University Quartette (Texas), composed of Paul Royal, Melvin Jasick, Euclid Moore, and Eddie Gray, was presented and sang "Just When I Need Him Most" and "I Stand Amazed in the Presence."

13. Porter Routh (Tenn.) executive secretary of the Executive

Committee, presented the Administration Report of the Executive Committee.

14. In introducing the report Secretary Routh announced that Co-operative Program gifts for the five months of this year have set a new high record for the thirty-one year period of the Cooperative Program's history. He then presented Austin Crouch (Tenn.) and Duke K. McCall (Ky.) former executive secretaries. Dr. Crouch led in prayer. Dr. Routh announced that Robert L. Lee had recently been installed as secretary for Louisiana and Willis J. Ray, secretary for Colorado; that W. Barry Garrett had been named acting secretary for Arizona, and that W. C. Fields had been chosen as editor of the *Mississippi Record*, succeeding A. L. Goodrich, deceased.

15. Frank A. Hooper, Jr. (Ga.) paid tribute to Secretary Porter Routh and then presented Recommendation No. 1 of the Executive Committee report which, on motion, was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1

We recommend the approval of the 1956 budgets of the Convention agencies as printed on pages 86-98 insofar as they do not conflict with the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention.

16. L. M. Walker (N.M.) presented Recommendation No. 2, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2

We recommend that the distribution of the Cooperative Program receipts for 1957 be on a single percentage basis, up to the Advance Program for home and foreign missions, with the understanding that if less than \$11,000,000 is received the agencies not sharing in Capital Needs will receive the balance on their Operating Budgets before final distribution is made.

17. W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 3, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 3

We recommend that a full \$11,000,000 of Cooperative Program funds be distributed for current operating expenses and capital needs in 1957, as shown on the following schedule:

	1956 OPERATING	1956 CAPITAL	1957 OPERATING	1957 CAPITAL	1957 TOTAL	1957 %
Foreign Mission Board	\$3,200,000	\$ 600,000.00	\$3,950,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 4,550,000.00	41.36
Home Mission Board	785,000	439,800.00	1,030,000.00	500,000.00	1,550,000.00	14.09
*Relief and Annuity Board	500,000	291,900.00	250,000.00		250,000.00	2.27
Southern Seminary	436,500	242,466.67	484,333.33	242,466.66	726,799.99	6.61
Southwestern Seminary	463,500	242,466.67	499,333.34	242,466.66	741,800.00	6.74
New Orleans Seminary	378,000	253,203.33	434,333.33	253,203.34	687,536.67	6.25
Golden Gate Seminary	249,000	199,800.00	261,000.00	626,733.00	887,733.00	8.07
Southeastern Seminary	238,000	550,363.33	321,000.00	350,130.34	671,130.34	6.10

*The Convention reaffirms its agreement made with the Relief and Annuity Board in 1946 concerning the reserves to protect the so-called old annuity contracts. If the reserves available for such old annuity contracts should prove to be inadequate to pay the benefits due under such contracts, the Convention will make such additional contributions as may be necessary to cover such deficit. The deficit, if any, shall be determined as follows:

If the total payments of benefits shall exceed the total reserves, plus interest at the average rate earned by the Relief and Annuity Board, compounded annually, such excess of benefit payments shall be the amount of the deficit that shall be paid by the Convention.

Radio & TV Commission	200,000	12,000.00	234,500.00	35,000.00	269,500.00	2.45
American Seminary	62,500	42,000.00	65,000.00		65,000.00	.60
Carver School	70,000		70,000.00		70,000.00	.64
Southern Baptist Hospital	40,000	120,000.00	40,000.00	150,000.00	190,000.00	1.73
Brotherhood Commission	80,000	5,000.00	85,000.00		85,000.00	.77
Public Affairs Commission	16,500		16,500.00		16,500.00	.15
Baptist World Alliance	30,000		30,000.00		30,000.00	.27
Southern Baptist Foundation	25,000		26,000.00		26,000.00	.24
Education Commission	32,000		33,000.00		33,000.00	.30
Historical Commission	27,000		30,000.00		30,000.00	.27
Christian Life Commission	17,000		20,000.00		20,000.00	.18
	\$6,900,000					
Conv. Operating Budget	100,000		100,000.00		100,000.00	.91
TOTAL	\$7,000,000	\$3,000,000.00	\$8,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$11,000,000.00	100.00

18. Carl E. Bates (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 4, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 4

We recommend that the Convention Operating Budget for 1957 be as follows:

Convention Expense (including Annual)	\$ 45,000
Special Committees	10,000
Executive Committee	100,000
Reserve	5,000
	<u>\$160,000</u>

(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.)

19. After presenting Mrs. R. L. Mathis (Texas) who was elected president of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, on May 29, 1956, Mrs. George R. Martin (Va.) presented Recommendation No. 5, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 5

We recommend that all receipts in excess of \$11,000,000 shall go 75 per cent to foreign missions and 25 per cent to home missions.

20. J. D. Grey (La.) presented Recommendation No. 6, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 6

We recommend that the \$250,000 for the Relief and Annuity Board on the 1957 Operating Budget be used specifically for Ministerial Relief.

21. Homer G. Lindsay (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 7, which was adopted. At this point Vice-president Haldeman was called to the Chair.

RECOMMENDATION No. 7

We recommend that a transfer of \$35,000 capital funds designated to the American Baptist Theological Seminary for 1956 be given to the Brotherhood Commission, and the 1958 capital funds of \$35,000 designated to the Brotherhood Commission be given to the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

22. C. C. Warren (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 8, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8

(1) We recommend that the period from 1959 to 1964 be designated as "The Baptist Jubilee Advance."

(2) We recommend that the annual emphases be as follows: Evangelism through co-operative witness (in reference to the simultaneous revival movement), 1959; evangelism through Bible teaching and training, 1960; evangelism through stewardship and enlistment, 1961; evangelism through church extension, 1962; evangelism through world missions, 1963; and the Third Jubilee Celebration, 1964.

(3) We recommend that the agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention plan their five-year program from 1959 to 1964 within the framework of these emphases where possible.

(4) We recommend the adoption of the following as the purpose for the Baptist Jubilee Advance:

At the 1955 Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, it was voted "to confer with representatives of other Baptist conventions in North America, looking toward 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."

At the meeting of the American Baptist Convention, it was voted: "That we heartily welcome the proposal of the Southern Baptist Convention and request that the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Society consider the implementation of American Baptist Convention participating in the Evangelistic Crusade and urge that the long-range objectives leading to the Sesquicentennial be referred with our cordial endorsement to the appropriate committee of the General Council for further development."

The National Baptist Convention of the U.S.A., Inc., took action in its September, 1955, meeting, endorsing the movement. At the organization meeting in Chicago on December 8, 1955, called by Dr. C. C. Warren, representatives were present from the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., the National Convention of America, the North American Baptist General Conference, and the Baptist General Conference of America. Canadian Baptists have since expressed a desire to participate.

The resulting movement, called the Baptist Jubilee Advance, has as its purpose the dramatization and deepening of the Baptist witness to the world. It is to begin with a concerted evangelistic effort by all participating Baptist bodies in 1959, followed by appropriate co-ordinated emphasis in 1960, 1961, 1962, and 1963, and culminating in 1964 in the celebration of the Third Jubilee. Specifically:

- (1) It is an attempt to quicken, in professed believers in Christ, a sense of responsibility for carrying out all phases of the Great Commission with zeal and fervor.
- (2) It is an attempt, on the part of Baptists in the United States and Canada, to "see together" the gigantic task before us. It is not, however either a movement toward organic union or a program to emphasize, rehearse, or even consider, past or present differences.
- (3) It is a program focusing the efforts of Baptists on common goals and objectives, which each participating body can achieve within the framework of its own organization. It is not a stereotyped program to be handed down by a central committee to the participating bodies.
- (4) It is an effort to bring about, in the Third Jubilee year of 1964, the greatest achievements of any single year in Baptist history, to give to the world a dramatic presentation of what Baptists stand for and what they have done,

and to gain a mighty impetus for even greater achievements for God's glory in the years ahead.

23. James W. Merritt (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 9, which was adopted. At this point President Warren again took the chair.

RECOMMENDATION No. 9

We recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention:

That we recognize and emphasize the essential unity of all our denominational work both Southwide and State. And that we reaffirm the principles of co-operation as set forth in the Southern Baptist Convention *Annual* for 1934, pages 48-49, and 1951, page 40, with the following amendment and corrections, to-wit:

"a. Since the Cooperative Program is a joint enterprise of the various state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention through which the churches carry out their world-wide denominational program, and in the interest of clearness and understanding among our people, we suggest that expense chargeable to the whole Cooperative Program be cared for as follows:

"(1) That we share in the administration and promotional expenses directly related to the operation of the Cooperative Program and the Woman's Missionary Union, this including appropriation to State paper.

"(2) We recognize that the Ministers Retirement Plan is an appropriate charge against the whole program.

"(3) That for the sake of uniformity and clarity in reporting the above the executive secretary of the Executive Committee and the several state secretaries undertake to work out uniform systems of accounting and reporting.

"(4) That we fraternally urge in every state that expense chargeable to the whole Cooperative Program be kept at a minimum, holding ever before us the ideal of the 50-50 division of both state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention, and it is our further conviction that the items to be deducted before distribution should be limited to those above set forth.

"(5) Since, in the rapidly changing conditions which affect our plans, it would seem wise for us to have as circumstances may direct, mutual consultations concerning our expanding programs, we respectfully recommend periodic conferences for this purpose.

"(6) We further recognize the right of any state which chooses not to deduct any items before division between State and Southern Baptist Convention objects and to adjust their percentages according—it being clearly understood that any state dividing on a straight percentage distribution is in complete harmony with the principles of this understanding.

"(7) That we look with favor as an ideal upon a single percentage distribution between State and Convention-wide causes of Cooperative Program funds."

24. E. N. Wilkinson (Ky.) presented Recommendation No. 10, which was adopted. Duke K. McCall (Ky.), in endorsing this recommendation, stated that a recommendation of similar character in the report of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary would not be presented.

RECOMMENDATION No. 10

WHEREAS, at the meeting of the subcommittee on the Third Jubilee Program held March 15 in Nashville, it was agreed that if Southern Baptists are to be thinking in terms of an enlarged program of activity during the period 1959-64, it will be necessary even now to think in terms of enlisting young people to serve as educational directors, music directors, church secretaries, writers,

and in other full-time Christian vocations, as well as those who feel the call to definite service as ministers or missionaries at home and abroad, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary passed the following resolution in their annual session, March, 1956:

"In view of the urgent need of multitudes of young people in our churches for clarification and direction of their sense of call to full-time Christian service;

"And in view of the growing size and complexity of our churches and the increasingly heavy demands made on their pastors; and in view of the growing needs of churches, boards, and agencies for specialized workers in the varied fields of Missions, Religious Education, and Church Music:

"BE IT RESOLVED, That a committee be named by the Southern Baptist Convention to study these needs and their supply; to seek proper means of confronting young people who feel the call of God to full-time Christian service with the opportunities and possibilities of Missions, Religious Education, and Church Music as Christian vocations; to suggest provision of appropriate recognition and status; and to seek a unified and effective approach to their enrolment in our Baptist colleges and seminaries to the end that they may be adequately equipped for their divinely appointed life work."

AND WHEREAS, in a meeting of representatives of the various areas of our denominational life, called upon instruction of the Third Jubilee Committee by President C. C. Warren, in Kansas City, May 28, to discuss the matters set forth above, there was unanimous agreement that action should be started to meet this need, which group therefore brings the following recommendation:

We recommend that the Executive Committee be requested to ask the Southern Baptist Convention to appoint a committee of representatives of the various areas of our denominational life to study this matter and report its findings to the Executive Committee for appropriate action.

25. John W. Wood (Va.) presented Recommendation No. 11, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 11

We recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention that it authorize the Foreign Mission Board to apply to the Corporation Commission of the State of Virginia for an amendment to its Charter aforesaid in order to increase the maximum number of members constituting said Board from fifty (50) to one hundred (100) members.

26. C. Vaughn Rock (Ariz.) presented Recommendation No. 12, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 12

We recommend that the Golden Gate Theological Seminary be authorized to change its Charter to provide that Article VIII shall read: "The Articles of Faith" by which this institution shall be guided in its doctrinal statement shall be that statement approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925, as reported in the S.B.C. *Annual* for that year, page 71.

27. Oliver R. Shields (Mo.) presented Recommendation No. 13, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 13

We recommend that the annuity rates of all the agencies of the Convention shall be as recommended by the Relief and Annuity Board, in keeping with Section IX of the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention.

GIFT ANNUITY RATES

Effective Not Later Than July 1, 1956

(Single Life—Semi-Annual Payments)

AGE NEAREST BIRTHDAY	NEW	AGE NEAREST BIRTHDAY	NEW
30	3.0	55	4.2
31	3.0	56	4.3
32	3.0	57	4.3
33	3.0	58	4.4
34	3.0	59	4.5
35	3.0	60	4.5
36	3.1	61	4.6
37	3.2	62	4.7
38	3.3	63	4.8
39	3.4	64	4.9
40	3.5	65	5.0
41	3.6	66	5.1
42	3.6	67	5.2
43	3.7	68	5.3
44	3.7	69	5.4
45	3.7	70	5.5
46	3.8	71	5.7
47	3.8	72	5.8
48	3.9	73	6.0
49	3.9	74	6.1
50	3.9	75	6.3
51	4.0	76	6.5
52	4.0	77	6.7
53	4.1	78	6.9
54	4.1	79	7.1
		80	7.4

GIFT ANNUITY RATES

Effective Not Later Than July 1, 1956

(Two Lives—Joint and Survivor—Semi-Annual Payments)

AGE OF OLDER LIFE				
	80 NEW	75 NEW	70 NEW	65 NEW
80	5.8			
75	5.4	5.1		
70	5.0	4.8	4.6	
65	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.3
60	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1
55	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9
50	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
45	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
40	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
35	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
30	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8

AGE OF OLDER LIFE				
AGE OF YOUNGER LIFE	60 NEW	55 NEW	50 NEW	45 NEW
60	4.0			
55	3.8	3.7		
50	3.7	3.6	3.5	
45	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4
40	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
35	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
30	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8

AGE OF OLDER LIFE			
AGE OF YOUNGER LIFE	40 NEW	35 NEW	30 NEW
40	3.3	2.8	
35	2.8	2.8	
30	2.8		2.8

28. J. Winston Pearce (Md.) presented Recommendation No. 14, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 14

We recommend that Article XIV of the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended to read:

"No new enterprise, involving expenditure of money, shall be authorized by the Convention except upon favorable action by the Convention in two succeeding annual meetings; provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to a recommendation of an agency of the Convention concerning its own work. In the event any new hospital propositions are made, they must be considered as new enterprises of our Convention, whether money is involved at the time of the acquiring of such property or not, and must be presented to two succeeding Conventions."

29. Douglas M. Branch (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 15, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 15

Whereas it is our conviction that a study of our total Southern Baptist program, if wisely conducted, would prove of great value in this effort toward strengthening and expanding our Christian ministry:

We therefore recommend the appointment of a committee by this Convention to make such study, and we further recommend that this committee consist of one member from each co-operating state, as defined in Bylaw 17 of the Convention, and three members at large, to be appointed by the president, the first and second vice-presidents, and the senior secretary of the Convention. It being understood that no employed personnel of the Convention shall be appointed to the committee.

It shall be the purpose of this committee to study the functions of the agencies and boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, and their relationship with the churches; with the state conventions, and with other agencies and boards of the Convention, with a view of finding the most effective way of promoting the Kingdom through the Southern Baptist Convention. The committee shall be authorized to employ such professional assistance as it may deem wise in making this study with the understanding that the total expenditure for the year shall not exceed \$25,000. This committee can make such recommendations as it may deem wise to the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in Chicago in 1957, and any recommendations contained in the committee's report shall be made available to the Baptist Press at least two months prior to the next meeting of the Convention, in order that our Baptist constituency may have ample time to study them.

30. E. H. Pruden (D.C.) presented Recommendation No. 16, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 16

We recommend that Dr. E. Leslie Carlson of Fort Worth be named as fraternal messenger to the Swedish Baptist Conference, it being understood that this will not involve the Southern Baptist Convention in any expense.

31. Albert McClellan (Tenn.) and Merrill D. Moore (Tenn.) associate secretaries of the Executive Committee were presented.

32. The administration Section of the Executive Committee report was adopted as a whole.

33. An effort was made to discuss from the floor the question of eligibility for Convention membership under a point of personal privi-

lege, but the President ruled that, in keeping with Bylaw 1, all such questions are to be referred to a Committee on Credentials. The President's ruling was sustained by the Convention.

34. Mrs. George R. Martin (Va.) moved the adoption of the report of Woman's Missionary Union. The motion prevailed, and Mrs. Martin presented Mrs. Edgar Bates, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, vice-president from Canada of the Baptist World Alliance, who addressed the Convention.

35. W. Hines Sims led the Convention in singing "Amazing Grace."

36. The Georgetown College Choir (Ky.), led by A. Ray Baker, director, sang "Now Thank We All Our God," "Let Us Break Bread Together," and "God's Son Has Made Us Free."

37. Following the reading of Ephesians, Chapter 1, and 4:13, by James M. Baldwin (Ill.) Harry P. Stagg (N.M.) preached the Convention sermon, using as a text Revelation 21:17. Prior to the sermon, at the request of President Warren, Dr. Stagg presented his father, a retired minister who is nearing ninety years of age.

38. Following prayer led by Dr. Stagg, the Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MAY 30

39. With Vice-president John H. Haldeman presiding, W. Hines Sims led the Convention in singing "Send the Light" and "There Is Power in the Blood."

40. John W. Raley (Okla.) read Malachi 3:1-12 and Luke 24:45-49 and led in prayer.

41. A. C. Miller (Tenn.) executive secretary, presented and discussed the report of the Christian Life Commission. He then presented Congressman Brooks Hays (Ark.), chairman of the Commission, for an address. The report was adopted.

42. The Ouachita College Choir (Ark.) led by David Scott, sang "Jesus Our Lord, We Adore Thee," "The Beatitudes," and "Though your Sins Be as Scarlet."

43. Executive Secretary Courts Redford (Ga.) brought the report of the Home Mission Board, which was adopted. After presenting Leonard Sanderson (Texas), new secretary of the Department of Evangelism, and Leland Waters (Ga.) recently assigned to promotion of the Church Building Loan Fund, and a group of home missionaries, Dr. Redford led in prayer and then introduced the program on home missions as follows:

"History, Strategy of Home Missions," by Charles Wellborn (Texas), Harold Sanders (Fla.), and Alma Hunt (Ala.). "Church Extension," by C. C. Warren (N.C.), Roy Harris (Calif.), George Gaddie (Ohio), Richard Bryant (Ill.), Fred Hubbs (Mich.), and Frank Sutton (Ariz.) "Evangelism," by Dotson Nelson (S.C.) and

Leonard Sanderson (Texas). "Missions, U.S.A.," by Walter Ong (Ariz.), Mrs. Carlos Paredes (Texas), Sam Hider (Okla.), S. E. Grinstead (Tenn.), Thomas M. Wood (Mo.), and Amelio Gianetta (Calif.).

44. The Home Mission period closed with an address, "America for Christ," by Billy Graham (N.C.).

45. President Warren expressed appreciation of Dr. Graham and his message. J. B. Lawrence led the closing prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 31

46. With Kyle M. Yates (Texas), vice-president, presiding, W. Hines Sims led in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "I Love to Tell the Story," and "To God Be the Glory."

47. J. B. Jackson, Jr. (Colo.) read Deuteronomy 31:12-13, 6:6-9 and Romans 10:8-17 and led in prayer.

48. Norman W. Cox (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Historical Commission, which was adopted after discussion.

49. Louie D. Newton (Ga.) presented the report of the Committee on Baptist Film, which was adopted, including the recommendation that the committee be continued for another year, with authority to pursue this study, and report back to the Convention in 1957. Approval was given also to a request that Paul M. Stevens (Texas), Norman W. Cox (Tenn.), Albert McClellan (Tenn.), Earl Waldrup (Tenn.), Fon Scofield (Va.), L. O. Griffith (Ga.) be added to the Committee, also that H. H. McGinty (Mo.) be substituted for David M. Gardner (Texas) on the committee.

50. Frank Tripp (La.) presented the report of the Southern Baptist Hospital which was adopted after discussion by Dr. Tripp. At this point the gavel was returned to President Warren.

51. C. Roy Angell (Fla.) presented the following proposal for the establishment of a Baptist hospital or hospitals in Miami, Florida, to be under the sponsorship and management of the Southern Baptist Hospital, and moved its adoption:

(1) The Miami Baptist Association, with the assistance of friends, propose to furnish free of all incumbrances a suitable building site for a general hospital having a minimum capacity of 200 beds and other related facilities.

(2) To raise a minimum of \$3,000,000.00 to be used in constructing and equipping a modern hospital building.

(3) In the event it should be decided to build two buildings in order to provide more adequately for the hospital needs of the people of the Miami area, the Miami Baptist Association with the support of the citizens of Dade County will provide the necessary building sites and the funds for constructing and equipping both hospital buildings.

(4) Since it has been definitely established that individuals, corporations, and foundations will not contribute substantial amounts of money toward building and equipping general hospitals unless such hospitals are to be owned and oper-

ated by groups with demonstrated ability to successfully operate such hospitals, we respectfully request the Southern Baptist Convention to authorize its Hospital Board to build and operate a hospital or hospitals in the Miami area when the people of that area, under the leadership of the Miami Baptist Association, have made available to the Hospital Board a suitable site or sites and sufficient funds with which to build and equip a modern hospital or hospitals with the understanding that said building site or sites will be deeded in fee simple to the Southern Baptist Hospital, a Louisiana Corporation, free of all incumbrances and that funds for building and equipping the hospital or hospitals are made available to the Southern Hospital Board by the people of Miami through the Miami Baptist Association.

(5) It is further proposed that if the Southern Baptist Convention authorizes its Hospital Board to accept the responsibility of ownership and management of a Baptist hospital or hospitals in the Miami area that the people of that area, under the leadership of the Miami Baptist Association, will provide adequate funds for buildings and equipment so that no indebtedness will be incurred by the Southern Baptist Convention or its Hospital Board in accepting such responsibilities.

(6) This proposal is presented with the understanding that it is to be considered and acted upon by the Convention within the framework of its Business and Financial Plan which requires Convention approval in two sessions.

After discussion, extension of time, and unsuccessful efforts to refer and amend, the motion to accept the proposal was approved with the understanding that the matter would be presented for final decision at the next session of this Convention in keeping with Section XIV of the Business and Financial Plan.

52. A motion to postpone the election of officers to 4:30 this afternoon was approved.

53. James L. Sullivan (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Sunday School Board, which included the showing of a color film setting forth the operations of the various departments of the Board.

54. The Sunday School Board report, together with Recommendation No. 1, was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1

Pursuant to the appropriate requirements of Convention Procedure, The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention submits the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Convention, in Article XI of the Business and Financial Plan, directs each agency of the Convention to "set up as soon as possible a reserve for contingencies to provide for deficiencies that may occur either through decreased receipts or through emergencies or both . . ." and

WHEREAS, the Convention also reserves to itself the right to approve the maximum amount of contingency reserve of any agency . . ."; and

WHEREAS, after full discussion and investigation, the Executive Committee and the Board of this agency have determined that the reserve to be set up by this agency should be in an amount which is the equivalent of that needed for the operation of the Sunday School Board for a period of three months;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is recommended to the 1956 Session of the Southern Baptist Convention that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Southern Baptist Convention approve as the maximum amount of the reserve of The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for contingencies to provide for deficits that may occur either

through decreased receipts or through emergencies or both, an amount which is the equivalent of that needed for the operation of the Sunday School Board a period of three months.

55. After voting to extend time, Recommendation No. 2 was, by vote, referred to a Committee of seven to be appointed by the President and to report to the 1957 session of the Convention.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2

Pursuant to the appropriate requirements of Convention Procedure, The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention submits the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the name of an agency should indicate its activities and,

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Convention has either directly assigned to or authorized this Board to undertake other projects so that the work of this agency encompasses many activities which cannot properly be designated as Sunday school work, all of such activities being, however, authorized by the Charter of Incorporation of this Board, and;

WHEREAS, after full discussion and investigation, the Executive Committee and the Board of this agency have decided that the name of this agency should be changed to "THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION," as being properly descriptive of its work and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is recommended to the 1956 Session of the Southern Baptist Convention that the following resolution be adopted;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

(1) The name of "THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION" be changed to "THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION," and

(2) The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, acting through its officers, be authorized to make application to the Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee for an amendment to its corporate charter so as to change its name from its present style of "The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention" so as to be "The Board of Education and Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention."

56. The following fraternal messengers were recognized: Frank Nelson, American Baptist Convention; Walter O. Lewis, Baptist World Alliance; Ilya Ivanov, Alexander Karev, Nikolai Levindanto, Klaudia Tyrtova, Jakov Zhidkov, All Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists, U.S.S.R.; Adolph Klaupiks, interpreter, Baptist World Alliance. Theodore F. Adams (Va.), president of the Baptist World Alliance, introduced the Russian group, also Dean Goodwin of the American Baptist Convention, conductor and counsellor of the group.

57. Telegrams of greeting were read from Robert Preston Taylor, staff chaplain, United States Air Force; and from the administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, telling of the inability (for the first time in 57 years) of E. D. Solomon to attend the Convention because of illness.

58. Frank Boggs (Fla.) sang the spiritual, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

59. Arnold T. Ohrn (D.C.), general secretary, presented the report of the Baptist World Alliance, which was received as information. Robert Denny, associate secretary for youth work, was presented. Jakov Zhidkov brought greetings from Russian Baptists. President Warren presented Theodore F. Adams (Va.), who addressed the Convention.

60. W. O. Vaught (Ark.), chairman of the Committee on Committees, presented the following recommendation for the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher, which was adopted:

COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER.—W. Morris Ford (Texas) chairman, Clifton Malone (Ala.), Rel Gray (Ark.), Roy Matthews (Ariz.), Byron F. Todd (Calif.), A. Lincoln Smith (D.C.), J. H. Avery (Fla.), Paul Aiken (Ga.), Lee Swope (Ill.), E. F. Estes (Ky.), Lewis White (La.), R. Lofton Hudson (Mo.), Vernon Richardson (Md.), John G. McCall (Miss.), S. M. Morgan (N.M.), Claude Broach (N.C.), Roy McClung (Okla.), John Huss (S.C.), Carl Giers (Tenn.), J. P. Gulley (Va.).

61. A motion to provide 15 minutes for miscellaneous business following the election of officers at the afternoon session was passed.

62. William Harrison Williams (N.C.) led the closing prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 31

63. With Vice-president Haldeman presiding, Loren L. Williams (Tenn.) led in singing "Forward Through the Ages," "Trust and Obey," "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken," and "Praise Him, Praise Him."

64. Thomas W. Croxton (Mo.) read 1 Corinthians 4:1-21 and led in prayer.

65. L. S. Sedberry (Tenn.), secretary-treasurer, presented the report of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, which was adopted. Victor Glass (Tenn.) acting president of the Seminary, was presented. Primrose Funches (Tenn.) brought greetings from the National Baptist Convention, Incorporated. I. H. Henderson, Jr. (Mo.) an alumnus of the Seminary and Kansas City pastor, and T. B. Maston (Texas) spoke briefly.

66. The seminaries reported, with Allen W. Graves (Ky.), dean of the School of Religious Education, speaking for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

67. President Roland Q. Leavell (La.) reported for the New Orleans Seminary and introduced members of the faculty.

68. President J. Howard Williams (Texas) reported for Southwestern Seminary and requested Jesse J. Northcutt (Texas), a member of the faculty, to introduce other members of the faculty.

69. President Sydnor L. Stealey (N.C.) reported for Southeastern Seminary and introduced members of the faculty.

70. President Harold K. Graves (Calif.) reported for the Golden Gate Seminary and introduced members of the faculty.

71. Lee Gallman (Miss.) reported for the Seminary Extension Department and presented his associates.

72. A motion to adopt the reports of the seminaries prevailed.

73. President Duke K. McCall (Ky.) of Southern Seminary, after introducing members of the faculty, addressed the Convention, speaking for the seminaries on theological education. At this point the gavel was returned to President Warren.

74. Claude Rhea (La.) sang "There Is a Balm in Gilead."

75. J. W. Storer (Okla.) reported for the special Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education.

76. Louie D. Newton (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 1, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1

That the Southern Baptist Convention approve the establishing of a new seminary as soon as it can be determined where such a school should be located and when such an undertaking can be financed without impairing our present seminaries and the Cooperative Program allocations to all of our agencies and institutions, the time and location to be recommended to the Convention by its Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education.

77. Louie D. Newton (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 2, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2

That it be the policy of the Southern Baptist Convention that beginning now it will not undertake joint ownership, support, and administration of any new theological institution with any other Baptist body.

78. H. H. Hobbs (Okla.) presented Recommendation No. 3, which was adopted,

RECOMMENDATION No. 3

That Bylaw 9-(5)-(g) of the Convention's Bylaws be amended to read: "To recommend to the Convention a comprehensive budget for the Convention and for all its agencies, which budget shall include the budgets of all the agencies of the Convention as approved by the Executive Committee, together with the percentage of Convention funds which may be allocated to each cause. *The Executive Committee shall not recommend any percentage allocation of funds for any agency or institution for which the Convention does not elect trustees or directors.*" (To become effective in 1958.)

79. H. H. Hobbs (Okla.) presented Recommendation No. 4, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 4

Believing that there is a definite place for the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in the areas of church social work and missionary training, we recommend with regard to the Carver School:

(1) That if the Southern Baptist Convention is to allocate funds on a percentage basis to the Carver School it do so only upon provision that the Woman's Missionary Union amend its charter and bylaws.

(2) That when the charter and bylaws of the Woman's Missionary Union be changed to permit it, the trustees of the Carver School shall be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, one-half of whom shall be nominated by Woman's Missionary Union to the Committee on Boards of the Convention and elected by the Convention, and that the Carver School shall then operate as an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention within the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention.

(3) That in the event Woman's Missionary Union shall be agreeable to the above recommendations, the Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education of the Convention be authorized to work with Woman's Missionary Union in matters pertaining to details to be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention for consideration as soon as possible, it being understood that the President name the committee.

80. J. W. Storer (Okla.) presented Recommendation No. 5, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 5

We further recommend that the work of this committee be continued, and that its study be based upon the findings reported to the 1955 Convention, with such additional data as it finds available in current efforts to determine when the Southern Baptist Convention should establish a new seminary, where such a seminary shall be located, and when such an undertaking can be financed without impairing the present seminaries and the Cooperative Program allocations to all Convention agencies and institutions.

81. C. Roy Angell (Fla.) reported for the special Committee to Study Policies and Procedures of the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher, which was adopted:

After considerable discussion and study of all the issues involved in the matter of selecting a Convention city, it was voted unanimously that the committee on Time, Place, and Preacher should not be selected a year in advance.

Attention was called to the action of the Executive Committee in December, 1949, when it was voted: "Inasmuch as invitations for the annual Convention meetings are now made two years in advance and that investigations concerning auditorium availability, hotel rooms, and the like need to be checked before the Convention acts, we recommend that the Committee on Convention Arrangements be instructed to investigate possible invitations for the 1952 Convention and succeeding Conventions and that a summary of findings of the investigation on each invitation be turned over to the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher."

The committee felt unanimously that this procedure, as amended below, would meet the needs, and the Convention Procedure should be amended to provide a section on *Convention Site*, as follows:

"The Committee on Convention Arrangements of the Executive Committee shall investigate possible invitations for the Convention's annual meeting and bring a summary of findings, with recommendation or recommendations, to the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher."

The feeling was expressed that the Committee on Convention Arrangements should certify more than one city as meeting the Convention requirements, if possible, and that the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher might present the choice to the Convention, if it so desired.

82. With Vice-president Haldeman presiding, the Convention entered into the election of officers.

83. Casper C. Warren (N.C.) was nominated for a second term as President. A motion was made and passed unanimously that the Senior Secretary cast the ballot for Dr. Warren, and this was done.

84. With President Warren presiding, the following nominations for First Vice-president were made:

Bill Lewis (Ark.) nominated W. O. Vaught, Jr. (Ark.).

Bill McIver (Kans.) nominated W. A. Criswell (Texas).

Oliver R. Shields (Mo.) and Dotson Nelson (S. C.) nominated Conrad Willard (Mo.).

A standing vote resulted in the election of Conrad Willard (Mo.) as First Vice-president of the Convention.

85. The following were nominated for Second Vice-president:

Elroy Lamb (Ky.) nominated Roy O. McClain (Ga.).

David O. Byrd (Tenn.) nominated D. L. Stennis (Miss.).

A standing vote resulted in the election of D. L. Stennis (Miss.) as second vice-president of the Convention.

86. John H. Haldeman (Fla.) nominated James W. Merritt (Ga.) for Senior Secretary and Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) for Secretary, and they were elected by acclamation.

87. O. R. Shields (Mo.) nominated Porter Routh (Tenn.) for election as Treasurer, and he was elected by acclamation.

88. Under the head of miscellaneous business James M. Bullman (N.C.) proposed the following amendment to the Convention's Constitution, to be acted on at the 1957 session:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV.—This Convention does not claim that affiliation with this Convention is in any way necessary for a church to be a Missionary Baptist Church; nor does this Convention claim that affiliation with any other Baptist body, whether district association or state convention, is in any way necessary for a church to be affiliated with this Convention; nor does this Convention claim that a church's affiliation with this Convention, as conceived by this Convention, is in any degree of such a nature as would prevent a church that once has entered into affiliation with this Convention from discontinuing that affiliation, should that church for any reason whatsoever decide to discontinue that affiliation."

89. James M. Bullman (N.C.) presented a resolution which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

90. On motion of J. D. Grey the Secretary was instructed to send telegrams to two former presidents of the Convention, F. F. Brown (Tenn.) and W. W. Hamilton (La.); to two former secretaries, J. H. Burnett (N. C.) and Hight C Moore (N.C.); to C. E. Matthews (Texas) former secretary of evangelism of the Home Mission Board; and to reply to the message received earlier on behalf of E. D. Solomon (Fla.), former editor of the *Florida Baptist Witness*.

91. Lewis Meyers (N.M.) offered a resolution which was automatically referred to the Resolutions Committee.

92. Conrad Willard (Mo.) led the closing prayer.

THURSDAY NIGHT, MAY 31

93. With Vice-president Kyle Yates presiding, W. Hines Sims led in singing "To God Be the Glory," "At Calvary," "I Love Thee," "When the Roll Is Called up Yonder," "O That Will Be Glory," and "Amazing Grace."

94. Hugh Cantrell (Ark.) read 2 Corinthians 4:1-11 and 5:14-21.

95. Secretary Porter Routh presented Merrill D. Moore, secretary of Promotion, who introduced the Promotion Report of the Executive Committee. Theodore Sommerkamp and R. J. Hastings, who serve in the departments of Publication and Promotion, were recognized.

96. J. Norris Palmer (La.) presented the Promotion Report together with recommendation, which was adopted. Secretary Moore discussed the report and introduced E. Warren Rust (Tenn.) and Valda H. Cooper (Ky.) who bore testimony to the success and value of the promotion plans and methods in their respective churches.

RECOMMENDATION

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.

97. On motion of Porter Routh (Tenn.) the Executive Committee report as a whole, including recommendations, was adopted.

98. The Baptist Hour Choir (Texas), R. Paul Green, director, sang "O Worship the King," a spiritual, "Shadrach," and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

99. Vice-president Kyle M. Yates led in prayer.

100. Secretary Baker James Cauthen presented the Foreign Mission Board report and moved its adoption. Motion passed.

101. Dr. Cauthen presented Eugene L. Hill (Va.) who presided during the Foreign Mission period and spoke on "The World in Need." The foreign missionaries present from the Orient were recognized as a group.

Other phases of the Foreign Mission program were, "Christ Meeting World Need: In the Orient," John A. Abernathy; "In Africa," George W. Sadler and Aletha Fuller; "In Latin America," Frank K. Means and Boyd Robertson. Groups of missionaries from Africa and Latin America were recognized.

W. Hines Sims led in singing "Lead on, O King Eternal."

Elmer S. West, Jr. (Va.) personnel secretary, presented the following missionary appointees, "Commissioned for World Need":

L. Bynum Akins (Texas), to Formosa; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Alexander (Va. and Miss.), to Argentina; Dr. and Mrs. Winfield Applewhite (N.C. and Miss.), to Indonesia; Otis and Martha Brady (S.C. and N.C.), to Bahamas; Mayrene Doshier (Texas), to Nigeria; Lolete Dotson (Ala. and Sou. Rhodesia), to Nigeria;

Wallace and Pearl DuVall (Ga. and La.), to Nigeria; Ernest and Marjorie Glass (N.C. and Mo.), Malaya; J. G. and June Goodwin (N.C. and S.C.), Korea; Herbert Holley (Ala.), to Malaya; Valda Long (Fla.), to Nigeria; George and Veda Lozuk (Texas), to Venezuela; Charles and Anne Martin (Ala. and Okla.), to Japan; Glen and Betty Martin (Ill.), to Malaya; Dewey and Betty Merritt (Miss.), to Nigeria; Dottson and Betty Mills (Fla.), to Argentina; Ed Nicholas (Mich.), to Gaza; Jack and Patricia Patterson (Va. and Mo.), to Columbia; Gene and Jean Phillips (S.C. and N.C.), to Southern Rhodesia; Harrison and June Pike (Ark.), to Brazil; Arlene Rogers (Calif.), to Columbia; James and Sara Elizabeth Short (Texas), to Mexico; James and Georgie Lee Teel (Texas), to Ecuador; John and Alice Tumblin (Brazil and Va.), to North Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin (Ala. and Okla.), appointed to service in Japan, told of their call to mission service.

Claude Rhea (La.) sang "How Beautiful upon the Mountains."

President Warren led the prayer of dedication.

Secretary Baker J. Cauthen brought the closing message on "The Cry of a Lost World."

102. Courts Redford (Ga.) led the closing prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 1

103. W. Hines Sims led in singing "He Leadeth Me," "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," and "Have Faith in God."

104. A. Douglas Aldrich (N.C.) read 2 Corinthians 6:1-18 and led in prayer.

105. Thomas T. Holloway (Texas), field secretary, presented the report of the American Bible Society. The Convention approved a request that information regarding the work of the Society be printed in the Convention Annual. A resolution under this head, submitted by James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

106. W. O. Vaught (Ark.) presented a further report for the Committee on Committees, which was adopted. [See p. 18ff. of this Annual for members of the Committees on Baptist State Papers, Christian Vocations, Denominational Calendar, and Committee on Boards.]

107. Louie D. Newton (Ga.) presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions, and action was taken as follows.

108. On motion, Recommendation No. 1 was approved.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1

The Ninety-ninth Session of the Southern Baptist Convention (111th year), meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, May 30-June 2, 1956, expresses appreciation to the Baptists and other Christian friends of Kansas City and neighboring communities, to Mayor H. Roe Bartle and other civic leaders and organizations, to the *Kansas City Star* and *The Kansas City Times*, to its news agencies, to the radio and T-V stations, to the hotels and motels and restaurants, and to its general public for the cordial welcome to this commanding city and the countless courtesies and excellent services which we have enjoyed during our pleasant and rewarding visit to Kansas City.

(The following newspapers had representatives in Kansas City covering the Convention: *Dallas News* (Texas), Nels Hansen; *Oklahoma City Times* (Okla.), Ray Shaw; Associated Press, Ed. L. Campbell; *Kansas City Star* (Mo.), Ed L. Campbell and Mary Hobbs; *Kansas City Times* (Mo.), Frank Maskuclette; *Memphis Commercial Appeal* (Tenn.), Phil Thomas; *Louisville Courier Journal* (Ky.), Ora Spaid; *Chicago American* (Ill.), Stanley Picza; *Washington Post and Times-Herald* (D.C.), Kenneth Dole; *Jackson Clarion-Ledger* (Miss.), Purser Hewitt; *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (Mo.), John Stewart; *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* (Texas), Cullum E. Greene.)

109. On motion, Recommendation No. 2 was approved.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2

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.

110. On motion, Recommendation No. 3 was approved.

RECOMMENDATION No. 3

Inasmuch as the greatest source of primary historical resource materials that concern our churches is in their minutes and other records; and

Inasmuch as these valuable materials are subject to loss from a variety of reasons such as fire, careless handling, etc.; and

Inasmuch as in their present situation they are available to historians and others doing historical research only by traveling to the individual churches; and

Inasmuch as the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is prepared to microfilm them at a very nominal cost and thereby to protect them perpetually from loss, make them more serviceable to the use of the churches, and to make prints available to libraries and research students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IN SESSION NOW ASSEMBLED: that the said Convention request the churches to have their minutes and other vital records microfilmed by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

111. On motion, Recommendation No. 4 was approved.

RECOMMENDATION No. 4

We recommend that this Convention authorize its President to file with the proper authorities of the United States Government a petition to prohibit the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages on airplanes in flight within the territory of the United States.

112. In lieu of the resolution offered by James M. Bullman (N.C.), the Committee brought the following recommendation, which was approved after unsuccessful attempts to amend and table.

RECOMMENDATION No. 5

Since the resolution offered by James M. Bullman (N.C.) raises the question of the relation of the Southern Baptist Convention to local churches and other Baptist bodies, and refers in part to a previous action of this Convention on this vital principle, we recommend that this Convention reaffirm the full statement referred to in the resolution, adopted in 1928, as recorded on pages 32-33, 1928

ANNUAL, entitled "Relation of Southern Baptist Convention to other Baptist Bodies."

RELATION OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
TO OTHER BAPTIST BODIES

According to instructions of the Convention, we submit the following statement of principles:

The relations between this Convention and other Baptist bodies can be understood in the light of a few basic New Testament principles, as follows:

The primary and fundamental principle is the direct relation of the individual soul to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. To his own Master every Christian stands or falls.

All Christian relationships are free and voluntary. To become a Christian is not to be coerced into obedience to Christ, but to choose him voluntarily and freely. Christ's authority is accepted as final for the believer in all things when he is thus chosen freely as Lord and Saviour.

The relations of the believer with other Christians are also free and voluntary and subject only to the authority of Jesus Christ.

A church of Christ is a free and voluntary association of believers, in his name, in obedience to his command, and for the carrying out of his purposes.

It follows that each church is autonomous or self-determining in all matters pertaining to its own life and activities. It is not subject to any other church or organization of any kind whatsoever, but only to Christ and his authority.

All Baptist general bodies are voluntary organizations, established by individuals who wish to co-operate for some common end or ends in the kingdom of God. This Convention is not an ecclesiastical body composed of churches, nor a federal body composed of state conventions. Churches may seek to fulfill their obligation to extend Christ's kingdom by co-operating with these general organizations, but always on a purely voluntary basis, and without surrendering in any way or degree their right of self-determination. These associations, unions, or conventions vary greatly in form, in size, in purpose, in territorial extent and in conditions of membership. But they are all similar to churches in the fundamental principle of their organization and life in that each is independent of all others in its own work, free fraternal, autonomous, or self-determining in its sphere and activities.

The principle of co-operation between individuals and churches and general bodies in pursuit of great common ends is also a basic teaching of the gospel. In all co-operative endeavor the principle of autonomy or self-determination should be carefully conserved.

There is no relation of superiority and inferiority among Baptist general bodies. All are equal. All make their appeal directly to individuals and churches. Each determines its own objectives—financial or otherwise—and allocates its own funds to the interests promoted by it. Each defines and fixes its own sphere of activities. But all is done with due consideration and regard for the functions of other Baptist bodies.

The powers of Baptist general bodies are never legislative, but always advisory in their relations to churches, and to each other.

The co-operation of Baptist general bodies with each other may be desirable from time to time for the sake of greater economy and efficiency. But there are dangers connected with such co-operation due to misunderstanding, confusion of thinking, and sometimes to trespassing upon the rights of co-operating bodies by one or other of the parties to the arrangement.

One of the present danger points is the co-operative relations between the Southern Baptist Convention and the various state conventions. This Convention disclaims all authority over any state convention, but wishes to define its own functions and activities in relation to state bodies. The following points should be stressed:

(1) The co-operative relations between this Convention and state bodies as now established are limited to the one matter of collecting funds for Southwide and state objects in conjunction with a unified appeal for the objects. The state convention boards are at present recognized by this Convention as collecting agencies for Southwide as well as for state funds. This arrangement, however, is not an essential in Baptist organization, but is made simply as a matter of convenience and economy, and may be changed at any time.

(2) The fact that the state bodies first handle the funds and are more directly related to the churches in the matter of collections does not alter the basic relations involved. For the practical ends in view this Convention co-operates in the unified appeal for funds through state agencies. But in principle it retains as inalienable and inherent the right to direct appeal to the churches. Furthermore, in all matters other than money raising it retains complete control of its own affairs, with the right to fix its own objectives and to determine the amounts of money allocated to its various objects.

(3) The power of appointing the members of all committees and boards of this Convention resides in the Convention itself. When it is desirable that states, as such, or other territorial subdivisions of this Convention's area, be represented on the boards or committees of this Convention, this arrangement can easily be effected by consultation with the respective groups involved. But the power to appoint directly or to nominate the members of its own committees and boards must be retained.

(4) The practice of careful discrimination and mutual respect as between the state bodies and this Convention is called for. The main functions of this Convention and of state bodies remain inviolable. Neither body may impose its will upon the other in any manner or degree at any time. Conference and discussion between committees of the respective groups are always proper in regard to matters involved in joint effort and in so far as necessary to promote good will and mutual understanding. As the work is at present conducted such matters are the division of funds into state and Southwide, ways and means of promoting interest in the various causes, and the burden of cost of collections to be apportioned to state and Southwide funds. These are all matters involved in the one matter of joint effort; viz., the collection of money. In all other matters this Convention pursues its own objects in its own way. It has no authority to allocate funds or to divert funds from any object included in a state budget. In like manner no state body has any authority to allocate funds or to divert them from any object included in the Southwide budget.

(5) The observance of the above principles by this Convention and by state bodies is essential to the integrity and perpetuity of this Convention. Unless the Southern Baptist Convention insists upon its own autonomy in all phases of its own work a process of disintegration, loss of power and initiative, and gradual decline is inevitable.

(6) It is important that the Executive Committee of this Convention receive instructions to conduct all negotiations with representatives of state or other bodies necessary to clarify relations and bring about a satisfactory adjustment, with a view to complete and hearty co-operation in all matters of common interest.

113. Harold G. Sanders (Fla.) called attention to the illness of E. D. Solomon (Fla.), appointed to present the Memorial Service, and his inability to attend the Convention. Leon M. Latimer (S.C.) was named to present the Memorial Service.

114. 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.

115. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) made reference to the report of the Committee on Theological Education adopted Thursday afternoon and moved that Convention Bylaw 9-(5)-(g) be amended to read as follows. Motion carried.

"To recommend to the Convention a comprehensive budget for the Convention and for all its agencies, which budget shall include the budgets of all the agencies of the Convention as approved by the Executive Committee, together with the percentage of Convention funds which may be allocated to each cause. The Executive Committee shall not recommend any percentage allocation of funds for any agency or institution for which the Convention does not elect (or, in the case of *The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*, nominate) trustees or directors." [Note.—This action later rescinded. See Item No. 134.]

116. Albert McClellan (Tenn.) presented the report of the Committee on Denominational Calendar which, together with Recommendations No. 1 and 2 was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1

The committee recommends to the Convention the continuation of this committee.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2

The proposed calendar for 1957 is presented for your consideration.

Proposed Calendar for 1957

A suggested Guide for Co-ordinated Denominational
Activities and Emphasis

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

WORLD MISSIONS YEAR—1957

January

Church Schools of Missions
Special Bible Study Week, January 7-11
(name of book to be added later)
W.M.S. Focus Week, January 13-18

February

The Theological Seminaries and Carver
School of Missions and Social Work
Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 3
Y.W.A. Focus Week, February 10-16

March

Home Missions
W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering*, March 4-8
Training Union Study Courses (avoiding Week of Prayer)
Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School and Offering*, March 31

April

Christian Education
Christian Literature and Church Libraries
Youth Week, April 7-14
Jewish Fellowship Week, April 22-28

May

Hospital Ministry and Nurse Recruitment
Christian Home Week, May 5-12
G. A. Focus Week, May 12-18
W.M.U. Annual Session, May 26-28
Southern Baptist Convention, May 29 to June 1, Chicago, Illinois

June

Relief and Annuity Board (and Offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers*)
Life Commitment to Christian Service Day, June 16

Vacation Bible Schools
Assemblies: Ridgecrest and Glorieta

July

Assemblies: Ridgecrest and Glorieta

August

Assemblies: Ridgecrest and Glorieta
Sunbeam Focus Week, August 11-17
Off-to-College Day

September

Church Music
Foundations: Southern Baptist and State
Associational Sunday School Planning Meetings, September 10
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)
National Conference of Southern Baptist Men (sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission), Oklahoma City, September 18-20
Sunday School Preparation Week in the Churches, September 22-29

October

Cooperative Program
Associational Mission Rallies
Sunday School Training Courses
Layman's Day, October 13
State Mission Day in the Sunday School and Offering, October 27 (as promoted by the states)
World Missions Week, October 27 to November 3 (or nearest convenient date)

November

State Papers and Missionary Magazines
Enlistment Day and Every-Member Canvass, November 3 (or nearest convenient Sunday)
R.A. Focus Week, November 3-9
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 2-6
Training Union "M" Night, December 2
Student Night at Christmas, December 29

*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.

117. B. J. Murrie (Ill.) and Louie D. Newton (Ga.), chairmen of the special committees on Baptist Papers and Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign, presented the reports of their respective committees which, together with recommendations were adopted. The Convention expressed appreciation of valuable service rendered by Louie D. Newton as chairman from the beginning of the Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST STATE PAPERS CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

It is our considered judgment that the work of our Committee might now be wisely merged with the work of the Committee on Baptist State Papers, thus avoiding a seeming duplication of effort, and simplifying the report to the Convention and in the ANNUAL.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST STATE PAPERS

In view of the historic contribution the state papers have rendered in the phenomenal growth of the Convention since special emphasis has been given through the Circulation Committee in 1940; and second, in view of the expanding benefits derived from an increased circulation to the churches, agencies, and denomination as a whole; and third, in view of the increased cost to meet the present need and the expanding growth and demands on the state paper; we recommend that:

(1) We ask the pastors and deacons of the churches to use their influence in leading the membership to include the state paper in the church budget or purchase it for the entire list of church families as they have been purchasing the Sunday school literature.

(2) We ask the various departments, boards, agencies, and institutions of the states and Convention to take notice of the circulation of the state papers and include a word suggesting the budget or "Every Family Plan" of the State Papers in their various publications and promotional materials.

(3) We ask the various state conventions to make a fair study of their budget appropriations in order to give more financial support to state papers so they can meet the growing demands and cost.

(4) In order to give continued emphasis to the circulation campaign and reduce duplication and time on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention and cost in producing the ANNUAL, we ask the Southern Baptist Convention to combine the Committee on Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign and the Committee on Baptist State Papers and provide proportionate time on the program in relation to other agencies which serve the denomination.

(5) We ask the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to consider and work out with this new committee suggested above promotional materials, such as tracts and posters, on increasing the circulation of the state papers.

118. R. Alton Reed (Texas), executive secretary, presented the report of the Relief and Annuity Board, which was adopted following discussion by Dr. Reed, Fred W. Noe, R. S. Jones, L. Taylor Daniel, and Floyd Chaffin of the Relief and Annuity Board staff.

119. Alfred Carpenter (Ga.), director, presented the report of the Chaplains Commission and introduced E. L. Ackiss (Ga.), George W. Schroeder (Tenn.), J. M. Crowe (Tenn.), Albert McClellan (Tenn.), and George W. Cummings (Ga.), associate director, who spoke to the report. Members of the Chaplain's Commission and chaplains present were recognized. Former Navy chaplain Harold G. Sanders (Fla.) led in prayer for chaplains and servicemen and women overseas. This report was adopted as a part of the Home Mission Board report presented Wednesday night.

120. E. Gibson Davis (Tenn.), chairman, with the assistance of members of the Committee, presented the report of the Committee on Boards, which was adopted.

121. T. L. Holcomb (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Southern Baptist Foundation, which was adopted. Foundation secretaries of the various states were presented. President Warren paid tribute to Dr. Holcomb, who is retiring from the Foundation secretaryship.

122. W. Hines Sims led in singing "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

123. The Baylor University Choir (Texas), Ewell Porter, director, sang "The Holy City," "The Love of God," and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

124. Millard J. Berquist (Fla.) addressed the Convention on "Facing Our Fiercest Foe."

125. Millard J. Berquist (Fla.) led the closing prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 1

126. With Vice-president Haldeman presiding, W. Hines Sims led in singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," "More About Jesus," and "Higher Ground."

127. Forest Lanier (Ga.) read 2 Corinthians 3:1-18 and led in prayer.

128. Leon M. Latimer (S.C.) led in a memorial service. W. Hines Sims led in singing "Jerusalem the Golden." Dr. Latimer was assisted by Beverly V. Tinnin (Texas), who read the tribute to L. L. Gwaltney; S. H. Jones (S.C.), to A. L. Goodrich. Dr. Latimer led in prayer, and Frank Boggs (Fla.) sang "When They Ring Those Golden Bells."

129. George W. Schroeder (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Brotherhood Commission, which was adopted. John W. McCall (Tenn.) and Charles H. Heacock (Tenn.) were called to the platform to receive tributes for their long and effective service as members of the Brotherhood Commission. L. H. Tapscott (Texas), Lucian E. Coleman (Ky.), and James M. Sapp (Tenn.), associate secretary, discussed phases of Brotherhood work.

130. R. Lofton Hudson (Mo.) presented the report of the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher and recommended (1) That the preacher of the annual sermon for 1957 be H. H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and that the alternate be Carl E. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas; (2) That the 1959 Annual Convention be held at Louisville, Kentucky, May 20-23. These recommendations were adopted.

131. A motion to request the Committee on Order of Business to omit afternoon sessions at the 1957 session in Chicago was passed. At this point the gavel was returned to President Warren.

132. Paul M. Stevens (Texas), executive secretary, presented the report of the Radio and Television Commission. Baker James Cauthen (Va.) was presented as the Baptist Hour speaker to succeed Roy O. McClain (Ga.), who has requested that he be relieved of this assignment for the present.

Roy O. McClain (Ga.) brought an address, "Christ for All the World Now," and the Baptist Hour Choir, directed by R. Paul Green, sang, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord," a spiritual, "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley," and "Alas, and Did My Saviour Bleed." The report was adopted.

133. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) reported the following as the newly-elected Trustees of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary:

Term Expiring 1961.—District of Columbia, John Holt; Florida, O. LaFayette Walker; Georgia, W. Griffin Henderson; Mississippi, Van H. Hardin and Howard E. Spell; New Mexico, Jack R. DeVore; North Carolina, F. Orion Nixon. R. W.

Kicklighter, and L. L. Carpenter; South Carolina, James F. Burriss; Texas, Herbert Howard; Virginia, J. P. Allen; At Large, Russell Procter (Ky.) and W. G. Violette (Ky.).

Term Expiring 1960.—Oklahoma, Sidney M. Maddox.

Term Expiring 1959.—South Carolina, Cort R. Flint.

134. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) moved to reconsider the amendment to Bylaw 9-(5)-(g) which he proposed and which was adopted Friday morning. Motion passed. [See Item 115.] The Convention then passed a motion by Dr. McCall that this amendment be stricken.

135. Porter Routh (Tenn.) moved that it be the sense of this Convention that the method of selecting the trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary satisfies Bylaw 9-(5)-(g) and Bylaw 21. Motion passed.

136. Glenn L. Archer (D.C.) executive director, Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, was introduced by Louie D. Newton (Ga.) and brought an address on "Separation and Spirituality."

137. Louie D. Newton (Ga.) led the closing prayer following the singing of "America."

FRIDAY NIGHT JUNE 1

138. W. Hines Sims led in singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me," and "Saved, Saved."

139. T. Edward Damer (Mo.) read James 1:12-22 and Ephesians 6:10-20 and led in prayer.

140. Conrad Willard, Kansas City local chairman of Convention arrangements, was presented. He, in turn, introduced W. T. Holland, general superintendent of Kansas City Baptist Association, who presented the local committee members:

Luncheons, Breakfasts, and Restaurants, Loren S. Goings; *Information Booth*, Alvin G. Hause; *Pulpit Supply*, Roy S. Dinkins; *Finance*, W. Ross Edwards; *Registration*, A. M. Norton; *Reception and Transportation*, Eugene Foreman; *Post Office*, George Wilson; *Newspaper*, Clayborn E. Landers; *Radio and TV*, W. Jack Wilson; *Chamber of Commerce Packet*, W. T. Holland; *C. of C. Approved Hotels*, Convention Bureau; *Unlisted and Apartment Hotels*, Allard Garren; *Tourist Courts*, Paul M. Lambert; *Private Homes*, William Boleck; *Exhibits and Displays*, R. Lofton Hudson; *General Arrangements*, J. T. Elliff; *Ushers*, E. Paul Fisher; *Pages*, Paul Elledge; *Parking*, L. C. Pennington; *Nursery*, R. L. Decker; *First Aid*, Harold T. Dill; *Wire Recorder*, Ralph T. Boggs; *Music*, John Kooistra.

President Warren expressed appreciation on behalf of the Convention for the outstanding service of this group.

The Convention pages were presented and thanked for their helpful service. Pages, all ranking members of Missouri Royal Ambassador chapters, included:

Duward Burnside (Cabool), Charles Clemmons (Nevada), David Crozier (West Plains), Larry Elam (Kansas City), James and Ronald Killion (Cabool), Glenn Lafoon (Cabool), Bill McGibney (St. Louis), Jimmy Murr (Cabool), Dean Shields (No. Kansas City), Lloyd Van Horn (St. Joseph), David Wilch (Kansas City), and Jim Winscott (Columbia).

Appreciation of all who assisted with the music and of the services of Harold G. Sanders, chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, was expressed by President Warren.

141. Archie Ellis (S.C.) presented Mrs. Porter Routh (Tenn.) and Mrs. C. C. Warren (N.C.).

142. Harold C. Clower (Miss.) offered the following motion: That this Convention go on record as expressing the hope that Glenn C. Archer (D.C.) will be invited to be on the program of the Convention session held in Chicago in 1957. Motion passed.

143. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the student department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, introduced Robert S. Denny (D.C.), associate secretary for youth of the Baptist World Alliance, and Klaudia Tyrtova, of Moscow, Russia, a member of the youth committee of the Baptist World Alliance, who brought greetings from the young people of Russia.

Dr. Keegan presented David K. Alexander (Tenn.), who served as co-ordinator of the Youth Night program.

Music for the program was provided by Dick Baker (Texas), song-leader and soloist; the Bison Trio from Oklahoma Baptist University, composed of Rose Marie Cooper, Sue Biggs, and Mary Ann Hunter; Mercer Shaw (Okla.), soloist; and the William Jewell College (Mo.) choir, Henry L. Cady, director.

Personal testimonies were given by George Tharel (Ark.); Larry Bruns (Mo.), and Harry and Esther Kong (Okla.).

Howard Butt, Jr., (Texas) brought an address.

144. The service came to an inspiring close with the audience singing Malotte's "Lord's Prayer," led by Dick Baker.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 2

145. W. Hines Sims led in singing "Blessed Be the Name," "I know Whom I have Believed," and "There Is a Fountain."

146. Bob Patterson (Ky.) read Psalm 127 and Ephesians 5:15 to 6:4.

147. R. Orin Cornett (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Education Commission which, after discussion by Dr. Cornett, was adopted.

148. President Warren announced the committee to study the proposed change in name of the Sunday School Board, previously authorized.

149. Walter Pope Binns (Mo.), chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Public Affairs which, with recommendation, was adopted. C. Emmanuel Carlson (D.C.), executive secretary, was presented for a brief message.

RECOMMENDATION:

CONSTITUTION OF THE BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARTICLE I—THE NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

ARTICLE II—THE SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The scope and purpose of the Baptist Joint Committee shall be to act in the field of public affairs whenever the interests or rights of the co-operating Conventions which constitute the Committee call for conference or negotiation with the Government of the United States or with any other governments, or whenever Baptist principles are involved in, or are jeopardized through governmental action, or when any of the co-operating conventions or any of their agencies may refer to the Joint Committee any matter of common interest or concern, for consideration and recommendation. The Baptist Joint Committee is empowered to enunciate, commend, and defend the historic Baptist principle of religious freedom with particular application to the separation of church and state as embodied in the Constitution of the United States; to communicate and commend to the President, Congress, Courts, and Departments of the Federal Government or state governments such declarations as Baptists from time to time officially adopt concerning public matters; to make such contacts with the various departments of any government as may be found necessary or desirable in the legitimate transaction of legal or other business between such government and the Baptist agencies or approved representatives; and to inform the Baptist constituencies of governmental movements and measures affecting principles held essential to true relations between church and state and the right application of Christianity to the life of the nation. The Baptist Joint Committee shall transmit through its constituent committees to the co-operating conventions and, or, their proper agencies, any findings that result from its investigations and research in the field of public affairs, together with any recommendations which in its judgment need to be considered by the co-operating conventions.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs shall be composed of the Committees on Public Affairs appointed by each of the following co-operating conventions: American Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Incorporated, and National Baptist Convention of America, each to be represented by not more than fifteen members; and North American Baptist General Conference and Baptist General Conference of America, to be represented by not more than three members each.

Section 2.—Such other conventions or conferences of Baptists as appoint Committees on Public Affairs may on application be admitted by majority vote of the Baptist Joint Committee into the membership of the Committee on similar terms, except that in such cases membership shall not exceed three persons.

ARTICLE IV—AUTHORITY

Section 1.—The Joint Committee, or its Executive Committee, shall be responsible for initiating consideration and study, and for recommending action to its co-operating conventions on any matter or any issue falling within the scope of its

interests and concerns as set forth in Article II. The Joint Committee or its Executive Committee is authorized at all times to issue pronouncements on any matter or issue consistent with action previously taken by the co-operating conventions, committees, or agencies.

Section 2.—The Baptist Joint Committee shall be independent in its responsibility to initiate consideration and to recommend action on matters coming within the sphere of its interests and activities. It shall, however, act only on the basis of principles and policies generally accepted by Baptists or in support of official acts and pronouncements of the co-operating conventions or in accordance with agreements made between the Committee and agencies of the co-operating conventions but it shall under no circumstances assume the exercise of any authority over any other Baptist body.

ARTICLE V—QUORUM

A quorum in any meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee shall consist of twelve members of said Committee, provided that at least two co-operating conventions or conferences are represented among those present.

ARTICLE VI—AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any stated meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, providing that said amendments are subsequently ratified by the Executive bodies representing the co-operating conventions which actively supported the program during the previous year.

ARTICLE VII—BY LAWS

The Baptist Joint Committee is empowered at any meeting and on a two-thirds majority vote to adopt such By-laws as may seem proper in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities assigned to the Committee as provided for in this Constitution.

BYLAWS

I. *Officers.*

The officers shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-chairman, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Executive Director.

II. *Duties of Officers.*

Section 1. The Chairman shall perform the duties usually pertaining to that office. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and fill committee vacancies.

Section 2. The Vice-chairman shall assist in the Chairman in the discharge of his duties, and act in his stead when the Chairman is absent or incapacitated.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the Baptist Joint Committee. He shall compile and distribute the minutes of meetings of the Baptist Joint Committee as soon after such meetings as may be practicable.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in a bank approved by the Executive Committee, all monies of the Committee, and disburse them under proper authorization. The accounts of the Committee shall be kept under his direction and shall be audited at the close of each fiscal year, December 31, by a certified public accountant. He shall render adequate reports at the stated meetings of the Committee, and as required by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in the discharge of his duties, and act in his stead when the Treasurer is absent or incapacitated.

Section 6. The Executive Director shall be employed by the Baptist Joint Committee, and shall conduct its constituted work as defined in Articles II and IV and shall administer its authorized affairs. He shall notify members of their appointment to committees, and reasonably in advance, give notice of all stated and called meetings.

III. Meetings.

Section 1. Regular: Two regular meetings of the Baptist Joint Committee shall be held annually, preferably in the early fall and in the late winter or spring. At the fall session the officers of the Baptist Joint Committee shall be elected for annual terms, except that the term of the Executive Director shall be continuous until terminated by one or both of the respective parties named. At this session also an operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall be adopted and requests for grants to be submitted to the co-operating Convention shall be prepared. At the winter meeting responses of the co-operating conventions for requests for funds shall be canvassed, and any recommendations to be made to the forthcoming conventions shall be prepared.

Section 2. Called: Such meetings may be held upon request of the Chairman and Executive Committee.

IV. Committees.

Section 1. Standing: There shall be four standing committees to be known respectively as Executive, Finance, Domestic Situations, and World Issues.

Section 2. Such additional special or standing committees as shall be required from time to time shall be appointed.

V. Appointment of Committees.

Appointment of members of all committees shall be made by the Chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee. The terms of those serving on Standing Committees shall be for one year.

VI. Duties of Committees.

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall include the officers of the Baptist Joint Committee, the chairmen of the other Standing Committees, and five members at large. The Executive Committee shall act upon matters requiring attention between sessions of the Joint Committee, and shall advise the Executive Director on policies and procedures.

Section 2. The Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget, pass upon expenditures, and present to the Baptist Joint Committee at the fall meeting a statement of the financial needs of the Committee to be brought to the attention of the co-operating Conventions.

Section 3. The Committee on Domestic Situations shall assist the Executive Director in the presentation of the Baptist point of view whenever Baptist principles are involved in or are jeopardized by proposed legislation, state or national, and join in a protest to the proper authorities whenever Baptist principles are being violated by either municipal, state, or national governments, and report at regular sessions of the Committee.

Section 4. The Committee on World Issues shall periodically compile information and report regularly to the Baptist Joint Committee upon world situations that condition the extension of evangelical Christianity throughout the world or that come within the scope of the Committee's concerns, and shall evaluate the activities of other religious, civic, or fraternal organizations in this field, and shall recommend as to how the Baptist Joint Committee's activities may be correlated with them.

VII. (Adopted unanimously at the meeting on February 8, 1949).

No report of any committee or department shall be given to the public press with release for publication prior to the consideration of an action upon such report by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

VIII. (Adopted unanimously at the meeting on October 11, 1955).

The Executive Director is authorized to accept appointment on any committee or agency, religious, governmental, social, educational, or in any other field, where such appointment is likely to be in the interests of the work of the Committee. In all cases such appointments shall not be valid unless approved by the Executive Committee.

150. Baylor University Choir, Eucl Porter (Texas), director, sang, "O Day of Rest and Gladness," "Guide Us Through the Night," and "God of Our Fathers."

151. Clifton J. Allen (Tenn.) brought an address on "Crusade for Christian Morality."

152. A motion was made and passed that the Sunday School Board be requested to make available in tract form the addresses of Glenn C. Archer (D.C.) and Clifton J. Allen (Tenn.). James L. Sullivan (Tenn.), executive secretary of the Board, gave assurance that this would be done.

153. President Casper C. Warren, who was re-elected to serve a second term, presented other incoming officers—vice-presidents Conrad R. Willard and D. L. Stennis; secretaries James W. Merritt and Joe W. Burton, and Treasurer Porter Routh.

154. Vice-president Willard presented Clarence B. Hoff, director of the Municipal Auditorium.

155. Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) and W. Hines Sims (Tenn.) introduced and directed a combined Church Music Festival and Christian Home Service. Dr. Sims led in singing "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven," and the Festival Choir (from churches of Greater Kansas City area), Loren E. Williams (Tenn.), director, sang "Praise Ye the Lord."

Recognition was given to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLeod, Independence, Missouri, who had been married sixty-two years and five months, and to Mr. and Mrs. James F. Eubanks, Bernadillo, New Mexico, who had been married two days. As a choral tribute to the oldest and youngest married couple, Baylor University Choir sang "O Perfect Love."

Dr. Sims led in singing "All Hail the Power." William Jewell College Choir sang "Beautiful Saviour"; then Dr. Burton interviewed Jakov Zhidkov, Moscow, Russia, president, Evangelical Union of Christian Baptists, on "Christian Home Life in Russia."

Following the singing of "Blest Be the Tie," the Festival Choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus."

The congregation sang "Down at the Cross" and "The Lord's Prayer"; the Festival Choir sang "God So Loved the World"; the

Baptist Hour Choir, "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel"; the Festival Choir, "God Give Us Christian Homes." Dr. Burton presented Mrs. Frank H. Leavell (Tenn.) home counsellor for the Home Education Department.

H. Guy Moore (Texas) brought a message on "Fidelity in the Family," and the Festival Choir gave the Choral Benediction.

156. Following prayer led by Dr. Moore the ninety-ninth annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention was, by vote of the body, adjourned finally.

JAMES W. MERRITT, *Secretary*

CASPER C. WARREN, *President*

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Alabama	557
Arizona	66
Arkansas	504
California	216
Colorado	78
District of Columbia	54
Florida	331
Georgia	607
Illinois	233
Kansas	288
Kentucky	632
Louisiana	455
Maryland	74
Mississippi	494
Missouri	2629
Montana	4
Nebraska	3
New Mexico	136
New York	1
North Carolina	827
North Dakota	1
Ohio	50
Oklahoma	822
Oregon-Washington	23
South Carolina	681
South Dakota	4
Tennessee	564
Texas	1509
Utah	2
Virginia	361
Wyoming	13
Miscellaneous	35
 TOTAL	 12,254