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Convention Adopts Quarter Million Dollar Budget

St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., Dr. J. F. Wertz, Pastor, was the scene of the 96th. Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C. Nature smiled on this session and the delegates began to gather under skies bathed by the radiance of an Indian Summer sun. The greetings were warm and friendly. However, there was an uncertainty even in the air itself, for word had come that our illustrious President, Dr. R. M. Pitts, would not be with us because he was in the hospital in Winston-Salem.

The concern of the convention was reflected in the first session when the able president of the Laymen's Convention, Frank Marshall, led the Laymen in silent meditation in behalf of President Pitts. From this point we were off and running as we knew our president would want us to be.

THE HOST CHURCH

St. Paul Church was indeed ready for the royal entertainment of the delegates. Even though Pastor Wertz was confined to the hospital the lay leaders of the church made sure all things went according to plan. Its a fine thing to have laymen who know how to work out a plan and St. Paul has them.

The delegates were assigned to comfortable homes, hotels and motels of their choice. High praise was given for this service. The beautiful and spacious dining room was arranged for good serving and fellowship. The food was exceptionally good, varied and moderately priced. Thanks Dr. Wertz and St. Paul for knowing how to entertain and not take advantage of us.

THE LAYMEN'S CONVENTION

Hats off to President Frank Marshall and his staff for the unusual progress being made in the Laymen's Convention. The program was well planned and each participant made adequate preparation for the assigned task . . . Mr. John McQueen set the pace with proper devotions. Mr Carl P. Cozart knows when he is welcome and knows how to say so. Mr. Curtis Torry set us thinking with his challenging message, "The Church In A Changing Society."

The Laymen of North Carolina are on the move. The Laymen at Work by Mr. R. L. Cogdell reflected an increased interest in the work of the church and the laymen's movement. It is the prayer and hope of the president that all laymen will catch the vision and be a part of this great body.

"What the Laymen's League Means to a Missionary Baptist Church" was presented by Rev. J. A. White, Charlotte. White said he did not have it all written down but that he would write it out for publication. You will appreciate what this message said, so don't miss the Informer.

The Annual Sermon was delivered by Rev. Otis Dunn, Asheville. Take it back brother, yes he can too! Brother Dunn preached from Matt. 16: 17-18; Matt. 3: 13-15 "I Believe In The Church." Dunn uses an unusual technique . . . instead of a single manuscript, Dunn uses cards for CONTENT and the manuscript for INTENT and intent he did. . .

Also Dunn was like the story of the woman who came to her Baptist preacher pastor and told him she was called to preach. Her pastor asked her if she was married. She answered, Yes. Do you have any children? She answered, Yes, I have ten. To which her pastor answered, God not only called you to preach he also gave you a congregation to preach to. One of the finest men's choirs heard anywhere came from Bro. Dunn's church to be with their Pastor to sing for the occasion. Not only did we hear good preaching but singing as well.

The second day of the Laymen's Convention began with a fellowship Breakfast at 7:00 A.M. The Laymen were there and had a wonderful time. President Marshall's annual address was the best he has presented. It is small wonder that this convention has remarkable growth. Our prayers sustain you and our support is assured.

WELCOME PROGRAM—HOST CHURCH

This was it. Every area of life in the Charlotte community was represented. All you did not hear or see on the inside was on the outside. This presenta-

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THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS



DR. R. M. PITTS

My Brethren and Fellow Christians:

It is with a great sense of pride and joy that I speak to you even though I am on my sick bed. At this writing, I am home and doing fine and hope to be up and going soon. Do continue your prayers for my family, church and me. Without them there is little we can do.

Now allow me to express my sincere gratitude to the brethren and the convention as a whole for your consideration, concern, prayers, flowers, messages and services. You have been most kind in more ways than one. As is my custom, I'll put them in one, two, three, order:

1. Thanks for having a great convention, even though I could not be with you in body. You know my spirit and mind were there. All reports say you were at your best. Even my "Pet" trouble makers were reported to be at peace.
2. Thanks for your support of the work. It did my heart good to know that we exceeded our budget and raised the highest amount of money during the history of the convention.
3. Thanks for accepting an all-time high budget of \$250,000.00. With your help we will raise it and More. "Help Me Somebody."
4. Thanks to our Executive Secretary, O. L. Sherrill, for a job well done. We can never say enough to tell you what your contribution to the work means.
5. Thanks to Dr. J. W. White for carrying out

the business of the convention in such a fine way and for your loyalty to the cause.

6. Thanks to Dr. A. J. Ryans for the splendid manner in which the business of the Executive Board was transacted during the absence of Dr. J. F. Wertz, who, I understand was also ill.
7. Thanks to Dr. Tillet and his contribution to the General Board. Without these men and men like them our work would suffer greatly.
8. Thanks to all the committees who were dutiful to your assignments. I am confident that your reports will reflect progress.
9. Thanks to the Pastors and Moderators who brought funds to meet the pressing demands of our objectives.
10. Thanks to our auxiliaries, their presidents and all members for accepting the challenge and putting the program over.
11. Thanks for entrusting to my care again the presidency of our great body of christian believers. Under God, I'll do my best and not let you down.
12. Thanks everybody for everything. You are wonderful.

Now as soon as I am able to be up and out, you will hear from me personally. There is much to be done and I need your help to do it . . . I have been released from the hospital and am now convalescing at home. Let me hear from you. My mailing address is P.O. Box 945, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Yours for the on going of the Masters Kingdom
R. Mack Pitts, President

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 tion was a fine tribute to the Baptist forces of the state. It is our sincere hope that you will be with us in the next session in Greensboro.

CONVENTION SERMONS

The program committee is to be highly commended for the selection of preachers for this session. Not a single and—der—rer in the bunch. . . Bro. George Dudley, Mt. Zion, Rocky Mount, delivered the Annual Sermon. Let there never be any question about it, Dudley is a preacher. Profound, eloquent and powerful. From all indications when Dudley left home, he packed preaching along with his other things.

Dr. E. C. Smith, Washington, D. C., was the Guest Preacher. Dr. Smith talked about Character Witnessing. He said, Jesus never did seek to discredit or take from the religious leaders of his day. He rather sought to build and congratulate them for what they were doing. Take heed and do thou like wise. There is only one E. C. Smith and he was all here.

Dr. Grady Davis delivered the sermon for Shaw Night. You know him. You have heard him. He did it again as he always does. There's a lot of fire in that small furnace.

Dr. Ralph Abernathy, Atlanta, Ga., delivered the closing sermon. Sorry you went home. You missed the gospel treat of your life. Dr. Abernathy and Bro. Dudley had the same text, same spirit yet a different interpretation. God is so wise and good that he always has another blessing ready for those who will wait and receive. Holy pandemonium is the best way to describe it. Don't miss Thursday night next year.

OTHER PERSONALITIES AND SPEAKERS

The Associational representatives led unusually good devotions: Bear Creek, Rev. E. L. Daniel; Hammond Creek, Rev. R. L. Blue; Hyde County, Rev. J. A. Mackey; Cedar Creek, Rev. V. E. Brown; Middle Ground, Rev. G. E. Brown; Pee Dee Union, Rev. C. B. Bowden and Yadkin Philadelphia, Rev. L. W. Watkins.

Rev. J. H. Ferguson well represented the convention in response to the welcome extended. Thanks Bro. Ferguson for a good job and we excuse you for putting a little preach in it, we know you can't help it.

Rev. Charles Mosley and Rev. W. B. Lewis developed the convention theme in a noble fashion. Their youthful years do not bespeak the true wisdom that fell from their lips. Good job brethren.

Well he did it again . . . Dr. Somerville got another five dollars that the preacher said he wasn't going to give. For ten years I've heard that same fellow say he wasn't going to give that five dollars no matter what Dr. Somerville said or did. Brother to tell the same lie for ten years is worth at least ten. What about next year? Thanks Dr. Somerville for your unselfish sacrificial service. God's Kingdom

and the love of Christ is a little closer because of you.

Revs. H. H. Hawkins and G. T. Thomas know what the word MEMORIAL means when it comes to conducting a memorial service. The songs, Scripture, prayer and message was in keeping with what was taking place. We thank God for men who know what to do and when.

Rev. J. M. Kennedy, Charlotte, conducted the Moderator's Hour. This was a high moment during the session. Kennedy is a fine Pastor and an excellent moderator. He knows what to do, what to say, how much to say and when to quit. Revs. C. M. Creecy, G. B. Gilchrist and O. B. Burson were feature speakers during this session. . . WHEN THE MODERATORS FEEL AND SEE THE NEED FOR THEIR FULL SUPPORT AND ARE GIVEN THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE, AS A RESULT OF ASSUMING THEIR FULL RESPONSIBILITY, A NEW DAY WILL DAWN IN THE CONVENTION.

Like Ole' Man River, Harry H. Gil-Smyth, Director of Music, Shaw University, just keeps on rolling along getting seasoned with age. The University Choir, under his direction, was never better. Thanks for a splended presentation.

Dr. Nelson H. Harris, Interim President, Shaw University has and is doing a commendable job.

Convention's Budget 1963-1964

PROPOSED RECEIPTS

Parents Body	\$154,000.00
Women's Convention	70,000.00
Sunday School Convention	6,000.00
B. T. U. Convention	4,500.00
Usher's Convention	5,000.00
Baptist Informer	2,000.00
Laymen's Convention	3,500.00
Designated Gifts	5,000.00
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	\$250,000.00

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENTS

Shaw University	\$110,000.00
Foreign Missions	50,000.00
N. C. Colored Orphanage	15,000.00
Designated Gifts	5,000.00
State Missions	60,000.00
School of Religion	10,000.00
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	\$250,000.00

Total receipts from all Baptist Sources 1962-63
 \$245,310.14

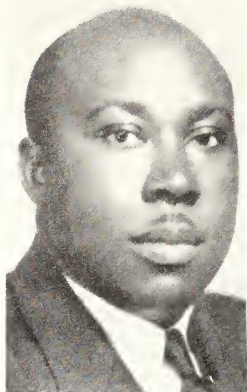
Let us go over the top again this year, God will get the glory and we will have the joy.

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Dr. John W. White, Mt. Zion, Asheville and First Vice President of the Convention, masterfully guided us through the 96th. session without a hitch.

Vice President's Message

Mr. Chairman, Officers, Messengers and Friends of this great convention. . . May I first remind you that I stand here today, because our Chieftain cannot be with us. Our expressions of love and concern have been forwarded to him and it is our sincere prayer that he will be restored to health and soundness of body so that he will be able to assume his role as president of this convention.



Secondly, may I thank the local church, the Mt. Peace Association and Sunday School Convention for their hospitality and the excellent accommodations at the Downtowner Motel. Also to Dr. J. F. Wertz for arranging a Television appearance and all that has been done to make our stay pleasant.

We are happy to meet in the Ninety-sixth Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, with the honored Pastor, Dr. J. F. Wertz, the members of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist church and outstanding Negro businesses.

We are living in days of great scientific achievement; the nations of the world both great and small are competing with one another as far as mental powers and natural resources will allow them to compete. Two great nations, Russia and the United States, have already invaded outer space and sent men in man-made moons and stars into the stratosphere to obtain scientific knowledge of the Stellar's world and relay the same man on earth.

This is the question of the age; for man with a maximum knowledge of scientific know-how and minimum knowledge of the truth of God as it relates to his fellowman, has made himself look like a runaway locomotive without an engineer at the throttle headed for the final crash. For man's knowledge to deal with THINGS is far greater than his knowledge to deal with his fellowman. We are in this predicament. Is there no way out? Yes, there is a way out. The way out is through the Christian church. It is the only institution under the canopy of heaven that has a written guarantee from the pen of heaven's secretary declaring that it can never fail. The voice of Christ can be heard today as clearly as it was heard a little more than nineteen hundred years ago saying: "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Those who have ears to hear what the spirit is saying unto the church, can hear God speaking to his church today as he did in the days of the Prophet Isaiah saying: "Awake, awake; put on thy strength O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the Holy City. Shake thyself from the dust; arise and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck. O captive daughter of Zion. "Therefore, my people shall know my name; therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I, thy God reigneth."

The Nations of the earth preach peace, but prepare for war. But if peace and good will are to find their way into the hearts of the Nations; if political, social and economic injustices are to banish from human society; if that truth that makes men free is to be known; if that tie that binds our hearts in Christian love is to be felt, the Christian Church must awake out of spiritual sleep and put on her strength, the gospel of Jesus Christ, and fearlessly and courageously proclaim him who is our peace.

The Baptist forces of this Convention have done a magnificent work in bringing about human relations. Human relations can not and will not come through mob violence; they can not be brought about by defying the supreme law of the land; neither can they be ushered in through ignorance, superstition nor the "American Way of Life", human relations will never come through segregation and discrimination, for God has declared in His Holy Word that He has "made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation."

Christ is the answer to human relations; for "in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

Brethren, by supporting the objectives of our Convention, State Mission, Foreign Missions, Shaw University, and the Oxford Orphanage, we can hasten the day when peace on earth and good will toward men will become a reality; by supporting the objectives of this convention the day will soon come in which the black man, the white man, the brown man, the red man will become color blind and behold one another as brothers under God; for then, and then only can the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man become a reality and everywhere can truthfully pray, saying: "Our father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven."

We must maintain a strong and vigorous state mission program, for our State Mission Program is the base upon which and from which we must work to support the other objectives of our Convention.

It is through state mission that we maintain our Baptist Headquarters, pay the salaries of our workers, publish "The Baptist Informer", keep the churches informed of the work of this convention; and conduct training institutes in the various sections of the state.

We have done well, but there is much more land to be possessed in the field of state mission, for there is an urgent need of more field workers. "Truly the harvest is plentious but the laborers are few." Nevertheless, we can possess the land and gather the harvest if the churches will send our "BAPTIST HEAD-QUARTERS" increased monthly contributions for support of state missions.

The financial needs of Shaw University demand the best that the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina can afford. It has been truthfully said, that Shaw University has no needs that money can not supply.

Shaw is our Christian School and we must support it. In studying the present world's condition we can truthfully say, "that the greatest need of man is to know Christ, to know Christ is more than an act of the mind, it is an act of the whole man in response to the will of God. It is gratifying to know that." "The philosophy underlying the program of religion at Shaw is that any education which proposes to fit young people for a whole and serviceable life must include the Christian Religion."

If Shaw University is to maintain the standard required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and it must; if Shaw University is to continue to make contributions to this state, nation, and world, and it must; if the present debt of Shaw is to be liquidated, and it can and must be; if Shaw University is to survive and survive it must, the Missionary Baptist of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina must awake, arise and support its program of Christian Education and Training.

The challenge to support Foreign Missions is no doubt greater today than at any time in the history of the Christian Church. The Nations that have not heard the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ are still crying through the darkness saying: "Come over into Macedonia and help us." If we can not go to Macedonia we must send.

It is sad to say but it is true, many of our Churches are not supporting our foreign mission program, and still others are asking for penny offerings for missions. This my brethren, ought not to be, for it is a reflection on the Christ whom we claim to be our Savior. Let us therefore arise, unstop our ears, and hear anew the voice of our Master saying: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

While we support State Mission, Foreign Mission and Shaw University we cannot afford to do less for the Oxford Orphanage.

Brethren, we must support this institution, for it is our Christian duty. If our Heavenly Father is to be a father to the fatherless—we must be willing to let God use us and our means to demonstrate to the boys and girls of the Oxford Orphanage the true fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man.

Our work with the Southern Convention under the direction of Brother Griggs has been challenging, informing, inspiring and encouraging. We are grate-

ful to Almighty God for this source of cooperation because it is so much needed in this world of human conflict.

We trust that the demands of our churches for such cooperation will be so great that the Southern Baptist Convention will not hesitate in asking other workers to join the present forces.

Our women are to be given consideration for the very fine way in which they are supporting the objectives of this convention. Brother Pastors, let us continue to support the women of our churches, for we are morally, spiritually and financially obligated to do all within our power to help them in this great program of kingdom building.

The State Sunday School Convention, The State Baptist Training Union Convention, the State Usher's Convention and the State Laymen's League Convention are doing a magnificent job. But with a little more support from the churches they will be able to do much better.

Brother Pastors, again I say, let us support these auxiliaries. In the annual setting, send messengers and money to support them, for without the churches there can be no Convention. All that we undertake to do here this week in this Convention or any other Convention depends upon the work of the local churches. And the amount of work done in the local churches depends upon our concept of the christain church.

Too often as ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we refer to the church which we shepherd as MY CHURCH. . . . Too often, we refer to some Sumerintendent refers to the Sunday School as MY SUNDAY SCHOOL. . . . Too often, we refer to some elder Deacon or Deacons who were present when the church house was built as the foundation of the church. I do not believe any man or woman is the foundation of the Christian Church for Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build My church and the Gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

From this point Brother Vice President preached to the delight of the convention. Thanks for a job well done and congratulations for sharing the spotlight with the other Vice Presidents, Dr. J. R. R. McRay, and Dr. J. B. Humphery.

SUMMARY OF FIVE FULL-TIME WORKER'S REPORT

Institutes—43	Enrollment	3,850
Shaw Extension Centers—7	Enrollment	163
Ministers in Training		239
Vacation Bible School—90	Enrollment	8,947
Associational and State Meetings Attended		83
Churches Visited		346
Miles Traveled		\$4,147
Revivals Conducted		14
Sermons and Addresses		514
Professions of Faith		812
Additions to Churches by Baptism		289
Other Additions to Churches		31

* (In order to secure the more approximate actual total of churches that cooperate through the General Baptist State Convention one would need to add 20%. This, for example, would mean that there are as many as 1,760 churches in the state).

LAYMEN'S CONVENTION

Brother Pastors and Laymen:

The Baptist Laymen's Convention just completed its Fourteenth Annual Session, October 28-29, at the St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., Dr. James F. Wertz, pastor.

Surely, this was the greatest session in the history of the Laymen's Convention.

Each participant was magnificent. The spirit was high and the fellowship was simply wonderful. This could have only been done through much preparation, prayers and dedication to the task.

To each of you who appeared on our program, many, many thanks for a job well done. To our messengers, visitors and friends, thank you very much for sharing this fellowship with us. May you make plans, even now, to attend the Fifteenth Annual Session next year, if God so permits.

We are grateful to Dr. James F. Wertz and his fine staff for making our stay very pleasant and enjoyable. One of which, we shall never forget. May God bless every one of you who had anything to do with making this session such a success.

Thank you,
Frank H. Marshall, President

AMONG THE BRETHREN

Congratulations Bros. C. W. Ward, T. C. Graham, J. L. Williamson and G. H. Badgett on your election to the Executive Committee. To whom much is given much is required. Let us hear from you and see you also.

Lest we forget those who remembered us! Drs. W. H. Davidson, W. M. Warner and J. W. Mason were made Members Emeritus of the Executive Board. Thanks convention. Men will serve if their labors and sacrifices will be appreciated.

Dr. Grady Davis, Dean, Shaw Divinity School and Pastor, Oberlin Baptist Church, Raleigh, is packing for Durham. Union Baptist Church extended a call and he answered. Congratulations Dr.

Rev. W. B. Lewis, Wilmington, is on his way to Raleigh or here by now, Fayetteville Street Baptist Church extended the call. Any recommendations for where you are?

Dr. Garland Hendrick delivered a masterful address to the Convention that should be circulated far and wide. Bro. Howard Mitchell promised to get it for me and as soon as he does you will get it. OK Howard?

Heard at the Convention: It seemed that two ministers were trying to stump each other on questions from the Bible and theology. They became so dogmatic in the discussion that a small crowd gathered to hear the discussion. Finally, one of the

Ministers said to the other; Alright, you are so smart, who created chaos? From the back of the crowd a voice said, "Baptist Preachers!" I doubt it, but it's worth thinking about.

Rev. Lacy E. Simpson, a first year student at Shaw's Divinity School is making rapid progress at Ceder Grove and St. Paul Baptist Churches. Keep at it, Sir and don't forget the bridge that brought you over.

Rev. Lee Williams, Jr., has recently accepted the Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church at Williamston, N. C. Williams is single and just going to a town where demonstrations are in high gear. Double trouble. Pray much for the brother.

Rev. J. P. Dempsey a senior in Shaw's Divinity School and Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lillington, N. C. is doing a fine job. We need more young men with his sense of dedication.

Rev. G. A. Jones who lives in Raleigh and pastor of New Providence, Malaby and Juniper Baptist Churches in Wake County and Lee's Baptist Church was asked about his support of the work. Jones said, we're coming! Hurry up Dr. or you won't know which way we went.

Rev. John L. Scott, just out of Crozer University and un-married is the new pastor at the New Ahoskie Baptist Church. Scott is a handsome young brilliant preacher. . . One way or the other it won't be long! Welcome to the state and may God's choicest blessings be yours.

Rev. Oh, Pardon me, Dr. C. R. Edwards, Treasurer of the Convention and Pastor, First Baptist Fayetteville reported that \$15,856.62 was given at the annual session. Will some one please help us make this even money please, we need just \$234,143.38. Those who don't feel like walking or mailing, just raise your hand and Sherrill will be there.

THANKS

This is to thank you for your support of the Baptist Informer. Because you have been so kind and many have paid up we are moving forward. It is our hope that those who are behind will catch up, and stay up.

What kind of progress are we making? In 1960, when you elected me, you spent \$3,563.15; in 1961 \$2,490.81 and last year 2,303.81. The same number of papers are being produced each month. Further while production has shown a constant decrease in expenditures, receipts have consistently increased. This past year with the same production that you gave me we have a 98% increase in receipts. You can make this picture look even better. Include a small donation for the Baptist Informer when you send down funds.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF INTERRACIAL COOPERATION 1963

This year has been one of individual and church growth in awareness of the social revolution of which we are all a part. It has been a year of soul-searching for answers at least to one question, "How can we, through our churches, accomplish the mission of the church?" As never before we have been made to see how far short we have fallen in the accomplishment of the ideals of the New Testament Church in our time. We see clearly that the Christian churches are for everyone or they are for none. Such makes for deep frustration by all of us who are parties of and to a segregated cultural pattern and tradition. Hope and optimism are present because of a decided increase in the number of Christians who are willing to accept the responsibility of searching for the answers to eliminate the evil among us.

This hope and optimism is created and fortified by increased attendance of all integrated meetings promoted by this department such as: (1) Annual meetings of the State Conventions; (2) School of Christian Studies and Fellowship; (3) Retreat at Mars Hill College; (4) Ministers' Institute at Shaw University; (5) Word Missions, Music, Sunday School, Boys' and Girls' Camp and other weeks of emphasis at North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Southport; (6) Increase of number of Baptist Schools now open to Negroes (In addition to Shaw University, which has always been open to all), now there are Wake Forest, Mars Hill, Meredith, and Gardner-Webb Colleges—others will follow; (7) Churches open to all people for worship and fellowship; (8) Human Relations Conferences; and (9) Participation in work of Council on Religion and Race.

Over these things we rejoice but at the same moment we are saddened that in so many areas there has been increased suffering, persecution, and death at the hands of those who refuse to accept the Christian concept and ideal concerning human relations. We extend our sympathy and prayers on behalf of persecuted and persecutor.

Only one new worker has been added during the year. Dr. Colbert H. Pearson has succeeded the Reverend Robert B. Hopper as Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Shaw University. We had the largest group of students doing Vacation Bible School work during the summer than we have had any time prior to this. These fourteen people participated in ninety (90) schools which reported an enrollment of 8,947 with 523 professions of faith and 770 dedicated to a life of Christian service.

Through a church survey made of the churches cooperating with the General Baptist State Convention for the year 1961 in which information was gathered from about 80% of total number of churches, the following information was obtained: There were 646 one-Sunday-per-month churches, 462 two-

Sunday-churches, and 234 full-time churches for a total of 1,416 churches.*

It was also revealed that these churches had a membership of 253,956; a Sunday School Enrollment of 101,907; Training Union enrollment of 20,367; 33,547 enrolled in Women's Work; 16,439 enrolled in men's work; 5,951 enrolled in Boy's Work; and 8,117 in Girl's Work. Twelve hundred and seventy (1270) churches conducted 1,498 Revivals and 1,170 churches baptized 11,803 people that year. It was found also that only 122 churches owned homes for their pastor while only 220 pastors lived on their church fields.

Continuing gratitude is hereby expressed for each person, pastor, church, association, and convention employee who has made any kind of contribution toward the accomplishment of the universal task of helping people to become more like God through faith in Jesus Christ.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1963

THROUGH THE OFFICE OF WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF N. C.	
HOME MISSIONS	
Undesignated	\$ 638.66
Institutes	23.50
FOREIGN MISSIONS	
Undesignated	114.25
Foreign Scholarship	80.80
DESIGNATED GIFTS	
Orphanage	25.50
Self-Denial	25.90
Building Fund	5.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	
Shaw Capital	232.45
Scholarship Student Loans	100.00
SALES AND SERVICE	
Helpers	191.82
Guide—Handbook	15.25
Junior Leaders	8.00
Student Loans	50.00
Mimeography Work	2.25
Books	10.75
Plates	2.25
Rent	\$4.60
TOTAL	\$1,610.98

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE — GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF N. C., INC., DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1963

Foreign Missions	\$ 2,243.96
Shaw University	9,484.46
Divinity School	45.00
Oxford Orphanage	1,141.10
STATE MISSIONS:	
Designated—Unified	\$ 7,990.09
Building Fund	69.00
Baptist Convention	250.00
Baptist Informer	207.25
OTHER RECEIPTS:	
Woman's Convention (Building use)	\$5.65
Designated Gifts	842.62
GRAND TOTAL:	\$22,359.13
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"LABORS TOGETHER"

BY W. R. GRIGG
PART ONE

(Delivered at an annual "Interracial Institute" promoted by the Baptist Women of the churches cooperating through the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina held with the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., on September 26, 1963) (And First Baptist Church, Garfield & Green St., Statesville, N. C., October 17, 1963).

The theme of this Institute, "Co-laborers for the Truth" and the topic, "Laborers Together," assigned to me, along with the general questions assigned for discussion during the group discussion period, seem to raise at least one general question. The question which is being raised with increasing rapidity and earnestness by church people who are "The people of God on the move" is "What shall we do?" In the face of and under the continuous assault of "living and divine truth," like men of old, we can do ought but cry out, "men, and brethren what shall we do?"

Any attempt at answering such a question must be preceded by a stern, intelligent, Spirit-guided look at the situation that poses such a question. A few statements published here and there give a fair picture of where and why we are as we are. Published in the April, 1963 issue of "Ebony" was the following: "The Negro has lost some of his former virtues and a good many illusions. Gone is his celebrated patience, his childlike obedience, and his colossal fear. He has waited 98 years—the day he stopped being a good old Negro was the day he became a man"—(p. 88).

In the "New York Times Magazine," September 10, 1961, (p.p. 25,119), under the title, "The Time for Freedom Has Come" by Martin Luther King, Jr., was read, "The Young Negroes are not after 'more tokens' of integration ('tokenism,' they call it); rather theirs is a revolt against the whole system of Jim Crow—their is total commitment to this goal of equality and dignity."

Dr. James Sellers in his book, "This South and Christian Ethics" (New York, Association Press, 1962, p. 111) quotes a statement from the Association of Citizens Councils which states, "There is no such thing as token integration—you are either for segregation, or you are for integration, without prefix, suffix, or affix . . . As long as we live, so long shall we be segregationists, and after death, God willing, thus it will be!"

As early as 1957, John Bartlow Martin in his "The Deep South Says, Never," (Ballentine Books, Inc., 1957) quotes a statement from the "South Carolinian"—"Segregation is dead. It's gone, but they won't believe it down here—what worries me is that there is no exploration of what we are going to do . . . What we must do now is find a way to replace a way of life that is gone."

Then came the 21st bombing attack on Negroes in eight years and the 3rd of September with the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama on September 15, 1963, that appalls the nation and the world. It is the bomb

heard 'round the world. Shocking and tragic as it is, it should be no surprise to those who think, or to those who think they think, or even to those who never think. Youthful Birmingham lawyer, Charles Morgan, Jr., former President of Alabama's Young Democrats Clubs (reports are that soon he will be a former citizen of Birmingham) in an address before the Birmingham Young Business Men's Club on Monday following the church bombing that brought death to four little girls and indirectly, death to at least two others, uses evident truth to remind us as Christians that we have at least been derelict in response to the total gospel truth. These are a part of Mr. Morgan's words which became the leading editorial in the Atlanta Constitution on or about Tuesday, September 17, 1963:

"Four little girls were killed in Birmingham yesterday. A sad, remorseful, worried community asks 'who did it? Who threw that bomb? Was it a Negro or a white?' The answer should be, 'We all did it.' Every last one of us is condemned for that crime and the bombing before it and the ones last month, last year, a decade ago. We all did it . . . The 'who' is every little individual who talks about the 'niggers' and spreads the seeds of his hate to his neighbor and his son . . . the joker, the crude of whose racial jokes rock the party with laughter. The 'who' is every governor who ever shouted for lawlessness and became a law violator. It is every senator and every representative who in the halls of Congress stains and with most humility tells the world that things back home aren't really like they are. It is courts that move ever so slowly and newspapers that timorously defend the law. It is all the Christians and all the ministers who spoke too late in anguished cries against violence. . .

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GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA Raleigh, North Carolina Statement of CAPITAL OBLIGATIONS PAYABLE FOR SHAW UNIVERSITY September 30, 1963

First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.		\$28,175.48	
Balance Due October 1, 1962			
Add:			
Interest Charge for Year	1,631.56		
Insurance	32.75	1,670.31	
		23,845.79	
		3,864.00	
Payments made During Year			25,981.79
Balance Due, September 30, 1963			
Durham Life Insurance Company			
Balance Due October 1, 1962		180,000.00	
Add:			
Interest Charge for Year		8,708.34	
		188,708.34	
Payments Made During Year			
Principal	15,000.00		
Interest	8,708.34	23,708.34	
Balance Due September 30, 1963			165,000.00
North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Co.			
Balance Due October 1, 1962			
(per our previous Audit Report)			112,627.34
Add:			
Interest Charge			
1961-62	6,790.35	13,210.85	
1962-63	6,429.50	125,847.19	
		13,217.60	
Payments Made During Year			
Balance Due September 30, 1963			112,629.59
Total Capital Obligations Payable (9/30/63)			303,611.33
Total Amount of Interest During Year	16,769.40		
Total Amount of Principal During Year	24,020.54		
Grand Total (all Capital Obligations)	40,789.94		