

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS PLAN TO RAISE \$2,000,000 AS CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Proceeds Will Be Applied Toward Liquidation of the Indebtedness of Home and Foreign Mission Boards and Other Institutions—Sacrificial Giving Is Sought

Probably the largest single Christmas cash offering that ever been sought by any denomination in America, the Southern Baptist Convention is asking churches affiliated with it to make a cash thank offering at the approaching Christmas season. The proceeds will be applied toward the retirement of debts upon the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and several agencies of the Convention. Debts of approximately \$2,000,000 are now owed by the Southern Baptist Convention and institutions, these having accumulated over a period of several years because the receipts from the churches have been insufficient to maintain the various institutions as needed a few years ago when the churches were supporting missions benevolences more generously than they are today. A portion of total indebtedness is bonded

Christmas gift are Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and members of the large Executive and Promotion Committees of that body. **Business Men Give Liberally** Indicating the manner in which the Baptist business men of the South are responding to the call for the Thank Offering, a layman in one state has agreed to add \$100,000 to the fund if the Baptists of the South generally respond to the effort, while another business man in another state has announced an unconditional gift of \$50,000. Under the leadership of Dr. J. T. Henderson of Knoxville, secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood, an effort is being made to enlist all the large Baptist business men of the South in making big gifts to this effort. From this source several hundred thousand dollars is expected.

In its appeal for the success of this cash offering, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is asking individual Baptists throughout the South to join in giving sacrificially to this purpose through the elimination of unnecessary giving to one another and making their Christmas gifts to Christ and his causes instead.

The proceeds of the offering will be distributed among the several Convention objects upon the following basis:

Foreign Missions	50 %
Home Missions	22 1/2 %
Relief and Annuity Board	9 %
Education Board	2 %
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	5 %
Southwestern Seminary	4 1/2 %
Baptist Bible Institute	3 1/2 %
New Orleans Hospital	2 %
W. M. U. Training School	1 %
American Baptist Theol. Seminary	1/2 %
TOTAL	100 %

Will Wipe Out Foreign Board Debt

The raising of the full \$2,000,000 objective, it will be seen, will provide \$1,000,000 for the Foreign Mission Board. This, according to Secretary Ray, will make it possible for that board to pay its entire indebtedness, reinforce its American missionary staff to its former standard, restore the 600 native missionaries who were dismissed a few years ago for lack of funds, re-open two hospitals and 235 mission schools, rebuild the Christian literature program and send out 150 trained young people who are anxiously awaiting an opportunity to engage in mission service.

Similar advances will be made in every other department of Southern Baptist work in the event the full amount of the offering is raised.



DR. GEORGE W. TRUETT of Dallas President Southern Baptist Convention

does not have to be paid this year, but \$2,000,000 represents immediate demands upon the boards and institutions, hence the call of Convention to the churches to make this large cash sum through sacrificial Christmas Thank Offering. Over against these debts, however, are combined assets of \$200,000.

Meeting the call for the large

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Warne, N. C., Dec. 5, 1923. Santa Claus:— I will drop you a few lines to let you know Christmas is drawing near. I would be glad to shake hands with you one time. I would enjoy coming to Murphy to shake hands with him. I am an orphan and orphan children hardly get anything for Christmas. There are five of us, two boys and three girls. Our father is dead and our mother, can't walk a step. We haven't enjoyed a Christmas since our father died and our

mother hasn't been able to work and buy us anything. Dear Santa Claus when you get to Warne postoffice you can inquire for McKeechan's. I sure wish you would come so I will close hoping you will come to see us Christmas.

Yours truly,
Ruby McKeechan,
Warne, N. C.

Rt. 3, Murphy, N. C., Dec. 6, 1923. Dear Santa Claus:—

I want some candy, a toy auto, a jews harp, some stockings and an orange. I want a picture of you to

remember your visit. I am 10 years old.

Yours with love,
Cecil Timpson.

Rt. 3, Murphy, N. C., Dec. 6, 1923. Dear Santa Claus:—

I am twelve years old. I would like for you to bring me some candy, a string of beads and a toy wrist watch Christmas.

Yours affectionately,
Flora Timpson.

P. S.—Look for a big red apple in my stocking for you.

Culberson, N. C., Dec. 8, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I am a little girl four years old. I go to school at the Wolf Creek school. I am in the primer. My teacher's name is Miss Gentry. I like her very much. I have tried to be a good little girl the whole year. I would like to have the following presents for Christmas: an apple, an orange, a doll, a dress, a pair of bloomers, a glass, one of your pictures, a pair of hose and a pair of shoes. I hope you will be able to bring every good little girl and boy a present this Christmas.

From Winnie Verner.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 8, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I want you to bring me a cap, some fire crackers and if you please bring me some candy and oranges. And Santa Claus my mother needs a new pair of gloves. She said I have been a good boy.

Your little friend,
Julius Roberts.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 7, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

Will you please bring me one box of fire crackers and a little gun. I want a teddy bear too. I don't want a wagon this Christmas because I already have one. I have been a good little boy this year.

Your little friend,
Mark Roberts.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I want you to please bring me a ball, toy train and a pair of gloves. My sister wants a doll that says Mama and a ball, and my little brother wants a ball and a toy car.

Your little friends,
J. E. and Evelyn Moore,
237 Peachtree, Murphy, N. C.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 10, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I want a big doll and a piano and a stove and a set of dishes and a wrist watch.

Lydia Plemmons.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 7, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I want a doll and a carriage, a ball and a bed and a blackboard, a little piano and a broom, tea set, a trunk, some candy, apples and oranges.

Love,
Edith Hall.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 7, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I want a big ball, a box of candy, a little car and a tool box and a scooter and a pistol and some oranges and apples and candy.

Don Bruce.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 7, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I am a boy. I want a football and a ball and one of those little purple bells and a little car. I want some candy and oranges and apples.

Love,
John Jordan.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 10, 1923.

I want a doll carriage, a little piano, a toy set, please bring my mother a new dress and brother a pair of gloves.

Your little friend,
Jincy Dockery.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 10, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I want you to please bring me a doll, a doll carriage and a teaset. Bring mother a box of candy. Bring Leonard a tool box, a cap and a ball and some candy and some nuts and fruit.

Your little friend,
Gladys Parker.

Marble, N. C., Dec. 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I want a big doll that can talk. Will you give it etaoain shrdluuuu and walk and say Mamma. Dear

Santa, will you please give it to me and my little brother Jack wants a little car big enough for him to ride in he seven years old.

Your friends,
Dorothy and Jack Craig.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 6, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I have been a good little girl for a year and now I want you to come to see me. I want you to bring me a little doll, a doll trunk, a pencil box, and a big doll. I want a little paint set, a string of blue beads, some pretty handkerchiefs, and lots of candy, nuts and oranges. I am going to meet you at the A. & B. Store. Be sure and come to see me.

Love,
"Bobbie" Harben.

Marble, N. C., Dec. 6, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I am a little girl nine years old and as it is time I think for you to be coming around I am going to tell you what I want you to bring me. I want you to bring me some candy, oranges and some nuts, a toy piano, and a doll, please. I don't guess you can bring all this.

With love,
(Edna Chambers.)

Hayesville, N. C., Dec. 8, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

We are four little children who cannot come to your reception on December 10th, 11th, and 12th. We want you to bring us the following presents and we will thank you very heartily. I knife with chain, I harp, I doll and I pink handkerchief, I rubber ball and I toy watch, some candy and oranges for all of us.

Your little friends,

Luther, Edwin, Blanch and Claud Mooily.

Blue Ridge, Ga., Dec. 7, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I am a little boy seven years of

age. I am in the second grade. You know I have been good and I want you to bring me these things: a B. B. rifle, a dump truck, a rocker and a steam engine.

Lots of love,
Alton Stewart.

Rt. 3, Murphy, N. C., Dec. 6, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I will come to see you Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday if I can. I am 8 years old. I would like to have a doll, some candy, an orange, a banana, a coconut and a toy airplane.

Your little friend,
Coy Timpson.

Marble, N. C., Dec. 6, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I am a little girl 7 years old. I want you to please bring me a doll, a sweater, a jumping rope, some candy and a big rubber ball that will bounce.

Your little friend,
Willie B. Chambers,
Marble, N. C., route 1.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 11, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

Please bring me a doll dresser, a doll bed, an electric iron, and a toy stove.

With love,
Moselle Moore.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 11, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

Please bring me a doll dresser, a real wrist watch, a story book and a bylow.

With love,
Mildred Gentry.

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 11, 1923.

Dear Santa Claus:—

Please bring me a pair of gloves, a doll dresser, a box of candy and a box of water colors.

With love,
Melba Bruce.



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