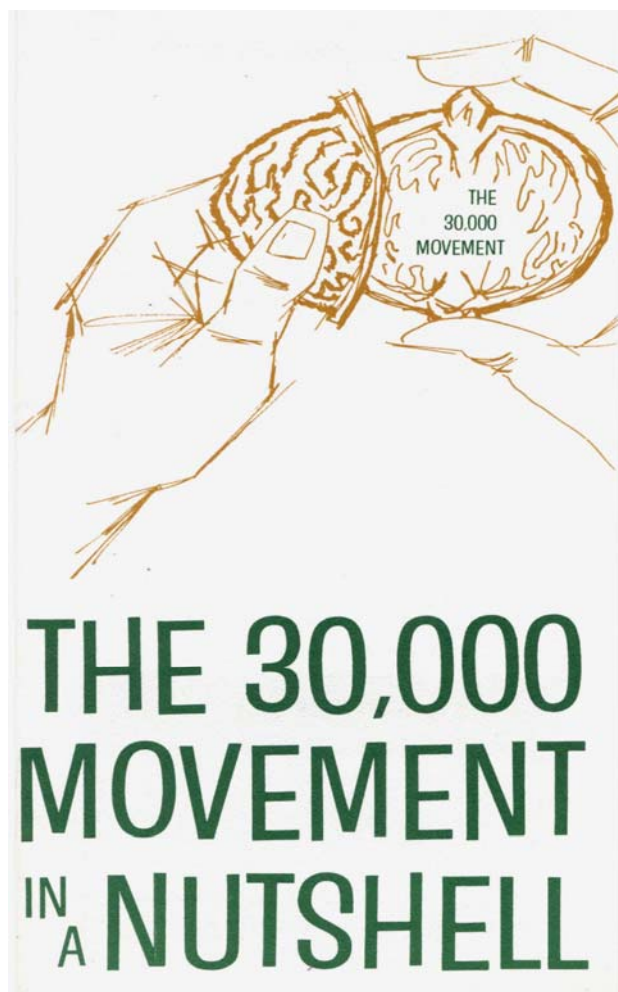


**Inventory to the
30,000 Movement Collection**

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I. Historical Note

The 30,000 Movement was an effort of Southern Baptist churches to establish 30,000 new churches and missions from 1956-1964. The program was part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance (1959-1964), which was designed to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the organization of Baptist work in America. The stated purpose of the movement was “to establish 10,000 churches and 20,000 missions by 1964 to reach, teach, and win individuals to Christ and train them to live Christian lives.” “Every Church with a Mission” was the program’s slogan.

Casper Carl Warren spearheaded the movement, serving as the program’s first and only director. Warren, then president of the Southern Baptist Convention, suggested the creation of the 30,000 Movement at the SBC’s 1956 annual meeting in Kansas City. The Home Mission Board and Baptist Sunday School Board shared equally in the employment of Warren and in expenses incurred as a result of promotional efforts of the eight-year program. Areas of outreach included 28 Baptist state conventions, Cuba, the Panama Canal Zone, Foreign Mission Board countries, and areas where Southern Baptist chaplains were stationed. By the end of 1964, the program had fallen only slightly shy of its goal with the establishment of 6,682 new churches and 18,235 new missions.

II. Scope and Content Note

The 30,000 Movement Collection consists of .5 linear feet of material located in one six-inch document box. The collection contains materials dating from 1957 to 1965 and includes committee minutes, various surveys and reports, publicity and promotional materials, and correspondence of key figures in the program. The collection also contains several articles and speeches of the program’s director, C. C. Warren. The 30,000 Movement Collection is an artificial collection of materials from the Baptist history file at the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives and files donated to the SBHLA from the SBC’s International Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia. It is arranged alphabetically.

III. Folder Listing

- 1.1 Administrative Committee – 1961
- 1.2 Agenda – State Superintendents and Secretaries Meeting – 1957-1958
- 1.3 Bell, Earl S. – “Missions Committee Lead Tuscon Church Growth”
- 1.4 Cauthen, Baker James (Foreign Mission Board) – 1961-1964
- 1.5 Church Programs (30,000 Movement Work) – 1959
- 1.6 Clippings – 1965
- 1.7 Day, Kenneth (Baptist State Convention of Michigan) – 1962
- 1.8 Flyers/Posters

- 1.9 Griffith, L. O. (Director, Education and Promotion, Home Mission Board) – 1961
- 1.10 Hunke, E. W. (Baptist General Convention of Arizona) – 1961
- 1.11 Macon, Leon (Editor, *Alabama Baptist*) – 1960
- 1.12 Meigs, Paul A. (Florida Baptist Convention) – 1962
- 1.13 Minutes – 30,000 Movement Committee – 1957-1964
- 1.14 Owen, Richard N. (Editor, *Baptist and Reflector* [Tennessee]) – 1964
- 1.15 Pamphlets
- 1.16 Progress Reports – 1961-1964
- 1.17 Promotion Committee – 1958-1959
- 1.18 Publicity
- 1.19 Rutledge, Arthur B. (Director, Division of Missions, Home Mission Board) – 1960-1963
- 1.20 Stagg, W. L. (Louisiana Baptist Convention) – 1961
- 1.21 State Summary of Associational Surveys – 1958-1964
- 1.22 State Surveys – 1957-1958
- 1.23 Warren, C. C. (Director, 30,000 Movement) – 1962
- 1.24 Warren, C. C. – “Sunday School in the 30,000 Movement”
- 1.25 Warren, C. C. – “Thirty Things About 30,000”
- 1.26 Warren, C. C. – “30,000 Movement in a Nutshell”
- 1.27 Warren, C. C. – “Training Union in the 30,000 Movement”