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Mission Draws
Summer Tourists

By Theo Sommerkamp

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--A mission for summer tourists at a popular lake resort is one of the newest innovations in the Southern Baptist Convention's movement to establish 30,000 new churches and missions during an eight-year period.

Bethany Baptist Church of Kansas City is sponsoring the mission at Lazy Acres, near Edwards, Mo. Lazy Acres is a tourist spot on Lake of the Ozarks in west central Missouri.

J. T. Elliff, pastor of the sponsoring church, said that services--Sunday school and both morning and evening worship--are held in the home of the manager of the Lazy Acres Motel.

Bud Anderson of Kansas City, an employee of Kansas City Power & Light Co., who has been called to the ministry, learned of the need through some contacts at Lake of the Ozarks.

A member of Bethany Church, Anderson drives to the resort each weekend to hold services. "It has just started, and already there are 40 in attendance," Elliff reported.

Because it has enroled some year-round residents of the lake area, there is a possibility that the Baptist summer mission may develop into a permanent year round one.

Response to it has convinced Elliff that a survey needs to be made in the large resort area to locate spots for other summer missions. "Perhaps this could be done in 20 places around Lake of the Ozarks," he added.

Bethany Church publicizes the summer mission through an advertisement on the church page of the Kansas City Star every Saturday, endeavoring to reach persons taking a weekend trip to Lake of the Ozarks.

This is but one of four missions under the wing of Bethany Church, at least one of which has an equally outstanding story.

A year ago, Bethany Church bought a lot and erected a church plant in a new residential area of Kansas City without first taking a census. "We had faith that this fast-growing residential area would be the right place for a new mission," according to Elliff.

The year of its existence has proven the faith. Today, Loma Vista Mission of Bethany Baptist Church has 300 attendance in a church built to accommodate 500 in Sunday school and worship service. It has collections averaging \$3000 a month, Elliff said.

It baptized 66 converts during its first year. The extent of Bethany's investment in Loma Vista Mission is \$10,000 although it was prepared to invest more if necessary. But Loma Vista is already reaching the self-supporting stage.

Bethany sets aside \$18,000 a year from its \$130,000-plus annual budget, which it uses for direct missions. When a mission like Loma Vista matures without requiring the full budgeted sum, the mother church begins a new mission project somewhere else ahead of schedule, so that the \$18,000 a year is a firm amount--not simply a possible maximum.

The third mission of Bethany is a church in Kansas City which reverted to mission status because of financial needs. Under Bethany's guidance, it has built a new \$25,000 auditorium which will, it hopes, lead it back into an even stronger position as an independent, self-supporting church.

The fourth mission is in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, over 300 miles away. Bethany Church already has bought a "strategic" site in a residential area and plans to launch construction of an \$80,000 building this fall. The mission presently meets in the Y M C A building at Cedar Rapids.

None of the offerings of any of the four missions goes into Bethany Church's account, Elliff said.

A mission-minded pastor, Elliff said that Bethany hopes to launch a new major mission venture every two years.

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1961 History Date

(7-29-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The 1961 session of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held July 10-12, 1961, in Nashville.

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More Information Asked
On Religious Liberty

(7-29-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Information on religious liberty is needed to acquaint Baptists of today with the struggle that faced Baptists of other periods in history when they sought freedom of religion.

This was brought out at a committee report during the annual session of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Members discussed how religious liberty fitted into the current presidential election campaign in the United States.

Commission Executive Secretary Davis C. Woolley said a new series of historical articles is being prepared, similar in nature to the 17th, 18th, and 19th Century Baptist Press sequences printed in Baptist state papers.

These articles presented Baptist history in colonial and early United States times in popular news story style.

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Claude Rhea New
Orleans Music Dean

NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--Claude H. Rhea, Jr., who has been a member of the music faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here since 1954, has been appointed dean of the school of church music and elevated to the rank of full professor.

Rhea will succeed W. Plunkett Martin, first dean of the music school, who is retiring from that post effective Aug. 1. Martin will continue to serve as professor of voice and conducting.

The dean-elect, who has just completed several singing engagements in the United States, is currently in Europe visiting mission points at the request of Southern Baptist missionaries, and serving as visiting professor of music at the Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. He will return the latter part of August.

Recognized as one of the outstanding young tenors in the South, Rhea has performed with the New Orleans Philharmonic Symphony, Birmingham Symphony, Beaumont (Tex.) Symphony, and Florida State Symphony.

The newly-appointed dean has recorded several albums. Rhea's share of sale proceeds from his albums are placed in the Margaret Turnage scholarship fund, in honor of Mrs. Rhea's sister who was killed several years ago while engaged in mission work.

A native of Missouri, Rhea is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and holds the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees in music education from Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.

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Historical Commission
Re-elects Leadership

(7-29-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Tennesseans were re-elected to places of leadership at the annual meeting here of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and its auxiliary, the Historical Society.

W. Fred Kendall of Nashville, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, was re-elected chairman of the Historical Commission, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

James M. Gregg is the commission's new vice-chairman. He is pastor of Lockeland Baptist Church of Nashville. Gene Kerr, administrative assistant at Tennessee Baptist Convention here, is recording secretary.

Richard N. Owen, Nashville, editor of the Baptist and Reflector, Tennessee Baptists' weekly newspaper, continued as president of the Historical Society.

The society is not an official convention organization but draws together any Baptists interested in securing and preserving Baptist history data and materials.

The complete list of Historical Society officers was re-elected. Those serving with Owen are Miss Nelle Davidson, librarian, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, as vice-president, and H. I. Hester, vice-president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., as recording secretary.

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13 Southern Baptists
To Serve on Committee

(7-29-60)

By the Baptist Press

Five more Southern Baptists will serve on the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance during the next five years. This brings the number of Southern Baptists in the group to 13.

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The new additions are Mrs. George R. Martin of Norfolk, Va., past president of the Convention's auxiliary, Woman's Missionary Union; G. Kearnie Keegan, Nashville, student secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board; George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission; Howard E. Butt, Jr., Corpus Christi, Tex., grocer and layman evangelist, and Evangelist Billy Graham, Montreat, N. C., who drew over 150,000 to his address closing the recent Baptist World Alliance Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Joao Soren, pastor of Rio's First Baptist Church and new president of the Alliance, asked three Southern Baptists to serve on the administrative committee. They are Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, Va., executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Duke K. McCall, Louisville, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary of the S B C Executive Committee.

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Jaroy Weber Accepts
Evangelism Position

(7-29-60)

ALEXANDRIA, La.--(BP)--Jaroy Weber, pastor of West Monroe, La., First Baptist Church, since 1949, has notified executive secretary Robert L. Lee that he will accept the position of secretary of evangelism for Baptists of Louisiana.

Weber submitted his resignation to the West Monroe church effective Aug. 22.

3,800 new members have been added to the church during his 11-year pastorate. Membership has grown from 2,132 to 4,565.

Weber is a native of Louisiana and was educated at Acadia (Baptist) Academy, Louisiana College (Baptist), and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He succeeds the late R. O. Cawker in the Louisiana Baptist Convention post.

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Gulfshore Campaign
Goal Reached

(7-29-60)

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--The special campaign to raise \$100,000 for Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian, Miss., has been reached, W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church, and director of the campaign, announced.

The \$100,000 is being used to complete the renovation and equipping of the assembly.

Previously the Mississippi Baptist Convention board had reinvested \$100,000 for the purpose, making \$200,000 available for the complete renovation job.

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3 Baptist History
Books Discussed

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Three books relating to Baptist history are in the writing or planning stage, according to reports at the annual session of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission here.

Penrose St. Amant, dean of the school of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and an eminent denominational historian, is writing one entitled, "A History of Baptist Theology."

Commission members urged a study of whether a book should be written describing "The Baptist genius," that is the things that have made Southern Baptists what they are.

One observer attributed it to the emphasis on religious liberty that has characterized Baptists. Another singled out Baptists' emphasis on the individual and his personal relationship to God as being a leading factor.

The third book discussed is the story of Baptists for 150 years being planned by seven Baptist groups in North America for their third jubilee celebration in 1964.

Southern Baptists are one of the groups taking part in the Baptist Jubilee Advance, commemorating 150 years of organized Baptist work on a national scale on the continent.

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'Baptist Atlas' May
Become A Reality

(7-29-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--A "Baptist Atlas" may be a reality in a few years.

Baptists in South Carolina reported here they sold out a stock of 1235 maps showing Baptist history sites in their state. The map folder included not only highway routes but pictures and text about the places to visit while travelling.

Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission here, told the annual agency meeting that Kentucky Baptists are nearly ready to have their state Baptist history map printed.

Other states are expected to follow. Oklahoma has already published some material similar to that sold in Baptist Book Stores in South Carolina.

When each of the states has published its history map, they can be bound together to form a "Baptist Atlas" which may be offered for sale, according to Woolley.

He reported that several inquiries were received in his office from persons driving to Miami Beach, Fla., for the 1960 Southern Baptist Convention session. These Baptist travellers, en route by car, wanted to know of Baptist history sites on the way which they might see.

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Crook Named San Marcos Baptist Academy Head

San Marcos, Tex.--(BP)--Bill Crook, a Baptist minister who made an unsuccessful bid for the U. S. House of Representatives last May, has been named interim president of San Marcos Baptist Academy here.

Crook is the former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nacogdoches, Tex., resigning to campaign against incumbent John Dowdy in Texas' seventh congressional district. Dowdy, who has held the post for the past eight years, was re-elected by a 4,000 vote margin.

The 34-year old minister will serve as the school's chief administrator for the next 12 months, said Vernon Elmore, chairman of the academy's board of trustees and pastor of the Baptist Temple Church in San Antonio.

Crook succeeds Robert B. Reed, 53, who resigned as academy president last month to enter the farming and ranching business. Reed had been president of the school for the past 13 years.

The academy is one of nine educational institutions owned by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. It is the only Texas Baptist school offering elementary and high school level instruction.

Crook received his Th.D. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and the A.B. degree from Baylor University, Waco, Tex. He has also done graduate work at the University of Edinburg, Scotland.

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Request Made For Southern Baptists In Pittsburgh

(7-29-60)

PITTSBURGH, Penn.--(BP)--Southern Baptist students attending or who plan to attend the University of Pittsburgh or Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, Penn., are urged to contact Joseph Waltz, pastor of the Pittsburgh Baptist Church and director of Southern Baptist work in the greater Pittsburgh area. His address is 3100 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh 26, Penn. Waltz would also like the address of other Southern Baptists living in the area.

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Folks & facts.

(7-29-60)

. . . . Miss Joe Ann Shelton, director of the Baptist Hour Choir for the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission, has been named soloist for the first greater Honolulu Crusade conducted by the Hawaiian Baptist Convention. Evangelist Angel Martinez of Fort Worth will be the preacher during the week long crusade, Aug. 7-14. (BP)

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Buckner Development Nears Final Hurdles

DALLAS--(BP)--Zoning of a proposed 2,425 acre business-residential development on Buckner Orphans Home property will be recommended at the August meeting of the Dallas City Plan Commission.

The development, which will eventually provide homes and businesses for nearly 20,000 people, met little opposition when it was considered by the East Dallas Zoning Committee.

One objection was raised by a man, reportedly a Baptist, who feared plans for another church in the area. He said the neighborhood was overcrowded with seven churches in a five-block area.

If the city plan commission approves the proposal, it will go to the city council for the signal to proceed with construction.

Buckner Orphans Home, owner of the property, is one of four child care institutions supported by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The four homes care for about 1,000 children annually.

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Kaneubbes To Work With New Mexico Navajos

(7-29-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kaneubbe of Philadelphia, Miss., general missionaries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to the Choctaw Indians, moved August 1 to Farmington, N. Mex., where they will work with the Navajos.

At Philadelphia Kaneubbe worked for three years with 12 churches serving more than 4,000 Choctaws. His work closely resembled that of an associational missionary, as he led the churches of the Choctaw Association in developing an organizational program.

In Farmington the Kaneubbes will serve at the Baptist Indian Center and work with more than 3,000 Navajos scattered over hundreds of square miles of New Mexico. His ministry will be that of a pastor, as well as starting new work throughout the area.

Concerning the service of the Kaneubbes, Courts Redford of Atlanta, Ga., executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, said, "Kaneubbe has rendered a wonderful service in Mississippi. I consider him one of our best equipped missionaries and anticipate he will do an exceptional work in New Mexico. I especially appreciate the special talents of Mrs. Kaneubbe and her wonderful spirit of co-operation."

Kaneubbe's father was a Choctaw Indian in Oklahoma, his mother one-quarter Choctaw. Mrs. Kaneubbe is of Scotch-Irish descent. Born in Okmulgee, Okla., Mr. Kaneubbe was educated there, at Oklahoma Baptist University, at Swannee, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

He has served as education director for a number of churches, and previously served the Home Mission Board in work with Indians at Lawrence, Kan.

The Kaneubbes have two children.

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Moyers Named Journalism Professor At Baylor

WACO, Tex.--(BP)--Bill Moyers, former director of public relations for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, has been named assistant professor of journalism at Baylor University here.

Moyers succeeds Ray Tassin who is on leave of absence to complete work on his doctor's degree.

A former member of the Lyndon B. Johnson campaign staff, Moyers worked for Vice-Presidential Nominee Johnson during his 1954 senatorial campaign and again recently in his bid for the presidential nomination. He also worked with William Blakely of Dallas in his campaign for the senate.

A native of Hugo, Okla., Moyers graduated from the University of Texas, Austin, where he received the Cabot Award for the highest four-year scholastic record by a journalism student.

In 1956-57 he studied religion and history at the University of Edinburg, Scotland, on a rotary foundation fellowship. He received the B. D. degree from Southwestern Seminary in January, 1960.

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Folks & facts.

(7-29-60)

. . . . Miss Ione King, secretary in the Christian education commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1955, died suddenly in her home July 24. Memorial services were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Dallas with Forrest C. Feezor, Texas Baptist Executive secretary, and members of the Texas Christian education commission officiating. Funeral services were conducted July 27 at a San Angelo, Tex., funeral home. Before coming to the Texas Convention, Miss King was an employee of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. (BP)

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. . . . Warren C. Hultgren, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., and John P. Baker, pastor of the Skyway Baptist Church of Colorado Springs, Colo., will be principal speakers at commencement and baccalaureate services for Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex. Hultgren will bring the baccalaureate message Aug. 17 and Baker will deliver the commencement address Aug. 19. Hardin-Simmons will award more than 90 degrees during the summer graduating exercises. (BP)

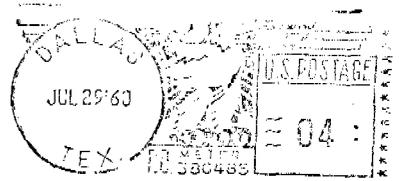
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. . . . Robert Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance with offices in Washington, D. C., will appear on a Columbia Broadcasting System network television show, Aug. 14. "Lamp Unto My Feet," a weekly religious television program, will feature a 15-minute drama dealing with happiness in marriage. Denny will comment on the problems involved following the drama. (BP)

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