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Spokane Church Cited
As "First of 30,000"

GLORIETA, New M.--(BP)--A Spokane, Wash., church with three missions has been recognized as the first church started in Southern Baptists' movement to begin 30,000 new churches and missions.

The recognition came during Home Mission Conference at Glorieta, New M. and followed a six-month campaign to find the "first of the 30,000." More than 10,000 churches and missions have been started in the movement which climaxes in 1964.

Northtown Baptist Church in Spokane was constituted on June 3, 1956, right on the heels of the denomination's acceptance of the 30,000 challenge issued at Kansas City by then president, G. C. Warren, of Charlotte, N. C. Warren has since directed the movement and took part in the recognition service at Glorieta.

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First Appointment Service
Held for Home Missions

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GLORIETA, New M.--(BP)--The first public appointment service for missionaries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board was held at Glorieta Baptist Assembly near Santa Fe, New M. At the appointment service, part of the board's new emphasis on personnel, 17 newly appointed workers received certificates from Courts Redford of Atlanta, Ga., executive secretary-treasurer of the board. Redford indicated that the appointment service would become a permanent feature of Home Mission Board emphasis on personnel.

There are 2077 missionaries under appointment by the Home Mission Board, according to Glendon McCullough of Atlanta, personnel secretary; and 299 have been appointed since Jan. 1. In addition, there are 525 student summer missionaries and 181 tentmakers under appointment. The tentmakers are individuals who serve and support themselves by secular employment, but are directed in their fields by the Home Mission Board.

The missionaries of the Home Mission Board are also missionaries of the various state Baptist conventions in which they serve. Salary, appointment, and direction are on a co-operative basis.

McCullough, with the board only a year, is the first personnel secretary employed to enlist, screen, and orientate the missionaries. He has led in the adoption of minimum qualifications, which for the most part include college and seminary education, experience, and medical examination. Appointees have also been classified under student missionaries, mission pastors, associate missionaries, and permanent missionaries.

During the appointment service at Glorieta, the missionaries were introduced, presented with certificates, and four gave brief testimonies. The service closed with a charge by Redford to the missionaries and to the 1100 people in attendance at the conference.

The new missionaries will attend orientation conferences during the remaining portion of the week. In these conferences they will discuss fields of service, procedures of work by the Home Mission Board, and related items.

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Testimonies during the service were given by four of the missionaries appointed to work with Indians in the West. These are Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Elston, appointed to Warm Springs, Ore.; Louise Mitchell, appointed to Shiprock, New M.; and Joe L. Prickett, appointed to Anadarko, Okla., as mission pastor.

Others appointed are H. O. Black, associational missionary in California; Irving Childers, city superintendent of missions in Tucson, Arizona; Joe Carl Johnson, state superintendent of missions in New Mexico; Major V. Mears, associational missionary in Arizona; Irvin M. Reed, pastoral missionary in Arizona; J. Truman Webb, associational missionary in Arizona; Clayborn Landers, city superintendent of missions, St. Joseph, Mo.; C. A. Dabney, associate executive secretary and state superintendent of missions, Denver, Colo.; Burt Edwards, associational missionary in California; Bill Barker, associational missionary in Arizona; E. J. Cobb, area missionary in Oregon; T. Gordon Seibold, associational missionary in California; and T. M. Gillham, associational missionary in Arizona.

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(Note to State Paper editors; This is an emphasis for your denominational calendar for August)

States Begin Schools
Of Missions Emphasis

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--More than 2300 Southern Baptist churches will hold schools of missions the remaining part of 1960, according to Lewis W. Martin of Atlanta, Ga., secretary of the missionary education department of the denomination's Home Mission Board.

These schools are a part of the largest number of programs conducted in any one year, and more than 5000 churches are expected to have taken part by the end of the year.

The schools are conducted on a simultaneous associational basis and are week-long programs of concentrated mission study with guest mission speakers. Most of the class periods during the fall schools will emphasize foreign missions, while the speakers will represent state, home, and foreign missions.

The foreign mission emphasis will concentrate on Spanish America, with special study books written on an age-graded basis.

"Because it will be seven years before these associations repeat the program," Martin warned, "the associations should enlist every church possible in the study. Each church should work for peak attendance in order that their people will be given this study."

The seven-year schedule resulted from the limited supply of missionaries and other mission speakers. The schools are already scheduled through 1961 and portions of 1962.

In 1961 there are 160 programs filed, which will enlist 3500 churches. The reduction from the record of 5000 came in order to assure two foreign missionaries, two home mission speakers, and a state mission speaker for each church.

The heaviest concentration of the schools of missions this fall will be in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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"Sit-In" Tactics Used
In Atlanta Churches

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Twenty-five Negro college students carried their "sit-in" tactics of the lunch counter to six white churches in Atlanta at the morning service August 7.

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Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, said the Negroes arrived there about mid-way of the service but declined when ushers cleared a pew in the balcony.

F. Joe Vining, head usher at First Baptist Church, said they were offered seats in the overflow chapel beneath the auditorium but refused.

They remained in the foyer through most of the service. Pastor Roy O. McClain is on vacation and an associate was preaching.

The Negroes sat among the congregation without incident at First Presbyterian Church and at St. Philip's Episcopal Cathedral. At Grace Methodist Church, seven Negroes accepted seats in an overflow room when told the auditorium was filled.

Disagreement among two ushers at St. Mark's Methodist Church, across from First Baptist, as to whether to seat the Negroes continued until the pews were occupied but three Negroes then accepted chairs in the aisles. Bishop J. O. Smith preached his first sermon there as head of Georgia Methodists. The Negroes later introduced themselves to him and said he thanked them for attending.