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Southern Baptists  
Expand In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (BP)--Southern Baptist churches in the greater Philadelphia, Pa., area have increased from one to three.

Pastoral Missionary Padgett C. Cope presided as Haines Road Baptist Church, Levittown, N. J., and First Baptist Church, Wrightstown, N. J., were constituted. They were the first and second missions, respectively, of Delaware Valley Baptist Church, the pioneer church.

Charter memberships were 80 for Haines Road and 147 for First, Wrightstown. Prior to this development, the work in the area had grown from 32 present in Sunday school on Cope's first Sunday, to a church membership of over 400. Total Sunday school enrolment is now 500.

Delaware Valley Church has still another mission, Windsor Baptist Chapel, Chester, Pa., plus three home fellowships.

Called as pastors of the new churches were Richard C. Brackin, formerly of Alabama, and George E. Ray Jr., formerly of Dimmitt, Tex. Cope served as pastor of Sixteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Decatur, Ala., before accepting an appointment as pastoral missionary from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Wrightstown, N. J., is located between Ft. Dix, N. J., and McGuire Air Force Base. It ministers to military men and their families.

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New Jersey Pastor  
Appointed To Florida

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NEW YORK (BP)--John Pemberton Jr. of Cape May, N. J., has been appointed pastor of the First American Baptist Church in St. Petersburg, Fla. The church is related to the American Baptist Convention.

Officials of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies here announced the appointment of Pemberton, who has been serving for 15 years as pastor of Cape Island Baptist Church in the New Jersey city.

The First American Baptist Church of St. Petersburg meets temporarily in the Seventh Day Adventist Church building. (This follows the same pattern of many new Southern Baptist Convention-related churches in pioneer areas of SBC growth.)

The new St. Petersburg church is expected to minister to American Baptists who spend the winter in the resort city, or who have moved there permanently.

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Company Grant Aids  
3 Baptist Colleges

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WILMINGTON, Del. (BP)--Three Southern Baptist colleges are among 161 colleges receiving grants from the E. I. duPont de Nemours and Co., Inc., here. Grants totaled \$1.6 million.

Mississippi College, Clinton, and University of Richmond (Va.) each received \$4,000--\$2,500 for advancing chemistry teaching and \$1,500 for other courses.

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Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., received \$5000 to help it continue developing its chemistry department.

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Retired Missionary  
Dies In Georgia

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ATLANTA (BP)--Dr. Alonzo Scott Patterson, retired Southern Baptist missionary, died Jan. 21 at age 76 at his home in Norcross, Ga., near Atlanta. He had been ill for several months following a stroke.

Patterson was a missionary in Nigeria for 23 years before his retirement in 1950. Following his retirement, he led in the organization of more than 20 churches in and around Atlanta.

The Georgia Baptist Convention presented Patterson a special citation last November in recognition of his work "in constituting new churches and keeping aflame the missionary spirit."

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Cuyahoga Baptist Association in Ohio has begun operating a seminary extension center in Cleveland. By this fall, the center plans to offer college credit through an agreement with Georgetown College, a senior institution of Kentucky Baptist Convention. (BP)

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.....Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission office in Nashville, Tenn., has announced that booklets of addresses from August, 1961 conferences on family problems are available. Conferences were held at Baptist assemblies in Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M. David R. Mace of Madison, N. J., described as a foremost authority on family life, was a main speaker. Booklets sell for \$1 each at the commission's office, 161 Eighth Ave. North. (BP)

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