

April 11, 1962

**No Minister Shortage Here,
Syracuse To Ordain Four**

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (BP)--Members of the First Southern Baptist Church here may not know of their denomination's declining seminary enrollment (a drop from 5001 to 4607 this year), but they seem to be doing something about it.

Four of the members were ordained as ministers April 18 in services which attracted the vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and an official of the Home Mission Board. Three of them will enrol in Southern Baptist seminaries this fall, and the fourth will attend a college in the South.

The five-year-old church was the second church to become affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention in the Northeast. Since its constitution in 1957, the congregation has sponsored nine missions, and three are now churches with missions of their own.

Paul R. Becker of Elmira, N. Y., now pastor of a mission in that city, was the first pastor of the Syracuse congregation. The present pastor is John Tollison.

Expected to be present for the services were W. Herschel Ford of El Paso, Tex., pastor of the First Baptist Church there and vice president of the Convention; A. B. Cash of Atlanta, secretary of the pioneer missions department for the denomination's Home Mission Board; and Charles Magruder of Buffalo, area missionary for upstate New York for The Ohio State Convention of Baptists.

The four ministers to be ordained are as follows:

Frank Scott of Syracuse, a member of the parent church, high school honor graduate and Syracuse University student, has served as pastor of the Mallory Mission.

Eddie Husted, a native of Elkland, Pa., has taught in New York schools and is a member of the Elmira Mission. He has been pastor of a Baptist congregation of another denomination.

Floyd Baker, a native of Oneonta, N. Y., saw combat duty in Korea and was converted at the First Baptist Church of El Paso, Tex. while in the service. Called to the ministry after discharge from the Army, he attended a Baptist seminary in New York state. He has served as pastor of the Ithaca Mission.

Glen Dick, a native of West Virginia, was converted by the witnessing of one of his employees in Hollywood, Fla. He sold his business, entered college, and later attended a Baptist seminary. He has been a pastor and active in pulpit supply in New York state.

Southern Baptist Religious Education Association
Hotel Whitcomb, June 4-5, 1962
San Francisco, California

J. P. Edmunds, Tennessee, president
J. B. Nichols, California, vice-president (seminary teachers)
Harold C. Marsh, Alabama, vice-president (state workers)
Russell Noel, Missouri, vice-president (church directors)
Gracie Knowlton, Texas, secretary

Theme: "For Such a Time as This"

Monday Afternoon, June 4
J. P. Edmunds, presiding

1:30 Registration
2:00 Song, Scripture, Prayer
2:15 Today's Challenge As I See It -- H. E. Ingraham, Tennessee
2:40 The Leadership Implications of this Challenge -- Hooper Dilday, Texas
3:00 "We Are Teachers" -- J. L. Pollard, Louisiana
3:20 Special Music
3:30 Our Changing Field -- Martin Bradley, Tennessee
3:50 Yokefellows in a Common Task -- Richard Kay, California
Grady Cothen, California

Monday Night
J. B. Nichols, presiding

7:00 Devotion
7:15 Leadership in Action - A panel discussion
Planning and Promoting a Program -- Charles Norton, Tennessee
Building and Maintaining an Organization -- Bill Heaton, Oklahoma
Training Workers -- James Frost, California
Supervising Personnel -- Mark Short, Tennessee
8:15 Open Discussion
8:35 Special Music
8:40 Long Range Programming -- W. L. Howse, Tennessee
9:20 Adjourn

Tuesday Morning, June 5
Russell Noel, presiding

8:45 Song, Scripture, Prayer
9:00 A period of Sharing -- A panel discussion on: Our Job, Our Task, Our
Helpers; Our Relationships
Frank Stubbs, Georgia
Val Prince, California
Edd Brown, California
Howard Halsell, Kansas
9:45 Your Questions and Contributions -- Questions directed to panel
10:45 Special Music
10:55 Church Long Range Planning Service - an interpretation
Howard Foshee and L. J. Newton, Tennessee
11:30 Educating for Our Mission -- Allen Graves, Kentucky

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Tuesday Afternoon

J. P. Edmunds, presiding

2:00 Song, Scripture, Prayer
2:15 Preview of Curriculum Guide -- W. O. Thomason, Tennessee
2:30 Week-day Bible Study - Presentation and Discussion -- J. C. Barry, Tennessee
3:00 World Missions Week - April 22-26, 1963 -- Philip B. Harris, Tennessee
3:30 Election of Officers, Business, and Reports
3:40 Address - "For Such a Time as This" -- C. E. Autrey, Texas
4:20 Adjourn