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Home Board Appoints 5;
Seeks 229 Missionaries

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--A call for 229 additional missionaries for home mission work in the Southern Baptist Convention was made here during appointment services for five missionaries.

"We have an urgent need this year for more than 400 missionaries to be appointed," announced Glendon McCullough of Atlanta, secretary of missionary personnel for the denomination's Home Mission Board. The board now has 1981 missionaries.

"So far this year we have appointed 181, including 73 mission pastors," he said. "Our critical needs are in the areas of Spanish and Indian work, mission and good will centers, and mission pastors for pioneer fields."

At the appointment service, held on the opening night of Home Missions Week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, five missionaries were appointed for associational missions, Indian missions, and work in Hawaii.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Estes of Ranger, Tex., for Indian work; Carl L. Jacobs of Illinois as associational missionary; Francis M. Anderson of Honolulu as pastoral missionary, and Lemuel N. Stamper of Alabama as associational missionary.

Estes, a native of Peacock, Tex., was educated at Grand Canyon College (Baptist) in Phoenix, Ariz., and at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He has served as pastor at Ranger since 1960.

Mrs. Estes, a native of Roaring Springs, Tex., has studied at Grand Canyon College. They have one son.

Jacobs, a native of Illinois, was educated at Southern Illinois University and Southwestern Seminary. He has served as pastor in Illinois since 1945.

Anderson, a native of Honolulu, was educated at Honolulu Christian College and at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Mill Valley, Calif. He will serve as pastoral missionary to the native people in Kona Coast, Hawaii.

Stamper, a native of Kentucky, was educated at Eastern Kentucky College in Richmond, Ky., and at Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville. He has been a pastor in Kentucky and Alabama and will serve as associational missionary for the Cheyenne Association in Kansas.

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Photos mailed to Western Recorder, Illinois Baptist, Hawaii Baptist.

Wichita Minority
Reenters Building

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WICHITA (BP)--Members of the First Baptist Church of Wichita who remained with the American Baptist Convention have returned to the church building which Kansas Supreme Court decided was theirs.

At their first service, the group had about 375 persons attending, according to American Baptist News Service.

The group--a majority--which voted not to remain affiliated with the American Convention met in a public school auditorium. The Supreme Court reversed a lower court ruling in favor of this majority.

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Newspapers reported over 1000 attended the service at the public school.

Among the differences between the two factions in the church was the continued support of the National Council of Churches by the American Convention. The majority of the Wichita church voted to sever ties with the Convention.

The legal path of the minority's efforts to retain church property attracted nationwide attention among Baptists because of the principle of church autonomy involved.

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Public Relations
Involves Everyone

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DELAND, Fla. (BP)--Everyone at an institution is involved in its public relations, the vice-president of Stetson University (Baptist) here told the Southern Baptist Extension Education Association.

James W. Parrish said public relations is "the morale, the unity, the purpose of the institution, involving everyone coordinated toward a common goal."

The association, focusing its 1962 meeting attention on public relations, includes extension educators from Baptist colleges and from the Seminary Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries.

G. Ray Worley of Fort Worth, associate in the Seminary Extension Department, was reelected president. Elbert C. Tyner of DeLand, Stetson extension director, was reelected vice-president.

Nat Bettis, director of off-campus instruction for Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., is secretary-treasurer.

The association will hold its next meeting July 31-Aug. 1, 1963, at Mercer University (Baptist), Macon, Ga.

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National Honor Given
Texas Baptist Church

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(Culver photo to editors)

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--The First Baptist Church of Willis, serving a small lumbering town in south central Texas, received the national church development award from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The recognition, presented in an historic first Service, was made at Glorieta Baptist Assembly during Home Missions Week.

The church development ministry stresses development toward a better church, a better community, and a better world. It includes recognition of outstanding pastors and churches by each state and then by the Home Mission Board.

Four churches were recognized as the outstanding ones participating in the ministry according to membership categories. The others and their categories were Lake Como Baptist Church, Lake Como, Miss., membership under 100, John McBride, pastor; First Baptist Church, O'Brien, Tex., membership under 300, Larry Young, pastor; and West Heights Baptist Church, Pontotoc, Miss., membership over 300, Charles Gentry, p stor.

Pastor of the Willis church is Robert Culver, a native of Houston who was converted from Roman Catholicism after reading the Bible during an illness when he was 23. The next year he entered Baylor University (Baptist) at Waco to study for the ministry and later graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

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Lewis Newman of Atlanta, associate secretary of the associational missions department in charge of the church development ministry, cited the Willis church for achievement in mission stewardship, an increase in baptisms from four the previous year to 21 and an increase in additions by transfer of membership from 13 to 40, and a lengthy list of other projects.

Culver said, "This has really been a year of surprises and achievement for me. We had twin boys born five months ago, and now this." The Culvers have three other children. He was pastor in Channelview and Comanche, Tex., earlier.

Three other churches were recognized for achievement records. They were the Gregory Chapel Baptist Church in Amory, Miss., Joseph Oliver, pastor; Concord Baptist Church, Concord, Ark., Nobel Wiles, pastor; and Salem Baptist Church, Tylertown, Miss., W. A. Sullivan, pastor.

At the heart of the ministry is a method of project planning by the entire church membership and the leading of the church to survey communities, the ministries of the church, the adoption of projects and the recording of the church's progress.