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Extension Department
Releases New Guides

NASHVILLE (BP)--Students at Southern Baptist Convention extension education centers will use new study guides this fall, according to word from the Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries here.

Director Ralph A. Herring of Nashville said the new guides, which have been developing for two years, "represent a great improvement over the old ones not only in appearance but also in content."

The Seminary Extension Department sponsors study centers throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, except for Alabama, Georgia and parts of Tennessee and Virginia, where local Baptist colleges are sponsors.

The department, an arm of the six SBC theological seminaries, also will use the new guides in correspondence study. Guides for teachers and students are alike for the most part; a special section has been inserted in the edition for teachers.

The Seminary Extension Department offers 38 courses in four areas of study-- Bible, theology, history and "practical subjects," including religious education and pastoral ministries.

The new format in the guides makes use of "approved Adult education methods for self-help and self-testing," the director said. The spiral binding on the guides and extra-wide margins on the pages, for note-taking, were designed to make them more convenient in the classroom.

To help students, the writer of each course has outlined the nature and scope of the course. He has stated the objective and has given his own personal approach to the subject. The course writer also suggested ways in which students should study the particular course.

In the teachers' edition, special helps include lesson plans, review questions and tests.

Those who wrote the courses for the department were "experienced professors from each of the six seminaries," Herring added.

The Seminary Extension Department has described its work as a "program of Adult education designed to provide theological education opportunities for persons who cannot attend or have not enrolled in college or seminary."

It also provides "a continuing theological education opportunity for men who have completed formal training but who want guidance in further study." Seminary extension centers attract both ministers and laymen, men and women.

At the time the new guides were announced, the department had ministered to 40,191 students and 4628 correspondence students since its creation. The current year showed more than 3000 students in at least 128 study centers, and 500 correspondence students from 40 states and several foreign countries.

Herring predicted a "sharp rise in enrolment" as soon as the new study guides have been adapted for correspondence students. With this group of students, the self-help features of the new guides will be of particular benefit, since they do not have a classroom meeting or personal contact with a teacher.

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New Student Directors

(8-19-64)

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. (BP)--The Kentucky Baptist Convention here has named two men to work with Baptist students in the state. Wayne S. Welch of Louisville will serve at Western State College in Bowling Green, and Emery E. Smith, a native of Louisiana, at Morehead State College at Morehead.

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West Virginia Calls
Francis Tallant

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. (BP)--Francis Tallant of Middletown has been called to direct religious education on a statewide basis for Southern Baptists in West Virginia, who hope to form a West Virginia Baptist state convention in 1966.

Tallant has been serving as associate in the Sunday school department of Kentucky Baptist Convention here since 1959. He served as pastor of churches in Tennessee and Kentucky more than 20 years before this connection.

The employment of Tallant is a joint venture of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board, Kentucky convention and the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Associations of churches in West Virginia are affiliated with these two neighboring state conventions.

Some churches along the Virginia border cooperate with the state Baptist general association in Virginia and probably will not be a part of a proposed separate state body in West Virginia.

Tallant, whose office will be in Charleston, W. Va., takes the new office Oct. 1. He and home missionary John I. Snedden of Charleston are the only statewide Southern Baptist workers in West Virginia to date.

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Wreck Kills Minister

(8-19-64)

MOORESBURG, Tenn. (BP)--A Georgia Baptist minister and his wife were killed in a five-car smashup near here as they returned home from their daughter's wedding in Charleston, W. Va. Dead are Billy Joe Rowland, 38, pastor of Calvary Memorial Baptist Church, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and his wife. Rowland, a graduate of Wayland College (Baptist), Plainview, Tex., served the Georgia church since June.

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Johnson Named To Staff

(8-19-64)

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)--J. Eldon Johnson, former staff member at William Jewell College (Baptist), Liberty, Mo., has been named associate director of admissions for the University of Corpus Christi (Baptist) here.

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Missionary Completes
Radio-TV Training

(8-19-64)

FORT WORTH (BP)--A Southern Baptist missionary to Southern Rhodesia who feels that radio and television is a new approach for evangelism in Africa is getting four months of on-the-job training in radio program production at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

The missionary, Sam Jones, had previously been helping to produce a 30-minute worship program and 10-minute radio devotionals in the Shona language for use in Southern Rhodesia.

Jones, chairman of the radio-TV committee for the Baptist Mission of Central Africa, plans to return to Southern Rhodesia and produce these and other programs in three languages--Shona, Sindebelle and English.

He plans to set up a studio in Southern Rhodesia where people can learn to translate the programs into the three languages.

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Jones said radio is a great asset to Baptist mission work in Southern Rhodesia. "A family may live in a mud and pole hut, but almost always they will have a transistor radio," he said.

The missionary added radio and television is a new approach to evangelism in Africa. The use of radio also helps to introduce Baptists to mass radio audiences and community leaders, especially since Baptists comprise one of the newest religious groups in Southern Rhodesia.

Jones' training at the Radio and Television Commission office here included program production, tape editing and other aspects of getting a program on the air. He produced two episodes of "The Baptist Hour" and "Patterns" radio programs and substituted for one of the commission's engineers who was on vacation.

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Prof's Book
Cited By Club

(8-19-64)

FORT WORTH (BP)--A new book by C. W. Brister, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, has been selected as September's "Book of the Month" by the Pastoral Psychology Book Club.

Brister's book, "Pastoral Care in the Church," is published by Harper and Row, and seeks to clarify the church's "shepherding ministry" and the roles of clergy and laity, Brister said.

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