

Chafin To Fill Graham
Chair Of Evangelism

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--The Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism has been established at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, and the Seminary trustees have named Kenneth L. Chafin to fill it.

The joint announcement was made by Graham and by Seminary president Duke K. McCall in Greenville, S. C., where the Seminary was founded 106 years ago. The oldest theological school operated by Southern Baptists, Southern was moved to Louisville in 1877.

Courses in evangelism have been a part of the Seminary curriculum through the years, but this marks the first time that a professorship has been established specifically in evangelism, McCall said.

The Billy Graham Chair will be financed for the first three years by a grant of \$30,000 from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. During this time, a permanent endowment of \$500,000 will be sought.

In addition to supporting the professorship, the endowment will pay for maintenance of the Billy Graham materials housed in the Seminary library, and will assist with a field program of evangelism to be guided by Chafin.

Chafin presently heads the department of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He will join the Southern faculty June 1.

C. E. Autrey, Dallas, director of the division of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board, called the establishment of the Billy Graham Chair "the greatest development in evangelism in my generation."

Wayne Dehoney, Jackson, Tenn., described the development at Southern as "the most significant event during my service as president of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Dehoney praised Southern Seminary for taking "a forthright step" in the field of evangelism, "not only to provide an emphasis but also a direction for the future."

The move has further significance, Dehoney said, in that "it provided for us a springboard for a thrust into the great metropolitan and industrial areas of America from the only seminary that is located strategically at the doorstep of these areas."

"I feel that the future of Southern Baptist growth lies in these areas," he continued. "The new chair will make possible a field program of evangelism to establish Baptist churches in the great and growing metropolitan and industrial areas. Louisville is the logical beachhead for this development."

Prose St. Amant, Louisville, dean of Southern Seminary's school of theology, noted that Chafin's appointment "symbolizes our concern to relate the best theological scholarship of which we are capable to the great needs and problems of our times."

Chafin is a native of Oklahoma, and a graduate of the University of New Mexico and Southwestern Seminary, where he has taught since 1957.

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Construction To Begin
On New Baylor Library

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--Construction will start on a new \$1.5 million library at Baylor University (Baptist) here in October, with completion expected in about a year.

The announcement came during a meeting of the school's Waco trustees, who met with the campus planning committee and library committee.

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Trustees also approved a graduate program leading to the doctor of philosophy degree in physics, starting in the fall of 1966. The physics doctorate would be in the field of nuclear physics.

Baylor President Abner V. McCall told the trustees \$1,528,817 in cash and commitments has been given towards construction of the new library.

Location of the library, however, is still indefinite. The joint committee decided to consult with architects once again before making a final recommendation on the library's location to the trustees.

Original plans called for the library to be built where the historic Burleson and Harrington Halls, and Old Main now stand. Because alumni protested the proposed razing of the sentimental buildings, trustees decided to build the library elsewhere.

A progress report on remodeling of Old Main, Burleson and Harrington Halls was presented to the trustees. About \$18,000 has been spent thus far, including renovation of some rooms. New roofing for the three old buildings has also been approved.

Bids on the new library will be taken around June 1, and construction will start on Oct. 1. It will take 12 to 14 months for completion, trustees were told.

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Baylor Wins Southwest
Debate Championship

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Debate teams from Baylor University (Baptist) in Waco, Tex., won here the Southwest Conference Debate Tournament championship for the third straight year.

Baylor has won the conference debate crown for six out of the last eight years.

During the conference debate tournament at Texas Christian University here, Baylor debaters won 12 of 14 debates in which they competed.

The negative and affirmative teams from Baylor each had a 6-1 record; the negative team won first place, and the affirmative team placed third.

"That was good enough to give us first place and the conference championship," said Mike Henke, forensics coach in Baylor's oral communication department.

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Heart Diseases Gain
As Major Death Cause

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DALLAS (BP)--Heart disease increased its pace as the number one killer of Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees in 1964.

According to statistics released here by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, heart trouble claimed 70 per cent of the 115 lives of persons enrolled in the Protection Program.

This percentage is the highest recorded since the board started keeping cause of death statistics. Previous high was in 1962 when 67 per cent died from heart trouble.

Cancer remained in second place claiming 15 per cent of the lives, followed by accidents, 9 per cent. Leukemia, uremia, parkinson's disease, emphysema, hepatitis and pneumonia were other causes of death.

Heart trouble also led as the major cause of disability last year. Forty per cent of the 31 persons who were forced to give up full time work had heart trouble.

Other causes of disability included cancer, emphysema, tuberculosis and mental illness.

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Speaker Urges Baptists
To Develop New Leaders

BILOXI, Miss. (BP)--Leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention were told here they should work harder at the task of developing new leadership for the denomination.

During a two-day annual meeting of the SBC Inter-Agency Council, Lewis R. Mobley, director of executive leadership for International Business Machines, said an organization with a fast growth rate cannot sit around waiting for leadership to percolate to the top through normal channels of advancement.

He told the Baptist agency executives they should concentrate on removing the organizational barriers to personal employee development.

"Most people want to grow to fulfill themselves. Organizations should focus attention on this fundamental urge."

Mobley, a Southern Baptist layman, is on loan from International Business Machines working with the Church Executive Development Board.

"A leader," he said, "is a person who has followers." He advocated that Baptists study the circumstances which generate followers as a means of better understanding the qualities of good leadership."

"A leader," Mobley pointed out, "is one who can state a goal and reach it, largely through others, and mostly through situations of stress."

The representatives of the 20 national agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention also heard Wayne E. Oates of Louisville, speak on "Understanding and Coping With Extremism."

Oates, professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, told the 75 persons present "the best approach to the extremist is a preventive one."

"This can be taken," he said, "by anticipating controversial issues before they become the occasion for extremists to use as political and economic opportunities for greedy purposes."

The extremist gambles on the pietism of the pastor, executives or the teacher, according to Oates, and on the assumption that the leader will keep what he knows and thinks to himself.

"Then he (the leader) becomes the victim of his own kindness. The extremist interprets his generosity as an admission of guilt and a sign of weakness. Then he (the extremist) has his group move in for the kill."

In other business, the Inter-Agency Council endorsed a denominational calendar for the years 1966-70, and heard plans for the 1966-67 denominational emphasis on "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Education."

The council also reviewed a progress report on the planning of SBC emphasis for 1970 and beyond.

The council does not determine policies for the Baptist agencies but coordinates and correlates promotion and planning.

Foy Valentine, Nashville, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, was elected chairman for the coming year. He succeeds R. Alton Reed of Dallas, executive secretary of the Annuity Board.

Elected vice-chairman is Arthur B. Rutledge, Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board.

The new secretary-treasurer of the council is W. E. Grindstaff, Nashville, director of Cooperative Program promotion for the Stewardship Commission.

The next meeting of the Inter-Agency Council will be March 21-22, 1966 in Nashville.