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#### Florida Church Leads SBC In '65 Baptisms

NASHVILLE (BP)--Northwest Baptist Church in Miami, Fla., led the Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms during 1965, a statistical report from the research and statistics department of the SBC Sunday School Board has disclosed.

The 2,350-member church in Miami reported that it baptized 345 converts during the 1965 church year. Homer G. Lindsay Jr. is pastor of the church.

Of the 20 churches leading the 10.7 million-member convention in the number of baptisms, five churches are in Florida, four each in Tennessee and Texas, and one each in Oklahoma, Georgia, Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Arizona, and Louisiana.

The number of baptisms is generally considered to be a good indication of a church's effectiveness in evangelism. Although the statistical figures can measure numerical quantity, there is no way to judge quality statistically.

Along with the tabulation on baptisms, statistics were also given on Sunday School and Training Union enrollments for Southern Baptist churches with more than 5,000 members.

The 13,538-member First Baptist Church of Dallas, largest church in the SBC, led both lists, with 8,323 enrolled in Sunday School and 2,944 enrolled in Training Union.

In Sunday School enrollment, all but one of the ten leading churches are located in Texas.

In Training Union enrollment, all but two of the ten leading churches are in Texas.

Although the churches with the largest Sunday School and Training Union enrollments also ranked as the biggest churches in total membership, only two of the 18 largest churches in the SBC in total membership were listed among the 20 leading churches in baptisms.

#### Baptisms

Most of the churches which led the SBC in number of baptisms were churches with about 1,000 and 2,000 total members.

The 1,232-member South San Antonio Church, San Antonio, Tex., ranked second in baptisms with 321. DeWitt Chandler was listed as pastor.

Ranked third in baptisms was Mid-City Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., which reported 302 baptisms. J. Paul Driscoll is pastor.

The First Baptist Church of Dallas with 277 baptisms, and the 8,143-member First Baptist Church of Amarillo with 272 baptisms were the two biggest churches leading the SBC in baptisms. They ranked fourth and fifth respectively.

Rounding out the list of ten leading churches in baptisms were Grace Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, 246 baptisms, (6th); Clearlake Baptist Church, Cocoa, Fla., 241 baptisms, (7th); Beth Haven Baptist Church, Pleasure Ridge Park, Ky., 239, (8th); Providence Baptist Church, Riverview, Fla., 205, (9th); and First Baptist Church, Glendale, Ariz., 202, (10th).

Two churches tied for the 11th rank in baptisms. Mountain Terrace Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., with only 408 members, baptized 201 converts, nearly doubling its membership, last year. Tied for 11th was Del City First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Okla., a church of 1,955 members.

Ranked 12th was First Baptist Church, Merritt Island, Fla., with 186; and tied for 13th was Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins, Ga., and Calvary Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Col., both reporting 184 baptisms.

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Other churches listed among the top 20 in baptisms by the SBC were Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind., 183, (14th); First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., 182, (15th); Thrifhaven Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., 175 (16th); First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn., 172, (17th); and Park Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 169, (18th).

#### Sunday School Enrollment

Leading the SBC in Sunday School enrollment for the 1965 church year were nine churches in Texas, and one in Oklahoma.

Ranked in order one through six on the tabulation were the First Baptist Churches of Dallas, Amarillo, Lubbock, Beaumont, Wichita Falls, and Midland, Tex.

The First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., was seventh in Sunday School enrollment, the only church in the category in the top ten from outside of Texas.

Rounding out the list was Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex. (8th); First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., (9th); and Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, (10th).

#### Training Union Enrollment

Second to the First Baptist Church of Dallas in Training Union enrollment was Travis Avenue Baptist Church of Fort Worth, which ranked 14th in total membership and 8th in Sunday School enrollment.

Listed as third through eighth on the Training Union enrollment tabulation were (in order), the First Baptist Churches of Lubbock, Amarillo, Midland, Wichita Falls, Beaumont, and San Antonio, Tex.

Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala., ranked ninth, and Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., were listed as tenth. They were the only two churches from outside of Texas in the list.

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---By Jim Newton

Holloway Named Head  
Of Mary Hardin-Baylor

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BELTON, Tex. (BP)--Leonard L. Holloway, vice president of development at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, a Baptist school for women in Central Texas.

Holloway, who will assume the office Sept. 1 was elected at a called meeting of the college's board of trustees, Aug. 9. He succeeds Arthur K. Tyson who is now president of Grand Canyon College (Baptist), Phoenix, Ariz.

The new Mary Hardin-Baylor president is a former vice president and development director for two Southern Baptist Convention operated seminaries---New Orleans Seminary where he has served for two years, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

At both institutions he was responsible for development programs, and for public relations, and at Southern Seminary he was also responsible for student enlistment and alumni relations.

Holloway was director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas from 1953 to 1959.

He resigned the Texas convention post to become vice president of the H. E. Butt Foundation in Corpus Christi, Tex., working with an organization called Christian Men, Inc., and with other foundations in the Southwest on higher education and related philanthropic projects.

Holloway, 42, has also been president of an insurance company based in Norman, Okla., and a partner in an Oklahoma City public relations and advertising firm.

He was a member of the faculty at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., and taught at Texas Women's University, Denton, Tex., and has lectured at Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

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He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and holds the master of arts degree in communications from the University of Oklahoma, Norman. He has also done graduate studies in theology and economics.

The author of numerous booklets, pamphlets, and articles on church communications and lay witnessing, Holloway has also served on several Southern Baptist Convention and state Baptist convention committees, and was a member of the President's committee for refugee placement.

The Holloways have two children, Shalia Kay, age 13, and Jamio Lynn, age 7.

Mary Hardin-Baylor College, located in Central Texas, has a faculty of more than 55 members with some 1,100 regular term students.

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Religious Liberty Cases  
Cited At Missions Week

8/10/66

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--Responsibility for proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ rests solely with the church and the individual--no one else is competent, a Southern Baptist expert in religious freedom stated here.

Citing Supreme Court decisions that have given religious liberty top priority in the U.S., Walfred H. Peterson of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs said:

"Our responsibility is to communicate God's word. God demands it and the state allows it."

"In the U.S. we have no excuse," Peterson said. "In Russia there may be an excuse for not communicating the gospel. But not here. We can speak, we can write, we can organize our schools--we can do whatever we choose."

"When we stand before the throne, we will have to confess: I could have spoken freely."

Peterson was one of four Baptist leaders who spoke on communicating the gospel at Glorieta Baptist Assembly during home missions week.

An unofficial count showed registration during the special week of emphasis on home missions to be a record-shattering 2,579.

Speaking specifically of Supreme Court decisions affecting prayer and Bible reading in public schools, Peterson advised the audience of Baptist leaders and laymen "to read them over."

"Those cases are not a denial of free expression of religion--a child can pray in school if he chooses," he stated.

"What the court did say is that the state (school) cannot organize or supervise Bible reading and prayer for religious purposes. The Bible still can be used in the study of history and literature," Peterson said.

In the last generation, the Supreme Court has defined and defended religious liberty by striking down restrictive local or state ordinances that hampered some individual methods of expressing religious views, such as door-to-door visitation, he said.

William Dyal of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville, speaking on communicating the gospel through social and moral action, challenged Baptists to be consistent in applying the gospel to social issues, to speak out on racial hatred as well as on alcoholism and narcotics.

Dyal praised the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for showing concern for the whole man.

"The board did not bring about juvenile rehabilitation or other areas of social work as side events tacked on, but as part of the main show--as part of a concern for the total man: his brain, his body, his soul; his past, present, future."

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The communication series, which was only part of a tight schedule that featured both inspirational services and practical how-to sessions on various phases of missions, also featured Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, and W. C. Fields, public relations secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville.

During the seven-day conference, Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, announced "encouraging" figures for the current Annie Armstrong offering for home missions.

At Aug. 1 the offering stood at nearly \$3.8 million, more than \$200,000 above the total 1965 offering, Rutledge said.

"It appears that the chances are good that the goal of \$4 million will be reached before the books are closed on Dec. 31," he said.

If so it will be the first time in five years the goal has been reached.

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Missouri Missionary  
Dies At Glorieta

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GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--Coleman White, superintendent of missions for the Wyaconda Baptist Association in Missouri since March, died in a Santa Fe (N.M.) hospital Aug. 8.

White, 58, of Durham, Mo., collapsed with chest pains at the men's dormitory on the Glorieta Baptist Assembly grounds 19 miles from Santa Fe. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Services were held Aug. 12 at the Carpenter Street Baptist Church in Moberly, Mo. He was buried in Clark, Mo.

White's wife, Mrs. Ethel White, was visiting her parents in Clark, Mo., when her husband was stricken at the Baptist assembly here.

White is a former superintendent of missions for the Harrison-Davies Baptist Association in Missouri, and former pastor of several Baptist churches in Missouri.

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Seminary Student  
Dies of Leukemia

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--David Tyson Rogers, 25, a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, died of leukemia, Aug. 7. He had been ill for several months.

Rogers was a third year student at the seminary, and pastor of the Buckner Baptist Church, Buckner, Ky.

Previously, he had served as pastor of Baptist Churches in Clinton and Butler, Tenn. He was graduated from Carson-Newman College (Baptist), Jefferson City, Tenn., in 1963.

Survivors include his widow and a five-week-old daughter.

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Vickery Named Baylor  
Ex-Student Assistant

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--Raymond L. Vickrey, a Baylor University graduate and assistant director of religious activities at the Baptist school here since 1962, has joined the staff of the Baylor Ex-Students Association as assistant director.

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