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**New Church To Organize  
From Tattnall Square Split**

MACON, Ga. (BP)--A new church will be formally organized here Jan. 8, 1967, with a nucleus of former members of the Tattnall Square Baptist Church which has split in a dispute over integration of its worship services.

Douglas Johnson, former assistant pastor of Tattnall Square church and one of three staff members ousted in the dispute, has been acting as preacher for the group, which has been meeting as a "fellowship" since Sept. 25, the date the Tattnall Square Church fired its staff.

Ousted along with Johnson were Pastor Thomas J. Holmes, now vice-president for public relations at Mercer University (Baptist) here, and organist Jack Jones, music instructor and organist at Mercer.

Jones now serves as organist for the fellowship group which will constitute as a church Jan. 8. It is expected that the new church will call Johnson as pastor and Jones as organist.

Harold L. McManus, son of a Mercer professor of Christianity, is pianist for the fellowship.

The new fellowship group has been meeting "with an open-door policy," and several Negroes have been present.

Johnson said about 75 people have been holding a full schedule of services since Sept. 25, and that about 90 per cent are former Tattnall Square members. About 12 to 15 Mercer students have also been attending.

Worship services are being held in the chapel of St. Paul's Episcopal church here, and educational meetings are held at the religious activities center at the Mercer campus.

Johnson said the fellowship group has not yet chosen a name nor located a permanent meeting place.

"Our people are now participating in an intensive study of our future role as a church," Johnson said.

"With an open door membership policy, a keen desire to meet the special needs of students, and a creative outreach to many housing projects in the area around Mercer University, we feel our group can outline and fulfill a distinctive role in Christian usefulness," Johnson added.

"There is a strong, prayerful hope for a new and effective ministry," he said.

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**Chowan College Gets  
Foundation Grant**

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MURFREESBORO, N.C. (BP)--Chowan College, a Baptist junior college here, has received a \$10,000 grant from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation of Winston-Salem, N.C.

Receipt of the gift was announced by Chowan president Bruce E. Whitaker, who said the funds would be used toward construction costs of a new library-fine arts facility which is to be built in the near future.

The school is currently conducting a three-phase development program, with a \$500,000 goal for the first phase to be used toward completion of the \$800,000 library-fine arts building, to shelve 100,000 volumes.

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Arizona Board Votes  
Remodeling New Building

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)--The Executive Board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention voted here to proceed with remodeling its new office building with the hopes of moving about the first part of the year.

The full convention had earlier approved purchase of the modern, three-story office building at 400 West Camelback Road in Phoenix.

Cost of the remodeling is not to exceed \$18,000, according to action of the Executive Board.

In other major action, the board voted to approve a new superintendent of missions for the Catalina Baptist Association in the Tuscon, Ariz., area; and approved a request from Grand Canyon College to sell 9.4 acres of property.

Named as the new missionary for the Tuscon area was C. Melvin Ratheal, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Lubbock, Tex., for the past 11 years. A graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Ratheal is a former dean of men at Howard Payne College (Baptist) in Brownwood, Tex.

Arthur K. Tyson, president of Grand Canyon College, told the board of the school's plan to sell the 9.4 acres of property at 35th Avenue and Camelback Road, for about \$350,000.

Proceeds of the sale would be used to build a girls' dormitory, for salary increases, and to pay off indebtedness at the school. The acreage has been zoned for business and industrial development.

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Six Lectures Slated  
At Southeastern

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WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--Six prominent religious leaders will lecture at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary during its spring semester, President Olin T. Binkley has announced.

The Spring Convocation will be given on Jan. 19 by George H. Shriver, Jr., associate professor of church history at Southeastern Seminary here.

J. Allen Easley, professor emeritus of religion of Wake Forest College (Baptist), Winston-Salem, N.C., will deliver the founders' day address on Feb. 16.

A missionary day address will be given by Bishop Rajah B. Manikam, Bishop of Tanquebar of the Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India on March 1.

Robert A. Baker, professor of church history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will deliver the Carver-Barnes Memorial Lectures, March 14-17.

The spring lectures will be brought by Eduard Schweizer, professor of New Testament at the University of Zurich, March 28 and 29.

James E. Tull, professor of theology at Southeastern Seminary, will give a missionary day address on April 12.

All of the lectures will be at 10:00 a.m. in the seminary chapel and will be open to the public.

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U R G E N T C O R R E C T I O N

Story on Baptist School Enrollment mailed Dec. 5 has error in statistics, paragraph 6, beginning: "Largest number..." Please change figures in graph 6, line 2, making it read: "...which reported 53,906 full-time students this year, compared to 51,418 students last fall." The incorrect figures (63,416 and 53,906) were TOTAL enrollment figures and 1966 net enrollment, throwing the comparison completely out of balance. Thanks.

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Campbell College Granted  
Senior College Accreditation

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (BP)--Campbell College in Buies Creek, N. C., which 3½ years ago became a four-year college, was granted accreditation as a senior college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools meeting here.

Campbell College, the only Southern Baptist school up for accreditation this year, has for many years been accredited as a junior college.

Accreditation was granted to Campbell College in the minimum time required after becoming a four-year institution. Requirements call for a school to graduate three senior classes as a four-year institution before accreditation can be granted.

Campbell College, with 2,172 students reported this fall, is the sixth largest college in the Southern Baptist Convention, and is an institution of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Leslie H. Campbell, president of the school who plans to retire next summer, and Dean A. R. Burkot attended the Southern Association meeting here.

When they returned on the train to Dunn, N.C., about 12 miles from the campus in Buies Creek, they were greeted at 2:30 a.m. by 600 cheering students and the college's band.

In celebration of the senior-college accreditation, the students and band staged a parade through the otherwise deserted streets of Dunn and the 12 miles to Buies Creek, at about 3:00 o'clock in the morning.

President Campbell and Dean Burkot were completely surprised with the greeting.