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Home Board Appointments Strengthens Social Ministries

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has assigned Lowell F. Lawson to direct the newly-created Christian social ministries program of the Long Run Baptist Association in Louisville, Ky.

Five other missionaries were appointed in February to serve throughout the United States

Lawson, first appointed by the board in 1962 to direct the Boyce-Portland Baptist Center in Louisville, will give direction to all areas of Christian social ministries work in the Long Run Baptist Association, including literacy work, juvenile rehabilitation, Baptist centers, and work with migrants.

He also will continue to teach at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, and to counsel with students interested in Christian social ministries.

"This is a significant step in the coordinating of work in Christian social ministries in Long Run Association," said Paul R. Adkins, director of the Home Mission Board's department of Christian social ministries.

"I believe we will see the development of new techniques, procedures, and methods dealing with the role of social work in the Christian context, justified by the demands of the metropolitan areas," Adkins said.

Lawson is a native of Erie, Pa., and a graduate of Gannon College in Erie, Pa., and Tulane University in New Orleans, La.

Lawson was jointly appointed by Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, the Long Run Association of Baptists, the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and the SBC Home Mission Board.

Other missionaries appointed were: Mary Suthell Walker of Shreveport, La, to direct the work at the Lexington Baptist Center in Lexington, Ky.; Edna Amelia Keller of St. Louis, Mo. to direct weekday ministries at the Coliseum Place Baptist Church in New Orleans, La.; F. Paul Allison as state missions director for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists; John D. Ratliff as associate director of missions for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico; and C. Melvin Ratheal as superintendent of missions for the Catalina Baptist Association in Tucson, Ariz.

Miss Walker, appointed by the Christian social ministries department to direct the Lexington Baptist Center, previously served as director of the Caddo Baptist Mission Center in Shreveport.

She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College (Baptist) in Jefferson City, Tenn., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, La. She also has served as director of religious education for the Spencer Baptist Church in her native town of Spindale, N. C.

Miss Keller, also appointed by the Christian social ministries department, will direct weekday ministries at the Coliseum Place Baptist Church in New Orleans.

She was Woman's Missionary Union promotional director for the Saint Louis Baptist Mission Board in Missouri when appointed. She is a graduate of Judson College (Baptist) in Marion, Ala., and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Allison, who was appointed state missions director for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, with headquarters in Wichita, formerly served as assistant executive secretary of the Kansas Convention and editor of the Baptist Digest, official publication of Kansas Baptists. He is jointly appointed by the Kansas Convention and the Home Mission Board.

Ratliff, appointed associate missions director for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, with headquarters in Albuquerque, previously served under the Home Mission Board as a missionary in Lima, Peru, South America. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville.

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He succeeds M. C. Mojica, who was promoted to state director of missions after Joe Carl Johnson went to direct Southern Baptist work in Panama. Ratliff is jointly appointed by the Baptist Convention of New Mexico and the Home Board's division of missions.

Ratheal was appointed by the metropolitan missions department to serve as superintendent of missions of the Catalina Baptist Association in Tucson, Ariz. When appointed he was pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church in Lubbock, Tex., where he served for 11 years. He also has served as pastor of churches in Eastland and Spur, Tex.

Ratheal has also served as dean of students at his alma mater--Howard Payne College (Baptist) in Brownwood, Tex. He also is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., where he received bachelor of divinity, master of religious education, and doctor of religious education degrees.

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Oklahoma Convention
Slates Special Session

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OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--A special session of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has been set for May 19 in Shawnee, Okla., to consider a plan for stepping up financial support of Oklahoma Baptist University and Baptist student work on 25 state college campuses.

The meeting, which is the first special session to be called in the history of the convention, will be held in Raley Chapel on the Oklahoma Baptist University campus.

The convention's board of directors in a called meeting here unanimously approved a plan which calls for a 1968 budget of \$3½ million for state and world missions--an increase of \$375,000 over the current budget.

If the convention approves the plan in its May session, it will be a reaffirmation of the denomination's traditional policy of operating its institutions without assistance of federal funds.

The proposed plan would provide for a basic operating missions budget of \$3,186,402, with all additional funds received from state Baptist churches beyond this amount to go to the convention's university and Baptist student work on state college campuses.

According to the proposed plan, the school will receive 75 per cent of all funds received beyond the basic budget, and Baptist student work will receive 25 per cent.

To reach the anticipated yearly budget increases, Baptist churches throughout the state will be encouraged to increase their combined support of missions by \$500,000 in 1968 and by \$100,000 each year through 1972.

The hike would be an average increase of one per cent to three per cent above most local church budgets.

It was reported during the board meeting, that at least \$2 million will be needed in the next five years to meet minimum needs of Oklahoma Baptist University and Baptist student work in the state.

The first segment of the additional funds for the school will go for new buildings, Grady C. Cothen, president of the university, reported to the board.

Cothen warned the group of state Baptist pastors and laymen that "the very future of private denominational institutions hangs in the balance, and this is a financial balance."

"Baptist schools must meet competition in faculty and buildings," Cothen said.

"Problems will become more and more crucial as available professors grow less and less in proportion to needs," he predicted.

He cautioned, however, that "the proposed program will not put us on Easy Street."

"If Baptists want OBU, they must do something dramatic now," he stressed.

Alternatives which the denomination faces, according to the president, are to "let it gradually dissipate, lose its influence, and disappear," or provide adequate financial support.

The proposed plan of education finance approved by the convention board was in essence a rejection of two other alternatives: acceptance of government aid and an all-out high pressure campaign.

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Loan Funds Reserved For
Missouri Baptist School

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WASHINGTON (BP)--William Jewell College, a Baptist school in Liberty, Mo., is one of four church-related institutions to be approved for reservation of college housing loan funds totaling \$2,470,000.

The announcement was made by secretary Robert C. Weaver of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

William Jewell will receive \$1,110,000 for construction of dormitory facilities.

The federal fund reservation is established on the basis of a preliminary application for assistance under the college housing program. This amount is set aside for subsequent use by the college if the project is approved by HUD, following review of a complete application.

The other three church-related schools are: Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, Tex; St. Mary's University (Roman Catholic), San Antonio, Texas; and Missouri Valley College (United Presbyterian), Marshall, Mo.

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Two Baptists In Scout
Group Received By LBJ

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Two Baptists were among the 13 young men, all Eagle Scouts, received by President Johnson during Boy Scouts Annual Report to the Nation.

Jeffrey L. Donald, Brookhaven, Miss., and John J. Turner, Overton, Tex., both Baptists, were among the 13 representatives chosen from 500 nominees for the traditional scout honor group to report to the President and other national leaders during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7-13.

President Johnson told the scouts that "It will take the best minds and bodies among us" to preserve and protect free enterprise in the U. S. He praised the scout group, saying that no organization contributed more to this than Boy Scouts of America.

The President also told the group that a recent survey shows government service to be the first vocational preference of high school seniors in the U. S.

In addition to meeting with their congressmen and senators, the scouts were received by Vice President Humphrey and various other cabinet members. They were also honored at a luncheon hosted by Associate Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark.

Earlier in New York the scouts met with Secretary-General U Thant at the United Nations. The U. N. leader, also a scout leader in his native Burma, told the young men that the ideals of scouting are the ideals of the United Nations on a world-wide basis.

Jeffrey L. Donald, 17, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Donald, is a member of the First Baptist Church in Brookhaven, Miss.

John J. Turner's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George J. Turner in Overton, Texas. John, 17, is a member of the First Baptist Church in Overton.

The two young Baptists were chosen for the scout honor following interviews where they were appraised on subjects that included scouting, religious and academic records and community participation. Leadership, speaking ability and personal appearance were also considered.

Both scouts have held offices in the Sunday School classes, and Training Union organizations of their churches. In addition John has been president of the Roayl Ambassador chapter of his church. Both scouts sing in the church choirs and both have received the Boy Scout God and Country Scouting Award.

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