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Macon Church Split Group
Drops Plans to Form Church

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MACON, Ga. (BP)--A Baptist fellowship group comprised primarily of former members of the Tattnall Square Baptist Church here has formally dropped its plans to form a new church.

The group, called the Christian Fellowship, has been meeting each Sunday since last September when the Tattnall Square Church fired its three male staff members because they urged Tattnall Square to accept Negro worshippers.

Doug Johnson, minister to students at Mercer University, a Baptist school just across the street from the Tattnall Square church, has been pastor for the Christian Fellowship.

Johnson was associate pastor at Tattnall Square and was ousted along with Pastor Thomas J. Holmes, now on the staff of Mercer University, and Music Director Jack Jones, who is organ-music instructor at Mercer and has been music director for the Christian Fellowship.

Gary C. Hinebaugh, chairman of the steering committee for the Christian Fellowship, issued this brief statement: "The fellowship, after much prayer and study, felt that the missions and witnesses that we stood for were being attempted by other churches in Macon, and that we should work with them in making their programs successful."

The fellowship had been holding worship services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Macon, with educational activities in the religious activities building at Mercer.

The group has had an average attendance of about 75 persons, including many Mercer students and several Negroes.

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Speaker Says Past Image
Of Holy Spirit Distorted

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FORT WORTH (BP)--A "distorted image of what the past generation told us a spiritual Christian was" has resulted in unrest among some college students concerning the person-and work of the Holy Spirit, a seminary professor told a college missions conference here.

William Hendricks, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, made the statement in the closing address to the 18th annual College Student Missions Conference at Southwestern Seminary here.

"People haven't just discovered the Holy Spirit," Hendricks told more than 1,700 students. "He has been with us always and was here when the world was created."

Hendricks listed Christ's kind of love, action and freedom as marks of the Spirit.

"The Holy Spirit speaks all languages and he always speaks in the idiom of today," he added.

Hendricks admonished the students not to apologize because they were born in the present century but urged them to make the most of it.

During the three-day meeting here, a total of 203 decisions were made, according to Don Evans, seminary student co-ordinator and conference co-chairman.

The 1,700 students attending came from 14 states and more than 40 colleges and universities.

During the opening key-note address, T. V. (Corky) Farris of the evangelism division for the Baptist General Convention of Texas said, "Man's relatedness to the Master is the priority in God's grand design for this world."

"The Saviour did not come to earth to establish a new religious order or give a revolutionary ethic to the philosophical world but he came to bring man to salvation," Farris told the students.

"This is also our responsibility," he added. "And anytime we Christians are not engaged in helping other people find this new life then we are not doing what the Master said he came to earth to do."

Officials announced that next year's conference will be held March 8-10.

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Mission Board Appoints
Texas Pastor To Panama

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ATLANTA (BP)--Daniel Raul Sanchez of Corsicana, Tex., was appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here as the first Spanish-speaking pastor to serve a self-supporting church in the Republic of Panama.

Mrs. Sanchez also was appointed by the mission board.

Sanchez, now pastor of the Spanish Baptist Mission in Corsicana and a student missionary of the board, will be pastor of the First Baptist Church in Panama City. He also will teach at the Panama Baptist Theological Institute, located on the Pan-American Highway near Arraijan.

The Panama City church, organized in 1943, is the strongest church in the Panama Baptist Association, the oldest of the seven Baptist associations which make up the Panama Baptist convention, board officials said.

Isaac V. Perez of Balboa, has served as interim pastor of Panama City First Church for two years, in addition to his duties as director of promotion for Baptists in Panama and the Canal Zone.

"The greatest single need in the Panama area is trained pastors," said L. D. Wood of Atlanta, assistant secretary of the board's language missions department.

"Sanchez's appointment will greatly strengthen all Baptist work in Panama," he said, "and I would urge other Spanish-speaking pastors to consider work in Panama."

The small Central American country of Panama and the Canal Zone has a population of about 1,300,000, with about 5,500 Baptist church members.

Sanchez is a native of San Antonio, Tex., and a graduate of Texas schools. He attended Valley Baptist Academy in Harlingen, and graduated from Howard Payne College (Baptist) in Brownwood, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

He has been associate pastor of the First Mexican Baptist Church in Austin, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Chapel in Brady, and the Beaumont Baptist Mission in McAllen, all in Texas.

Mrs. Sanchez, the former Carmen Amanda Batres, is a native of Guatemala. She is a graduate of California Baptist College in Riverside.

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21-Year Mission Board
Staff Member Resigns

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ATLANTA (BP)--B. M. Crain of Cumming, Ga., a staff member of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for 21 years, resigned effective April 1.

Crain, secretary of purchasing services in the board's division of business services, joined the mission board April 1, 1946, when its Atlanta office force consisted of 20 persons.

He is to be the business associate of Roy P. Otwell Sr. in the Otwell Motor Company in Cumming, Ga.

The Home Mission Board, in its annual spring meeting of the board of directors March 15, adopted a resolution that read in part:

"Mr. Crain's keenness of mind, his dedication and willingness to serve in every way possible for the ongoing of the work of home missions are qualities that have endeared him to his fellow workers, the directors, and friends of home missions across the SBC."

Crain, a native of Dodson, La., was director of education for the Highland Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., before coming to the mission agency. He also was a bookkeeper for the New York Life Insurance Company in Shreveport for 10 years.

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"Ministering Church" Is Theme
For Religious Educators' Meet

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association meeting here at the Shelborne Hotel May 29-30 will feature panel discussions and addresses carrying out the theme, "The Ministering Church."

Plans for the program and the agenda for the meeting were announced by Joe Davis Heacock, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and president of the SBC Religious Education Association.

The two-day conference, to be held just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention here, will close with an address by Wayne Dehoney, Louisville, Ky., pastor, on "Educational Aspects of the Crusade of the Americas." Dehoney is North American regional coordinator for the proposed 1969 evangelistic crusade in North, Central and South America.

The same session, carrying out the theme "A Church Ministering in the Future", will feature presentations on projected Southern Baptist church programs in the future.

One complete session will be devoted to "A Church Ministering to the Inner City," featuring testimonies from Baptist pastors and educational workers on inner city ministries, and an address by Kenneth L. Chafin, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Another session will emphasize improving church staff work and solving personnel problems, with panel discussions featured on the program.

The two-day conference will open with an address on "The Theology of Ministry," by Charles Trentham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Much of the program will be devoted to panel discussions, group discussions and questions and answer periods.

The annual meeting of the SBC Religious Education Association is one of four major nation-wide Southern Baptist meetings held just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets here May 30-June 2.

Other pre-convention meetings include the SBC Woman's Missionary Union Convention, the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, and the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference.



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SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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Shelborne Hotel
 Miami Beach, Florida
 May 29-30, 1967

THEME: "THE MINISTERING CHURCH"

MONDAY AFTERNOON

"THE CHURCH FULFILLING ITS MISSION THROUGH MINISTRY"

- 2:00 Music - Harold Souther, Kansas City, Missouri
- Scripture and Prayer - Otis Strickler, Avon Park, Florida
- 2:15 Introductions
- 2:30 "Theology of Ministry" - Charles Trentham, Knoxville, Tennessee
- 3:00 "The Church Ministering to Members' Needs"
 The Latest Developments
- "Children in Special Education" - Alton Yarbrough, Jackson, Mississippi
- "Deaf Groups" - David B. Richardson, Montgomery, Alabama
- "Emerging Problems in Pre-school Education" - Mildred Souther,
 New Orleans, Louisiana
- "Senior Adults" - Kermit King, Jackson, Mississippi
- 3:40 Discussion - Richard Kay, Fresno, California
- 4:00 Adjourn

MONDAY EVENING

"THE CHURCH MINISTERING THROUGH IMPROVED STAFF CONCEPTS"

- 7:00 Music - Harold Souther
- Scripture and Prayer - Allen Graves, Louisville, Kentucky
- 7:15 Panel Discussion
 - "Interviewing Prospective Staff Members" - Cliff Elkins, Houston, Texas
 - "Entertaining Church Guests" - Dan McLendon, Corpus Christi, Texas
 - "Staff Survey Reports" - Wendell Sloan, Augusta, Georgia
- 7:45 Reactions - Marion Hayes, Tallahassee, Florida
- 8:15 "Meeting Personnel Problems" - Leonard Wedel, Nashville, Tennessee
 Charles Tidwell, Fort Worth, Texas
 James Griggs, Abilene, Texas
- 8:45 Questions to the Panel - John Wayland, Wake Forest, North Carolina
- 9:00 Adjourn

TUESDAY MORNING

"A CHURCH MINISTERING TO THE INNER CITY"

- 9:00 Music - Harold Souther
- Scripture and Prayer - Roy Lee Williams, Houston, Texas
- 9:15 "The Inner City" - Kenneth Chafin, Louisville, Kentucky
- 9:45 "Testimonies of Inner City Ministries"
 1. The Outreach - James Landes, Birmingham, Alabama
 2. The Coffee House - Bart Dor, Richmond, Virginia
 3. Week Day Program - Elton Hinze, Fort Worth, Texas
- 10:30 "Teaching Doctrine Through the Education Program"
 - Raymond Rigdon, Nashville, Tennessee
 - Dan McLendon, Corpus Christi, Texas
- 11:00 Your Questions or Observations
- 11:15 Adjourn

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON

"A CHURCH MINISTERING IN THE FUTURE"

2:00 Music - Harold Souther
Scripture and Prayer - R. L. Pattillo Jr., Fresno, California

2:15 "Projected Programs Through Our Churches: - W. L. Howse, W. Hines Sims, Philip B. Harris, and Howard Foshee, Nashville, Tennessee; George Euting, Memphis Tennessee; and Elaine Dickson, Birmingham, Alabama

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Church Training Center
Grading
Church Growth

3:15 Election of Officers and Miscellaneous

3:30 "Educational Aspects of the Crusade of the Americas" - Wayne Dehoney, Louisville, Kentucky

4:00 Adjourn