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J. W. Storer Announces
Foundation Retirement

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NASHVILLE (BP)--J. W. Storer, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation here for the past 11 years, announced his plans to retire as soon as a successor has been chosen.

Storer, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, made the announcement during the annual meeting of the Foundation's board of directors here.

Accepting his resignation with deep regrets, the Foundation voted to name Storer executive secretary-treasurer emeritus upon selection of his successor.

"All of our hearts sank when the news was announced concerning Dr. Storer's retirement, said Peyton Brown of Raleigh, N.C., who made the motion that he be named executive secretary-treasurer emeritus.

"Dr. Storer has meant a great deal to our convention and to the Baptist Foundation," commented Brown.

Storer, 82, was president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1953-55, and was president of the convention's Executive Committee, 1952-53.

Before being elected to head the Baptist Foundation in 1956, Storer was for 25 years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

He succeeded T. L. Holcomb as the third executive secretary of the Foundation, chartered in 1947. Charles Houston Bolton was the first executive secretary of the Foundation.

Storer came to the Foundation as its chief executive following more than 44 years in the active ministry and pastorate.

Before his 25 years as pastor of the Tulsa church, he was pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; First Baptist Church, Greenwood, Miss.; First Baptist Church, Paris, Tenn.; First Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.; First Baptist Church, Pauls Valley, Okla.; and First Baptist Church, Watonga, Okla.

Storer is a graduate of William Jewell College (Baptist), Liberty, Mo., and has been awarded honorary doctoral degrees by his alma mater, and by Union University (Baptist), Jackson, Tenn., and Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

He is the author of five books, Truth Enters Lowly Doors, By-Ways to Highways, Major Messages of the Minor Prophets, These Historic Scriptures, and The Preacher: His Belief and Behavior.

In addition to his service as president of the SBC, Storer has been president of the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention, vice president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and for 16 years chairman of the board of trustees for the Oklahoma Baptist University, he was a trustee of the University of Shanghai, Fork Union Military Academy, and Tennessee Women's College, a member of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, and the SBC (Relief and) Annuity Board.

He was the chairman of the committee which recommended to the Convention the founding of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He and Mrs. Storer observed their 54th wedding anniversary last December. Mrs. Storer was before her marriage Miss Isobel Wilbanks of Liberty, Mo.

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Foundation Elects Chairman
Creates Advisory Committee

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foundation meeting here elected a new president and authorized appointment of an advisory committee in order to utilize the experience and talent of members who are rotating off the board.

New chairman elected by the Foundation board is L. B. Stevens, owner of an investments company based in Nashville.

Stevens succeeds Stirton Oman, owner of a world-wide construction company with offices in Nashville, who has been president of the Foundation board for 11 years, and also has served as chairman of the board's executive committee.

Peyton Brown of Raleigh, N.C., paid tribute to Oman for his talents and for rarely missing the monthly meetings of the Foundation's executive committee, saying "It is a crying shame to let talent like this get away from us by rotating off the board."

Brown proposed the appointment of an advisory committee to utilize the talents and experience of such men as Oman. The committee would have no authority or voting rights, but would advise the Foundation's executive committee in the area of investments and operations.

"In this way," explained Brown, "we will not lose the valuable experience of these men over a period of years."

Brown also praised the service of J. W. Storer, executive secretary of the Foundation for 11 years who announced plans to retire during the board meeting. Storer was elected executive secretary-treasurer emeritus, effective upon selection of his successor.

In his annual report to the Foundation board, Storer said he believed the Foundation "is on the very fringe of its greatest service for God and Southern Baptists."

Storer predicted that the greatest days of service and accomplishment by the Foundation in its history are the days that lie ahead.

The annual report also disclosed that funds held in trust earned more than \$380,000 for Baptist causes during the 1966 fiscal year.

The total trust funds held and invested by the Foundation during 1966 was \$8,614,788, a slight decrease from the 1965 total of \$8,737,000, caused by depreciation and decline in the stock market.

The average rate of return on the general investment fund handled by the Foundation was 5.11 per cent during 1966, compared to a 1965 average rate of return of 5.01 per cent.

Average rate of return on the Foundation's annuity funds was 5.79 per cent, adequate to pay all annuitants, with a total of \$61,000 in annuity benefits issued during the year.

The Baptist Foundation invests reserves, endowments, and trusts for all Southern Baptist Convention agencies, and for the Baptist World Alliance and the convention's Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary.

The Foundation in other action voted to change its bylaws to provide for an annual meeting on the first Wednesday of December each year, because of a proposed change in the Foundation's fiscal year from the current calendar year basis, to a September 30 ending date for the Foundation's proposed new fiscal year.

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Dorm Space 'Critical'
For 1967-68 At Baylor

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University is no longer accepting applications for men's dormitory rooms for 1967-68 and women's housing applicants are being placed on a waiting list.

Baylor Dean of Men Travis Dubois said the men's housing situation is "getting pretty critical." About 700 new men students--about 75 more than last year--have been assured of dormitory space next fall. Baylor's four men's dorms can accommodate 1,500 men.

Women's housing applications at Baylor will be accepted until the waiting list numbers 350, said Mrs. Barbara Jungjohan, director of women's residence halls.

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South Africa Crusade
Avoids Race Question

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ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptist preachers have agreed to a South Africa leadership request not to discuss the race question next September in a revival crusade that apparently will involve 100 out of 138 Baptist churches there.

"We do not feel that we should cut ourselves off from fellowship and contact with other Baptists because of restrictions imposed by some government," said Eual Lawson of the Home Mission Board here.

"We're going over there for one purpose--to preach the good news so people can be saved," he added.

Churches in the Baptist Union of South Africa that will participate in the crusade include Negro, Indian, and white congregations.

"Actually, the Baptist Union is integrated, as far as churches go, but congregations are not," Lawson said.

Lawson, associate in the board's division of evangelism is enlisting about 100 pastors in the U.S. and will direct the crusade at the request of South African Baptists.

The board has helped with similar crusades in New Zealand, Australia, and Japan upon request of local Baptists.

"The enthusiasm of the South African churches has completely changed since they cancelled a crusade about two years ago," Lawson, just back from a planning trip, said.

"Only about 60 churches were interested then, but now we have 86 confirmed and when I left there they were still working toward a goal of 100 churches."

Lawson said an evangelist of another denomination lost his visa a few years ago when he criticized the segregation policies of the South African government from the pulpit.

"They know of our stand on racial matters, as we have sent copies of Home Missions magazine to all of the pastors in South Africa for the past six months," he added.

Recent issues of the magazine have reported on cooperative efforts with National Baptists and integrated Baptist churches and associations throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. The January issue carried a case history on the integration of one church and a story on how Southern Baptist and National Baptist pastors in Louisville are working to improve race relations among their constituents.

He also said that a representative of the Baptist Union asked that they not enlist those who smoke, hold liberal theological views, or belong to certain service clubs that have poor reputations in South Africa.

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Pastors Visit Solons
In Baptist Workshop

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AUSTIN, Tex. (BP)--Texas Baptist pastors, laymen and other leaders paid a visit this week to state legislators on Capitol Hill here during the annual Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission workshop.

The commission is currently promoting a massive campaign to influence legislation against liquor-by-the-drink, a proposal backed by Texas Gov. John B. Connally.

The visit to the chambers of the state lawmakers was one step in the commission's movement to inform voters of pressing bills before the legislature on liquor, racetrack gambling, prison reform, mental health, privileged communication between clergymen and counselees, and other measures.

Participants in the two-day 11th annual Christian Life Commission workshop, pivoting this year on the theme of "Christian Family Life Education," examined areas of preparation for marriage, parent-teen relationships, sex education in the church, retirement and the general shape of today's family.

Speakers were drawn from churches, universities and agencies in Texas and across the Southern Baptist Convention.

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In a major address, John C. Howell, professor of Christian ethics at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., called on the churchmen to lead in the spread of sex education through their churches.

He said sex education in the church can have many approaches--through preaching, teaching, normal church functions, counseling, the church library, family life conferences, youth retreats and other emphases.

Henry Bowman, professor of sociology at the University of Texas here, told the workshop participants in the closing session: "What Baptist churches are doing to prepare young people for Christian redemption is a mountain compared to the molehill of what they do to prepare youth for marriage."

He said young people are asking sex-related questions and are in considerable confusion about the answers they are getting.

"Which is better," he asked: "For them to talk about it under good auspices, like in the church or school, or under poor ones, like in a parked car? With responsible adult leadership, or without it?"

C. A. Roberts, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla., speaking on the shape of today's family, said preachers have practically nothing to say about the home.

He challenged the group to give the same emphasis for one year to the subject of family life as they would give to stewardship.

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Home Board's 10-Year
Projections Approved

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ATLANTA (BP)--A decade from now, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board expects to be operating on a budget of \$19.3 million that supports the work of 3,540 missionaries, a recent board action reveals.

In the final report of the board's committee on long-range objectives and goals, the 10-member committee estimated that by 1970 Baptist support of the board would total \$14.4 million and that 2,560 missionaries would be on the field.

The board's 1967 budget totals \$12.1 million (including anticipated receipts from sources such as loans, interest income, and publication sales). About 2,165 missionaries currently are under appointment.

The committee's statement of guidelines, objectives, trends, and goals was made official by action of the board of directors at its annual spring meeting here, culminating two years of work by the committee.

The document, entitled "Direction '77," includes 14 guidelines that were approved last fall.

These cite urban centers as the primary target of the home missions thrust, evangelism as the heart of that thrust, and clearly set out that the board's interest crosses racial and cultural boundaries.

"Our present population of 200 million will become 250 million by 1977," the document stated. "This people will be both urbanized and youthful, with 90 million under 20 years of age."

The report also included the goals of each of the board's 12 programs, for 1970 and 1977.

For example, by 1977 the Christian social ministries department hopes to have assisted 3,750 churches through counseling in establishing weekday ministries; the evangelism division hopes to commit and train 800,000 church members in personal witnessing.

"The staff will utilize these goals," said Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the board. "Beginning this year, the staff members will report quarterly on their progress measured against these specific goals in their area."

Lewis E. Rhodes, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn., who headed the committee, pointed out that the goals and guidelines will be changed and adapted constantly.

"Change is coming faster than we think, faster than we can act," he said. "But our future is as bright as our vision and our willingness to act."

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Aderhold Named New Home Board President

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ATLANTA (BP)--J. Don Aderhold, pastor of the Columbia Drive Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., was elected president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in its annual spring meeting here.

He succeeds Edgar M. Arendall, pastor of the Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Birmingham.

Other officers are:

Lester B. Collins, pastor of the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas, first vice president.

Harmon M. Born, president of Beaudry Ford in Atlanta, second vice president.

Miss Marie Cooper, Atlanta business woman, recording secretary.

Mrs. Robert R. Hallman of Atlanta, assistant recording secretary.

Outgoing President Arendall, who still has a year remaining in his second three-year term as a board director, spoke encouragingly of the changes in home missions he witnessed from the president's chair during the last two years.

"If there has been any one dramatic change, it has been the move away from institutional approaches to person-centered ministries such as juvenile rehabilitation," he said.

"There is a fluidity of work now, a breaking out of traditions," Arendall said. "The idea exists now that anything should be considered if it might work in a spiritual way."

Arendall also cited a broader interpretation of evangelism and new methods of outreach such as high-rise apartment ministries as recent developments that have helped to capture the imagination of the Baptist constituency.

"Personally, I feel we have definitely established ourselves (the board) in the eyes of Southern Baptists," he said, citing increased financial support and a growing interest among pastors in home missions.

The new president, Aderhold, has been a board member since December 1963. He has served on a long list of committees and as chairman of the evangelism and business services committees.

Aderhold is a graduate of Mercer University (Baptist) in Macon, Ga., and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. He did further study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

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Home Board Appoints Seven At Spring Meeting

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed seven missionaries at their annual spring board of directors' meeting, including Herman Ihley of Raleigh as Kentucky Baptists' first state director of work with National Baptists.

Ihley, who is state Sunday School secretary for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, will be headquartered in Louisville, Ky.

With the appointment of Ihley, 13 state Baptist conventions in the SBC have state directors of work with National Baptists.

Other missionaries appointed at the March board meeting were:

Jay Dannelley of Royal Oak, Mich., appointed by the metropolitan missions department as superintendent of missions Bay area of Michigan.

Edith Lawrence, appointed by the pioneer missions department as educational secretary for the New England Baptist Association in Framingham Centre, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Beck of Lockport, N. Y., to the Lucille Avenue Mission in Atlanta under the Christian social ministries department.

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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Sanchez of Corsicana, Tex., as language missionaries in Panama City, Panama.

Ihley, a native of Furman, S. C., is a graduate of Mercer University (Baptist) in Macon, Ga., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, where he received his doctor of theology degree.

He has been pastor of Central Baptist Church in Americus, Ga., a chaplain in the U.S. Navy, and pastor of First Baptist Church of Elberton, Ga.

Dannelley, pastor of the Sixth Street Baptist Church in Royal Oak, will direct Baptist work in the Bay area of Michigan. He also has been superintendent of missions for the Central Baptist Association in Michigan and pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in Niles, Mich.

He is a native of Dale, Tex., and graduated from Howard Payne College (Baptist) in Brownwood, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex. He also has done graduate work at Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist) in Abilene, Tex., North Texas State University in Denton, Tex., and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Miss Lawrence, a native of Hartford, Conn., will serve as an assistant in the office of the area missionary of Framingham Centre. She will help develop and promote home fellowship missions, Woman's Missionary Union mission action groups, and assist in organizational promotion.

She is retired from the U.S. Navy. She received the Elizabeth Price Award for highest grades among women from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, of which she is a graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck were jointly appointed by the mission board's Christian social ministries' department, the Atlanta Baptist Association, and the Georgia Baptist Convention, to serve in the Lucille Avenue Mission. The Lucille Mission has a weekday ministry, sponsored by the West End Baptist Church of Atlanta.

Beck was pastor of the Lockport Baptist Chapel in Lockport, N.Y., when appointed. He is a graduate of William Jewell College (Baptist) in Liberty, Mo., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He also has been pastor of the Bolivar Drive Baptist Church in Bradford, Pa.

Mrs. Beck, the former Alita Mary McHugh, is a native of Winfield, Mo., and a graduate of Hannibal-La Grange College (Baptist) in Hannibal, Mo.

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STORER TO RETIRE: The executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, J. W. Storer, announced recently plans to retire as soon as a new executive for the Foundation can be selected. Storer is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and for 25 years was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. (BP PHOTO)

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