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10 Missionaries  
Appointed By HMB

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ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptists increased their homeland mission ranks in September when the SBC Home Mission Board directors here appointed 10 career missionaries, including four missionary couples.

The appointees are Mr. and Mrs. B. John Trantham, Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Rhymes and William C. Jackson Jr. who were appointed under the department of Christian social ministries; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis, language missions; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Mockerman, pioneer missions; and William I. Barkley Jr., rural-urban missions.

The Tranthams, natives of Missouri, will serve at the Baptist Center in Indianapolis, Ind. He moves to the mission field from a pastorate at Hartford (Ala.) Baptist Church.

He also has been pastor of three other Alabama churches--Forest Lake in Tuscaloosa, Girard in Phenix City and Inglenook in Birmingham.

A graduate of Southwest Missouri State College in Springfield, he holds a master of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Mrs. Trantham also attended Southwest Missouri State and for two years was a public school teacher in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhymes, both natives of Jonesboro, La., have been appointed to work in the weekday ministry of Highland Avenue Baptist Church in New York City.

A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist) in Abilene, Tex., Rhymes holds a bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He formerly was pastor of Sadler (Tex.) Baptist Church.

He also has held pastorates at First Southern Baptist Church in El Dorado, Kans., Immanuel Baptist Church in Monahans, Tex., and Martin Mill Baptist Church in Ben Wheeler, Tex.

Mrs. Rhymes attended Tyler (Tex.) Junior College.

Appointed as a Baptist center worker, Jackson is undergoing training at the Clarke Howell Techwood Center in Atlanta.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., he is a recent graduate of Richmond (Va.) Memorial Hospital in clinical training.

A graduate of Union University (Baptist) in Jackson, Tenn., he holds bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from Southern Seminary.

He has held pastorates at Bethel Baptist Church in Hebbardsville, Ky., Markland (Ind.) Baptist Church and in Tennessee.

The Lewises will be missionaries in Key West, Fla., where he will be pastor of White Street Baptist Church which serves both Spanish-speaking and English-speaking persons.

A native of Cadiz, Ky., he formerly was pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in West Paducah, Ky.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky in Lexington, he holds a master of religious education degree from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

While in New Orleans, Lewis served as assistant secretary of city missions, pastor of Third Street Baptist Church and as a Baptist center worker at Rachel Sims Mission.

A native of Britton, Okla., Mrs. Lewis attended John Brown University at Siloam Spring, Arks., Oklahoma City University and New Orleans Seminary.

She is a former Home Mission Board student summer missionary and has worked as a church secretary in Oklahoma and Kentucky.

The Mockermans are serving in Anderson, Alaska, where he is a pastoral missionary.

A native of Stockton, Calif., he attended Grand Canyon College (Baptist) in Phoenix, Ariz., and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.

He formerly was pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Ouray, Colo., First Southern Baptist in Delta, Colo. and Sunrise Southern Baptist in Las Vegas.

A native of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. Mockerman attended Los Angeles Junior College.

The former pastor of Catonsville Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md., Barkley has been named superintendent of missions of the Potomac (Md.) Baptist Association.

A graduate of Mercer University (Baptist) in Macon, he holds a bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary.

The Louisville, Ky., native has been pastor at East Baltimore (Md.) Baptist Church, First Baptist Church in Gene Autry, Okla., Morningside Baptist Church in Columbus, Ga. and in several Virginia churches.

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Pastor's Bout With Cancer  
Ends With "Victorious Spirit" 761

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PALO ALTO, Calif. (BP)--A Baptist minister whose bout with cancer made front-page news across the nation died here, but his pastor said his victorious spirit continued to the end.

Several months ago, San Francisco papers gave wide coverage to cancer-stricken Otis Holladay, one major paper bannering the story, "About To Die, But Not About To Quit."

"My assurance and joy seem to be something new for them," commented Holladay to the California Southern Baptist in trying to explain why the story made front page news.

Physicians told him he had about six months to live, and perhaps a year. News reports said he planned to spend his last months visiting with patients in the Palo Alto Convalescent Hospital "to build the morale and strengthen the faith of the elderly patients there."

Holladay had resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church of Belmont, Calif., in the fall of 1965 when he learned he had malignancy.

A large crowd attended the funeral at First Southern Baptist Church, Palo Alto, on Sept. 3. Leonard Watkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Klamath, Calif., preached the funeral message and Clifton Hodson, pastor of the Palo Alto church where Holladay was a member, officiated.

His pastor said that Holladay's victorious spirit continued to the end. He requested that an evangelistic sermon and an invitation be given during his funeral, which he planned.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, two grandchildren, one brother and two sisters. The family requested that contributions be made to the California Baptist College Scholarship fund through the Palo Alto church, in lieu of flowers.

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Illinois Pastor Joins  
Home Mission Board 762

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ATLANTA (BP)--A young former musician, commercial artist and urban pastor is the second recent addition to the department of metropolitan missions of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

George August Torney III, 29, of St. Louis, Ill., will join the Home Mission Board staff effective Oct. 1. He was elected in the September meeting of the executive board.

In the July meeting, Russell Bennett of Covington, Ky., was elected to the metropolitan missions department.

The Baltimore, Md., native has been pastor of Winstanley Baptist Church in East St. Louis since 1965. He previously was pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church in Madison, Ind.

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He also has served two Mississippi churches as minister of education and music.

A graduate of William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss., he holds bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

During a tour of duty with the United States Air Force (USAF) from 1956 to 1959, he made two world tours with the USAF Symphony.

As an associate secretary in the metropolitan missions department, Torney will be a field service worker involved directly with denominational and church leaders in working to attain mission objectives in metropolitan areas.

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North Carolina Committee  
Urges Clergy Right To Speak

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RALEIGH, N.C (BP)--The public affairs committee of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina urged the state's 3,450 Baptist churches to guard their ministers' rights to speak out on controversial issues even though they may sometimes espouse minority views.

The committee specifically cited such controversial issues as war and peace, economic and racial tensions, and personal morality and ethics.

It noted that Baptists in North Carolina are dealing with the same tensions between pastors and churches that Baptists in Atlanta, Ga., are facing. The Atlanta Baptist Association will consider this fall a proposal to establish two committees to deal with these tensions.

These tensions, the committee said, may sometimes lead to estrangement of ministers and laymen, and that the genius of Baptist witness of freedom of expression and dissent guarantees that this will happen.

"The committee therefore feels that the convention in the name of Baptist principles should disavow any fellowship founded upon conformity and assent and find effective ways to retain members of the fellowship who espouse minority views, not of doctrine, but of the expression and implementation of the Christian witness in the world today."

"The committee warns all Baptists that the convention cannot afford the loss of any minister of church leader in these grand and awful times whose words or deeds, though offending the local community, have issued from the depth of Christian concern and commitment."

In addition to its statement on pastor-church tensions, the committee also issued statements on Bible reading in the public schools and rioting and acts of violence in U.S. cities.

They urged school officials to abide by Supreme Court rulings on interpretation of the First Amendment to the Constitution relating to prayer and Bible reading.

They called on the school authorities and the public "to cooperate in observing and upholding in the spirit and in letter what is now so clearly the law of the land."

The committee expressed its shock at acts of lawlessness and violence this summer in U.S. cities.

"The committee, however, calls upon Baptists and all men of good will to recognize and to admit the human tragedy and the deplorable conditions which spawn the violence."

It is not too late, they said, to avoid open rebellion. They urged that all levels of government take necessary steps to achieve adequate housing, health and education needs, job opportunities and political enfranchisement for all American citizens.

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Seminary Names Guest Teacher

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Elizabeth Richmond McKinney has been named guest teacher of piano in the School of Church Music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. McKinney holds the bachelor and master of music degrees in piano from Louisiana State University. She has taught privately for many years and has been on the seminary staff at various times.

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Dialogue Favors Cooperation  
In Evangelism, Not Structures

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CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (BP)--A meeting of about 50 Florida Baptist pastors here called "Dialogue Cape Kennedy" resulted in strong support for cooperation between evangelicals in evangelism, but opposition to creation of any new ecumenical organization of evangelicals, conference participants said.

No position or stand was taken by the group. The program featured major addresses followed by small group discussions and question and answer periods.

Major result of the conference, said one participant, was that the Southern Baptists present seemed to strongly favor cooperation between evangelicals in evangelistic efforts across denominational lines, but opposed any organized structure to merge evangelicals or set up a counter-part organization to the World or National Council of Churches.

The dialogue meeting was not sponsored by any official Baptist group, but was called by three Florida pastors, Adrian Rogers of Merritt Island, Peter Lord of Cocoa Beach, and Ed French, pastor of Haverhill Baptist Church in West Palm Beach who was chairman.

In a major address, Shirwood Wirt, a Presbyterian who edits the Billy Graham Association's "Decision" magazine, said there is a "crying need" for cooperation in evangelism across denominational lines in every city in America.

Wirt said that Graham is able to reach only three or four major cities a year, and that the nation can never be changed at this rate.

~~Harold~~ Harold Lindsey, associate in the evangelism division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said that this organization is strongly in favor of cooperation with other denominations in conducting evangelistic crusades similar to Graham's.

In another major address, West Palm Beach Pastor Jess Moody outlined a plan he called "Win America" whereby all evangelicals, both in and out of the National Council of Churches could cooperate in evangelistic efforts.

Moody suggested that the evangelism chairman of several denominations form a cabinet and elect a national chairman, someone of international stature like Billy Graham, and enlist 100,000 churches of various denominations to enter a simultaneous crusade in 1972 or 1973.

Moody's plan also called for a million prayer meetings per day, ten per church, during the month of the crusade, with the national chairman appearing on network television to direct the meetings.

With a goal of winning at least 1 million persons to Christ during the crusade, Moody suggested that more than 100,000 lay witnessing groups could cover the nation in door-to-door evangelistic efforts.

Moody, in a speech at the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference in Miami Beach earlier this year, proposed that Southern Baptists consider participation on "evangelical ecumenicalism" as an option to the ecumenical movement.

At the Southern Baptist Convention a few days later, a motion was made by Alastair Walker, pastor of First Baptist Church in Griffin, Ga., that the SBC appoint a committee to study cooperation with evangelicals. His motion was referred to the SBC Executive Committee.

At the Cape Kennedy Dialogue, Walker reviewed his motion and suggested that out of the meeting here should come a suggested pattern of action that would be acceptable to each denomination and would stimulate them into evangelistic action.

In the closing address, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Professor Kenneth L. Chafin gave a critique of evangelical ecumenicity on an organized, structured basis, quoting lengthy passages from Carl F. H. Henry's Evangelicalism on the Brink of Crisis, saying "I don't think Baptists will go with this."

Chafin said that Southern Baptists have no intention of moving toward any structural ecumenicity, whether the World Council of Churches or some evangelical counterpart.

"I do see Southern Baptists being intensely interested in working with other groups to do evangelism," said Chafin.

French, chairman of the meeting, said that the overall feeling of those attending was that it was "stimulating, spiritual, provocative and prophetic," and that while there were many questions raised at the beginning, there was a united purpose--evangelism--at the close.

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