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C. E. Autrey Retires  
To Teach Evangelism

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--C. E. Autrey--evangelist, author and for the past nine years top evangelism leader for the Southern Baptist Convention--will retire Sept. 1 as director of the SBC's Home Mission Board's division of evangelism.

Autrey, 65, is taking his retirement from the agency four months early in order to assume a new position this fall as professor of evangelism at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

In accepting Autrey's request for early retirement, the Home Mission Board directors, in annual session here, stated in a resolution of appreciation:

Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge added: "Dr. Autrey has served in this position longer than any other man and has led in a warm-hearted, vigorous program of evangelism at a strategic time in the life of our denomination and indeed in our nation."

"Autrey has been widely acclaimed as a warm-hearted preacher of the gospel, an effective evangelist, a thoughtful writer, a respected scholar and teacher, and a strong advocate of evangelism and missions. Throughout his ministry he has made significant contributions to Southern Baptist life in his chosen field of evangelism and has had a vital part in the formulation of its present program of evangelism."

A Mississippi native who spent most of his pastorate experience in Louisiana, and later served on the evangelism staff in that state, Autrey came to the Home Mission Board post in 1960 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, where he had served as professor of evangelism.

He had served as a staff member in the board's evangelism division from 1952 to 1955. When he returned as director in 1960, he began leadership in an active and changing period of Southern Baptist evangelism.

First came the move of division offices from Dallas to Home Mission Board facilities in Atlanta, and then a program reorganization that resulted in the new directions of metropolitan evangelism and campus evangelism.

Cooperation with other denominations in evangelistic ventures is perhaps the major shift Southern Baptists have made in the last nine years, according to Autrey.

"There has been a softening up of our attitudes toward other denominations that has allowed cooperation in evangelism, and which I think is laying the foundation for even wider cooperation," he said.

Autrey added that he thought Southern Baptist attitudes toward evangelism were more wholesome than ever before.

"There were times when evangelism was talked about a lot more," he said, "but so much of that was just on the surface. People didn't know how to get a hold on it. Now every pastor and leader knows better what to do, and evangelism has taken in a wider scope of concern than just conversion."

He stated that the Crusade of the Americas was making lasting impact on Southern Baptists, both in cooperative attitudes with other groups and in awareness and understanding of many of the nation's social problems.

Autrey said he sees evangelism as perhaps the major key in resolving the conflicts that have arisen over evangelism and social concern.

"I can see signs that we will have this thing licked within the next three years," he said. "Recently I have been in crusades involving Indians, Negroes and Anglos, where we have worked in harmony and in spirit of unanimity."

"Evangelism, too, is contributing to the increasing emphases on the ministries of the church, to emphases beyond just conversion."

Autrey said he felt the current emphasis on area crusades may lessen for awhile, "since it goes and comes in cycles," but he said the local church revival could be counted on in the future.

"Preaching a simple gospel message," Autrey said, "and talking about love as the relationship God has in our lives--and how we are to love as he loves--is the key to evangelism and I think the key to worship."

Autrey said he expects experience to have made him a better teacher when he arrives at New Orleans Seminary this fall, the institution from which he holds the master and doctor of theology degrees. Louisiana College, where he earned his bachelor's degree, conferred an honorary doctor of divinity degree on him in 1962.

Autrey expressed some regret at leaving the agency early, but he said: "This way I will have several more years of official connection with the denomination."

Autrey has written several books, including Basic Evangelism, Renewals before Pentecost, You Can Win Souls, Evangelistic Sermons, Evangelism in the Acts, and Theology of Evangelism. Several of the books have been translated into a number of other languages and are used as texts in international seminaries.

Fred Moseley, the board's assistant executive secretary, will serve as interim director of the division until a successor is elected.

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#### Mission Board Shifts Chaplaincy Personnel

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GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of chaplaincy has moved Willis A. Brown, assistant director of military personnel ministries, into the associate director's slot.

Home Mission Board directors, meeting here during Home Missions Week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, also approved the shift of Richard W. McKay from the post of assistant director in charge of institutional chaplaincy to assistant director, hospital chaplaincy.

McKay, who came to the division from North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem last January, replaces Gerald E. Marsh, who resigned earlier in the year to accept a teaching position with Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

The directors approved resolutions of appreciation to Marsh; William E. Burke, recently retired from the department of work with non-evangelicals; Ransome W. Swords, former secretary of insurance services now with the Southern Baptist Annuity Board; and C. E. Autrey, who is retiring early as evangelism director to teach at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Brown, a native of Mississippi, has directed military personnel ministries since 1962, a task that involves leading churches to minister to pre-inducted youth, to keep contact with servicemen and to minister to nearby military personnel and their dependents.

Before joining the Home Mission Board staff, Brown was pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in New Orleans, and the Tioga Baptist Church in Tioga, La. He was an Army chaplain during World War II, and presently is a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Brown is a graduate of Mississippi College, in Clinton, Miss., and holds a doctor of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

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#### Annuity Board Trustees Approve New Insurance

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DALLAS (BP)--A new, more liberalized group life insurance program for Baptist ministers and salaried employes has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board Trustees during their second quarterly meeting here.

The trustees also elected a new chairman, Charles Cockrell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Garland, Tex., who succeeds Donald Bowles, a Dallas insurance executive. Martin Lovvorn, a Dallas banker, was re-elected vice-chairman.

The new insurance program was approved upon the recommendation of the Administrative Policy Committee which has been studying the need for increasing coverage to ministers and other salaried employes in churches and agencies.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, outlined the provisions in the new group insurance plan which will begin October 1. It will be underwritten by a national insurance company.

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Reed said the group insurance plan will succeed the life benefit plan previously offered since 1964. Members in the life benefit plan will have the option of remaining in it or transferring to the new plan, Reed said.

The new plan will have two separate schedules.

Schedule one parallels the coverage offered in the life benefit plan except the benefits do not decrease until age 65.

Schedule two provides benefits from \$5,000 to \$60,000, depending on a participant's annual earnings.

In addition, both schedules have provisions for accidental death and dismemberment plus a provision for life coverage to continue after age 65.

Both schedules also provide for dependent life insurance benefits for spouse and children, age 14 days to 23 years, for all participants except those residing in Texas. Texas insurance laws preclude offering of dependent coverage.

Reed said the board would also provide a plan of long-term disability income protection.

The disability benefit pays 60 per cent of a participant's monthly earnings (70 per cent, if dependent social security is involved) to age 65 with a \$1,000 a month maximum. Payments will begin six months after disability is determined.

Reed said the new plan is a group plan in which any minister or employe may join when it is initially offered without a medical examination or other evidence of good health. This applies also to any member of the life benefit plan who wishes to transfer.

He said the cost for coverage is 70 cents per \$1,000; Texas members will be charged 65 cents for \$1,000 for the life insurance part. The long-term disability coverage is 60 cents per \$100 of monthly earnings.

Reed said the changes were made in the insurance program to eliminate the decreasing term aspect of the former plan.

"With costs of living soaring as they have been, our people need and want the level coverage the new plan provides," he said.

Reed said that Ransome Swords, the newly appointed director of insurances services for the board, will mail detailed information to all eligible persons before October 1, opening date.

In other action, the trustees approved the continuation of the Ambassador-At-Large program which is manned currently by J. P. Edmunds. In this post, Edmunds calls on retired ministers and widows in the various sections of the nation.

Cockrell, in his third year as a trustee, has served the Garland Church since 1946.