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ATLANTA (BP)--Verifying a rumor which began over six months ago, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board confirmed the appointment of Evangelism Professor Kenneth Chafin of Louisville to lead the agency's Division of Evangelism.

Chafin, head of the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, replaces C. E. Autrey, who is now teaching at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The board also elected three other staff members. They are:

Charles L. McCullin and Warren A. Rawles to positions in the department of Christian social ministries, and Brig. Gen. William L. Clark to direct military personnel ministries in the division of chaplaincy.

Both Rawles and McCullin currently are serving in New Orleans--McCullin as director of Baptist centers and Rawles as director of youth and family services for Home Mission Board programs there.

Clark came from the staff of the Southern Command in the Panama Canal Zone.

Chafin, a popular speaker at local, state and national Baptist meetings, has definite ideas about effective evangelism for the future.

"Evangelism must realize the context in which it is existing and working and what it's word is from God," he said. "Then it must give its best energies to bringing together the secular world and God's word."

Chafin said he is convinced that Christianity is for modern man. He added, "people who are panicky about the seventies are in trouble."

Speaking of Chafin, Arthur Rutledge, the board's executive secretary, said:

"We believe that Chafin, coming with a background of extensive involvement in evangelism, will bring to this position genuine commitment and a sensitivity to the contemporary situation which will enable him to provide dynamic leadership."

Clark's responsibility will be to encourage churches to maintain contact with young men in the military and to enlist the support of churches near military bases in developing ministries for military personnel.

McCullin, who will replace Bill Amos as a consultant on weekday ministries and Baptist centers, has been director of Baptist centers in New Orleans since 1967.

Rawls will serve as a specialist in ministries to alcoholics, drug users and ex-prisoners, and will also direct the newly created department training program. The purpose of the new program will be "to communicate the philosophy, principles, administrative structure, and methods of Christian social ministries," according to T. E. Carter, the department's secretary. The program will be geared to missionaries, pastors, laymen and denominational leaders.

A native of Oklahoma, Chafin graduated from the University of New Mexico and holds two degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He taught in Southwestern's evangelism department before going to Southern Seminary. Chafin has been pastor of churches in Texas and New Mexico.

McCullin, Rawles, and Clark are graduates of New Orleans Seminary, McCullin, a Louisiana native is former pastor of Brookstown Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, La.

Born in Portsmouth, Va., Rawles is a doctoral candidate in religious education at New Orleans Seminary.

Clark is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and has been Bible instructor at Jones County Junior College and is a veteran of the Korean War.

Vietnam Concern Voiced
In Crisis Committee Report

ATLANTA (BP)--A member of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's "crisis" committee climaxed his group's report to the board's annual meeting here with a moving call to prayer on the Vietnam war, saying Vietnam is more urgent than the race issue.

Later, the board members adopted the committee's recommendations including approval of investment of board funds in Negro financial institutions, and a survey of 3,000 Southern Baptist churches to determine their response to the Statement on the Crisis of the Nation adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, June 5, 1968.

When the committee's report was made to the board, Edwin Perry, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, related the war in Vietnam to the nation's crisis, saying:

"There are many of us as Christians who believe we have not related ourselves as we could and as we should, to be obedient children of God, to be peacemakers with all that implies in the gospel."

The call to prayer, Perry said to the 69-member board to directors in annual session, "is a cry of anguish over an unusual war, undeclared, unwanted, seemingly unwinnable,"

Vietnam is more urgent than the race issue, he said, because so much of the resources and energies of the national government are channeled into the war.

"The nation is divided, our wealth is dissipated, our youth are alienated, our moral leadership is undermined," he said.

"I call us to confront the sheer human pathos of this involvement."

Perry asked prayer for the President, for those in other leadership posts, for the citizens of the U.S. and both Vietnamese.

"We've lost face, we've lost lives, we've lost heart, we've lost wealth, we've all but lost a sense of moral direction, and we are troubled about losing our very souls," he said.

"These and other circumstances are beating us to our knees, but we pray best from that position. Unless the Lord help us, some human conditions will not yield to our clever designs."

In other action, the crisis committee, which was named a year and a half ago in response to the SBC Statement on the Crisis in the Nation, recommended:

--That the Home Mission Board's business services committee consider investing a portion of its funds in Negro financial institutions;

--That representatives of the National Baptist Conventions be given invitations to attend SBC annual meetings, expenses paid;

--That Home Mission Board staff and directors establish a plan for visiting each of some 160 retirees of the agency in the next few months;

--That the agency's department of survey and special studies take a survey of 3,000 SBC churches to determine their response to the crisis statement;

--That a filmstrip dealing with the response to the crisis and the meeting of spiritual needs be produced for wide distribution by the audio-visual aids department.

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Texas Baptist Youth React
To New Lottery Draft System

11/5/69

By Jan Wilson

DALLAS (BP)--Texas Baptist youths involved in the nation-wide lottery conducted by the U.S. Selective Service came away favorably impressed, according to results of a random survey of Baptist men attending colleges and universities throughout Texas.

Under the new draft system, a lottery-style drawing will take place yearly within wherein a young man's military standing will be determined by the date of his birth.

Students in Texas Baptist schools have responded in a variety of ways to the innovation, and the first drawing in Washington when small capsules containing the birthdates of young men were picked at random from a big jar.

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Asked whether they deem this method more equitable, many answered affirmatively.

"Perhaps this system is even fairer than the previous one," said Pruitt Ashworth, senior at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., "although it is hard to accept."

"The reason it is fair," agreed Ray Campbell III, Dallas Baptist College senior, "is that the deferment for married men and students is still applicable."

Baylor Junior Neil Heckman affirmed, "it is more fair because it dispels indecision."

Ralph Thornhill, senior at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., disagreed. "I don't think this system is fair, really."

"I'll go with General Hershey who said that the only truly equitable system is the one in which only volunteers serve. But this is a step toward that goal," Thornhill said.

Thornhill, whose birthday is June 5, is number 28 on the induction list. He is a member of the United States Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), however, so this drawing will not affect him.

"I'm already under contract to the Army, and that is binding regardless of my position on this list," he said. "My classification is 1-D."

King Sanders, on the other hand, has been directly affected by the lottery method. A 20 year-old junior at Hardin-Simmons, Sanders' birthday was drawn 45th on the slate.

"I've thought a lot about the system, and I guess I have mixed emotions," he admitted. "I am being seriously threatened for the first time, yet I believe this system is just."

The date Sept. 14 has become familiar to all who are concerned about the issue. Baylor freshman David Malone sighed with relief when he realized that "even though my number is one, I won't be responsible to this drawing," Malone, born Sept. 14, 1951, is only 18.

The lottery method is quick and efficient, the students agree. It is easily understood, even with its many facets.

Said Campbell of Dallas College, "the newspapers have effectively defined the system so that those who study it can understand."

The suggestion was made by Baylor's Neil Heckman, though, that "perhaps copies of the law, in definitive form, should be sent to potential draftees."

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Seminary Gets Accreditation
From Southern Association

12/5/69

DALLAS (BP)--The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools approved of accreditation for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and accepted Atlanta Baptist College as a candidate for accreditation.

The Southern Association is the major regional accrediting body for educational institutions in the South and portions of the Southwest.

Southwestern Seminary, the largest of the six seminaries operated by the Southern Baptist Convention with a fall enrollment this year of 1,791 students, is the third of the six seminaries to be accredited by the Southern Association.

Previously, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, have been accredited by the association. All three are listed as "special purpose" institutions by the association.

Accreditation basically will mean greater scholastic recognition for the seminary, plus easier transfer of credits between other educational institutions which are members of (accredited by) the association.

All six of the Southern Baptist seminaries are also accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools, the organization which is the major accrediting agency for theological seminaries.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., had been earlier accepted as a candidate for accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the regional counterpart of the Southern Association for the west coast states.

Atlanta Baptist College was accepted by the Southern Association as a candidate for accreditation, and listed as a correspondent with the Southern Association. Atlanta Baptist College, which opened in September of 1968, is too young yet to receive full accreditation.

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Survey Lists Race, War, Crime
As Top Baptist Moral Issues

by Floyd Craig

NASHVILLE (BP)--Race relations, war and crime are the three major moral issues currently facing Southern Baptists, according to a national survey of Baptist pastors, laymen and denominational workers.

Results of the survey conducted by the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board were released during the annual meeting of the SBC Christian Life Commission, which requested the survey.

While listing the top current moral issues facing the denomination, results indicated that most persons surveyed feel that the ranking will shift in two years. "Crime" will move to second and "war" and "urban crisis" will be virtually tied for third, they said.

All geographical areas of the denomination were represented in the study sample which was made of 478 denominational workers, 500 pastors and 500 laymen. Almost one-half of the respondents (48.5%) returned the questionnaires.

Designed to determine the key moral issues among Southern Baptists, the survey also sought to discover what Southern Baptists know and think about the Christian Life Commission.

The cross section of Southern Baptists were asked: "What do Southern Baptists think the big moral issues are now and what will they be in two years?"

Those answering the question ranked the current issues: 1. race relation, 2. crime, 3. war, 4. alcohol, 5. urban crisis, 6. poverty, and 7. pornography.

Traditional issues of "dancing" and "tobacco" received little or no response either as an issue now or by 1971.

It was obvious from the data that individuals, who ranged in age from 35-54, do feel today's key moral issues will be altered in some way within two years. The results show that on an average about one half of the respondents changed the ranking they gave to each key moral issue today and two years away.

For example, the 1971 issues were ranked: 1. crime, 2. race relations, 3. war, 4. urban crisis, 5. alcohol, 6. poverty, and 7. pornography.

The current number one issue varied with the geographical region. Respondents in the Southwest are more concerned with the issue of war. The Southwest and West respondents listed "crime" as the major issue.

The survey asked if the present activities of the Christian Life Commission should be extended, left as they are or curtailed. The majority (56.6%) of the respondents said that the present activity level of the Commission should be extended. Only a small minority (7%) said that the agency's work should be curtailed.

Approximately one-fourth of the respondents expressed the opinion that the present activities were about right.

The findings revealed that the Southeast included the largest portion of the respondents expressing a desire for curtailment, but even that response was weak (10.6%).

Persons stating a desire for curtailment of activities represent a very small minority fairly-well distributed across the nation, according to the study.

The question "Do you feel any one area of concern has been overemphasized by the Christian Life Commission?" was asked. In response, the majority of the respondents (71%) said no.

The minority who felt the agency had overemphasized one area (16%) singled out, for the most part, "race relations" as the area overemphasized. It was clear in the study that laymen are less aware of the work of the commission. Only 16.5% of the laymen responding knew any general information about the agency, compared to 61.1% of the pastors and 86.9% of the denominational workers.

The low score recorded by laymen may be explained by the fact that according to the study, over one-half (54.4%) indicated that they "do not get information" about the commission or its work.

The survey revealed that the best vehicle of communications to laymen was the Baptist state paper.

Respondents to the survey were mostly married males attending a Southern Baptist church in an urban area with 300 or more members. Majority of pastors and denominational workers in the study have a college education or above, while the majority of the laymen have a high school education or less.

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Baptist Chaplain In Vietnam
Gets Bronze Star For Work

12/5/69

ATLANTA (BP)--Baptist Chaplain John T. Goad, commander in the United States Navy, was recently awarded a Bronze Star medal for excellence in his activities as assistant chaplain of the Force Logistics Command at Danang, South Vietnam.

Goad participated in several combat missions and traveled over rough terrain to give council to combat Marines.

A native of Tennessee, he was educated at Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He has been pastor of churches in Tennessee and was commissioned in the Navy in 1955. Currently he is attending a senior career course at chaplains school in Rhode Island.

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Christian Life Commission
Proposes Sex Education Info

12/5/69

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission voted here to develop a sex education program to help Southern Baptist churches "present a sound biblical approach" on sex to their congregations.

During annual session here, the commission also approved of studies concerning the problems of pornography, adopted a program of alcohol and drug education, and adopted a 1970 budget of \$227,440.

The sex education program approved by the commission included five proposed plans. One authorized the production of sex education kit designed for local Baptist congregations outlining the biblical approach to sex. The kit would include a position paper, bibliography, glossary, and outlines of possible programs.

The program also would include cooperation with the Baptist Sunday School Board in development of a graded sex education series of books for Southern Baptists, editing a book of sermons on the Christian understanding of sexuality, and dealing with Christianity and Sexuality at the 1970 summer Christian Life Commission conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

The major staff work on both the sex education, pornography, and alcohol-drug education programs was assigned to Harry N. Hollis, the commission's director of special moral concerns.

Hollis was requested to develop a critique of pornography from a legal, psychological, sociological and theological perspective prior to the 1970 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver, and asked to develop an "action kit" for Baptist churches to help local churches and individuals deal with pornography.

The commission action concerning pornography came in response to a request from the Southern Baptist Convention, which voted in New Orleans last June to ask the commission to deal with the problem.

Concerning the alcohol and drug education program, the commission authorized its staff to work for stronger legislation and law enforcement to deal with drinking drivers, in Tennessee as a pilot projects and elsewhere as possible.

In other action, the commission voted to prepare and mail out "action kits" to all pastors and denominational leaders on such issues as race, war, crime, urban crisis, community action, drugs, alcohol and pornography, in addition to the one on sex education. All such "action kits" production was contingent on availability of funds.

The commission also voted to invite two or three young people to attend the next annual meeting in an effort to involve youth in the meeting.

After lengthy discussion, the commission voted to encourage its staff to gather materials which will provide information, biblical viewpoints, and principles for guidance in response from young men facing military service, including conscientious objectors.

Re-elected as chairman of the commission was Roy T. Rhodes, attorney at law from Tallahassee, Fla. Elected as vice chairman was Robert L. Cargill, director of development for Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and named recording secretary was Val Sanford, attorney from Nashville.

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