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Baptist Summer Missionaries  
Witness Throughout World

by James Evans McReynolds

NASHVILLE (BP)--The sun never sets on Southern Baptist college and university students serving as summer missionaries.

A total of 176 students have been appointed through local Baptist Student Unions to countries throughout the world and cities all over the United States.

A total of 69 students have been appointed through their state convention student department to serve in 23 foreign countries during the summer beginning in June.

Among them is a student from Georgia, who is going to serve in Togo, Africa. He speaks French, the native tongue of Togo.

Two students, one from Kentucky, another from Texas will serve in South Vietnam in general evangelism activities.

Five Spanish-speaking Texas students who have been working together for three years will serve in evangelistic work in Peru.

Students will serve in the Bahamas, Costa Rica, Gaza, Germany, Ghana, Guam, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Peru, and the Philippines.

They will also serve in Rhodesia, Taiwan, Trinidad, Uganda, Venezuela and Zambia.

Not only will the Baptist Student Union summer missionaries serve in foreign countries, but 107 students have been appointed to duties throughout the United States.

Their experience in their local church will be utilized as the summer missionaries serve as members of revival teams, as recreation leaders, in Vacation Bible Schools, in music, art, drama, construction, counseling and in beach and resort witnessing.

Eagle Nest, N.M., a fishing and camping area; the Cherokee Indian reservation in North Carolina and Sitka, Alaska, are also among the fields where the student summer missionaries will be serving.

Students will be supervised by Home and Foreign Mission Board missionaries under the direction of the two Southern Baptist Mission boards.

The boards cooperate with state convention student departments to make it possible for students to serve in overseas assignments as well as assignments in the United States.

The student department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board assists in the coordination and promotion of student mission projects through personal interviews with students and dissemination of information and coordination of requests from the various home and foreign fields.

Each Baptist Student Union summer missionary serves without pay. Local campus BSUs are responsible for expenses incurred for summer mission appointees including round-trip transportation to fields, meals and lodging en route.

Expenses for meals, lodging, travel and incidentals on the field are provided by the mission where students serve.

What difference does it make that these students give themselves for the summer months?

One career missionary said in describing the work of a 1969 summer missionary, "With the aid of an interpreter, she doubled my efforts. The people loved her and expressed it in gifts just before she left.

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"One lady said, 'we are crying because you are leaving us.' She answered by saying, 'I am crying, too, because I do not want to go.'"

Another student summer missionary was described as enthusiastic, cooperative and willing to do anything ministered in a hospital through bedside care, cleaning of a store room, taking of inventories, teaching a nurses aid class and teaching in Sunday School, according to her supervisor.

"We could hope that someday she might return," the supervisor said.

Many summer missionaries do return. One applicant who served at the age of 19 is back for a tour of duty at the age of 26.

"Many serve as career missionaries on home and foreign fields. Most of all the summer missionaries remain sensitive to needs and possibilities for ministry wherever they live or wherever they are employed," said Doyle Baird, consultant of church-campus ministries, student department of the Sunday School Board.

Besides the students chosen by the Baptist Student Unions, more than 600 other students will be appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to serve in various capacities throughout the United States.

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Baptist VIEWpoll  
Martin B. Bradley, Director

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#### Baptist Leaders Indecisive On Pastors' Role In Churches' Racial Decisions

by Kenneth Hayes

NASHVILLE (BP)--In the Baptist VIEWpoll's latest survey, a representative panel of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers was indecisive about the approach a pastor should take regarding a church's decision whether to accept Negroes as members.

The poll reveals that 41.3 per cent of the pastors and 47.5 per cent of the Sunday School teachers feel that "the pastor should make his position clear but not make any other attempt to affect the decision."

On the other hand, 46.0 per cent of the pastors and 30.7 per cent of the teachers feel that "the pastor should actively attempt to lead the church toward the decision he feels is appropriate."

A smaller group, 10.3 per cent of the pastors and 19.5 per cent of the Sunday School teachers, feel that "the pastor should allow his congregation to determine the approach to integration without any attempt on his part to influence the decision."

The remaining 2.4 per cent of the pastors and 2.3 per cent of the teachers had "no opinion" on the matter.

Current VIEWpoll findings are based on 92 per cent response of the panel members, which represent a cross section of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers.

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**SBC To Act on Tax Policy Statement**

WASHINGTON (BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Denver, June 1-4, will be asked to approve a policy statement that says that tax exemption for church property must be based on the concept of religious liberty or of equality and equity.

The recommendation will come as a part of the report of the SBC Public Affairs Committee which functions as part of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs with offices in the nation's capital.

The "Statement of Policy on the Taxation of Church Property," was approved in October, 1969, by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, after nearly a decade of denominational dialogue on the subject. The policy statement served as the basis of the Baptist Joint Committee's "friend of the court" brief before the U.S. Supreme Court which upheld the constitutionality of tax exemption of property used for religious purposes.

The policy statement has been circulated widely among the eight denominations sponsoring the Baptist Joint Committee. Each of the denominations is now deciding whether or not to approve the statement according to John W. Baker, associate executive secretary of the Joint Committee.

The Baptist Joint Committee referred its tax policy statement to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in February of this year.

The Executive Committee approved a resolution that commended the Baptist Joint Committee for its service to the Baptist constituency on the subject of taxation. It further expressed the hope that the Baptist Joint Committee would present the policy statement to the Southern Baptist Convention for approval.

The basic premise of the policy statement, Baker said, is found in its opening sentence: "Any claim which churches may make for exemption from payment of taxes or for special tax status must be based on either (1) the concept of religious liberty, or (2) the concepts or equality or equity."

The complete text of the policy statement will be in the SBC Book of Reports available to all messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.

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New Church Training Supervisors  
 Join Sunday School Board Staff

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Two new supervisors have joined the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in the church training department's youth and adult sections.

J. C. Bradley, formerly assistant professor of religious education at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., is supervisor of the adult section.

Eldon Boone is supervisor of the youth section, coming from the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, Indianapolis, where he served as secretary of student work, church music and Training Union.

Bradley is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and holds the master of religious education, graduate specialist in religious education and doctor of education degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Boone is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and earned the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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CORRECTION

On BP story mailed 5/13/70, "Baptist Leader Asks Public Funds To Fight Pornography," graph 5 line 2 should read, synagogues to teach not reach. Graph 11 line 2 should read, causal relationship, not casual.

49 Vice Presidents of SBC  
Elected During Past 25 Years

NASHVILLE (BP)--When the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Denver, June 1-4, the spotlight on the election of the 36th president of the denomination's 125-year history may tend to overshadow the election of vice presidents for the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

Since the convention observed its centennial anniversary in 1945, 25 men have been elected first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and 23 men and one woman have been elected second vice president.

According to a study done by Davis C. Woolley of Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, only four of the men who have served as vice presidents were later elevated to the presidency, and never has this taken place in immediate succession.

J. D. Grey of New Orleans and Louie D. Newton of Atlanta had one year between their service as the first vice president before they were elected to the presidency. It was four years between the service of C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N.C., as vice president and his election as president. Seven years elapsed between Brooks Hays', former U.S. Congressman from Arkansas, election as second vice president and the time he was named SBC president.

Only one man, Lee Porter of Houston, the current first vice president, was elected second vice president and then elevated to first vice president.

One second vice president, R. C. Campbell, was elected two times: first from South Carolina and six years later, as a pastor from North Carolina.

During the past 25 years, Texas has furnished three of the convention presidents, but a much larger percentage of vice presidents. Eleven Texans have been vice presidents. They are Porter Bailes of Tyler, W. Marshall Craig of Dallas, Forest C. Feezor of Dallas, W. R. White of Waco, E. H. Westmoreland of Houston, Kyle M. Yates of Waco, W. Herschel Ford of El Paso, E. S. James of Dallas, M. B. Carroll of Dallas, Landrum P. Leavell II of Wichita Falls and Porter.

Mississippi comes second with six persons having been elected vice president, although no Mississippian has ever been elected president of the SBC. Vice presidents from Mississippi have been D. L. Stennis of Meridan; W. D. Hudgins, Chester L. Quarles and Roland Q. Leavell all of Jackson; Howard H. Aultman of Columbia, and Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss.

Florida has provided five vice presidents, but no president. The vice presidents from Florida have been T. V. McCaul of Gainesville, Homer G. Lindsay of Jacksonville, John H. Haldeman, Conrad R. Willard and C. R. Angell, all of Miami.

Although four Tennesseans have been convention president during the last 25 years, only one person from Tennessee, Maxey Jarman of Nashville has been elected vice president from Tennessee.

During the past 25 years, only five laymen and one woman have been elected to the vice presidency. The laymen are Jarman of Nashville, Hays of Washington, D. C., Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., R. S. Kerr of Chevy Chase, Md., and Gregory Walcott of Hollywood, Calif.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., is the only woman elected vice president.

Executive Secretaries of state conventions, or superintendents of missions for Baptist associations have been elected five times as vice presidents. They include Fred Hubbs of Detroit, Mich.; Roy Gresham of Lutherville, Md., Chester Quarles of Jackson, Miss.; Paul James of Syracuse, N. Y., and Noel Taylor, then of Carbondale, Ill.

The other states from which vice presidents have come are as follows: three from Arkansas and South Carolina; two from Alabama, California, Maryland, Missouri, New York, North Carolina and Virginia; one each from Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan and Tennessee.

As a result of his survey, Woolley wrote that there are two or three places that seem to have led toward recognition as a possible vice president: (1) the chairman of the convention's committee on order of business, (2) the chairman of local arrangements committees, (3) the president of the Pastor's Conference, or (4) the preacher of the annual convention sermon.

Of the 49 persons serving as vice president during the past 25 years, 43 have been ministers.



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