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**Williamson Named To Develop
SBC Stewardship Materials**

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission here has elected E. Stanley Williamson, a Nashville film producer and pastor, as director of stewardship development, effective Nov. 1.

Williamson, who for six years was head of the Broadman Films department for the Baptist Sunday School Board here before going into private business in 1965, will be responsible for developing stewardship and budget materials produced by the SBC agency.

Since 1965, Williamson has been a partner in Ambassador Films, Ltd., a film-producing firm he helped establish. He also is pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Nashville.

James V. Lackey, executive director of the SBC Stewardship Commission, described Williamson as "one of the keenest idea and promotional men I know."

"We were searching for a man with a creative mind who could translate his creative ideas into practical stewardship materials and programs for our churches," Lackey continued. "In my opinion, the commission has elected such a man."

Williamson will succeed F. Paul Allison, who died of cancer in August.

Before becoming secretary of the Broadman Films department for the SBC Sunday School Board here in 1959, Williamson held two other positions with the board.

He was superintendent of Intermediate Sunday School work for the board from 1953-54, and secretary of cooperative field promotion from 1954-59.

Previously, he had been minister of education for Baptist churches in Cullendale, Ark.; Fordyce, Ark.; Fort Worth, Memphis and Oklahoma City.

A native of Montana, he is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, where he earned the doctor of religious education degree. He also has done special study at the University of Southern California.

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**Arkansas Judge Gives \$50,000
To Southern Baptist College**

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WALNUT RIDGE, Ark. (BP)--Judge and Mrs. Edward Maddox of Harrisburg, Ark., have contributed \$50,000 to Southern Baptist College here toward construction of a new auditorium and fine arts building.

Judge Maddox is an attorney, a former circuit judge and a rice grower. He said the gift was in memory of his late father, H. P. Maddox, also a Harrisburg attorney.

The proposed auditorium-fine arts building is the first of several campus improvements planned for the Baptist junior college here as part of a \$4 million campaign conducted by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Southern Baptist College here is to receive \$1 million; Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, is to receive \$4 million.

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Hobbs Returns To Pulpit
Recovered From Heart Attacks

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--Herschel H. Hobbs, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church here, returned to the pulpit after a five months recuperation from a heart attack.

In his first sermon after the ailment, Hobbs told the congregation that while he had been knocked flat on his back, he was on his feet long before the count of ten, stronger than before.

In recent days, Hobbs has been increasingly active. He performed the wedding of W. R. White, president emeritus of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., who has been preaching in his absence. White, former pastor of the church, wed a church member, Mrs. Hugo Mohr.

Hobbs said he also had checked galley proofs on two books he has written, prepared and recorded nine Baptist Hour sermons for Southern Baptists' national radio broadcasts and completed another book for Sunday School lesson studies.

Reports that he had suffered a second heart attack were incorrect, Hobbs said. A flu virus was incorrectly diagnosed as a mild heart attack, but his physician, who was out of town at the time, later said his cardiogram looked good and that it was not another heart attack.

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Graham Tells Baptists Society
Decadent, But Revival Coming

FORT WORTH (BP)---Evangelist Billy Graham told Baptist seminary students here that although society is becoming more and more decadent and immoral, he believes the world is on the verge of great spiritual awakening and revival.

"The devil is really working more than I've ever seen him before," Graham told a chapel audience at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

"Satan worship, sorcery, and witchcraft are gaining nationwide emphasis every day," he observed.

"Still, I have never seen God working in such power as he is right now," Graham told the overflow crowd of students and faculty members at the Baptist seminary.

"The mood of revival is sweeping across the face of the globe, the renowned evangelist said. "We are either in an awakening right now or on the verge of an awakening."

Pointing to the Jesus movement among youth in America, Graham added that revival has also broken out in Rumania and Czechoslovakia, and that Christians in China are memorizing entire books of the Bible.

"It is almost like what the early Christians did," Graham observed. "They went everywhere 'gossiping' Jesus."

Graham warned, however, that persecution is going to follow spiritual awakening, though he added he did not know what form it would take.

Graham observed that although several groups staged demonstrations in his recent crusade in Oakland, Calif., the demonstrations proved to be no threat to the crusade's success. He said he foresees the continuation of such demonstrations, and possibly others.

"Wherever the gospel is being preached, the devil will be there to oppose it," he told the seminary audience. "But he always oversteps himself," Graham added. "He is clever, but too clever. The power of God is too great. God will win the ultimate victory," he said.

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Graham, a Southern Baptist, told the seminary audience that he believes the Southern Baptist Convention is the only major denomination which still has evangelism and missions at the heart of its ministries.

"We'll die, then dry up and blow away, if we ever lose this emphasis on evangelism and missions," he warned.

He urged young ministers who hope to be catalysts in a world-wide awakening to be "authoritative witnesses" and to preach the gospel "in simplicity and in authority."

Graham spoke at the Baptist seminary, the largest evangelical seminary in the nation, prior to the opening of his Greater Southwest Crusade at Irving, Tex.

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Religious Leaders Ask Congress To Oppose Prayer Amendments

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP)--Eight Baptist leaders and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs joined 29 other national religious leaders and organizations in a petition to Congress "to oppose any and all prayer amendments to the Constitution."

In a 383-word communication, hand delivered to the office of each member of the House of Representatives, the leaders of a large segment of the nation's denominations appealed for Congress not to tamper with the religion clauses of the First Amendment.

"We express the long-standing official positions of the nation's religious faiths which affirm the adequacy of the First Amendment to protect religious interests and to ensure religious rights," the petition said.

Baptist leaders signing the petition are: Carl Bates, president, Southern Baptist Convention; Mrs. Marcus Rohlf, president, American Baptist Convention; Alton L. Wheeler, general secretary, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference; S. S. Hodges, executive secretary, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.; Joseph H. Jackson, president, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; G. K. Zimmerman, executive secretary, North American Baptist General Conference; Warren R. Magnuson, general secretary, Baptist General Conference; and Hubert Porter, associate general secretary, American Baptist Convention.

The immediate cause of the alarm of these religious leaders is the possibility that a proposed constitutional prayer amendment could soon be sent to the floor of the House of Representatives for a vote.

A lobby group of more than 30 persons headed by Mrs. Ben Ruhlin of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, has been active on Capitol Hill for several weeks seeking to persuade Congressmen to sign a "discharge petition" for House Joint Resolution 191. This resolution, introduced by Rep. Chalmers P. Wylie (R., Ohio), is similar to dozens of others which advocate an amendment to the Constitution to provide prayers in public schools.

A discharge petition, if signed by 218 Congressmen, relieves a committee of its responsibility for a certain piece of legislation and puts the matter directly on the floor of the House of Representatives for a vote. The proposed prayer amendments are now bottled up in the House Judiciary Committee, whose chairman, Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.), opposes any changes in the Constitution's provisions for religious liberty and separation of church and state.

The prayer amendment advocates have succeeded in getting 199 Congressmen to sign the discharge petition. Five of them later removed their names, leaving the figure at 194. With 24 more signatures, unless other Congressmen remove their names from the list, the prayer amendment must be voted on by the House of Representatives.

A counter movement against the discharge petition has developed due to the success of the prayer amendment lobbyists. This movement is asking Congressmen not to sign the discharge petition, or if they have signed it, to remove their names.

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The prayer amendment movement developed after the decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that prayers by school children cannot be under government authority or sponsorship. This decision has been widely misunderstood and misinterpreted to mean that the Supreme Court prohibited school children from praying the religious leaders said.

In their petition to Congress, the religious leaders said: "We affirm the right of school children or any other segment of the population to engage voluntarily in their own prayers without government authorization or supervision. This right is adequately protected by the First Amendment as it now stands. For this reason we also affirm the wisdom of the Supreme Court decisions in 1962 and 1963 which properly prohibited government intrusion into the religious activity of school children."

The proposed prayer amendment to which the churchmen are opposed reads as follows: "Nothing in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in nondenominational prayer."

The religious leaders view such an amendment as "opening the doors for governmental intrusion into the religious affairs of the people." And they declared, "This we protest."

The statement of opposition to the prayer amendment pointed out that the major religious faiths themselves have never been able to achieve consensus on a definition of prayer, much less a definition of "nondenominational prayer."

"We deny that any elected body or government authority has the right to determine either the place or the content of prayer, as is implied in the proposed prayer amendment," the religious spokesmen declared.

They continued: "To authorize government by a constitutional amendment to intervene in the sacred privilege of prayer, long enshrined in the character and tradition of our nation, is to make of government a judge of theology and an administrator of religious practice."

"If such a proposed amendment becomes a part of the Constitution of the United States, a new religion of 'nondenominationalism' would in a measure become established which could destroy the integrity of both church and state," they concluded.

In addition to the Baptists, the other signers of the petition to Congress, include:

American Ethical Union, American Humanist Association, the Church of the Brethren, Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, Friends Committee on National Legislation, General Board of Christian Social Concern of the United Methodist Church, Mennonite Central Committee--Peace Section, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.,

Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, consisting of: American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Anti-Defamation League, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., National Council of Jewish Women, Rabbinical Assembly, Rabbinical Council of America, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America, and 85 state, county and local Jewish community councils.

Also, Richard J. Niebank, secretary for social concerns, Board of Social Ministry, Lutheran Church in America; Office of Church and Society, United Presbyterian Church in the United States; Council for Christian Social Action, United Church of Christ; Unitarian Universalist Association; and William P. Thompson, stated clerk, United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

The US-2ers recently arrived at their mission fields, reaching from Massachusetts to California where they will serve in pastorates, student work, youth centers, inner-city social ministries, resort missions and juvenile rehabilitation.

Newly-appointed US-2ers Jim and Edna Barnes, both natives of Arkansas, are working in a school for the deaf in Baytown, Tex. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. She attended Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth.

Howard and Martha Beam, former Mississippians, are working in church extension in the Upper Ohio River Valley in West Virginia. A New Orleans native, he is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. A native of Winona, Miss., Mrs. Beam also is a graduate of Mississippi College.

A Williamsburg, Va., native, William Blessing and his wife, Carol, will work in Christian social ministries in Atlanta. Both are graduates of the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. She is a native of Newport News, Va.

Donnie and Pamela Boutwell will serve in Buffalo, N. Y. A graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., he is a native of Picayune, Miss. She is a graduate of Pearl River Junior College, Poplarville, Miss., and a native of Bogaloussa, La.

Dennis Bradley, of Atlanta, was planning to go to Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., until a few weeks ago. He had applied to the US-2 program during the winter but there were not enough funds available to send another US-2er. During the summer, however, a woman from south Georgia donated enough money for another volunteer worker to go into the program. Bradley is assigned to student work at the University of Montana in Missoula, Mont. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia, Athens.

A Yale, Okla., native, William Broughton Jr., is serving in church extension in Utica, N. Y. He is a graduate of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.

Reva Burnett of Louisville is working in Christian social ministries in Watertown, N. Y. She is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

Lana Church, a native of Abilene, Tex., will serve in church extension work in Omaha, Neb. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Franklin Cofer of Atlanta is working in special mission ministries in the Chicago area. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia.

Also working in Christian social ministries is Peggy Lee Dawson, a native of Monroe, La. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.

Richard and Karen DeLeon, graduates of the University of Corpus Christi, Tex., will serve as language missionaries in Bethlehem, Pa. He is a native of Monterrey, Mexico. She is a native of Corpus Christi.

Steven Dellinger of Gastonia, N. C., is working in church extension in Milwaukee, Wisc. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.

A Jackson, Miss., native, Larry Glass is working in church extension in Albany, N. Y. He also is a graduate of Mississippi College.

Lon Johnston of Floydada, Tex., is serving as pastor of a non-sectarian church in a resort ministry in Lake Tahoe, Calif. He is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

Marryann Joiner is working in Slavic language missions in New Britain, Conn. A native of California, she is a graduate of San Diego State College, San Diego, Calif.

Graduates of Southwestern State College, Oklahoma City, Okla., Lois and Robert Jordan are in special missions ministries in Monroe, Mich. He is a native of Whittier, Calif., and she is from Weatherford, Okla.

Working in Christian social ministries in San Francisco is Phyllis Kimbrough, a native of Abilene, Tex. She is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University.

Another Texas native, Patsy Lokey of Lubbock, will work in Christian social ministries in St. Louis. She is a graduate of Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Walter McBroom Jr., of Atlanta, is serving in special mission ministries in Madison, Wisc. He is a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.

Tom H. Pace is working with students at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. A native of Paris, Tex., he is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Also involved in student work, Clay Price III of Fort Worth is at San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif. Price is a graduate of the University of Texas, Austin.

Ronald Sisk, a graduate of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, is serving in special missions ministries in New York City. He is a native of Wellington, Tex.

Judith Tuxhorn of Denver is working in Spanish language missions in Harlem, N. Y. She is a graduate of Adams State College, Alamosa, Colo., and Colorado State University, Fort Collins.

Michael and Kathy Weaver, graduates of Arkansas State University, are working in special mission ministries in Ocean City and Salisbury, Md. He is a native of Steele, Mo., and she is from Heber Springs, Ark.

Involved in special missions ministries in Worcester, Mass., Mike West is a native of Ardmore, Okla., and a graduate of Southeastern State College, Durant, Okla.

Robert and Glenda Wilson are working in church extension in Point Pleasant, W. Va. A native of Marshall, Tex., he is a graduate of the University of Texas and attended Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. A native of Fort Worth, she attended the University of Texas.

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Southeastern Seminary Slates Eight Special 1971 Lectures

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here has slated eight special lectures for the upcoming academic year, featuring four seminary professors, a college and a seminary president, a world Baptist leader and a Baptist editor.

James M. Gustafson, professor of Christian ethics at Yale Divinity School, will deliver the first of the special lectures, slated Sept. 21-22.

Five of the special lectures are scheduled during "missionary day" observances at the seminary. Speakers and the dates of their addresses will be:

J. Archie Hargroves, president of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.; Oct. 6; Julian H. Pentecost, editor of The Religious Herald, weekly publication of the Baptist General Association of Virginia in Richmond, Nov. 3; David Mein, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary of North Brazil, Recife, Dec. 8; V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, president of the Baptist World Alliance, Feb. 10; and Henry McKennie Goodpasture, associate professor of Christian missions at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, March 22.

Speaker for the spring convocation will be John T. Wayland, professor of Christian education at Southeastern Seminary.

The Carver-Barnes Memorial Lectures will be delivered Feb. 29-March 3 by C. Penrose St. Amant, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and recently-elected president of the European Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland.