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Stewardship Commission Expands Staff, Adopts Record Budget

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission in annual session here adopted a record \$587,725 operating budget for 1972-73 and approved two new staff positions.

The new positions, in the areas of stewardship development and Cooperative Program promotion, will each have the title of assistant director. No personnel were named for either position.

Bill R. Wilson, pastor of Woodhaven Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., was employed as assistant director, Church and Institutional Fund Raising. He has been pastor of the Houston church since 1969 and previously served as pastor of churches in Friday and Easterly, Tex.

A native of Arkansas, Wilson graduated from Baylor University and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth.

The commissioners gave approval to their executive committee to study the feasibility of establishing a church bond servicing program.

The study resulted from a request by a committee of three Baptist state executive secretaries who represented the Association of Baptist State Convention Church Bond Plans formed at Philadelphia in June.

The study will consider setting up a program on a cost-recovery basis patterned after the bond programs now in operation in nine Baptist state conventions. The Stewardship Commission would provide the mechanical processing of bond issues through the delivery of the bonds to churches.

Further, in states where there is no working agreement with a bond servicing agency, the Commission's study will consider providing service to individual churches after consultation with the state convention leadership.

The full Commission will consider the action of its executive committee's study at a later meeting.

In other action the Commission approved:

the development of plans for a national seminar related to a biblical study of mission support and the possibility of including practical promotion techniques.

- the establishment of a speaker's service by the Office of Cooperative Program Promotion to enlist people to speak in behalf of Southern Baptist work at their own expense.

- investigation into a possible tour service to educate people concerning the work on all Southern Baptist Mission fields.

The Commission's 1973 meeting will be in Orlando, Fla.

Student Summer Missionary
Killed in Auto Accident

STOCKTON, Mo. (BP)--Memorial services for student summer missionary Ginger Perkins, 21, killed in an automobile accident July 6 were held in First Baptist Church, Hornersville, Mo., and Stockton, Mo.

Miss Perkins' co-worker, Kathy Huston, of Wichita, Kan., was placed under observation in a Wichita hospital, though she was not believed to have been severely injured. The accident occurred between Fort Stockton and Eldorado Springs while the summer missionaries were publicizing their camping and community ministries at Lake Stockton, a resort camping area.

Both girls were summer missionaries appointed by their Baptist Student Unions to work within Missouri. Miss Perkins was a senior at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and Miss Huston is a sophomore at William Jewel College, Liberty, Mo.

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Louisiana Group Draws
Enthusiastic Response

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HAMILTON, Bermuda (BP)--The largest crowd ever to pack the 5-year-old sanctuary of First Baptist Church here responded to a pastor and a teen-age choir from Lafayette, La., in a manner that caused a missionary to exclaim that "Heaven came down like it did when George Whitefield preached here over 200 years ago."

Southern Baptist missionary Mary Lil Harris, whose husband, Robert, is pastor of the Hamilton church, attributed the capacity crowd of 450 people to contacts the evangelistic team had made in schools, parks and on television throughout Bermuda.

"Singing groups have appeared in Bermuda many times," said Mrs. Harris, "but the islanders responded to the "The In-formers" choir of First Baptist Church, Lafayette, as they had never responded before. The Lafayette church's pastor, Perry Sanders, chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board's Middle America and Caribbean Committee, was the evangelist.

"An almost unbelievable result of the evangelistic campaign," said Mrs. Harris, "was the return to the church of so many young people who had made commitments in the past but had become inactive. It was as if they were answering an old roll call as they responded to the dynamic preaching with new dedication."

After singing at a Navy dependents' compound on one of the small islands, "The In-formers" led 17 young people to trust Christ as their Savior. The choir was directed by Luther Burney.

Kenneth Casey, missionary associate and minister of education at the Hamilton Church, had led church members in a WIN (Witness Involvement Now) leadership training school before the evangelistic campaign.

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Youths Charged in Death
Of Baptist Missionaries Son

7/12/72

DADEVILLE, Ala. (BP)--Two 17-year-old youths have been charged here with first-degree murder in the death of Baptist Seminary student Tom C. Hollingsworth, whose body was found in a densely wooded area near Camp Hill, Ala., July 6.

The two youths were also charged with robbing Hollingsworth of \$9.07, said Tallapoosa County Sheriff James T. Farrow.

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Hollingsworth, 24, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and son of Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina, was working in Alabama for the summer as a Bible salesman.

Charged with his murder and held in the Tallapoosa County jail are Jimmy Lorenzo Hicks and Romano Silman both of nearby Camp Hill, Ala.

Sheriff Farrow said both youths signed confessions that they had planned to lure the seminary student into a wooded area to rob and kill him. Each youth claimed the other did the killing.

Hollingsworth was missing for 10 days before his automobile was discovered by hunters in a wooded area so dense that search planes flying overhead could not spot it. His body was found about 200 feet from the car.

A foreign missions volunteer, Hollingsworth was the only child of the Tom C. Hollingsworths, missionaries to Argentina for 22 years. His parents have been on medical furlough from Buenos Aires since November, living in Bellaire, Tex., a suburb of Houston.

A 1969 graduate of Baylor University, Waco, young Hollingsworth was nearing completion of requirements for the master of divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, his birthplace.

Burial was in Gatesville, Tex., boyhood home of the senior Hollingsworth.

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Lowry Joins PR Office of Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)--James A. Lowry, native of Miami, Okla., has joined the staff of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here as an information specialist in the Office of Public Relations.

He will share responsibilities for interpreting the work of the Sunday School Board through news and feature writing.

Lowry received his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma and was an active member of the Public Relations Student Society of America. He also attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Jr. College.

He was music director at the First Baptist Church, Grove, Okla., for two years and also was employed as a social worker with the Department of Public Welfare.

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Five Winners Announced for Broadman Seminarian Award

NASHVILLE (BP)--Five winners of the first annual Broadman Seminarian Award, a 12 volume set of the Broadman Bible Commentary, have been announced by five of the six Southern Baptist Seminaries.

Broadman makes the commentaries available to each seminary to honor an outstanding graduating student each year.

Broadman Press, donor of the awards, is the publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The awards are efforts to make long-range contributions to sound Bible understanding among pastors and laymen. Each seminary establishes criteria for selection.

The winners are Douglas W. Maness, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., and Levi Weldon Price, Jr., Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., for their high academic averages in biblical studies;

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Lawrence Matlock, Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., for holding the highest grade point average in his graduating class; Richard D. Land, New Orleans Seminary, and Thomas Henry Graves, Southern Seminary, Louisville, K., for outstanding contributions to their classes.

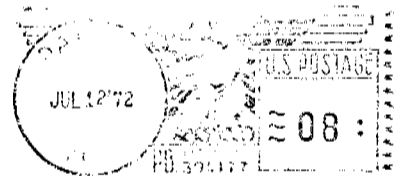
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