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**Gaddy Named to Staff of SBC
 Christian Life Commission**

NASHVILLE (BP)--Welton Gaddy of Louisville has been named director of Christian citizenship development for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Gaddy, 31, is pastor of Beechwood Baptist Church of Louisville. He assumes the post here effective Jan. 1, 1973.

Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the commission, said Gaddy will work in developing programs to help Southern Baptists exert Christian influence on political structures to create an improved moral climate in the communities, in the states, and in the nation.

Valentine added that Gaddy is both deeply committed to and uniquely qualified for working with Southern Baptists "to help bring moral convictions to bear on the political processes and structures in order to bring about changes for God's glory and man's good."

Gaddy earned the doctor of theology degree in Christian ethics from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He also holds the master of theology and the bachelor of divinity degrees from Southern Seminary. He has a bachelor of arts degree from Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

Gaddy is immediate past president of the Louisville Baptist Pastors' Conference, chairman of the Christian Life Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and is a member of the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board. He is also a member of the Christian Life Committee of the Long Run Association of Baptists in Louisville.

He now serves as a panel member on "The Moral Side of the News," a weekly radio program dealing with current moral issues broadcast over a thirty-state area.

Gaddy was pastor of several churches in Tennessee and Kentucky while a university and seminary student. He also served as an instructor in preaching at Southern Seminary.

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18 Baptist Groups Form
 Asian Baptist Fellowship

12/11/72

HONG KONG (BP)--Eighteen Baptist groups met here to organize and constitute the Asian Baptist Fellowship, a newly-created organization to provide fellowship and cooperative mission endeavors among Baptists in the Pacific.

Each of the 18 Baptist bodies participating in the organizational session must ratify officially the decision to join the new fellowship, which was proposed during the 1970 Baptist World Congress in Tokyo sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance.

The Asian fellowship will be a regional organization related loosely to the Baptist World Alliance, similar to the North American Baptist Fellowship and the European Baptist Federation.

V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia (USA), president of the Baptist World Alliance, attended the organizational session of the Asian Baptist Fellowship.

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Two Baptist World Alliance vice presidents, Daniel Cheung of Hong Kong and B.R. Moses of Ramapatnam, South India, shared in the chairmanship of the conference. A key role in calling the organizational session was played by A.C. Prior of Sydney, Australia, who had served as secretary of an interim planning committee appointed at the Tokyo Congress in 1970.

Attending the constituting conference here were representatives of Baptist bodies in Australia, Bangladesh, the Republic of China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Singapore.

Observers were present from Baptist groups in Macau, South Vietnam and Thailand. New Zealand and the Philippines were not able to send representatives, Prior said.

In a resolution urging support of the new organization, the participants said: "We believe that God is leading us into a new venture of cooperation at depth for a more effective proclamation of the gospel in Asia.

"We call upon all Baptists in Asia to unite to strengthen and undergird the proposed Asian Baptist Fellowship for developments and advance in its mission throughout our lands," the statement said.

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Baptist Leader To Discuss
Religious Trends on ABC-TV

12/11/72

FORT WORTH (BP)--The president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here will be one of four featured panelists to discuss religious trends of 1972 and possible developments in 1973 on a network television program slated Dec. 31.

Paul M. Stevens of the Radio-TV Commission will join three other religious leaders for the panel discussion on the American Broadcasting Co. (ABC-TV) "Direction" program slated for broadcast at 1:00 p.m. (EST), Sunday, Dec. 31.

ABC news commentator Frank Reyholds will host the program, which will focus on religious developments in 1972 and possible issues to confront the American religious community in 1973.

Others on the panel will include representatives of the National Council of Churches, the Jewish faith, and Roman Catholics.

Panelists are Stevens; Dick Gilbert of New York, a member of the Presbyterian Board of Communications representing the National Council of Churches; Edward T. Sandrow, rabbi emeritus of Temple Beth El in Cedarhurst, N.Y.; and Kenny Sweeney of New York, president of the American Catholic Association of Religious Broadcasters.

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Baptist Men's Journal Editor
Named to Mental Health Post

12/11/72

MEMPHIS (BP)--Dana Driver, editor of the Baptist Men's Journal published by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here, has been named director of public affairs for the Arlington (Tenn.) Hospital and School for the Mentally Retarded.

Driver, 26, is a native of Memphis and a graduate of Memphis State University in journalism and radio and television. He has also done graduate work at Texas Christian University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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CORRECTION

On BP story mailed 12-6-72, headlined "Most Baptisms, 12 Million Members, Billion Dollar Gifts Projected in SBC," please change last sentence, graph 12 to read: Last year's increase (not decrease as sent) was 6.9 per cent, while this year's decrease (add this word) was only 0.2 per cent.

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