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**FMB Appoints Missionaries,  
Adds New Staff Member**

RICHMOND (BP)--In its final meeting of the year, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here added 12 new persons to its overseas force, heard its executive secretary report on the status of missionaries in Uganda, elected a South Carolina associational missions superintendent to its department of promotion and furlough ministries, and approved recommendations of various committees.

The six new missionary couples were appointed in a night service at First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va., following an afternoon business session here. Many board and staff members traveled with the missionary candidates to Alexandria on chartered buses.

An Alexandria pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Atkinson, were one of the couples appointed. They expect to work in Chile. He is pastor of Sunset Hills Baptist Church.

Other new missionaries are Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Brent Jr. of Louisville, Ky., formerly of Los Alamos, N.M., appointed to Kenya; Mr. and Mrs. Everett R. Burnette of Rock Hill, S.C., Senegal; Mr. and Mrs. Jim L. Harvey of Sweetwater, Tex., Indonesia.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas G. Ringer of Mulhall, Okla., Laos; and Mr. and Mrs. G. Wayne Buck of Rome, Ga., employed as missionary associates for a four-year term in Israel.

Dr. and Mrs. George H. Kollmar of Amarillo, Tex., were reappointed for missionary service in Colombia, where they previously served for 14 years.

A crowd of approximately 1,500 persons attended the appointment service in Alexandria which continues a trend toward more out-of-Richmond appointments begun by the board in recent years. Such services are held at the invitation of the host church.

The board has appointed, employed or reappointed a total of 171 persons in 1972. While high compared to other missionary organizations, this number is the lowest since 1964 for the Southern Baptist foreign mission agency, said Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the mission support division.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reported that several missionary families from Uganda are in Kenya awaiting developments before deciding whether they can return to that strife-torn African nation. G. Webster Carroll and several other missionaries are still in Uganda. Board officials and new missionaries assigned to Uganda who are completing orientation are awaiting word from Carroll before making a decision about going directly to the country or beginning language study in Limuru, Kenya, Cauthen said.

Sam Pittman, superintendent of missions for the Beaverdam Baptist Association in South Carolina, was elected by the board as an associate secretary in the department of promotion and furlough ministries, effective Feb. 1, 1973.

He is believed to be the first associational missions superintendent elected to the board's staff. A Greenville, S.C., native, Pittman has held pastorates in Tennessee and South Carolina.

After relocating here with his wife and two children, Pittman will have a specific relationship to associational superintendents of missions throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Samuel Debord, secretary of the promotion and furlough ministries department.

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The board approved a recommendation that Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen and his wife visit Southern Baptist missions in Bangladesh and India in January and participate in the dedication of a new Baptist hospital in Bangalore, India.

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Renewal Center Names  
Clemmons Director

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--The Vineyard Conference Center, formed at mid-year here by professor Findley Edge, has named Bill Clemmons of Nashville as its first director.

Clemmons, presently director of vocational guidance and family ministry at the Baptist Sunday School Board, is a former missionary, teacher, pastor, and education director.

Starting January 1, he will take over the administration of this renewal center, which seeks, according to Edge, "to help individuals and churches discover at increasingly deeper levels the life to which God is calling all his people."

Edge, a professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has dreamed of the center for more than eight years, and last July announced the formation of a board of directors representing five denominations.

Since then, the interest of lay people across the nation who have personally experienced a renewed vitality in their Christian lives have made it possible to employ Clemmons, according to Edge.

Clemmons feels this is what renewal is all about--the realization of a deeper relationship with God and with one's fellowman and the desire to share it.

The new director, who served in Italy for six years as a missionary of Southern Baptists, said that renewal is a total teaching experience, not simply that of content but also a group process.

"We are very much aware that this needs to happen in the local church. In the past renewal has been person centered. We now see that this experience has to be nurtured within the life of the church."

In addition to being responsible for the conferences in Louisville (12 are scheduled for next year), he will plan and lead regional conferences.

The center is also helping train lay leadership for renewal evangelism in cooperation with Reid Hardin, associate director of the division of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Clemmons said the center would be working predominantly with Southern Baptists but not exclusively.

The new director has earned three degrees from Southern Seminary and did his undergraduate work at the University of South Carolina.

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James Powell To Assist SBC  
Cooperative Program Promotion

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NASHVILLE (BP)--James L. Powell Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church in Laurinburg, N.C., has been named assistant director of Cooperative Program promotion for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission here, effective Jan. 1.

The addition of Powell to the staff will enable the commission to fulfill the increasing requests for assistance including national promotion of the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative

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Program, the denomination's unified budget plan for world missions support, according to Michael Speer, director of Cooperative Program promotion for the commission.

Powell will assist in editing Cooperative Program promotion plans and materials, channeling Cooperative Program promotion through all SBC agencies, and in field service and special project assignments.

Before going to the Laurinberg, N.C., church as pastor, Powell was assistant to the president and assistant director of the foundation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Previously, he had been pastor of First Baptist Church, Mount Airy, N.C.; associate pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston; and pastor of Jordan Baptist Church, Eagle Station, Ky.

A native of Greensboro, he is a graduate of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

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#### Young Men in Missions Plan Outlined by Hough

MEMPHIS (BP)--A two-year plan culminating in a program designed to acquaint Baptist young men 18-30 with Christian missions and involve them in service to others was unveiled at the Brotherhood Commission here.

John Anthony Hough, a 22-year-old US-2 missionary assigned to the Brotherhood Commission September 1 to conduct research about the characteristics and interests of Baptist young men, disclosed his schedule for developing the program for this age group.

A former member of the Baptist Student Union at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, where he was graduated three months ago with a bachelor of arts degree in English, Hough brought some impressions about Brotherhood with him when he became a missionary.

Southern Baptist young men need a way to fit into the church in a personal as well as an organized way, Hough said.

"Brotherhood (as it is today) doesn't appeal to me as a young man and doesn't appeal to others my age. There's a need to provide a new outlook in Brotherhood."

Hough, a bachelor, sees part of his job as finding the needs of young men, their interests, their hang-ups, and identifying ways to satisfy those needs.

Self discovery is a term Hough uses a lot to describe the needs of young men. He explains it this way:

"By self discovery, I mean discovering my talents, giving them to God, letting him show me how to use them, then accepting myself for my shortcomings, and accepting other people for what they are."

One of Hough's first steps has been to enlist a committee with a broad representation which he hopes will "give me the handles as to the needs of young people and some possible approaches to use."

The committee, composed of seminary professors, local church representatives, state Brotherhood leaders, SBC agency representatives, young people, a representative of the professions, and a psychologist, held its first meeting November 19-20 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth.

"I plan to work through the information the committee developed and to feed it into projects I plan to use in a pilot program with several groups of Baptist young men," Hough said.

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"By February 1, 1973 I hope to have 12 young men's groups in the Memphis area testing a variety of approaches, particularly short term projects.

Evaluation of the testing program will begin in July, 1973 followed by more exhaustive testing and evaluation in the summer of 1974.

"At the end of two years I hope to offer to all interested churches a tried and proven set of concepts for working with young men in the area of missions."

Hough, who acknowledges he likes to work with young men and women of college age, became interested in missions in college.

After a term in Hawaii in 1970 as a student summer missionary, Hough said he was influenced by other US-2 missionaries to consider the home missions program.

"I was particularly impressed by a US-2 missionary in Muncie who was reaching people on a one-to-one basis in an inner city project."

"My Christian life began to blossom by sophomore year in college. I have only begun to try to follow God's will since that time."

Hough's plans after the two-year US-2 stint are indefinite. They may include student work or foreign mission service, both requiring seminary training, he said.

Meanwhile, he is questioning any Baptist young person he can corner about his interests in missions and the types of mission action projects which appeal to him.

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Brown Elected Manager  
Of Southern Seminary Store

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Harvey Brown, native of Patton, Mo., recently was elected manager of the Southern Seminary Baptist Book Store, Louisville, Ky.

Brown received his bachelor of education degree from Southwest Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau, Mo., in 1954 and his masters of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in 1959.

He served as minister of education at Buechel Park Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., before going to the book store. He also served as minister of education for First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., and South Norfolk Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Va.

For two years he served as president of the Virginia Baptist Religious Education Association. (Prepared by BSSB Bureau)

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Minister, Wife Slain,  
Son Commits Suicide

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ATLANTA (BP)--A Southern Baptist pastor and his wife were shot to death shortly before midnight Tuesday here, apparently by their elder son, who later the next morning committed suicide.

The bodies of Homer Smith, 57, pastor of Hills Park Baptist Church in Atlanta, and his wife Allene, 56, were found by police Wednesday morning after they received a telephone call from the Smith's younger son, Steve, 29.

The police also found the body of Jeff Bentley Smith, 39, with a fatal bullet wound through his head, seated in a reclining chair where he had apparently killed himself after shooting his mother and father.

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The younger Smith son said his brother Jeff had called him Wednesday morning and told him what he had done. "You'd better start arrangements," Jeff Smith told his brother.

The first time Jeff called him that morning Steve said he hung up on Jeff. Steve later told police that the family was "having problems" with Jeff. The second time Jeff called, however, Steve listened to him tell him that he had killed their parents. Steve then telephoned the police.

Ermer Smith, who formerly had been pastor of Venetian Hills Baptist Church for 14 years, was lying in a hallway, a .410 gauge shotgun beside his body and wounds in his face and shoulder.

His wife, Allene, was lying on the floor of the master bedroom with wounds in her neck and chest. Jeff was sitting upright in a chair in the den. There were indications that the minister had struggled for his life, police said. There were spent shells and cartridges strewn about him from three weapons--the shotgun, a .25 caliber pistol, and a .38 pistol--found in the house.

Otherwise the house was undisturbed.

Police they could determine no motive for the murders.

"He was the oldest son, and he lived at home. He had a drinking problem. He wore a built-up shoe on one foot from something that was wrong with his foot or leg," said Sgt. E.L. Pike of the Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office. "As to what triggered it, we have no idea."

Steve Smith told police that the family had been trying to hide the household guns from his brother.

A spokesman for the Georgia Mental Health Institute said Jeff Smith had been treated for alcoholism, both as in-patient and day patient, from sometime prior to 1968 until last June, when he was transferred to the Georgia Regional Hospital. He entered the hospital voluntarily, but went "awol" after about two weeks. He was officially discharged after his disappearance, and did not return again to the hospital.

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Mrs. Hood, Early Home  
Missionary, Dies

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ATLANTA (BP)--Mrs. Margaret Tweedy Hood, one of seven pioneer Southern Baptist Home missionaries, died last week in Dawson, Ga., at age 86.

She had been in declining health living in a nursing home for several months. Her husband, Herman E. Hood, died in 1947.

Mrs. Hood was born in Madison, Ga. She entered the Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Louisville, Ky. in 1908.

She was partially supported by the Friendship Baptist Association. The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed her to mission service in 1900 to Norfolk, Va., to work with various minority groups there. Mrs. Hood started the first goodwill center in Norfolk, calling it The Settlement House.

She worked there until her marriage to Mr. Hood in 1918.

She later served as director of the Baptist youth camp at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. Hood returned to Dawson in 1948 and lived there until her death. She was active in Dawson First Baptist Church until her health failed.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Mae Tweedy Dozier of Dawson. Funeral services were in Dawson with interment beside her husband in Bennettsville, S.C.

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