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Home Board Appoints 34 as Missionaries

ATLANTA (BP)--Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed 34 persons to career and associate missionary positions here this week and awarded church pastoral aid to 12 others.

Career missionary appointments include: Glynn and Darlene Hayes of Duluth, Ga.; Jimmy and Edna Barnes of Jefferson City, Mo.; Frank and Susan Broome of Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Lorraine Kaufman of Louisville, Ky.; Gordon and Margaret Logan of Morton, Ill.; Kenneth and Margaret Oliver of Lexington, Ky.; Wilson and Lucy Parker of Rapid City, S. D.; Gregory and Alice Whitetree of Davenport, Iowa; and Daniel and Carolyn Zoeller of Paducah, Ky.

Missionary associate appointments include: Faustino and Esther Armendariz of O'Donnell, Tex.; Suzanne Coyle of Philadelphia, Pa.; David J. and Barbara Gilbert of Cherokee, N. C.; Frank and Ruth Halbeck of Los Angeles, Calif.; Lewis and Alma McClendon of Ketchikan, Alaska; Jimmy and Viola Palmer of Phoenix, Ariz.; Nathan and Peggy Pillow of Tempe, Ariz.; Robert and Sharon Plunkett of Fort Worth, Tex.; and Russell and Betty Richardson of Mount Vernon, Ill.

The Hayeses have been appointed to pastoral missions in Pasadena, Calif. He is a graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., and former chaplain in Buford, Ga.

The Barneses will do work with the deaf in Missouri where he will serve as deaf program leader. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., and a former US-2er working with the deaf in Texas.

The Broomes will work in Covington, Ky., where Broomes will direct weekday ministries. He is a native of Washington, Ga., and a graduate of Mercer University in Macon, Ga. He was program coordinator for weekday ministries at the Baptist Center in Louisville.

Mrs. Kaufman will join her husband who is director of Christian social ministries in Louisville. She is a native of Kentucky and attended the University of Cincinnati.

The Logans will work in the Blackhawk Association in Illinois where Logan will serve as director of missions. He is a native of Missouri and was pastor of Morton Baptist Church, prior to his appointment.

The Olivers will work in the Elkhorn Association in Lexington where Oliver will direct Christian social ministries. He has worked as executive director of social services for The Salvation Army in Lexington and as an instructor at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky.

The Parkers will work in New York's Southern Tier Association, where Parker will be involved in rural-urban missions. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. He was pastor of several churches in Tennessee, Illinois and Nebraska and was director of missions in Rapid City, prior to his appointment.

The Whitetrees will be missionaries with the Iowa Southern Baptist Fellowship in Davenport. He has been a probation officer for the Memphis, Tenn., juvenile court, and a missionary associate in Louisville.

The Zoellers will work in the West Union Association in Kentucky where Zoeller will direct Christian social ministries. He is a native of Illinois and has pastored several churches in Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. -more-

The Armendarizes will work in Golaid, Tex., where he will be a pastor among the Spanish-speaking people.

Suzanne Coyle will do church extension work in downtown Philadelphia.

The Gilberts will do work among the Indians in North Carolina.

The Halbecks will work in Los Angeles where he will be involved in Hebrew missions.

The McClendons will work in Alaska where McClendon will be director of church extension for the southeast part of the state.

The Palmers will work in Phoenix, where he will direct the Baptist Center.

The Pillows will work in Arizona where Pillow will be an evangelism associate.

The Plunketts will work in Washington, where Plunkett will be an area director of Christian social ministries.

The Richardsons will work in the New England Convention where he will be evangelism director.

Church pastoral aid has been approved for: Earl Wood of Thompsonville, Ill.; Paul White of Logan, Ohio; George Scantlan of O'Fallon, Mo.; David Koons of Albion, Mich.; Charles Joyner of Terrace, Wash.; James Holloway of Garden Court, Ind.; Joe Cooper of Grapevine, Tex.; David Caranci of Beaver Falls, Pa.; Sherrill Dillon of Cumberland, Md.; Mark Keitzer of Philadelphia; John Green of Ogden, Utah; Walter Clouse of Spokane, Wash.

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'Pastors Must Speak Out
On Issues, ' Says Minister

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By Floyd A. Craig

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--If Southern Baptist pastors do not speak out on issues during the forthcoming presidential election campaign, they may run the risk of missing their divine call as ministers of God, a Dallas pastor predicted here.

According to A. Douglas Watterson Jr., pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, pastors are called of God to be "prophets to a broken and weary world."

Watterson, speaking to the conference on "Moral Issues in the '76 Elections," sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, said Southern Baptist pastors and leaders must "find their voices and speak out clearly on human rights, armament, world hunger, unconscionable cost of health care, root causes of crime and corruption.

"I am confident that if the Christian leadership of America," said Watterson, "becomes vocal about the moral implications of these issues and many others that those who are running for public office will hear and be responsive.

"Somewhere, sometime, God's people must commit themselves radically to the way of Jesus," urged Watterson. "The time has come for us to rethink who we are.

"We are, according to Jesus Christ, to be a salt and light community. Whenever Christians become such a community, you can count on conflict. Whenever light encroaches upon darkness there is always a fight and sometimes even bloodshed," said Watterson.

Watterson observed that a vast number of Southern Baptist pastors have opted out of dealing with the "nasty, old world. They have said, 'I'm not going to deal with issues. I'm just going to preach the gospel,' as though the gospel only meant how to be saved and get home to heaven and not what a Christian is called to be and do in the midst of the broken world that Christ is involved in trying to heal.

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"I have heard this until it makes me sick in my gut," Watterson said. "If we as Christian ministers do not speak to our people on moral issues during the coming elections--then who will?" asked Watterson. "Some will say if we speak on issues we will destroy the church--I say--if we preserve the church at the cost of being what the church is called to be, then there is nothing left to preserve," he charged.

"Certainly, we must avoid partisanship and dealing in personalities during the campaigns, but the campaigns offer excellent opportunity to apply the message of Jesus to the desperate issues of this hour and to call upon Christians to decide whether they really believe that Jesus' way is the way to heal the world's great sicknesses.

"The time has come for more than just pious talk," encouraged Watterson.

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'Lead Way Back to Political
Concern,' Baptists Urged

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GLORIETA (BP)--This election year will be a test of America's democratic independence because increasing numbers of citizens--including many Southern Baptists--appear indifferent and distrusting of political institutions and electoral processes, a staff member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C. (BJCPA) said here.

Two years ago, only 36 percent of those eligible voted in the national congressional election, W. Barry Garrett, associate director in charge of information for the Washington-based BJCPA, told participants in a Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission-sponsored conference on "Moral Values in the '76 Election."

In contrast, Garrett said, 46 percent voted in 1962. In 1972, only half of the eligible voters exercised their right to vote, down from a peak of 63 percent in 1960.

"This trend in the alienation, disenchantment and indifference it represents must be reversed if our government is truly to reflect the full 'consent of the governed,'" he said.

"Southern Baptist churches must help correct this situation," urged Garrett, "They must encourage members to vote, to be informed on the issues and help them to discern between personal preferences and public good.

"Churches should provide forums of information," he continued, "to study pending legislation in Congress, the candidates' positions and the political party platform--without taking sides.

"Churches should seek to match their profession of faith with a performance of faithfulness," noted Garrett. "Guesswork, heresy, rumor, fear, selfishness, greed and position have no place in Christian motivation for political action.

"Fortunately, in this day, there are sources of information available to us and we should do all in our power to be informed--as troublesome and disillusioning as that may sometimes be. Southern Baptist churches and leaders should lead the way," Garrett concluded.

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Satellite to Transmit Free
Programs Through Indonesia

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SEMARANG, Indonesia (BP)--After Indonesia's first domestic satellite is launched this summer, Baptist programs will be aired free of charge throughout Indonesia, according to J. O. Terry Jr., Southern Baptist regional radio and television representative for East and Southeast Asia.

The Domestic Satellite Communications System (DOMSAT) will tie together 120 million Indonesians on 2,000 islands stretching from Sumatra to West Irian through radio and television. It will make possible telephone, telegraph and television services throughout the islands.

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"The reason we are excited about this so-called domestic satellite is that it will make anything on the local services available throughout all of Indonesia instead of just in the Semarang area," Terry said. Semarang is where Baptist radio and television ministries are based.

It means radio and television programs can now be broadcast simultaneously throughout the islands. In times past, there have been no networks. Programs were taped and then transmitted from station to station to be rebroadcast.

For example, only a limited number of viewers could see an Easter program on Easter. Many others saw it as it was rebroadcast in the weeks that followed, and each rebroadcast lost quality, according to Terry.

But even more important is the cost factor. "The thing that is important to us is we will be seen in all of Indonesia at no cost to us," Terry added.

The government gives Baptists the time and pays the production costs for a 23-minute program broadcast six to eight times a year. These programs are produced from Jakarta.

Other programs have been produced from Jakarta where Baptist films were shown 129 times last year as fill-ins, according to former Southern Baptist Missionary G. Barry Nelson, formerly director of radio and television work in Indonesia.

Malaysia and the southern part of the Philippines will also be able to use the satellite, Terry said.

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New Orleans Adds Music Prof;
Long-range Committee Named

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A new faculty member and the naming of a committee to study long-range goals and personal development were announced as special action of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary trustees here.

Leroy Yarbrough, executive editor of Crescendo Music, Inc., in Dallas, will become assistant professor of chorale conducting, effective Aug. 1.

Named to oversee the long-range committee, at its outset, were Nelson Price of Marietta, Ga., chairman; Bill Hamm of Shreveport, La.; and Ray P. Rust, executive vice president of New Orleans Seminary, who will assist Price.

Appointments of two other faculty members were previously announced from the same session. They are: Fred B. Moseley, presently executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB), to head the seminary's School of Christian Training (SCT), and Jerry Breazeale, pastor of First Baptist Church in Bogalusa, La., as the SCT's first regular faculty member. Moseley will be on teaching leave from the board until Jan. 1, 1977, when he will assume duties as director, following his retirement from the HMB. The SCT will open in the fall.

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