

(BP)**BAPTIST PRESS**

News Service of the Southern Baptist Convention

NATIONAL OFFICE

SBC Executive Committee
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37219
(615) 244-2355
W. C. Fields, Director
Robert J. O'Brien, News Editor
James Lee Young, Feature Editor

BUREAUS

ATLANTA Walker L. Knight, Chief, 1350 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30309, Telephone (404) 873-4041
DALLAS Orville Scott, Chief, 103 Baptist Building, Dallas, Tex. 75201, Telephone (214) 741-1996
MEMPHIS Roy Jennings, Chief, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38104, Telephone (901) 272-2461
NASHVILLE (Baptist Sunday School Board) Gomer Lesch, Chief, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37234, Telephone (615) 254-5461
RICHMOND Richard M. Styles, Acting Chief, 3806 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va. 23230, Telephone (804) 353-0151
WASHINGTON W. Barry Garrett, Chief, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, Telephone (202) 544-4226

February 11, 1977

77-26

**Board Transfers Hammer,
Elects Missionary Personnel**

ATLANTA (BP)--Don Hammer was named director of metropolitan evangelism strategy by the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's directors during the February meeting here.

Directors also accepted the resignation of Tommy Coy, planning consultant for the Home Mission Board for more than eight years, effective March 1. He will become director of counseling for the Christian Broadcasting Network, Virginia Beach, Va.

Thirty-five persons were appointed to mission fields including 10 missionaries, 11 missionary associates and 14 mission pastors approved for church pastoral aid (CPA).

Hammer, associate in the department of metropolitan missions since May, 1975, will transfer to the evangelism section, effective March 1, to provide leadership for the development of a metropolitan evangelism strategy, according to John Havlik, director of the department of evangelism development.

Havlik added that Hammer will work with Frank Crumpler, new director of evangelism planning and associational services. "Neither of these are new staff positions. We are shuffling responsibilities to fit the expertise of each man," says Havlik, who oversees both positions.

Hammer says, "I hope to capture the wave of evangelism to work through metro missions and evangelism personnel in the states."

Named missionaries were David and Janie Wallace of Duncan, Ariz.; Micheal and Carol Summers of Sudan, Tex.; John and Martha Samb of Thomson, Ga.; John and Ruth King of Lyons, Colo.; and Gerald and Peggy Colbert of McKinney, Tex.

Named missionary associates were Earl and Ruth Stallings of Marietta, Ga.; Dennis and Elaine Hampton of Sutton, Neb.; John and Betty Inman of Mercedes, Tex.; Jack Parrott of Taylor, Mich.; George and Martha Solis of Corsicana, Tex.; and Leroy and Peggy Gaston of Spokane, Wash.

The Wallaces will serve in Las Vegas, Nev., where he will be director of Christian social ministries for the Lake Mead Baptist Association. Wallace, a native of Louisiana, is a graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and was pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Duncan prior to appointment.

The Summers will serve in New Mexico, where he will be director of associational missions for the Tucumcari and the Northeastern Associations. Prior to appointment, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sudan and is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

The Sams will live in Johnstown, Pa., where he will serve as director-pastor of the Oakhurst Baptist Church. He is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and was a chaplain at the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, prior to appointment.

The Kings will serve in the Summit, Colo., area where he will be a pastoral missionary. Before appointment, he was pastor of the Foothills Baptist Church in Lyons. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and William Carey College.

The Colberts will serve in Springfield, Colo., where he will be a pastoral missionary. He was previously pastor of the Colleoka Baptist Church in McKinney. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Stallings will serve in Phoenix, Ariz., where he will be Christian social ministries consultant for the Central Baptist Association. Prior to appointment, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marietta, Ga. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Hamptons will continue to live in Sutton, where he will continue as pastor-director of the First Baptist Church of Sutton.

The Inmans will live in Mercedes, where he will continue to serve as pastor of the Southside Baptist Mission, working with Spanish-speaking persons.

Parrott will serve as an evangelism intern for the Michigan Baptist Convention. Prior to appointment, he was pastor of the Glen Eden Baptist Church in Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Solis will continue to live in Corsicana, where he will continue to serve as pastor of the Calvario Baptist Mission, serving a community of Spanish-speaking persons.

The Gastons will live in Oregon, where he will serve as director of associational missions for the Juniper and Kalmath Falls Baptist Associations. He is a native of Texas and has served churches in Texas and Washington as pastor.

-30-

14 Mission Pastors
To Receive CPA

Baptist Press
2/11/77

ATLANTA (BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board approved church pastoral aid (CPA) for 14 mission pastors during the February meeting here.

CPA is a salary supplement to allow a new mission congregation to have a full-time pastor who will lead them to self support. Persons receiving CPA are listed among the Home Mission Board's missionaries. They are:

Davis Eppes of Miles City, Mont., to continue as pastor of Miles City Baptist Church; Charles Fisher of Sidney, Ohio, to continue as pastor of the Wilson Avenue Baptist Church in Sidney; Alf Kavli of Ashtabula, Ohio, to continue as pastor of the Ashtabula Southern Baptist Church; Marvin Bice of Dothan, Ala., to serve as pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii;

Also, Thomas Craighead of Taylor, Mich., to continue as pastor of the Fairlane Baptist Church in Taylor; Trevie Dean of Lancaster, Calif., to continue as pastor of the Quartz Hill Southern Baptist Church in Lancaster; George McDearmon of Fort Worth, Tex., to serve as pastor in Boston Lake, N. Y.;

Also Harold Parsley of Frankfort, Ill., to continue as pastor of the Frankfort Baptist Church; Kenneth Roller of Calmar, Iowa, to serve as pastor of the Baptist mission in Decorah, Iowa; Bob Sandefur of Omak, Wash., to continue as pastor of the Valley Baptist Chapel in Omak; Ronald Turner of Morehead, Ky., to serve as pastor in the Northwest Baptist Association in Pennsylvania;

Also, Charles Wisner of Waukeet, Iowa, to continue as pastor of the Waukeet Baptist Church; Henry Wooten of Tucson, Ariz., to continue as pastor for the North Tucson Baptist Church; and Thomas Butler of Glenview, Ill., to continue as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Worth, Ill.

-30-

Student Directors Elect
Bolin, Discuss World Hunger

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The State Baptist Student Directors' Association, meeting here, elected officers and heard a report on hunger projects aided by offerings from Southern Baptist students across the nation.

William E. (Gene) Bolin, director of the division of higher education for the Baptist Convention of Maryland (which also covers New England states), was elected president, succeeding Wendell Foss, who directs Baptist student work for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Bob Lee, state student director for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, was named vice president and president-elect, and Ralph Winders, state student director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was elected secretary.

Among other speakers, the student directors heard Carl Ryther, Southern Baptist missionary to Bangladesh, discuss hunger projects. He gave a pictorial report on the development of gardens and fish farming, which have resulted directly from offerings by Baptist students.

-30-

Southwestern Seminary
Begins Presidential Search

Baptist Press
2/11/77

FORT WORTH (BP)--A nine-member presidential search committee has been named to find a successor for Robert E. Naylor, who retires as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here in August, 1978.

The committee, named by seminary trustee chairman, Oswin Chrisman, a Dallas domestic relations court judge, includes seven trustees, a faculty member and a student.

James Carter, a trustee and pastor of First Baptist Church, Natchitoches, La., has been named chairman. He said the committee has set no target date for its recommendation to the board of trustees of the world's largest seminary.

Other trustee members are Lynn P. Clayton of Wichita, Kans., editor of the Baptist Digest of the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists; Dan Cooper, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla.; William Cumbie, executive secretary, Mt. Vernon Baptist Association, Alexandria, Va.; Dr. Louis Gibson, a Corsicana, Tex., surgeon; J. T. Luther, a Fort Worth, Tex., real estate developer; and Robert Potts, pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga.

The faculty representative is William Tolar, professor of Biblical backgrounds, who has served on the faculty of Southwestern Seminary since 1965, and the student representative is Miss Mary Lois Summers, a third year doctor of musical arts candidate in the seminary's school of church music.

Following the initial meeting of the search committee, Carter issued this statement: "The presidential search committee requests the prayerful concern and support of Southern Baptists during the time of its work. The committee invites any Southern Baptist anywhere to submit to it suggested guidelines for its work, criteria for its profile of the person to be recommended, or recommendations for the position."

-30-

Ballenger Asked to Serve As
Interim Seminary President

Baptist Press
2/11/77

RICHMOND (BP)--Southern Baptist Missionary Isam E. (Dick) Ballenger has been asked to serve as interim president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, upon the retirement of C. Penrose St. Amant.

Foreign Mission Board action was taken on the matter in its February meeting at its headquarters here after the board had voted on a policy for electing the seminary's president.

-more-

If he accepts the invitation, Ballenger will begin his new duties immediately after St. Amant leaves this summer, and will continue to serve in his present duties as field representative for Europe.

In other board business concerning missionary personnel, three missionary couples were granted transfers. Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Golmon of the Malaysia-Singapore Baptist Mission and Mr. and Mrs. Dono Moore, missionary associates of the Ghana Mission, are transferring to the Philippine Mission. Golmon will be involved in music and education at Clark Field Baptist Church, and also will assist American personnel in starting Filipino churches in the area. Moore will assist with business management in Davao City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle A. Hogg are missionary associates transferring from the Trinidad Mission to the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex.

Former Southern Baptist missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turlington were reappointed during the February board meeting and assigned to Iran. They were appointed in 1946 and served in China until their resignation in 1950. Turlington has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, N. C. Mrs. Turlington has been on the faculty of Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.

In other personnel matters, a medical receptorship was awarded to David Hill Chesnut, son of Southern Baptist home missionaries in Selma, Ala., and a student at the Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham. The medical receptorship program provides opportunity for qualified medical and dental students to spend at least eight weeks serving in medical institutions overseas.

-30-

Baptist Press
2/11/77Seminary Extension Sets
Five-Year Objectives

NASHVILLE (BP)--The administrative committee of the Seminary Extension Department (SED) of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries heard reports on the department's 1976 growth and approved five-year objectives and annual emphases for 1972-82.

The committee, made up of presidents of the six seminaries, also met in conjunction with the SED's curriculum committee, made up of seminary faculty representatives.

The curriculum committee approved plans for advanced diplomas requiring 16 additional courses beyond the 16-course diplomas in pastoral ministries and educational ministries the SED now offers through extension and home study programs.

SED director, Raymond M. Rigdon, commenting on approval of the five-year goals and annual emphases, said:

"By focusing on a different segment of the Seminary Extension Department's constituency during each year for five years, we hope to design or improve our on-going system of reaching members of that target group and to involve in training a record number of persons in each target group."

Eleven objectives approved include objectives to increase denominational awareness among pastors, churches, and state and SBC denominational leaders about the value of Seminary Extension; focus on special groups; improve the department's ability to deliver its extension and home study materials; and give assistance to other Baptist agencies within the framework of its program statement.

Special focus groups include educationally disadvantaged pastors, language-group and black pastors, lay persons, and seminary alumni.

Annual emphases involve special focusing on pastors of minority group churches, 1977-78; bi-vocational pastors, 1978-79; critical periods in ministry, 1979-80; theological training for lay leaders, 1980-81; and continuing education for competent ministry, 1981-82.

Rigdon reported SED growth, including an increase from 6,702 students in home study and extension center study in 1974-75 to 8,449 in 1975-76 and from 8,984 course enrollments to 11,750 during the same period.