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NOTE TO EDITORS: The following replaces the story mailed 9/19/77, entitled "Cauthen Reported Doing Well After Collapse."

**Cauthen Recovering
After Heart Attack**

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (BP)--Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was reported making a good recovery in a hospital here after suffering a heart attack Sept. 18.

His attending physician, treating Cauthen in the coronary care unit of Medical Center Hospital, said he expects Cauthen to make a "full recovery." Earlier reports indicated Cauthen had not suffered a heart attack but more complete examination revealed that a coronary thrombosis had occurred.

The doctor reported that the attack damaged the lower front part of Cauthen's heart, but reported his condition as stable. He suggested two months of recuperation before Cauthen resumes his responsibilities.

Board President William L. Self, who visited Cauthen in Huntsville, Sept. 19, said that administrative responsibilities of the Foreign Mission Board will be carried by the staff's executive council during this interim period. The council comprises directors of the three divisions of the board--overseas, mission support, and business services. Cauthen's administrative associate, Rogers M. Smith, will preside at the meetings in the executive director's absence.

Cauthen collapsed while speaking at the televised Sunday morning worship service of the Jackson Way Baptist Church here. The pastor, Dan L. Ireland, and an experienced nurse who is a member of the church choir gave Cauthen attention until a rescue unit arrived to take him to the hospital.

He regained consciousness after less than a minute and talked with Ireland and others who came to his aid. As he was being carried from the auditorium, he waved to the church members.

The congregation sang until the rescue unit arrived, and then the pastor gave a five-minute message based on the Scripture which Cauthen had just finished reading.

Five persons, including three who professed faith in Jesus Christ, made decisions at the close of the service. One man who came to move his membership to the church said he was greatly influenced by the way that Cauthen seemed at ease during this personal crisis. This man's son was one of the three who professed faith in Christ.

Cauthen was expected to spend seven days in the coronary care unit, followed by another seven days in regular hospital care, before being released. After three days in a Huntsville home, it was anticipated that he could return to his home in Richmond.

Mrs. Cauthen flew to Huntsville Sept. 18 to be with her husband.

Little Baptist Churches
Among Towering Skyscrapers

By Nancy McGough

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--A world within itself--that's the way some people envision New York City.

But 14 students from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here see another picture when they think of the largest American city. They think of churches--not the giant stone landmarks, but little churches--churches in Harlem, foreign language-speaking churches, bi-racial chapels.

They envision these churches because they visited them and preached in them on a recent "Urban Training Event." The trip, jointly sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Missions Board, Southern Seminary and the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, partially fulfilled requirements of a course on "Church Ministry in the Metropolis," taught by Willis Bennett, professor of church and community.

But the students' experiences did much more than just fulfill course requirements. It gave them a look at some of the practical challenges of ministry--ranging from a drunk in a worship service to preaching through an interpreter.

All came back impressed by the involvement of Southern Baptists in that vast city through the efforts of Ken Lyle, director of associational services for the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, and of the 120 congregations in the association.

"There's a real need in New York for the kind of ministry the Metropolitan Association is providing," said Ray Dalton, a graduate student from Norris, Tenn. "If we don't become aware of the city now, we're going to be left out in the cold when we look for their churches a few years from now, and they don't exist."

Dalton preached at The New Christ Temple Baptist Church in Harlem. He said he was impressed by the church's black woman pastor.

"She directed the church services by a wave of one of those paper fans provided by church funeral homes...Two ladies stood up and started singing and that was the beginning of the service," Dalton recalled.

The church meets in the basement of an old building in Harlem, once a fine residence, but now showing the effects of years of use.

"I was very well received. I'm sure my preaching was different from what they were used to, but they insisted there wasn't any difference."

Don Aycock, a graduate student from Evangeline, La., had an unusual experience when he preached at the Community Gospel Baptist Chapel in the Bronx.

"There was a drunk in the service. He told the people it was time to finish the service--and I hadn't even started preaching yet."

Aycock noted the church of about 30 members is inter-racial. It has no pastor, but instead acquires preachers from the association.

"I had never been in New York before, and I was surprised that the myths I had about the people being cold weren't the case at all. The people were very cordial."

Mike Clingingpeel, a graduate student from Roanoke, Va., also found this true. He preached at the New York Mandarin Chinese Baptist Chapel, located in the Metropolitan Baptist Building, Manhattan. Many of the members were from Taiwan, and Clingingpeel spoke through an interpreter.

"Their worship service was very much in keeping with any Southern Baptist worship service--hymns, prayers, preaching. I was familiar with all but one of the hymns. The only difference was that theirs were all in Chinese.

"I found the people as cordial, friendly, accepting and gracious as any people I've ever been with," he noted.

Clingingpeel voiced his own interest in a city ministry, adding, "Urban ministry is 'where it's at.' Southern Baptists have a very legitimate place in the northeast--a lot of people have very real needs there."

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Gerontology Center
Given \$90,000

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CULPEPER, Va. (BP)--The Hurt Gerontology Center here will receive a \$90,000 gift from an anonymous benefactor, according to the executive committee of Virginia Baptist Homes.

Charles E. Neal, executive director, said the gift will strengthen the already existing program of the center, which is committed to the development of education and training programs, research, and provision of complete resources (including books, tapes and papers) in the field of gerontology.

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