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**Mission Field 'Incredible'
Among Northeast Students**

By Jim Lowry

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)--"The church has to decide to take the gospel seriously and minister to people where they are," says Charles Scalise, Southern Baptist chaplain at Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

"You've got to invest yourself in the place," he continued. "You've got to come and stay."

Scalise, one of more than 1,800 participants in Student Week at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center, called opportunities in the Northeastern United States "incredible."

A crowd of 2,912 participants registered at the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in Glorieta, N. M., made the combined Student Weeks the most popular ever.

Quentin Lockwood, Southern Baptist chaplain at Columbia University, New York City, said two-thirds of the students in American colleges and universities are located in the Northeast.

"Spreading the gospel all over the world is great," Lockwood said. "But what about the Metro Baptist New York Association, where only one third of the churches are self sustaining?"

"The real urgency is for personnel. After spending nearly two years in the Northeast, I understand the meaning of the statement: 'The fields are white unto harvest.' But the fields are also black, and red, and yellow.

Lockwood said one out of five persons in the New York area speaks Spanish and all associational business meetings are conducted in English and Spanish.

"The churches that are flourishing are the ones like the black and other ethnic ones which minister in the community around them," Lockwood said, "instead of seeking out members with similar cultural backgrounds and bringing them all to a central location."

John Walsh, Southern Baptist chaplain at Princeton University, Princeton, N. J., said the method of reaching students on Northeastern campuses was different from the normally accepted way of maintaining a student ministry on a Southern campus.

"We don't want campus buildings," Walsh said. "We need people to work with people.

"We have great hopes for Bold Mission Thrust (SBC goal to share the gospel with everyone in the United States by 1982 and the world by 2000)," Walsh said. "Southern Baptists need to commit resources to urban ministries because that's where the people are."

One example cited was the city of New Haven, Conn., where there is only one Southern Baptist church with 50 members. Many other large cities in the Northeast have no Southern Baptist nor evangelical witness.

Each campus minister said he felt significant gains were being made on all of the campuses. Lockwood recently was asked to give the invocation at graduation ceremonies at Columbia University and he currently serves as chairman of the clergy council there. He said he was the first Baptist to give an invocation at Columbia.

Walsh said students at Princeton are organized into several special interest groups, including a community support group to deal with problems in the community, a literary group which studies Christian literature with examples of role models of people in the Christian faith, and a Christian social action group which is acting in support of numerous world issues.

Traditional Bible study groups are present on all campuses, but always in small groups instead of the Baptist Student Union noon-type meetings which are common on many Southern campuses.

Scalise said he had one group of students who wanted to engage in a deeper Bible study so they now meet regularly to study the Greek New Testament. He also meets at a certain cafeteria table each week with a group of graduate students and professors to discuss whatever problems they choose.

Scalise said the level of commitment among students who attend his meetings is very deep. "They don't choose to attend because many of their friends will be there or because they want to be seen. They are definitely in a minority. When they get up to come to church on Sunday morning, it's because they want to develop spiritually."

All three of the student ministers said it was refreshing to attend the Student Conference and be around so many other Baptists. "You sometimes feel you are the only one (Baptist)," Walsh commented. "It's good to take part in skill building conferences here that we don't have the resources to conduct at home."

"We feel we are pioneers of new strategies in campus ministries for Southern Baptists," Lockwood explained. "We live in multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-denominational surroundings where there is not a large core group of Southern Baptists."

"Personnel is the crucial thing," Scalise concluded. "I have slots for 11 campus ministers on 250 campuses right now. The frustrating thing is, I can't offer money to get the help."

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Glendon McCullough Dies
In Rush Hour Auto Wreck

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)--Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Commission since Nov., 1971, was killed in a head-on, three-car collision during afternoon rush hour traffic in Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 23.

The accident also killed Mrs. Frances "Buckie" Sheffe, wife of the president of a Memphis investment firm. Her Cadillac swerved into the center lane of Poplar Avenue, hitting McCullough's Chevrolet Caprice head-on, overturning and crushing it. The Memphis Fire Department rescue squad had to cut his body free of the wreckage. The crash knocked McCullough's car into another vehicle driven by Leonard Capas, 30, who was only slightly injured.

Funeral services were scheduled for McCullough at 1 p.m. on Aug. 26 at Union Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis, with graveside services and burial at Arlington Cemetery, Atlanta, at 11 a.m. on Aug. 28.

McCullough, who would have been 57 on Sept. 9, had been executive director of the Brotherhood Commission for seven years. He came to the position after serving for 12 years as director of personnel for the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

The Brotherhood Commission is the agency of the SBC which seeks to involve Baptist men and boys in missions through the Baptist Men and Royal Ambassador organizations. More than 475,000 men and boys are involved in Brotherhood organizations.

McCullough had sought to steer the Brotherhood in new directions, with emphasis on involving men and boys in volunteer mission projects, lay renewal, disaster relief, and flexible alternative organization approaches.

Ironically, his predecessor of the Brotherhood Commission, George W. Schroeder, died of cancer in 1971 at almost the same age--57--after a year-long illness. Schroeder retired as the commission's chief executive one month before his death due to his ill health.

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Several Southern Baptist leaders praised McCullough for a lifetime of missionary concern and sensitivity to human need.

"Southern Baptists and the whole Christian community have lost a champion of world missions," said SBC President Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, Texas. "Glendon McCullough was a missionary statesman."

Noting McCullough's "radiant optimistic spirit," Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., commented on a year McCullough spent early in his career teaching at Seinan Gakuin University, a Baptist school in Fukuoka, Japan. "He made a deep impression on the Japanese and the fruitage of that year is still evident," Cauthen said.

His counterpart at the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala., Carolyn Weatherford, described him as "a friend, a missionary, and a Christian" who made plans and projected activities "with a keen sensitivity to how people would respond. People were always more important than a set of plans," she said.

SBC Sunday School Board President Grady Cothen said, "We will miss him in the councils of the denomination and as a personal friend. He was one of the choicest Christian colleagues that it has been my pleasure to know."

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn., and William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, also praised McCullough for his contribution to the enlistment of laymen and his ability to see and understand what hurt others and apply the Christian faith to those hurts.

A personal friend of President Jimmy Carter, McCullough married the former Marjorie Jones, a missionary to Brazil and former Woman's Missionary Union executive, in 1974 in a wedding service at the governor's mansion in Atlanta. President Carter, then governor of Georgia, was McCullough's best man.

McCullough gave the Brotherhood Commission high visibility in the national media by inviting President Carter to speak to the National Conference of Baptist Men in Atlanta on June 16, following the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting. Both Gov. Carter and Vice President Gerald Ford were major speakers at a National Prayer Breakfast McCullough initiated following the 1974 SBC meeting in Dallas.

His first wife, the former Ernestine Kesler, died of cancer in 1969, leaving McCullough with the responsibility for rearing four young children, then ages 6 to 12. Ken, now 19, a student at Texas A & M University, had returned to school only three days before his father's death. Kathy, 21, is a Memphis secretary, and Beth, 17, and Debbie, 15, live with Mrs. McCullough at the McCullough home in Germantown, Tenn., a suburb of Memphis.

A native of Griffin, Ga., McCullough was an alumnus of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He had done additional graduate study at the University of California, Berkeley, and was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree by Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

Before joining the Home Mission Board staff in 1959, McCullough had served as associate pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta; Royal Ambassador secretary for the Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta; English instructor at Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan; dean of men at Baylor University, Waco, Texas; and pastor of First Baptist Church, Hazlehurst, Ga.

Mrs. McCullough and the family requested memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, to the Brotherhood Commission's endowment fund to finance a nationwide Layman's Training Center McCullough was seeking to establish.

Pastor's Wife Dies
Of Gunshot Wound

By Norman Jameson

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (BP)--The wife of a prominent Tennessee Baptist pastor died from a bullet in the back of the head Aug. 23 when a gun he reached for beneath his pillow accidentally discharged.

Twenty years ago, while he was a student at Belmont College in Nashville, the first wife of Bill Kennedy, pastor of Central Baptist Church in suburban Hixson, also died when a gun he was carrying accidentally fired.

Police said Kennedy told them his second wife, Carolyn, 40, had given him a gun to put beneath his pillow after receiving a threatening phone call and hearing noises he dismissed as a passing automobile.

When the couple was startled awake by breaking glass, he reached for the gun he thought was unloaded. But a bullet remained in the chamber and the gun went off, killing Mrs. Kennedy.

Nashville police records show that on Jan. 19, 1958, Kennedy and his first wife, Joan, who was six months pregnant, were entering their apartment loaded with packages when a .22-caliber rifle slipped from his grip. When he grabbed for it, it fired.

He said a friend had returned the rifle to him earlier that day.

That incident was ruled an accident by Nashville police. A spokesman for police in Chattanooga said officers are working under the premise the death there was also accidental.

Police said a basement window, directly below the couples' bedroom was discovered broken from the outside. Investigation for attempted burglary is underway. Any person convicted of attempted burglary in connection with the broken glass will be charged with murder, the spokesman said, since the law defines death occurring in the commission of a felony as murder.

According to police, other residents of the fashionable Valleybrook area where the Kennedy's lived had also received threatening phone calls over a period of a couple months. A spokesman indicated the burglary rate in the area was on the rise.

Members of Kennedy's church, one of the largest in Chattanooga, rallied around him immediately, answering his telephone and door, keeping press from contacting him.

Police, who said some suspicion "would have to" exist because of the first wife's death, nevertheless said "no finger of guilt is pointed toward him."

Kennedy, 43, is president of the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference and a former chairman of the Hixson Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board and his church was listed in the top one percent of the fastest growing churches in the SBC in a recent Home Mission Board survey.

Nashville police said they are reviewing the 1958 incident as a matter of policy and not with an eye to re-opening an investigation.

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EDITORS: We promised an update August 7 on Sen. Jesse Helms' amendment to keep federal courts from dealing with the issue of prayer in the public schools. It didn't materialize because the bill dealing with jurisdiction of federal courts which Helms hoped to attach the amendment to, is being held in committee until Helms agrees not to introduce the amendment. Washington Bureau is following the story.

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