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HMB Appoints 40  
 To Mission Service

ATLANTA (BP)--The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed 40 persons to mission service during their December meeting in Atlanta.

Included are three missionaries, 12 missionary associates, 23 named to receive church pastoral assistance and two for language pastoral assistance.

Named missionaries were David and Tena Walker of Winchester, Ky., and Laurie Graham of Memphis, Tenn.

Appointed missionary associates were Richard and Virginia Davis of Talmo, Ga.; Curtis and Barbara Anne Griffis of Joppa, Md.; Terry and Diann Douglas of Harrisburg, Pa.; John and Sunny Sim of Richardson, Texas; Louis Everett Jr., and Betty Demster of Caldwell, Idaho; Sharyan Ann Lott of Tulsa, Okla.; and Robert Willis of New Orleans, La.

The Walkers will move to Cleveland, Ohio, where he will be director of Christian social ministries. A graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Walker has been pastor and associate pastor of churches in Kentucky and Florida.

Graham will continue to live in Memphis where her husband, Maurice, is appointed staff chaplain for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas, and will serve in the areas of family and church.

The Davises will work in Gainesville, Ga., where he will direct Christian social ministries. Davis has been pastor of Talmo Baptist Church since 1966 and is a graduate of the University of Georgia and Columbia Theological Seminary.

The Griffises will move to Chicago, Ill., where he will be director of metropolitan associate evangelism. A graduate of Midwestern State University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has been director of Christian development for Middle River Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md., since 1978 and is former director of church development for the Baptist General Association of New England.

The Douglases will remain in Pennsylvania where he will be director of associational missions for South Central Association of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey convention. Douglas has been pastor of churches in Pennsylvania and Louisiana, and is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and Luther Rice Seminary.

The Sims will continue to live in Texas where he will be an Asian catalytic missionary. He has been an Asian consultant for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and was pastor of First Korean Southern Baptist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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The Demsters will remain in Idaho where he will be pastoral missionary for the Utah-Idaho Convention. A graduate of Grand Canyon College, he received church pastoral aid for four years as pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Caldwell, Idaho, and was president of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention 1979-81.

Lott will remain in Tulsa where she will supervise the Tulsa Women's Shelter. She is a former Woman's Missionary Union field worker for the Tennessee Baptist Convention and holds degrees from Louisiana College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Willis will move to Omaha, Neb., where he will work as a church planter apprentice. He has been minister of youth in Mississippi churches and is a graduate of Mobile College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Slated to receive church pastoral assistance are: James and Dorothy Annis of Sebring, Fla.; Mack and Gwendolyn Bixby of Phoenix, N.Y.; James and Deborah Knapton of Weedsport, N.Y.; Charles and Melinda Lipe of Aliquippa, Pa.; Dwight Massengill of Powhatan Point, Ohio; Steven and Nancy Sue Neel of Columbia, Md.; Larry and Barbara Ann Dotson of Riverside, Calif.; James and Patricia Ann Murcay of Linden, Calif.; John and Denise Burns of New Orleans, La.; David and Janie Lou Wallace of Las Vegas, Nev.; Dane and Mary Miller of Edmonton, Ky.; Donald and Carol DeVore of Payson, Ariz.; and Carl and Jeannie Morgan of Hillsboro, Ohio.

Approved to receive language pastoral assistance were Isaias and Vicenta Martinez of O'Donnell, Texas.

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Baptists Hail Decision  
Upholding Worship on Campus

By Stan Hastey

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Baptist church-state experts and student work leaders are applauding the U.S. Supreme Court's Dec. 8 decision declaring that students at state universities have a constitutional right to conduct worship services on campus.

In Washington, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Executive Director James M. Dunn said the court's 8-1 ruling "should cause all church-state separationists to rejoice."

Dunn said the constitutional danger facing the court in *Widmar v. Vincent* was an effort by the state "to stifle the free exercise of religion," a posture "we dare not permit." At issue was a policy of the University of Missouri-Kansas City barring religious services from campus buildings and property on grounds that to permit them would amount to an unconstitutional establishment of religion.

Dunn said the effort to ban worship on college campuses represents one of "two tyrannies" faced by those who would defend church-state separation. The other, he said, is the temptation to "allow any religion, especially our own, to use the authority of the state to promote or favor any faith."

Baptist Joint Committee General Counsel John W. Baker, who wrote a brief for the agency on the side of 11 students who challenged the ban, said the decision "greatly expands the religious rights of students."

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Noting that the eight-member court majority decided for the students on the basis of their First Amendment rights of free speech and association rather than that of free exercise of religion, Baker said the distinction "does not diminish the importance of the decision." By holding that student religious groups have the same access to campus facilities as secular organizations, "the way was opened for a broader variety of campus student ministries by all religious faiths," Baker said.

Baker emphasized further that the Widmar decision "should not be read as a reversal of the prayer and Bible reading cases of the early 1960s. The bans against government involvement in religious exercises remains firm."

W. Howard Bramlette, editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Student magazine in Nashville, Tenn., expressed pleasure with the high court's reasoning that student religious groups have a constitutional right to equal access to campus facilities.

"By granting equal access, a school no more sponsors a religious activity than it sponsors fraternity and sorority dances by allowing them to be held in university facilities," Bramlette said.

He acknowledged that the decision may present administrative problems on state campuses in that it may encourage little-known religious cults to demand equal access. "But that's what religious freedom is all about," he declared, adding that he is confident university officials will find legal grounds on which to make reasonable decisions.

George W. Jones, executive secretary of the Association for the Coordination of University Religious Affairs, said the court's ruling "vindicates the kinds of arrangements our group has been working at for the last 10 to 15 years."

A Southern Baptist and director of religious programs at Ball State University, Muncie, Ind., Jones said that while the ban on student worship in Kansas City was "extreme," similar pressure against religious activities has been encountered elsewhere. Some state schools on the west coast and in the Northeast have sometimes been "hostile" toward religion, he said.

Jones stressed that his national organization does not seek any form of state subsidy for religious groups on state campuses, only acknowledgment of students' constitutional rights.

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Prepare Students for Future  
Challenges Baylor President

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DALLAS (BP)--Baptist colleges must update their academic curricula to better prepare students for a rapidly changing world, Herbert H. Reynolds, president of Baylor University, told participants at the mid-year meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

In his address to the college presidents and academic deans, Reynolds praised Baptist schools for their "latitude and flexibility" in making improvements in education. Such quality is critical as colleges must prepare students to live in the "Third Wave," said Reynolds, referring to the term author Alvin Toffler uses to describe a future revolutionized by technological advance.

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Colleges will have to do a better job at helping students "interrelate the knowledge they receive in college," said Reynolds.

"Today, a student sometimes take 40 courses over four years and then wonders, 'How do all these relate?'" However, good higher education should bring all branches of knowledge into relationship with one another, explained Reynolds.

"When students get their degrees, they should have some knowledge of the unity that makes up the universe," he said.

Students in Baptist colleges also should be more aware of current issues, said the Baylor president. He suggested that students be required to take a weekly one-hour course on current issues and changing technology. "Your students may be well informed on national and international events," he told the educators. "Unfortunately, we are finding ours are not."

Baptist educators also must address the "self-centeredness of our era," said Reynolds. "In the final analysis, the best education is one which has a Christian perspective incorporated into it."

Christian educators should teach students to be better stewards in all areas. "We cannot continue to live only for today--not doing the things that will insure that future generations will be given the same things we have," he said.

Zephyrhills Sets Table  
For World Parachutists

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ZEPHYRHILLS, Fla. (BP)--When parachutists from 23 countries dropped in on Zephyrhills, members of First Baptist Church greeted them with orange juice, coffee, and scriptures.

Zephyrhills, in central Florida, was site of the Fourth World Parachute Championships, the first time the event has been held in the United States.

The eight-day event brought volunteers from around the state to share the gospel with the parachutists, who execute intricate designs in four- and eight-man teams nearly two miles in the air.

The cooperative effort involving Florida Baptist Convention agencies and First Baptist Church was supported also through aid from the American Bible Society, which provided many of the Bible materials in native languages. Teams participated from as far as the Federal Republic of China, Germany, Brazil and Egypt.

"One of our greatest concerns was to get copies of God's Word into the hands of those who could take it back into places where Bibles are not available," said Lenton Turner, pastor of First Baptist Church. "We want to share the gospel in any way that the Lord would allow us to share it, and we feel that this was a great way to share it with the world."

Kansas-Neb. Offering Named  
for Retiring WMU Director

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TOPEKA, Kan. (BP)--The Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists' State Missions Offering has been named in honor of Viola Webb following convention action in November.

The move came as Webb announced her upcoming retirement as Woman's Missionary Union director in the bi-state convention, a position she has occupied 25 years.

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During the meeting, outgoing convention president Doyle Smith handed Webb the keys and title to her convention-leased staff car, and presented her a plaque commemorating her quarter-century of service.

Webb has seen the WMU change from auxiliary to department status at the KNCSB, has driven over a half-million miles to conduct conferences, train leaders and tell people about missions, and has seen some of the girls who surrendered to missions at camps she organized become missionaries. In addition, she has developed a ministry with international students and nursing home residents.

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### Baptist Aided Venezuelan Goes Home Without Kidney

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NEW ORLEANS, La. (BP)--Dalia Carmona, the nine-year-old girl who was flown from Venezuela to New Orleans in August for a kidney transplant, is expected to return home without a new kidney as soon as an infection clears.

Eliu Camacho, pastor of the First Spanish Baptist Church in New Orleans, who has assisted the girl, her mother and sister since they have been here, said legal problems connected with her age have hindered the operation.

However, during their stay the mother and 15-year-old sister, Sorayo, have made professions of faith and been baptized.

While living in New Orleans Mrs. Carmona and Sorayo have been cared for in homes of two Baptist families, Natividad Perez, a member of Camacho's church and the Luis Rodriguez family in Kenner, who are members of the Bethany Baptist Church.

Dalia, who was released from the Charity Hospital after the initial treatment, must be returned there frequently to undergo treatment on a dialysis machine, Camacho said.

"Recently infection set in where the catheter was placed in her leg. As soon as she is able to travel she will return home," Camacho said. "But the New Orleans hospital will release her only when it is confirmed that a Venezuelan hospital is prepared to provide her care."

At home, Dalia will be on the list for a new kidney at two hospitals, the one in New Orleans and the one in Venezuela. "However, if no kidney compatible to her is located in two years, Sorayo will be of legal age to offer a kidney," he said.

When Dalia's problem was discovered in August Jack Brossette, minister of music at Inville Park Baptist Church in Pineville, La. a ham radio operator, and other "hams" were instrumental in arranging for Dalia to be brought to the United States.

Dalia was flown to New Orleans for treatment when Venezuelan doctors ruled out a transplant because of laws prohibiting a minor sister-to-sister transplant. Similar laws in this country have hindered the process and a compatible kidney was not found from other sources, Camacho said.

Dalia's case received wide news coverage in the South, coverage that prompted some criticism of Charity Hospital, a tax supported hospital, for providing such expensive services free to a non-resident.

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