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**Carter Elected Seminary
Executive Vice President**

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--A Mississippi attorney, Charles Carter, has been elected executive vice president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Carter, formerly senior partner in the law firm of Carter, Mitchell and Robinson in Jackson, will assume his newly-created position in May.

The 59-year-old native of Philadelphia, Miss., is a graduate of East Central Junior College, Decatur, Miss., and of the University of Mississippi at Oxford, where he earned the degrees of bachelor of business administration, master of business administration, and Juris Doctor.

Carter's previous experience in educational institutions includes periods of service as assistant purchasing agent of the University of Mississippi and as business manager of East Central Junior College. He has also taught corporations and taxation in the University of Mississippi law school and accounting in its school of business.

Since 1973 he has been a trustee of Golden Gate Seminary, twice serving as chairman of the board.

Carter, also a certified public accountant, has been chairman of the taxation committee and chairman of the budget committee of the Mississippi State Bar Association. He is a member of the Mississippi State Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants and of the American Institute of CPA's. He has previously had active roles in the management of several publicly held business corporations.

Carter is a member of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, where he is an active deacon and director of an adult Sunday school department. As a layman, he has held a number of church leadership positions including chairman of the personnel committee, director of church training program and membership of finance and pulpit committees.

During World War II, Carter was a lieutenant in the United States Army and was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict.

He is married to the former Evelyn Sue Haney. They have two grown sons, David Marshall and Charles Bradley, and one grandson.

Seminary President Frank Pollard was Carter's pastor at Jackson First Baptist Church. Carter was a member of the search committee which elected Pollard seminary president.

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**Seminary Trustees Adopt Record
Budget; Elect Vice President****Baptist Press
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MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--The Board of Trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary set a record budget, elected an executive vice president and welcomed the seminary's new president during its annual meeting April 18-20.

In adopting a budget of \$3,422,909, trustees awarded nine percent cost of living increases to faculty and staff, approved several faculty promotions and granted sabbatical leaves to four faculty members.

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The board held its first meeting with newly-elected President Franklin D. Pollard, former pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, and producer for the "Baptist Hour" radio program, who was elected in a special called meeting in February.

To assist the new president, trustees unanimously elected Jackson, Miss., attorney Charles Carter as executive vice president. Carter will work with Academic Dean W. Morgan Patterson, and seminary vice presidents Eugene V. England and Robert Cannon to form the administrative council.

Pollard plans to move to the campus in May. Carter will move in the near future.

Carter has been a seminary trustee 10 years, twice serving as board chairman. He was recognized for his outstanding service to Golden Gate before being elected to his new post.

The trustees elected Frank Terrell Swift Jr. as associate professor of pastoral care. Swift will move to the seminary from El Dorado, Ark., where he has been pastoral counselor for the Liberty Baptist Association since 1978.

Voted in as new board officers for 1983-84 were Carlos McLeod, director of the evangelism department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas as chairman; O.Q. Quick, a businessman and president of the Picadilly Cafeterias from Baton Rouge, La., as vice chairman, and Barbara Floyd, interior designer from Dallas, as secretary.

The trustees passed resolutions of appreciation for Jack and Duna Rice of Sacramento, Calif., for their "financial support of the institution" and to Baker James and Eloise Cauthen for the "inspiration and support of the Chair of World Missions and the World Mission Center." Cauthen was executive director of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for 25 years. He has served for two years as distinguished professor of world missions at Golden Gate.

Trustees also approved the organization of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Foundation, Inc., and the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Housing and Development Corporation which has been accepted by the Southern Baptist Convention to aid the school in its financial development program and in providing housing for students and faculty.

The board also voted to hold two meetings each year on the campus instead of the one meeting now scheduled. The new schedule will begin in 1984.

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Historical Commission Okays
Floor Plan; Adopts Budgets

By Leisa Hammett

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Historical Commission in its annual meeting approved the agency's floor plans for the proposed new Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) building, adopted record budgets for 1983-84 and 1984-85, and elected new officers for the coming year.

Funding for the proposed 12,420 square foot historical facility will total \$1.28 million, with \$382,000 designated for furnishings and equipment, if approved by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in June.

The record budgets for 1983-84 and 1984-85 total \$456,875 and \$681,560, respectively. Requested Cooperative Program allocations for those budgets are \$393,600 and \$603,360, respectively, subject to SBC messenger approval.

Wayne Flynt, chairman of the history department at Auburn (Ala.) University, is the newly-elected chairman of the commission. Stan Rushing, a Newport, Tenn., pastor was elected vice chairman; Stephen Carleton, vice president and academic dean for California Baptist College in Riverside, Calif., secretary, and Lynn E. May Jr. of Nashville, Tenn., treasurer.

On invitation of Woman's Missionary Union (W.M.U.) Executive Director Carolyn Weatherford, the new W.M.U. headquarters, scheduled to open in 1984 in Birmingham, Ala., was approved as the site for the 1987 joint annual meeting of the Historical Commission and SBC Historical Society.

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Theme adopted for the 1987 meeting, one year preceding the 100-year anniversary of WMU, is "Baptist Women in Southern Baptist History."

Meeting theme for 1986, as approved by Commissioners, is, "Baptist Church Music Heritage."

A seven-member committee was appointed to develop policies for the proposed library and archives and to refine the floor plans for the commission's facility in the new SBC Building, on property adjacent to the Baptist Sunday School Board at the corners of Ninth and Commerce Streets in Nashville.

Committee members are: Ronald Deering of Louisville, Ky., chairman; Cecil White of Mill Valley, Calif.; Mrs. Loulie Owens, Travelers Rest, S.C.; Flynt of Auburn, Ala.; Leon McBeth of Fort Worth, Texas; Reggie McDonough and Lynn E. May Jr., both of Nashville.

At the annual luncheon sponsored by the commission during its meeting, two historians were honored for their contributions to Southern Baptist history.

Leo Crismon, retired librarian at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., received the commission's Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Baptist History.

In honoring Crismon, the commission presented a plaque to him citing his work as an "Eminent Seminary Librarian, early developer of the commission's library, noted collector of Baptist historical materials, facilitator of Baptist historical research, a prolific writer, committed supporter of state Baptist historical work, dedicated supporter of the commission and life member of the Southern Baptist Historical Society."

The other honoree was Doyle Young, instructor in church history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, who won the Norman W. Cox Award for his article, "Andrew Fuller and the Modern Mission Movement," which appeared in the commission's quarterly journal, Baptist History and Heritage.

At the luncheon, six commissioners who rotated off this year were honored with plaques: Frances Springs of Hammond, Ind.; Loulie Owens of Traveler's Rest, S.C.; Ethlene Rich and Fred Kendall of Nashville, Tenn.; Larry High of Raleigh, N.C., and Don Whitehead of Maryville, Tenn.

The April 23-25, 1984 joint annual meeting of the commission and the Historical Society will be in Nashville, on the theme, "The Role of the Bible in Baptist History."

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Oklahoma Baptists Join
With Spanish Baptists

By Bob Mathews

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OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--Some 600 professions of faith were recorded in 61 revivals conducted in Spanish churches by teams of 203 Oklahoma ministers, singers and lay people in mid-April.

The Sooners represented 82 Oklahoma churches and returned from Spain with testimonies of "witnessing in the streets" experiences, spirited revival services and life-changing events in the lives of the Spanish.

The revivals were another phase of the Oklahoma-Spain Baptist Evangelism project and were so successful that another series of evangelistic meetings in Spain in the fall of 1985 were agreed upon by the officials of the Spanish Baptist Union, SBC missionaries and Oklahoma convention leaders.

Ground work was laid last November when Roy Moody, associate in the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma evangelism department, led a team of 18 ministers and laymen from Oklahoma in visits to the 61 Spanish Baptist churches.

"This effort resulted in one profession of faith for every 10 Baptist church members in Spain," Joe L. Ingram, BGCO executive director-treasurer, reported. "The Spanish Baptists benefited from this in various ways.

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"First, the additional members will give them greater confidence and they've learned they can give an open invitation and people will respond. Also, the nationwide information campaign conducted gave them more visibility than they ever have had before. The Oklahoma Singing Churchmen's concert in a public hall in Madrid was a standing room only event and was broadcast nationally by the public radio service."

Jerry Don Abernathy, convention evangelism department director, said the publicity blitz in connection with the revival included newspaper and radio news which covered Spain's 38 million citizens.

"The informational services estimated 90 percent of the population knew of the revival. We also had 200 billboards around the country announcing the revivals," he said.

Ingram said the next phase of the project will be a visit to Oklahoma next fall by 35 Spanish pastors who will preach revivals in state churches, attend a seminar at Falls Creek Conference Center and attend the opening of the Billy Graham Crusade in Oklahoma City.

The Oklahomans will return to Spain in 1984 to conduct stewardship campaigns.

In the spring of 1985 Sunday school enlargement campaigns will be conducted in Spanish churches, followed by extensive visitation and outreach programs during the summer of 1985. Finally, the fall of 1985 will see the Oklahomans returning to Spain for the second series of evangelistic efforts with another nationwide campaign preceding their revival.

Abernathy said the Spanish leaders are talking of a goal of 1,000 Oklahomans conducting the 150 revivals there in 1985.

Reflecting on the benefits of this year's revivals, Ingram said, "We experienced the first century kind of evangelism through the home services and fellowship with the Spanish Baptists as we made direct appeal and offered invitations. Also, some of our people who were accustomed to 'church house' evangelism learned more about 'outdoor' evangelism as they witnessed in the streets, in the homes, at bus stations and in the parks."

The Sooners handed out tracts, their personal testimony translated into Spanish and registration cards for correspondence Bible courses. By the end of the week 400 persons had returned the cards asking to take the Bible courses and after the revival the cards were coming in at a rate of 40 per day.

Abernathy reported certificates from Oklahoma Governor George Nigh declaring Oklahoma-Spain Baptist Partnership Week and documents from Oklahoma City Mayor Patience Latting addressed to the Spanish mayors opened the doors for public meetings and official announcements about the revivals.

"In two cities, the mayors were communist but both of them looked at our literature and tracts and made public announcements endorsing the Oklahomans, their evangelistic efforts and the materials being distributed," Abernathy said.

At least two newspapers published pictures of baptismal services with accompanying explanations of baptism by immersion. Other newspaper stories and radio reports told of the Oklahoma evangelistic efforts. What was thought to be a record Sunday school attendance for a Spanish church was set at Alaconté where 389 were counted.

Abernathy said the Oklahomans made good use of the bilingual New Testament and a hand operated cardboard record player which told Bible stories in Spanish as they witnessed on the streets.

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Baptist Volunteers Aid
Beirut Embassy Victims

By Frances Fuller

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP)--Steve and Meriam Fox, Southern Baptist extended service volunteers to Lebanon, are helping victims of the April 18 bombing attack on the American Embassy in Beirut.

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Less than an hour after the explosion, which killed at least 60 and injured more than 100 persons, the Foxes received a call from a man in Philadelphia asking the Kettering, Ohio, couple to check on his son's safety.

The Foxes went immediately to the American University Hospital, where Mrs. Fox does volunteer work every Tuesday. Within three hours they were able to tell the anxious father that his son was seriously injured but would survive.

Mrs. Fox offered to arrange round-the-clock assistance in the rooms of injured Americans, since most of them had no family members to be with them. Hospitals in the Middle East assume family members will be present with seriously ill patients.

She enlisted the aid of other members of the American Women's Club to help her sit with patients who needed to be watched. Some were not only injured physically but experienced grief or emotional shock because they lost spouses in the blast.

Fox, a layman, is pastor of English-speaking University Baptist Church in Beirut. Members of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Cincinnati, the Foxes arrived in Beirut last November.

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(Frances Fuller is missionary press representative for Lebanon.)

Howell Re-Elected
By Family Ministers

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (BP)--John Howell, professor of Christian ethics at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was elected to a second term as president of the Southern Baptist Association of Family Ministers in the organization's third annual meeting.

Mike Horton of Houston was chosen president-elect and Bob Thrift of Miami was elected secretary.

Meeting at the Ponderosa Baptist Assembly near Colorado Springs, Colo., the SBAFM adopted a constitution establishing objectives and membership requirements.

The organization is for persons who are family ministers in local churches as well as for denominational representatives whose job assignment includes family life education in the churches. Southern Baptists who serve in counseling centers, private counseling or who teach in marriage and family are also eligible for membership.

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Paul Corts Succeeds Brother
As Wingate College President

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WINGATE, N.C. (BP)--Paul R. Corts of Shawnee, Okla., was named new president of Wingate College April 22. He succeeds Thomas E. Corts, his brother, as the college's chief executive officer. Thomas Corts will become president of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., in the fall.

Paul Corts has headed The Corts Company, a fund-raising consultancy, since Jan. 1, 1983. For four and a half years prior to that, he was executive vice-president and chief administrative officer at Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) in Shawnee. Corts held a variety of teaching and administrative positions at Western Kentucky University (1968-1978), including three years as director of international education.

He was project director of the Veterans Administration PREP Educational Development Program with a budget of approximately \$1 million and led an OBU \$6 million campaign to success with over \$7 million committed. He was a member of the steering committee of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention's \$25 million campaign.

Corts has a B.A. from Georgetown College (1965) and an M.A. (1967) and Ph.D. (1971) from Indiana University. He and his wife, Diane, have three children--Kenneth, Daniel and Susan.

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