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C.B. Hogue Elected  
California Executive

FRESNO, Calif. (BP)--C.B. (Bill) Hogue, former Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board vice-president for evangelism, has been elected executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Hogue, 56, has been pastor for the past two years of the Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., following nine years at the HMB post.

He was elected Oct. 19 at a special meeting of the executive board of the California Convention held in Fresno where he was presented as the recommendation of the board's search committee. Between 40 and 50 names were submitted for the vacancy created by the retirement of Robert B. Hughes at the end of this year. Jim Rives, Van Nuys board member and chairman of the search committee, said Hogue was the "clear cut, unanimous decision by the committee" following interviews with three candidates.

Hogue was born in Stanton, Texas, and graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas. He had Texas pastorates in Star, Ranger, Happy, Post and Odessa before moving to Oklahoma in 1969 as pastor in Ada. He became the director of evangelism for the Oklahoma Convention in 1971. He became vice-president for evangelism for the SBC Home Mission Board in 1973, returning to Oklahoma as a pastor in 1982.

He and his wife, the former Betty Jane Howard, have four sons; Robert, Randy, Rodney and Ronald. They have an adopted daughter, Jana Li. Three of the Hogue sons are pastors, two in Washington state and one in British Columbia, Canada.

Hogue will be the chief administrative officer for the California Convention which has a budget of more than \$10 million and includes more than 1,300 cooperating churches with nearly 400,000 members.

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Study Offers Baptists  
Strategy For Metro Ministry

By Michael Tutterow

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ATLANTA (BP)--Based on a one-year in depth study of Houston, Texas, seminary professor Larry L. McSwain proposed a strategy of ministry and evangelism for Southern Baptists in sunbelt cities during a conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

McSwain, professor of church and community at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., spent a one-year sabbatical as research consultant for the Atlanta-based mission agency. He studied demographic changes and their effect on Houston religious life, particularly among Southern Baptists.

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"Our strength is in the sunbelt," McSwain said. "If we cannot be the people of God in Houston, we cannot hope to be such in Jakarta, or Mexico City, or Bangkok or any other city of the world." The South grew by 17 percent during the 1970s, he added. "Because we are a Southern people, we have to be concerned" about reaching the South's growing population, especially in the major cities, he said.

He contended any missions strategy for reaching sunbelt cities must be an associational strategy. The complexity of the urban environment requires a unified church effort to make any significant impact upon the lives of people living there, he said.

Baptists' priorities for urban ministry must begin with evangelism, he said, but added evangelism of the "unchurched" must take precedence over evangelism of the "churched." Many churches are concentrating on reaching new people moving into a community who were members of churches elsewhere instead of reaching those who previously have not been involved in church life, he explained.

Much of the conversion growth reported in Houston stemmed from conversion of people from other denominations and transfers from other parts of the country, not conversion of unchurched people, he observed.

Southern Baptists must place more emphasis on training lay persons for evangelism among friends and co-workers. He also said evangelism programming must shift to field personnel.

He observed a current denominational pattern of hiring "more and more people as managers to supervise a smaller and smaller work force." But, he contended, there is more need for "front-line folks who live and work in neighborhoods with little supervision. We must send people, empower them for a task and let them be accountable for it," he said.

"If the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) can mobilize 120 young people who provide their full support for 18 months to work in missions in (Houston), Southern Baptists ought to be able to place 300 (full time) evangelists in the unchurched neighborhoods" of the city, asserted McSwain.

McSwain challenged the Home Mission Board to rethink its strategy of being a mission equipping agency and to again become a missionary sending agency, but admitted "Southern Baptists will have to really increase their giving to fund this kind of strategy."

McSwain charged Baptists must make reaching young adults a priority to insure a future for the church since one-third of the American population was born between 1946 and 1961. "We have a whole glut of young adults reaching their decision point about church," he explained. "If they come back to the church, they will do so at the time of marriage and the birth of a child. If churches don't reach the 30-year-olds and up population within the next three years, we will have a significant portion of the post-war generation unchurched."

"If we reach that group, we've built into the church structure the leadership for the rest of the century. If we don't reach them," warned McSwain, "we can look forward to a resourceless, problematic decade in the nineties."

Church-sponsored nurseries, daycare and dayschools could be an effective tool for reaching the city, said McSwain. He also suggested churches offer a gift package to families having babies in their area.

He also noted Houston's growing ethnic population represents sunbelt cities' need for more aggressive evangelism and church starting efforts among language culture groups. Training materials courses, instructors and accredited degree work were named as priorities among Houston ethnic church leaders, said McSwain.

He called on Baptists to form "a denominational task force charged with the responsibility of developing a multi-ethnic educational module which can provide multiple levels of educational achievement" for Southern Baptist ethnics.

Baptists cannot afford to concentrate on growth and exclude ministries of care for human need, added McSwain.

Southern Baptists are doing an "incredible" job in ministry yet most Baptists are unaware of it because ministry which doesn't produce baptisms is seen as suspect, he lamented. "There are some things we need to do whether anyone is saved or not."

He advocated Baptist involvement in a highly visible ministry which will show the denomination's commitment to caring for the poor and needy. He also challenged local churches to become more involved in developing their own ministries, lending more support to associational ministries and developing links with public sector resources to help persons in need.

McSwain added if Southern Baptists "don't settle their denominational conflicts, the opportunity for reaching the population will pass us by. Our energy has been diverted to an internal struggle at precisely the wrong time," he explained.

"Baptists are going to have to refocus on the meaning of cooperation," McSwain asserted. "Local autonomy is not what we ought to stress as a denomination; we're not independent Southern Baptists.

"What we need to stress is we have a world that requires a unified effort of all of us together if it is to be changed for Jesus Christ," he said.

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Record Participation Reflects  
Commitment To Marriage Growth

By Gail Rothwell

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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—The record number of couples attending three national marriage enrichment weekends reflects an awareness on the part of Southern Baptists that relationships cannot grow without regular attention, according to a denominational marriage specialist.

Gary Hauk, supervisor of the family enrichment section in the Baptist Sunday School Board's family ministry department, said more than 1,750 persons attended three fall festival of marriage conferences at either Ridgecrest (N.C.) or Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

"The growth represents an awareness on the part of Southern Baptist couples that healthy family relationships are the foundation of a healthy church," said Hauk. "These conferences give couples an opportunity to learn skills that will strengthen their relationship."

Conference leaders at the second fall festival Oct. 13-14 were Janice and Mahan Siler of Raleigh, N.C., and Juanita and Wallace Denton, Lafayette, Ind.

Denton, professor of family therapy and director of the marriage and family therapy program at Purdue University, told participants both partners in a marriage must choose to stay married. Citing statistics which show more than 40 percent of all couples getting married this year will also get a divorce, he said couples must decide to work at a relationship.

Noting several qualities which characterize healthy family relationships, Denton said, "Healthy families make time to be together. They aren't afraid to say no to outside activities which crowd their family time. In today's busy world sometimes you have to make an appointment to be with your family."

Denton believes all families face the same basic problems, but strong families "learn to communicate their differences and their difficulties. They also have an overarching awareness God is working in and through all that happens."

Both the Dentons and the Silers agreed healthy families are good communicators and listeners and have developed skills which allow them to express appreciation for one another.

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Mahan Siler told participants people operate under old taboos which prohibit them from freely expressing their feelings. "The marriage relationship must be a journey from taking each other for granted to taking each other with gratitude," said Siler, senior minister at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh.

He explained the old taboos which say "I can't express my feelings or tell you what I need," keep couples from experiencing intimacy or closeness in their relationship.

"You must learn to assume the responsibility for your own feelings and needs and then communicate them to your spouse. You can't expect your mate to read your mind," he emphasized.

Siler said he believes the greatest barrier to intimacy is suppressed anger. He encouraged couples to deal with anger by owning their feelings and communicating them to their spouse. "It's okay to say I feel hurt or angry. It's not okay to attack each other instead of the problem," he said.

The Silers challenged couples to find role models for their marriage. "We learn values from people with whom we identify and to a certain extent incorporate these qualities into our relationships," he said.

Traits they said they found helpful from their "mentor" couple include flexible roles in the marriage relationship, commitment to growth, the value of a private time and a sense of life together as a gift from God.

In addition to the worship services, conferees participated in interest sessions on developing good communication, intimacy, parenting, sexuality, developing a family worship time, two-career marriages and issues in remarriage.

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#### Robbery Fails To Dampen Georgia Volunteers' Spirit

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LAGRANGE, Ga. (BP)--Georgia Baptist volunteers robbed while in Jamaica last July aren't letting that dampen their enthusiasm for missions.

Not only is the Franklin Road Baptist Church, LaGrange, planning to send another team to Jamaica next summer, but the members who were robbed have decided to donate refunds for their accommodations in Jamaica to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Frank Sledge, pastor of the church, his wife, Nancy, and four other women went to Jamaica to help with Vacation Bible Schools but returned home early after their villa was invaded by armed robbers, who shot the guard and beat down the door. Three men robbed the Sledges and two of the women at gunpoint before a fourth man outside warned them to flee. One of the women already has said she wants to return to Jamaica in 1985.

The Franklin Road team and another team from LaGrange who returned home with them were part of 449 volunteers who went to Jamaica for the largest single volunteer project ever sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The remaining teams held dental clinics, helped lead Vacation Bible Schools attended by more than 16,000 children and led evangelistic services. More than 1,500 people made professions of faith during the week.

After a second robbery attempt that week, the Jamaican Ministry of Tourism placed extra guards at the remaining volunteers' villas. The minister of tourism personally contacted James Cecil, the Foreign Mission Board's coordinator for the project, and assured him they would provide extra security for any future volunteer groups.

The Foreign Mission Board plans to continue the project, which was started seven years ago by Baptist churches in Florida, and possibly expand it to include other ministries requested by Jamaican Baptists.

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Cauthen Suffers Mild Stroke;  
Said To Be Recov ring Well

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)—Baker James Cauthen, executive director emeritus of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, suffered a mild stroke Oct. 22 in Mill Valley, Calif., where he was visiting professor of missions at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Cauthen was reported in good condition in Marin General Hospital in Green Brae, Calif.

"He suffered a mild stroke and has a mild weakness on his left side," said Ken Eakins, associate dean of Golden Gate seminary. "He had a very good night following the stroke and attending physicians indicate damage is minimal."

Eakins, also a medical doctor, said Cauthen was "in good spirits."

Cauthen, 74, was teaching two classes at the seminary. He retired December 1979, after 26 years as executive director-treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.

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Midwestern Names  
Associate Professor

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., named a Midwestern alumnus to a faculty position and handled routine business during their semi-annual meeting Oct. 15-16.

Albert Bean, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Columbia, Mo., was named associate professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, effective Jan. 1, 1985.

Bean, 46, is a 1972 Midwestern graduate. Before going to the Calvary Church in 1979, he was Baptist Chair of Bible instructor at the University of Missouri, Columbia, for three years.

Earlier he was an instructor and a Garrett Fellow in Old Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. While in Louisville, he was pastor of Highland Park Second Baptist Church and instructor of Old Testament theology at Simmons University.

Bean holds the degrees of doctor of philosophy from Southern Seminary; master of divinity from Midwestern; and bachelor of arts from the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

Last year he was chairman of the resolutions committee of the Missouri Baptist Convention. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and was named this year to the Charles Haddon Spurgeon Society of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

Four new trustees elected in June 1984 attended the meeting. They are Jack Dugger Amis, a surgeon from Hopkinsville, Ky.; James E. Graves, an elementary school principal in Kansas City, Mo.; Timothy K. Norman, pastor of Ginter Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and Carolyn S. Snider, a homemaker from Pagosa Springs, Colo.

In other business, trustees received a report indicating a fall student enrollment of 578 as of Oct. 1. Enrollment at the same time in fall 1983 was 573 students.

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