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Mideast Missionaries
Keeping Low Profile

By Erich Bridges

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Southern Baptist missionaries and representatives in the Middle East and the Mediterranean area are maintaining a low profile as terrorist threats against Westerners in the region increase.

The Southern Baptist workers and their families are practicing "a little more caution than is normal," said Isam Ballenger, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's director for Europe and the Middle East. The need for caution applies more to some places than others, he explained.

"The understanding I get is that generally there is not a bad attitude toward Americans by the general populace and the people feel relatively safe," Ballenger reported.

If American and Western European actions against Libya result in substantially increased terrorist activity, the mission official said, "all of us are going to have to be a little more cautious, not just in the immediate future but for some time to come."

Southern Baptist representatives once worked in Libya but left the nation in 1981. In Sudan, where Americans were evacuated in recent weeks because of anti-American demonstrations, Southern Baptists have had no missionaries since 1984. Missionaries and representatives elsewhere in the region continue their work with Baptists.

Travel between countries also continues normally, Ballenger said. One missionary who helps coordinate work in several countries reported international travel in the Middle East actually may be getting safer as security measures increase. Those who live day by day in the area also know best the places to be avoided.

Renewed questions about the wisdom of sending missionary families to the Middle East and other "hot spots" have followed the upsurge of terrorist threats and actions against Americans overseas. Foreign Mission Board officials have emphasized in most cases Southern Baptist missionaries make their own decisions about staying in or leaving particular countries, usually in consultation with local Christians.

"We consider our work to be a ministry of reconciliation," said Ballenger. "We want to express, through our personnel, love for all the people of the Middle East. We hope and pray the people of those areas will recognize in what spirit they are there and show to them the hospitality that is so characteristic of the Arab people."

"No doubt, the difficulty of this time will offer us some possibilities for ministry that we haven't had before," he said. "It just works that way."

By late April, no Southern Baptist lay volunteers actively preparing for work in various countries had decided to stay home because of the terrorist situation, mission board staffers reported. No volunteer projects had been canceled.

"The volunteers are calling in and asking, 'Is it safe?' or what do we know about the situation around the world," said Diana Richardson of the board's volunteer enlistment department. "We're getting maybe four or five calls a week about that. But no one has backed out yet."

It is too soon to tell whether the latest round of terrorism overseas will affect general missionary and volunteer recruitment, staffers said, although some assignments in the Middle East locations already are going unfilled.

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**SOUTHERN BAPTIST HISTORICAL
LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES**
Historical Commission, SBC
Nashville, Tennessee

New missionaries in training discuss ways of minimizing the risk of terrorism and other dangers which can arise in work abroad. Concerns are expressed, but no one in recent months has changed his or her mind about overseas service because of potential risk, reported Tim Brendle of the board's missionary learning department.

"Most of them have already made a commitment, and they've made it with their eyes open," Brendle said.

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Rally Speakers Criticize Teaching
Of 'False Doctrines' In Seminaries

By Marv Knox

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—"False doctrines and destructive heresies" taught by some Southern Baptist professors comprise spiritual "slop" which is starving their students, a lay leader in the denomination charged.

"False prophets and false teachers preach slop. You can't live on it," Lee Roberts told about 60 pastors at an April 22 luncheon hosted by Park Avenue Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn.

Roberts, an investment banker from Marietta, Ga., is chairman of the 1986 Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Boards, the group empowered to nominate trustees for all convention agencies. However, Roberts stressed: "I'm not speaking for the Committee on Boards....I'm speaking for myself, Lee Roberts, a sinner saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. I'm speaking as a layman that's vitally concerned about some things I've come to find out about in the Southern Baptist Convention."

Citing examples from three pastors, one newspaper editor and faculty members at five Southern Baptist institutions, he expressed concern about the future of the convention, particularly due to "liberal theology." He explained he was "shocked out of my apathy and ignorance" and into action to help lead the SBC toward a more conservative direction.

"All that is really necessary for the destruction of the Southern Baptist Convention is for good, Bible-believing, God-loving, truth-honoring Southern Baptists in the pew and in the pulpit to stand by and do nothing," he said. "I believe the false doctrine of liberal theology could well be the death gargle of Christianity in this nation if it goes unchanged."

Many SBC pastors and professors "would be tremendous United Methodists, Episcopalian, Catholics, something, but they aren't Southern Baptists. They don't believe what 14 million Southern Baptists believe," he said. The tragedy of that is "liberal theology and false doctrine have taken its toll" in those denominations, he added, noting aside from the SBC, "there's no other evangelical force out there" that has the ability to reach the world for Christ.

To rectify the situation, Roberts challenged his listeners to pray for "those people who are teaching false doctrines and destructive heresies" and for "courageous men and women...that will take their stand," to send 10 messengers from each of their churches to the SBC annual meeting, to call "every Southern Baptist you know" and urge them to send 10 messengers from each of their churches and to "go to Atlanta (the convention site) and vote."

He said Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., would be there as candidate to support "truth, sound doctrine, what Southern Baptists believe in." And he said while the other candidate, perhaps Winfred Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church of Amarillo, may or may not "believe in truth," the important factor to consider is the group of persons to whom the president will turn for advice.

Rogers, "will turn to godly men, men who believe this (the Bible) is the perfect Word of God," he said. "This man over here, whoever he might be, is going to have to turn to those who don't hold this to be the true Word of God.

"So when you go to vote for a man, you're not voting for a man; you're voting for truth or untruth. That's all there is to it."

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The SBC "cancer" of disbelief in the infallible, inerrant nature of Scripture provided a common theme for speakers during an evening rally that attracted about 400 people.

"The tumor of false teaching is spreading, and somehow, if we're going to have life beyond this century, beyond this decade, I believe we've got to have a transplant and remove it," said Bill Hancock, pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky.

"I don't believe we ought to take a cleaver and go in and start cutting off heads" of seminary and agency personnel, he added. "I believe that we need to be patient, we need to pray and we need to seek God's will. There's plenty of room for diversity in our denomination. That has always been a distinguishing characteristic of Baptists. But we face a question: When does diversity become heresy?" He noted "false teaching," or heresy, will "spread like a cancer" and asserted, "Heresy has crept into our institutions, and today the disease has eaten to the very core of our Southern Baptist theology."

Houston appellate judge Paul Pressler offered a medical analogy to explain the situation: Persons who have sought to steer the SBC in a more conservative direction are like a doctor. People in the denomination resistant to the theological shift are represented by a patient who has just learned he has treatable cancer. But instead of taking treatment, the patient has shot the doctor.

Nevertheless, Pressler said, "The cancer is real. The cancer is there."

Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, forecast downfall for persons and institutions which do not accept the more conservatives' position that every syllable of the Bible is literally true. "Folks, it (the Bible) is either true or it's not," he said. "There's nothing but destruction, decay and disaster in any other way."

"Part of our problem today is simply this, that man's wisdom has been elevated over God's revelation," Hancock explained. He traced the roots of the problem to an 18th century "theological shift that began with the arrival of the Enlightenment Period" and a consequent reliance on reason, rationalistic thought and "higher critical scholarship."

He blamed the "problems in the seminaries" on the use of such tools for interpreting the Bible. "There is a belief system that has infiltrated Christianity and our denomination that basically is a humanistic approach in which the Bible is just an allegorical combination of divine truth and human superstition," he said. "We must either take the Bible for what it says or leave it alone."

He also disputed the notion, most prominently espoused by more moderate Southern Baptists, that missions and evangelism hold the convention together. "I'm convinced that there's something deeper and something more real that holds us together," he asserted. "I believe we're held together by the doctrines of the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God, namely the virgin birth, the vicarious death, the victorious resurrection of our Lord and by what I believe to be someday the bodily, visible return of our Lord.

"If we permit these truths to slip away from us, and if we continue in the diversity we are in to compromise where we are so that we can all be together, sooner or later missions and evangelism will dry up on the Southern Baptist vine."

Pressler offered a similar assessment of diversity within the SBC. First he expressed gratitude to the 22-member SBC Peace Committee, which is seeking a solution to denominational controversy and which has released a three-part statement on diversity within the convention.

"I don't think it's necessary for us to prove the problems we have any longer," he said. "The Peace Committee came to the only conclusion that it could come to, and that is that we have people in our schools whom we are paying to teach our young people that the Bible contains errors. That sows the seed of destruction for our denomination."

Pressler previously cited as supporting evidence writings and statements by faculty members from three Southern Baptist schools as well as from a speech by a homosexual who addressed a group of seminary students.

Rather than abandoning financial support for Baptist schools or leaving the denomination, Pressler urged his listeners to remain Southern Baptist and work for change. The Houston layman also posed the question, "What do I expect to get out of this?" as fair to ask following years of struggle within the convention.

"When one of our young people goes to one of our Baptist institutions, if he knows Jesus Christ as his personal savior, I expect for him to be built up and supported in his faith," he said. "If he has never been saved, I expect him to receive a loving and intelligent and gracious presentation of the way of salvation...."

"We can ask no more; we also shall ask no less."

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Seminar Speakers Call
For Sex Education

By David Wilkinson

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—While acknowledging "this is the kind of thing that can get you fired," family life specialist Charles Petty urged Southern Baptist youth ministers to lead their churches in providing biblically-based sex education for children and youth.

"Human sexuality is God's creation," said Petty. "We must teach our kids about sexuality, and we must do it from a biblical perspective."

Petty, president of Family Success Unlimited in Raleigh, N.C., outlined a biblical and theological framework for sex education during a conference on "Moral Problems and Youth." The three-day seminar for Baptist youth ministers and other youth leaders was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Petty, former director of the Christian Life Council for the Baptist Convention of North Carolina, was joined by Lane Powell, family life educator and counselor at Crossroads Samaritan Counseling Center in Lubbock, Texas, who led five sessions on sex education programming, and Douglas Anderson, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's family ministry department, who delivered the seminar's opening address.

Petty reminded the youth ministers "sexuality is much more than intercourse." Sex education, he said, should deal with four dimensions of sexuality—physiology, attitudes, relationships and responsibility.

The "real bombshell" is physiology, he said, "because if you even mention certain parts of the body, some people will accuse you of 'talking dirty.'" Many pastors and parents choose to ignore the need for sex education because of their own discomfort with the subject, he added.

Despite the obstacles and pitfalls, each of the speakers warned abdicating the responsibility of sex education only increases the growing problems related to teenage sexuality. Children will learn about sex, they said. The key issue for Christian parents is whether the information will come from them and the church or from other sources.

"Pornography is everywhere and is the major source of sex education for teenagers today. The problem with pornography is not that it deals with sex but that it distorts sex," he warned.

Powell added parents and church leaders "must quit pretending that somehow our youth are protected from society's attitudes about sex." Churches, she said, can take several steps toward effective sex education:

--Move from a "negative ethic" to "a more positive, holistic framework" for talking about sex.

--Provide healthy role models of loving relationships in the home.

--Talk openly, honestly and accurately about sexuality, beginning with pre-adolescents. "Contrary to much popular opinion today, withholding information does not reduce the odds of pre-marital sex," she said. Also, "many parents wait too late—until adolescence—to talk with their children about their sexuality."

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--Avoid fear tactics and moralizing.

--Respect the right of young people to make informed choices.

Both Powell and Petty encouraged youth leaders to involve parents in planning and supporting sex education programs in the church.

In his presentation, Anderson emphasized youth ministry actually is family ministry. "You cannot deal with youth without dealing with families or the lack thereof," he said.

He encouraged youth leaders to reject the models of the "morals lifeguard" who "sees his role as primarily a rescuer" and the "morals policeman" who opts for a legalistic approach to complex moral issues in favor of the "disciple maker" who "doesn't confront or condemn but calls youth to grow in Christian maturity."

Churches, he said, should work to involve youth in problem solving "so that they become a part of the solution rather than the problem."

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Falwell Predicts
Rogers Victory

By Stan Haste

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LYNCHBURG, Va. (BP)--Jerry Falwell told an audience of several thousand fundamentalist Baptist pastors and college students April 23 that Adrian Rogers will be elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention in June.

In remarks introducing the Memphis, Tenn., pastor as the closing speaker at his annual pastors conference on the Lynchburg, Va., campus of Liberty University--formerly Liberty Baptist College--Falwell said Rogers was speaking for the first time before one of his audiences and called him "the greatest pulpiter in America today...a special and anointed servant unlike any other; he has no peer."

Rogers, whose 30-minute sermon entitled "Detours, Dead Ends and Dry Holes" was received enthusiastically, said nothing in response to Falwell's introduction or about the seven-year struggle over control of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis exhorted his listeners not to be defeated by the "discipline of detours," the "dilemma of dead ends" and the "disappointment of dry holes" that come in every Christian's pilgrimage. In particular, he warned young ministers--many of whom were in the audience--not to be "in too big a hurry" to build big churches, publish books or "to take on all of the battles that Dr. Falwell has taken on."

At the conclusion of Rogers' message, Falwell praised it as "one of the greatest sermons I've ever heard."

Rogers, who was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1979, declined the following year to allow his name to be placed in nomination for the traditional second one-year term normally given presidents of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

But the candidate he pushed to succeed him, Bailey E. Smith, won handily. Their consecutive elections marked the beginning of a winning streak for candidates of the denomination's fundamental-conservative wing, a streak that has reached seven years running.

Rogers recently told Baptist Press he is willing to be nominated again at the convention's June 10-12 meeting in Atlanta.

His moderate-conservative opponent is speculated to be Winfred Moore, first vice president of the SBC and pastor of First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas.

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Seminary Trustee
Nominations Made

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Trustees for the six Southern Baptist Convention-affiliated seminaries have been nominated by the SBC Committee on Boards.

The nominations are included in the 1986 report of the Committee on Boards, released April 24 by Lee Roberts Sr. of Marietta, Ga., chairman of the committee.

The nominations must be acted on by messengers to the 1986 annual meeting, scheduled June 10-12 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. Under convention bylaws, seminary trustees serve five-year terms and are eligible to serve two terms.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY (63 trustees): 12 nominations considered; 7 new trustees, 5 reappointed.

Nominated to replace persons ineligible for a second term are Neal Gresham, a retired General Motors labor relations official and member of Beda church, Wing, Ala., replacing Rhett E. Riley of Auburn; Larry L. Adams, director of the Baptist Retirement Center in Oklahoma City and member of First church, Piedmont, Okla., replacing B.M. Woods of Muskogee; Harry S. Dent, laywriter and speaker and member of First church, Columbia, S.C., replacing Mrs. Edward L. Byrd of Florence; Mrs. H.B. (Dorothy) Barker, deputy court clerk and homemaker and member of First church, Morton, Texas, replacing Ben R. Murphy of Dallas.

New local members named to replace persons ineligible for reappointment include S. Cornell Snow, retired Louisville & Nashville Railroad executive and member of Walnut Street church, Louisville, Ky., replacing Damon Surgener of Louisville, and John L. Smith, manager of the General Electric Appliance Park and member of Cedar Creek church, Louisville, Ky., replacing Gorman Jones Roberts of Louisville.

Nominated to an at-large position is James M. Bullock, pastor of Colgate church, Clarksville, Ind., replacing Lowell G. Holder of Evansville.

Renominated to second terms are John J. Swartz of Escondido, Calif.; S. Ernest Vandiver of Lavonia, Ga.; Kent Wyatt of Cleveland, Miss.; Sam H. McMahon Jr. of Charlotte, N.C., and W.C. Carter of Richmond, Va.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY (36 members, increased to 37 with a West Virginia representative): 7 nominations considered; 5 new members, 2 reappointed.

Nominated as new representative from West Virginia is Lyle E. Mullins, a layman from Burke Memorial church, Princeton.

Nominated to replace persons ineligible for reappointment include C.A. Johnson, pastor of Walnut Street church, Jonesboro, Ark., replacing T. Shad Medlin of El Dorado, and K.R. (Bud) Funk, a gasoline plant operator and member of First church, Bloomfield, N.M., replacing Melvin Lester of Alamogordo.

John W. Patterson, pastor of Hampton church, Newport News, Va., was nominated to replace Jack B. Wilder of Hampton, who declined to serve a second term.

A nominee to replace Milton E. Cunningham of Houston, Texas, who is ineligible for reappointment, will be named by the subcommittee when it meets in Atlanta.

Nominated to second terms are Lee P. Molloy III of Paducah, Ky., and at-large member Kenneth E. Lilly of Fort Smith, Ark.

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY (36 members, increased to 37 with a new representative from West Virginia): 8 nominations considered; 6 new members, 2 reappointments.

Nominated from West Virginia is Lawton E. Searcy, pastor of Highlawn church, Huntington.

Nominated to replace persons ineligible for reappointment include Edwin R. Walter, pastor of First church, Troy, Ala., replacing Mike Dawson of Decatur; W. Keith Huffman, pastor of First church, Ironton, Mo., replacing James Donald Baker of Bolivar, and James Stephen Sells, pastor of Southside church, Greensboro, N.C., replacing H. Max Craig Jr. of Charlotte.

New local members nominated to replace persons ineligible for second terms include William Vernon May Sr., pastor of First church, Madison, Miss., replacing Mrs. Walter Fox of Lafayette, and Robert Everett Lee, owner of finance companies and member of Parkview church, Baton Rouge, La., replacing William Meadows Hamm Jr. of Shreveport.

Nominated to second terms are William C. Ray of Elizabethtown, Ky., and Fred T. Moffatt of Annapolis, Md.

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY (30 members): 8 nominations considered; 4 new members, 4 reappointed.

Roger Williams Ellsworth, pastor of First church, Fairfield, Ill., was nominated to replace Bill Hudgens of Edwardsville, who is ineligible for renomination.

Don S. Wheat, pastor of Central church, Clovis, N.M., was nominated to fill the unexpired term of C. Warren Pearson of Hobbs who moved. The term will expire in 1989. Jack May, pastor of Broadmoor church, Memphis, Tenn., was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Bill Bruster of Knoxville who moved. The term will expire in 1990.

Nominated as a local member is W. Dade Sherman Jr., pastor of Benton Heights church, Monroe, N.C., replacing Mrs. Douglas Branch of Cary, who is ineligible for reappointment.

Nominated for second terms are Robert Earl Shirley of Tupelo, Miss.; David G. French of Swartz Creek, Mich., and James Roland DeLoach of Houston, Texas. Local member renominated to a second term is Billy H. Cline of Asheville, N.C.

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY (36 members): 7 nominations considered; 1 new member, 6 reappointed.

Si Davis, pastor of East Tucson church, Tucson, Ariz., was nominated to replace R.A. Guthrie of Flagstaff, who is ineligible for renomination.

Renominated to second terms are Ms. Jeanette Marie Harlow of Clarendon Hills, Ill.; Doyle Smith of Great Bend, Kan.; Jack D. Amis of Hopkinsville, Ky., and Joseph L. Johnson of Knoxville, Tenn. Local members reappointed to second terms are Lowell E. Socolofsky of Omaha, Neb., and Richard Adams of Crystal City, Mo.

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY (35 members, increased to 36 with a new representative from West Virginia): 9 nominations considered; 4 new members, 5 reappointed.

Nominated from West Virginia is Larry Ross, pastor of Silver Springs church, Princeton.

William R. Shunk, professor at Purdue University and member of Calvary church, Lafayette, Ind., was nominated to replace Wallace Denton of West Lafayette, who is ineligible for reappointment. At-large members nominated are Mrs. Patricia L. Miller, teacher in a Christian school and member of Valley church, Bakersfield, Calif., replacing William K. Hall of Capistrano, and John D. Morgan, pastor of Sagemont Road church, Houston, Texas, replacing Carlos R. McLeod of Dallas, both ineligible for reappointment.

Renominated to second terms are Norman H. Taylor of Silver Springs, Md.; Gerald Ray Davidson of Arnold, Mo.; Chester F. Stewart of Albuquerque, and Mrs. David Butler of Knoxville, Tenn. Gordon E. Fercho of Chico, Calif., was renominated to a second term as an at-large member.

Committee, Commission
Trustees Nominated

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Trustees for the commissions and committees of the Southern Baptist Convention have been released by the 1986 Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION (35 members): 12 considered, 5 new representatives of SBC agencies; 2 agency representatives renominated, 5 at-large renominations.

Nominated for new terms as agency representatives, replacing persons ineligible for renominations are Milton L. Williams, Shreveport, La. (New Orleans Seminary), replacing H. Max Craig Jr. of Charlotte, N.C.; Bill W. Stacy of Cape Girardeau, Mo. (Education Commission), replacing Tom Madden of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Harold T. Brundige, Martin, Tenn. (Radio and Television Commission), replacing Frank M. Morris of Opelika, Ala.

Nominees to replace Gorman J. Roberts of Louisville, Ky. (Southern Seminary), and Franklin Owen of Louisville, Ky. (Stewardship Commission), will be named by the subcommittee.

Agency representatives renominated are Ingram L. Foster of Prentiss, Miss. (Executive Committee), and Raymond Langlois, Nashville, Tenn. (Baptist Sunday School Board). At-large members renominated are Osta Underwood, G. Warren Gregory, Edward M. Smith and John P. Gifford, Sr., all of Nashville, Tenn., and Clarence Edmonds of Brentwood, Tenn.

AMERICAN SEMINARY COMMISSION (16 members): 6 nominations considered; 5 new members, 1 renomination.

Nominated to replace persons ineligible for reappointment are Milton W. Boyd, pastor of Central church, Montgomery, Ala., replacing David Jicka of Sheffield; Wendell H. Rone Sr., pastor of First church, Owensboro, Ky, replacing Joe P. Williams of Louisville, and Edsel L. West, pastor of South Harriman church, Harriman, Tenn., replacing Norman C. Herron of Nashville.

William T. Hill Jr., a home energy consultant with Nashville Electric Service and member of Two Rivers church, Nashville, was nominated as a local member, replacing Troy D. Woodburn of Nashville, who was ineligible for reappointment. W. Roy Fisher, pastor of First church, Donelson, Tenn., was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Stephen R. Taylor of Goodlettsville, who moved. The term expires in 1989.

Marshall Gupton of Nashville, Tenn., was nominated for a second term.

EDUCATION COMMISSION (21 members): 5 nominations considered; 4 new members, 1 renominated.

Nominees to replace persons ineligible for renomination include Larry Lewis, president of Hannibal-LaGrange College and member of Calvary church, Hannibal, Mo., replacing Thomas S. Fields of Columbia; William L. Palmer, president of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy and member of First church, Seymour, Tenn., replacing Tom Madden of Murfreesboro, and K. Eugene Lee, assistant superintendent of schools and member of Emmanuel church, Manassas, Va., replacing J. Wade Gilley of Herndon.

Nominated as an at-large member is Mrs. R.V. (Gwen) Haygood, wife of the executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, and member of Memorial church, Brownsburg, Ind., replacing James A. Hubbard of Wilkesboro, N.C., who was ineligible for a second term.

Nominated for a second term is Glen White of Pasadena, Texas.

BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION (36 members, increasing to 37 with a new representative from West Virginia): 13 considered; 7 new members, 6 renominations.

Nominated from West Virginia is Harry Clifton Davis, director of associational missions and member of Immanuel church, Princeton.

Stanley M. Riehn, an electrical contractor and member of Millersville church, Oak Ridge, Mo., was nominated to replace Harold J. Coday of Battlefield, who was ineligible for reappointment. Cecil O. Sewell Jr., pastor of College Park church, Sugarland, Texas, was nominated to fill the unexpired term (to end in 1989) of Henry Adrion III of Fort Worth, who resigned. A member to fill the unexpired term (to end in 1989) of Gregory W. Brockman of Littleton, Colo., who resigned, will be named by the subcommittee.

Nominated to fill at-large positions replacing members ineligible for reappointment are Willard C. Finch, administrator at Pitt Community College and member of Winterville church, Winterville, N.C., replacing Kenneth H. Rose of Maryville, Tenn., and C. Frazier Landrum, a medical doctor and member of Edwards church, Edwards, Miss., replacing Trennis F. Grubbs of Crenshaw, Miss. Miles L. Seaborn Jr., pastor of Birchman Avenue church, Fort Worth, Texas, was nominated to fill the unexpired at-large term (to end in 1987) of Joe Bob McGinnis of McAllen, who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Dennis Daniel of Phoenix, Ariz.; Angus L. Emerson III, of Cabot, Ark.; James E. Pelman of Albany, Ga.; R. Tom Browning of Prairie Village, Kan.; Walter M. Wood of Princess Anne, Md., and Richard H. Emmert of Morristown, Tenn. (at-large)

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION (30 members, increased to 31 with a new representative from West Virginia): 10 nominations considered; 8 new members, 2 reappointments.

Nominated from West Virginia is Cledith Campbell, pastor of Altizer church, Huntington. His term will end in 1988.

Nominated to replace members ineligible for reappointment are Gary E. Crum, professor at George Washington University and member of Georgetown church, Georgetown, D.C., replacing Charles L. Updike of Gaithersville, Md.; Carl W. Garrett, pastor of Emmanuel church, Overland Park, Kan., replacing Ernest D. Stewart Jr. of Garden City; Jerry B. Hopkins, pastor of Reidland church, Paducah, Ky., replacing Billy G. Hurt of Frankfort, and Curtis W. Caine Sr., a medical doctor and member of First church, Jackson, Miss., replacing Jeanette Phillips of Oxford.

James Paul Wood, pastor of Mount Vernon church in Atlanta, was nominated to an at-large post, replacing Orba Lee Malone of El Paso, Texas, who was ineligible for reelection.

Mrs. James R. (Alma Ruth) Morgan, a homemaker and member of First church, Bartlesville, Okla., was nominated to fill the unexpired term (to end in 1987) of Ron Felleme of Enid, who moved, and Vernon Holliday, pastor of First church, Klamath Falls, Ore., was nominated to fill the unexpired term (to end in 1988) of Ruffin E. Snow of Tacoma, Wash., who moved.

Nominated for second terms are George A. Strickland of Pickneyville, Ill., and Richard Myers of Charlottesville, Va.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (33 members, being reduced to one member from each state qualified for membership; the local membership will be eliminated): 9 nominations considered; 3 new members; 4 renominated and 2 local board positions eliminated.

Nominated from West Virginia is Donald E. Walls, director of associational missions and member of First Southern church, Fairmont.

Nominated to replace persons ineligible for reappointment are John C. Dyer, pastor of Southwest church, Wichita, Kan., replacing James H. Shope of Oswego, and Mrs. Kathleen G. Clements, a retired math and science teacher and member of First church, Baton Rouge, La., replacing William Allen Poe of Winnfield.

Nominated to second terms are Myron D. Dillow of Carbondale, Ill.; Ronald F. Deering of Louisville, Ky.; Paul Brown of Hannibal, Mo., and Mrs. Miles L. Dawson of Albuquerque, N.M.

Local board posts currently held by Carolyn D. Blevins of Jefferson City, Tenn., and Stan Rushing of Leland, Tenn., have been eliminated.

RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION (26 members, increased to 27 with a new representative from West Virginia): 8 nominations considered; 5 new members, 3 renominations.

Nominated from West Virginia is Odell H. Clay, pastor of East Williamson church, Williamson. His term will expire in 1988.

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Nominated to replace members ineligible for re-election are Wallace Henley, pastor of McElwain church, Birmingham, Ala., replacing Frank M. Morris of Opelika; Faye M. Graves, part owner of four radio stations and minister of education/media director at Immanuel church, Wichita, Kan., replacing Ronald R. Doole of Topeka, and Tommy D. Donham, supervisor at Sandia National Labs and member of Eastern Hills church, Albuquerque, replacing Donald Hemingway of Las Cruces.

Jalma Hunsinger, a real estate businessperson and member of Church on Mill, Tempe, Ariz., was nominated to fill the unexpired term (to end in 1989) of Jack Johnson of Phoenix, who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are James W. Waters of Macon, Ga.; Russell Lawson of Oklahoma City, and Linwood F. Perkins Jr. of Norfolk, Va.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION (26 members, increased to 27 with the addition of a new representative from West Virginia): 9 nominations considered, 5 new members, 4 renominated.

Nominated from West Virginia is Sylvester E. Hathaway III, pastor of Wayside Southern church, Buckhannon. His term will end in 1987.

C.B. Hogue, executive director-treasurer of Southern Baptist General Convention of California and member of First Southern church, Fresno, was nominated to replace Robert Hughes of Clovis, who was ineligible for renomination. A member to replace Franklin Owen of Louisville, Ky., will be nominated by the subcommittee when it meets prior to the 1986 annual meeting.

Gene Parrott, pastor of Alameda Hills church, Lakewood, Colo., was nominated to fill the unexpired term (to end in 1988) of James Rich of Englewood, who moved; and Cecil Charles Sims, executive director of the Northwest Baptist Convention and member of First church, Beaverton, Ore., was nominated to fill the unexpired term (to end in 1989) of Ben Green of Wenatchee Valley, Wash., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Worth C. Grant of Washington, D.C.; Harold T. Kitchings of Clinton, Miss.; Glenn A. Brown of Oklahoma City, and Jimmie E. Harley of Florence, S.C.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (15 members, eight of whom serve by virtue of office as SBC agency administrators): 1 considered, 1 new member.

Darold H. Morgan, president of the SBC Annuity Board and member of First church, Richardson, Texas, was nominated to replace Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. The Committee on Boards also nominates a chairman for the PAC and recommended Samuel Currin of Raleigh, N.C., the current chairman.

ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE (6 members, plus the current president of the SBC): 2 nominations considered, 2 new members.

Nominated to replace members ineligible for renomination are John B. Wright, pastor of First church, Little Rock, Ark., to replace Morris H. Chapman of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Tom Elliff, pastor of First Southern church, Del City, Okla., to replace Fred H. Wolfe of Mobile, Ala. The committee also nominates the committee chairman and recommended Stan Coffey of Amarillo, Texas.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR COMMITTEE (6 members): 2 nominations considered, 2 new members.

Nominated to replace persons ineligible for renomination are James A. Green Jr., pastor of First church, Jal, N.M., to replace Edwin C. Meyers of Roswell, and Ted J. Ingram, pastor of Lincoln Park church, Knoxville, Tenn., to replace Troy Culpepper of Texarkana, Texas. The committee also nominates the chairman and recommended Fred Powell of Atlanta.

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