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State conventions increase
funds for Baptist schools

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The 18 Baptist state conventions which sponsor 63 Southern Baptist schools and colleges increased their total giving to the schools by \$1.4 million in 1987-88, an increase of 2.3 percent over the previous year.

The universities, colleges, Bible schools and academies received \$63.9 million in support from state conventions in 1987-88. The amount includes about \$58.4 million in operating funds, \$4.5 million in capital needs funds and \$945,700 in additional endowment.

In addition to funds provided by the 18 state conventions to schools they sponsor, another \$27.2 million was provided by the Southern Baptist Convention to fund six seminaries and American Baptist College. ABC is funded jointly by Southern Baptists and National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

The \$91.1 million combined contribution from state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention to the 70 Southern Baptist schools represents a decline of \$612,900 from 1986-87.

The decline was caused by a major decrease in capital needs funds provided to the six seminaries by the Southern Baptist Convention. Capital needs funding to the seminaries fell 96 percent from \$3 million in 1986-87, to \$120,500 in 1987-88, while operating funds increased \$979,000 or 3.7 percent.

Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, said the increase in giving to educational institutions by Baptist state conventions was due in part to special fund raising campaigns by several state conventions during the past year.

"The only negative factor in Southern Baptists' overall support of educational institutions was that the Southern Baptist Convention was unable to fund capital needs appropriations made to the seminaries," he said.

"State Baptist conventions are to be commended for increasing their gifts to Baptist schools in their state," he said.

"The continuing support of Southern Baptists for their educational institutions is paying dividends," Walker noted. "Enrollment of students in college credit courses at the 51 Southern Baptist junior and senior colleges has increased every year since 1981, for a net increase of 14.5 percent."

In addition to direct funding by Baptist State conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention, the 70 educational institutions received \$80 million in other gifts and grants for operations in 1987-88.

Combined endowment funds of the educational institutions exceeded \$1.4 billion and property was valued at \$1.7 billion, bringing total assets to more than \$3.1 billion.

Sunday School Board considers
concerns about child abuse

By Frank Wm. White

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Child sexual abuse has become an epidemic in the United States and Southern Baptists are not isolated from the problem, a counselor told preschool, children's and youth ministry employees at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Joe Richardson, personnel counselor at the board and a certified psychologist, said a dramatic increase in the number of youth attending board-sponsored summer programs who seek counseling about abuse situations is one indication that Southern Baptists must address the problem.

For example, during one week at a summer conference center, Richardson said as many as 20 persons sought him out to talk about sexual abuse situations. He emphasized that none of those cases occurred while a child was participating in a board-sponsored program.

The board needs to deal with the problem and find ways to help churches deal with it, Richardson said. "Southern Baptist churches and the denomination have been silent on this. We don't need to be silent."

Richardson and Norm Finney, manager of technical services and a board attorney, met with employees as an initial step to consider board response to the problem.

Richardson cited U.S. Department of Justice statistics estimating perhaps one million cases of child abuse occur each year. In Tennessee, statistics indicate child sexual abuse increased 254 percent from 1982 to 1985.

Richardson said there are no statistics for Southern Baptists. However, college students in a 1987 survey conducted by "The Student" magazine ranked child abuse first among a list of society's greatest needs and concerns.

The board needs to take an active role in helping churches deal with child sexual abuse, said Bill Young, manager of the preschool-children's section of the church training department.

The church training department has an Equipping Center module, Helping Children in Crisis, and a BTN tape series, Ministering to Children in Crisis, which both deal with child abuse as one of several crises, Young said.

But, Young said, more needs to be done relating specifically to the problem. "We need to be alerting churches to help them become aware of the problem and how to deal with it. We tend to think the church is immune to this, but it's not."

Churches and the board may have to deal with requirements of stricter laws designed to protect children from abuse, Finney said.

Laws in some states now require screening for persons working with children to determine whether they have committed particular criminal acts or acts of abuse or neglect, he noted.

Baptist Press in January reported on court cases involving churches being charged with liability for the abusive acts of employees.

Care must be exercised by Sunday School Board employees who hire temporary and part-time workers who have extended contact and direct supervision over persons under 18 years of age through summer preschool, children's and youth programs, Richardson said.

Hiring practices need to be reviewed and policies developed, but "our concern is not just how to handle it legally, but how do we begin to help people," Richardson said.

He said the next step for the board likely will be a recommendation that a task force be established from various program areas to draft policies on screening applicants, training employees and volunteers in preventing sexual abuse and establishing procedures for handling any reported cases. Identifying ways to help churches deal with the problem likely would also be part of the task force assignment, Richardson said.

Robert Naylor stays in stride
with Southwestern Seminary

By Scott Collins

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--Although Robert Naylor turned 80 Jan. 24, keeping pace with him is not easy. Naylor hasn't lost a step.

With youthful vigor, Naylor, president emeritus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, still bounds up a stairway like a first-year seminary student at the Fort Worth, Texas, school.

But there is one person who stays right in stride with Naylor -- his wife of 58 years, Goldia. She turns 80 March 14.

However, Mrs. Naylor's birthday will not be the only celebration for the Naylor family that day. That is Founders Day at Southwestern Seminary and the couple is being recognized as B.H. Carroll Award recipients, the seminary's highest honor.

The Naylor family's run with Southwestern began 61 years ago when they arrived on the seminary campus as 19-year-old students. L.R. Scarborough, who was president, had to give special permission for Naylor to enter Southwestern because the minimum age for entrance was 20.

The same year, Goldia Dalton, from Virginia, started at Southwestern. She, too, needed special permission to enroll.

After a two-year courtship, the couple married in 1930.

From pastorates in Arkansas, South Carolina and Texas, the Naylor family has stayed in stride together. "Ours has always been a shared ministry," Naylor said.

That's why when he talks about the 20 years he was president of Southwestern, 1958-78, Naylor refuses to talk about "my 20 years," he said.

Still, the Naylor family left definite marks on Southwestern Seminary. Some of those marks were made when Naylor was a trustee from 1941 to 1955. He was chairman from 1955 to 1958 when he became president.

In his history of the seminary, "Tell the Generations Following," Robert Baker, distinguished professor of church history emeritus at Southwestern, titled the chapter about the Naylor family years "Unprecedented Growth."

Included in the growth was construction of the student center and children's center named for the Naylor family, the medical center and the recreation/aerobics center.

An official residence for the president also was built. "That home sits here on the campus by design," Naylor said, "where it is gives it an identity with the seminary. This is my family."

That spirit is what the Naylor family hope will be remembered from their tenure.

"This is the seminary," Naylor said. "It's a spirit larger than anything physical. We talk about being the largest seminary in the world. We mean a great deal more than bricks and mortar. The seminary is a living thing. It is not an institution."

Naylor's association with Southwestern has been paced by what he calls "the thrust of the seminary. This has always been primary to me, even as a student," he said.

That thrust, Naylor said, is "to train God-called men and women for a witness to the whole world."

Although Naylor may not measure his years with physical accomplishments, growth which occurred during those 20 years is evident today.

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In addition to the buildings, historians cite an increase in the seminary's annual budget from \$1.3 million to \$6.3 million; increase in faculty from 53 to 125; and an enrollment jump from 2,300 to 4,000.

Always, however, the Naylor's go back to the family atmosphere at Southwestern. To foster that attitude, they often opened their home to guests. Naylor calls his wife the "perfect hostess."

But Mrs. Naylor also used a gift for decorating in the many buildings constructed. She designed rooms in the president's home, student center, children's center and oversaw the remodeling of Barnard Hall.

As the Naylor's think about receiving the B.H. Carroll Award, they find themselves identified with past recipients they knew during their 20 years leading the school. "This is a wonderful group of people," Naylor said.

And while many people would say the award is deserved for a job well done, the Naylor's don't see it that way. "Being president was never burdensome," Naylor said. "It was never a job to be done, it was a ministry to be lived."

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Pastors need 4 basic skills, layman says

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Every pastor should be competent as a leader, planner, motivator and living example, layman Harmon Born told students and faculty at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

As guest speaker for the annual Tharp Lecture Series, Born spoke on "The Preacher from the Layman's Viewpoint." Born is a businessman from Atlanta, and a member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

As a leader, a pastor should "know where he's going ... and be able to persuade others to go with (him)," Born said. A leader should not compare his performance to that of others in his field, but should measure his performance according to his God-given potential, he added.

An inspired leader is one who has awareness of opportunity, sensitivity to detail, economic acuity, appreciation for human values and spiritual depth, he said. "Each day, your life and mine must continually take on (added) spiritual depth," he noted, and every Christian leader should begin his day with prayer and Bible study.

In addition, a pastor must be a good planner, Born said. A pastor can make "learners out of hearers" if he plans or sets goals. A "S-M-A-R-T" leader is one who sets goals which are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and timely.

In order to assess the needs of a particular church, a pastor "needs to have some input from all the members," he advised. "As early as possible, visit all the members and find out what their goals are." To decide on how to reach goals, a pastor should list the advantages and disadvantages of each program and present this list to the church, he said.

In addition, "the program must reflect the goal of the church," Born said, which is "reaching others with Christ."

A pastor also should be a good motivator, using both wisdom and common sense. "Success is not how far you've gotten, but how far you've come from where you started," Born said. Leaping too far at once may be difficult for laypeople, he added, noting, a pastor should help them take one step at a time, motivating them all the way.

"We can all do a better job if we know why we're doing it," Born said. "And once you've determined what your job is, then stick to it until it's done."

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Furthermore, a pastor's best tool for motivation is to "catch your people doing something good and tell them about it," rather than constantly accentuating the negative.

He should teach his congregation patience and perseverance. "Help us to use our time wisely," Born said. "Teach us we can't be all things to all people."

Pastors should not leave the impression that all they want is for members to sit in the congregation and add to the numbers or the offering plate, he noted. A congregation wants to know its their pastor is "interested in their minds and hearts and souls as they stand before Jesus Christ."

Laypeople look to pastors to help them find "something to do," not just a job, but a ministry; "someone to love;" and "something to hope for." They want to know "what they are doing now will bring about some good in the future," Born said.

A pastor also should be a good example to his congregation of what Christian living is all about, he said. A congregation looks for perfection in its pastor: someone who preaches well, delivers a well-prepared sermon, begins and ends on time, loves everyone, offends no one, spends time with his family and makes friends with people in the community, he explained.

No one is perfect, however; and a pastor should "learn to be (himself); not trying to imitate some other preacher," Born said. "You are working among the people and for the people; but in the final analysis, you're working for God."

Laypeople want to see the example of a pastor who does what is right, not what might please some people in the congregation, he said. They want a pastor who handles difficult situations well, who does his best and who cares about people.

A good leader focuses carefully on high priority items; does things right the first time; does not get so busy that he forgets his goals and priorities; commits to clear goals; works from a "to do" list every day; does not procrastinate; and finishes what he starts, Born said.

A congregation will then see its pastor not only through the instruction he gives, but through his example, through who he is on a day-to-day basis, he said.