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Executive Committee, board
nominees are recommended

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Nominees to serve on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and the four denominational boards -- Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board and the Annuity Board -- have been selected by the 1991 Committee on Nominations.

They will serve if elected by the messengers to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 4-6, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Because the Baptist Convention of New England's churches reached the 20,000 membership level, three of the SBC boards -- Foreign, Home and Sunday School -- each will receive an additional member from New England.

The Executive Committee will increase by one member with the addition of a member from the Hawaii Baptist Convention whose churches have reached the first level of 15,000 members.

Also, Georgia Baptist churches now have more than 1,250,000 members entitling that state to an additional member on the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (78 members): 22 nominations considered; 14 new members; 8 renominations.

Nominees, with terms to expire in 1995, replacing members ineligible for re-election, include:

Rex M. Terry, an attorney and member of First church, Fort Smith, Ark., replacing Frank Lady of Jonesboro; James Merritt Sr., pastor of First church, Snellville, Ga., replacing William H. Ricketts of Athens; Jewel R. Pruitt, pastor of Immanuel church, Glasgow, Ky., replacing James E. Jones of Campbellsville; E. Gibbie McMillan, pastor of Lanier church, Baton Rouge, La., replacing Mrs. C. Bullard Jones of Baton Rouge.

Steven O. Walsh, pastor of East Valdese church, Valdese, N.C., replacing Robert J. Goode of Greensboro; Claude Thomas, pastor of Council Road church, Bethany, Okla., replacing Sam W. Pace of Rattan; Jack J. Rinks, pastor of Varennes Heights church, Anderson, S.C., replacing Carl E. Compton of Myrtle Beach.

Hollie Miller, pastor of Sevier Heights church, Knoxville, Tenn., replacing Charles W. Sullivan, Lenoir City; and Forrest Lowry, pastor of First church, Spring, Texas, replacing Paul Pressler of Houston.

Three new members as the result of moves out-of-state include:

Mark Patton, pastor of Westridge church, Topeka, Kan., replacing Harold L. Finch, term expiring in 1993; Blaine Snow Barber, pastor of Agape church, Petoskey, Mich., replacing R. Kenny Spain whose term expires in 1992; Jim Wells, pastor of Oakwood church, Kansas City, Mo., replacing Charles B. Murray whose term expires in 1993.

Russ Priddy Jr., pastor of Colonial church, Baltimore, replacing Terry L. Davis of Ocean City, Md., who resigned a term expiring in 1992 for the Maryland-Delaware Baptist Convention.

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Nominated from the Hawaii Baptist Convention for a term expiring in 1995 is Paul K. Kaneshiro, pastor of Pukalani church on Maui.

Nominated to second terms are Fred H. Wolfe, Mobile, Ala.; Simon H.L. Tsoi, Phoenix, Ariz.; William K. Hall, San Clemente, Calif.; William R. Parker, Lake Mary, Fla.; Newton C. Brill, West Plains, Mo.; James T. Roach, Albuquerque, N.M.; Danny M. Crow, Pittsburgh; and Gwyna S. Parker, Taylor, Texas.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD (91 members): 21 nominations considered; 9 new members including new representatives from Georgia and New England; 12 renominations. If approved by messengers, two local trustee terms which expire in 1991 will not be replaced.

The new member from Georgia is James Austin, pastor of Blackshear Place church, Flowery Branch (term expiring in 1995). The committee nominated Carlos Paz, pastor of Island Pond church, Hampstead, N.H. (term expiring in 1994), for the new New England trustee but he later declined to serve. That vacancy will be filled just prior to the Atlanta meeting by a subcommittee of the Nominating Committee.

Nominees, with terms to expire in 1995, replacing members ineligible for new terms, include:

Carol D. Gilbreath, insurance agent and member of Highland church, Florence, Ala., replacing Dick Thomassian of Huntsville; Wallace Edgar, pastor of Trinity church, Texarkana, Ark., replacing Paul R. Sanders of Little Rock; William L. Bort Sr., pastor of Kendall church, Temple Hills, Md., replacing Hurbert G. Keefer of Washington.

Lawson Swearingen, insurance/investment counselor and member of Broadmoor church, Shreveport, La., replacing Claude Kirkpatrick of Baton Rouge; Rick Scarbrough, pastor of First church, Pearland, Texas, replacing Dale Gain of Lubbock; and Karen Dishman, pastor's wife and member of Carrollton church, Carrollton, Va., replacing Nathaniel W. Kellum, Mechanicsburg.

Michael C. Catt, pastor of Sherwood church, Albany, Ga., will replace Robert W. Claytor who moved out-of-state. Catt will serve a term expiring in 1995.

Nominated to additional terms are Rick Lance, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Rodney Gene Duncan, North Pole, Alaska; John Jackson, Anaheim, Calif.; William H. Pace Jr., Largo, Fla.; James T. Garland, Hazel, Ky.; Bruce A. Romoser, Ellicott, Md.; L. Daniel Watts Jr., Jackson, Miss.; James Michael Goodwin, Festus, Mo.; Horace W. Hall Sr., Wilmington, N.C.; Bruce Alan Russell Sr., Charleston, S.C.; David L. Stephens Jr., Powell, Tenn.; and B.G. Clements, Austin, Texas.

HOME MISSION BOARD (90 members) 24 nominations considered; 14 new members including a representative of New England and an additional one from Georgia; 9 renominations.

The subcommittee of the Committee on Nominations will nominate in Atlanta a person to fill a Virginia (1995) term of Earle W. Moore of Chase City. He would have been eligible for another term but declined to serve.

Nominated to serve as a new Georgia member, term expiring in 1992, is Stewart B. Simms Jr., pastor of Beech Haven church, Athens. Nominated for the New England term, 1995, is Margery Currin, real estate agent and member of Heritage church, Worcester, Mass.

Replacing S. Thomas Kyzer, Alabama representative who moved, will be Ann Cushing, homemaker and member of First church, Montgomery.

Kenneth Cheek, pastor of Northridge church, Northport, Ala., will replace Troy L. Morrison of Montgomery who resigned. David Stone, electronics technician and member of Emmanuel church, Enid, Okla., will replace Sam Hammons of Oklahoma City who resigned.

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Billy R. Bissell, pastor of Boston Avenue church, Muskogee, Okla., will replace Mrs. Joe L. Ingram of Oklahoma City for a 1995 term. Mrs. Ingram declined to serve an additional term.

Nominees, with terms expiring in 1995, replacing members ineligible for re-election, include:

Dwight "Ike" Reighard, pastor of New Hope church, Fayetteville, Ga., replacing Douglas M. Reddick of Valdosta; Rose A. Bear, member of First Southern church, Terre Haute, Ind., replacing Robert Lee Latham of Indianapolis; N.N. Antonson, pastor of Tyler Road church, Wichita, Kan., replacing John Click of Wichita; Shirley Russell, pastor's wife and member of Columbia Heights church, Columbia, La., replacing Austin B. Tucker of Shreveport.

Damon Patterson, pastor of Monroe Missionary church, Monroe, Mich., replacing Ronald Dale Gross of Milford; Foyd Bennett, pastor of Reepsville church, Vale, N.C., replacing Ann Frazier of Roanoke Rapids; John P. Avant Jr., pastor of Northrich church, Richardson, Texas, replacing Gaylon B. Wiley of Angleton.

Nominated to additional terms are Olan K. Wills, Plant City, Fla.; Louie W. Odom, Brandon, Miss.; Robert F. Curtis, Fenton, Mo.; Marvin L. Capehart, Albuquerque, N.M.; James E. Ward, York, Penn.; Edward R. Futrell, Johnson City, Tenn.; Elton Ikels, Adkins, Texas; W. Ray Sarratt, Atlanta; and Ronald B. Long, Lithonia, Ga.

Gary L. Southard, associate pastor, Rose Hill church, Ashland, Ky., was nominated to replace Anthony B. Carson, Louisville, who was eligible but declined to serve again.

If messengers at Atlanta approve, three terms which expired in 1991 for local directors who were not eligible for re-election will not be filled.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD (93 members): 29 nominations considered; 17 new members, including an additional one from Georgia and a representative from New England; 12 renominations.

The additional nominee from Georgia will be Len B. Turner, pastor of Calvary Temple, Savannah, with a term expiring in 1992. The new representative from New England will be Lulinda Tucker, administrative assistant and member of First church, Sudbury, Mass. That term will expire in 1995.

Nominees, with terms expiring in 1995, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Jerry Bowling, pastor of Hillside church, Phoenix, Ariz., replacing Wayne L. North of Tucson; Jean R. Adams, entomologist and member of First church, Hyattsville, Md., replacing Janice L. Williams of Washington; John E. Greever, pastor of Pleasant Heights church, Indianapolis, replacing Donald M. Moore, Evansville, Ind.

Michelle Baker, homemaker and member of Midway church, Wichita, Kan., replacing Mahlon C. Morley of Belle Plains; Michael Kent Workman, pastor of Second church, Hopkinsville, Ky., replacing Don R. Mathis, Corbin; Kenneth Johnson, pastor of Oakland Woods church, Clarkston, Mich., replacing Floyd E. Hughes of Grand Rapids; Ken Carter, minister of education at Alamo City church, San Antonio, Texas, replacing James L. Holly, Beaumont.

Bob E. Fowler, pastor of Eastland Street church, Fort Worth, Texas, replacing Bill Tisdale of Henderson; local board members include Scott Harner, pastor of Fellowship church, Vienna, Ill., replacing Roland Maddox of Memphis, Tenn.; William L. Probasco, pastor of Meadow Brook church, Gadsden, Ala., replacing J.B. Miller of Joelton, Tenn.

Nathaniel "Sonny" Simpson, pastor of Watson Chapel church, Pine Bluff, Ark., will replace Donald R. Dunavant of Wynne, who resigned (term expires 1994). Walter Sparks, bank vice president and member of Magnolia Avenue church, Riverside, Calif., will replace Nolan Kennedy of Seaside (1994) who also resigned.

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Lynda Ruth Allen Barfield, teacher and member of Main Street church, Hattiesburg, Miss., will replace Zach T. Hederman Jr., of Jackson (1993) who resigned. Phil Glisson, staff evangelist at Leawood church, Memphis, Tenn., will replace William D. Henard III of Lawrenceberg (1992) who resigned.

Nominated to additional terms (1995) are Al Jackson, Auburn, Ala.; Gene R. Swinson, Augusta, Ga.; John W. Sager, Collinsville, Ill.; Wayne L. DuBose, Shreveport, La.; T.C. French Jr., Baton Rouge, La.; J. Barry Campbell, Reno, Nev.; J.D. Grant, Sylva, N.C.; Larry E. Toothaker, Norman, Okla.; Judy Beeler, Fountain City, Tenn.; C.B. Scott, Pound, Va.; George H. Kinchen Jr., Parkersburg, W.V.; and local member Billie K. Friel, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Roger Williams, pastor of Corinth church, London, Ky., will replace Allen Harrod of Bellevue, Ky., who moved. The term expires in 1994.

ANNUITY BOARD (50 members): 16 nominations considered; 6 new members; 10 renominations.

Nominated to terms expiring in 1995 replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Robert "Roy" Rogers, insurance agent/real estate salesman and member of First Southern church, Great Bend, Kan., replacing Carlin D. Pruett of Pittsburg; Joseph A. Mack, state employee and member of First church, Columbia, S.C., replacing George H. Balentine Jr., Simpsonville; and local members Christene Y. Walker, teacher and member of Singing Hills church, Dallas, replacing Terry Gene Washburn of Colleyville, Texas; Donald H. Wills, attorney and member of Park Cities church, Dallas, replacing Earl B. Patrick of Waco, Texas, in a 1992 term.

Paul Carter, pastor of First church (Tool), Kemp, Texas, replacing R. Earl Allen of Fort Worth, Texas, who died. The local board term expires in 1993.

T. Jack Colvin, insurance executive and member of Colonial Heights church, Jackson, Miss., is nominated to replace Arnold S. Hederman Jr., of Mendenhall, Miss., who was eligible for re-election but not renominated because of absenteeism.

Nominated to second terms are Gerald H. Lord, Florence, Ala.; Mark H. Daniel, Phoenix, Ariz.; Stephen B. Henderson, Lakeland, Fla.; Everett W. Gasaway, Indianapolis; Gene Flynn, Lexington, Ky.; A.D. Foreman III, Monroe, La.; Mrs. John P. Reynolds, Velma, Okla.; Bill Yung, El Paso, Texas; Eugene C. Smith, Alexandria, Va.; and local board member Bob Eklund, Dallas.

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Southwestern Seminary honoring three
with Distinguished Alumni Award

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--Three graduates of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, have been chosen Distinguished Alumni for 1991 and will be recognized during a luncheon June 5 at the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta.

The three represent diverse areas of ministry including foreign missions, evangelism and pastoral ministry. Receiving the award this year are Eloise Glass Cauthen, former missionary to China and widow of Baker James Cauthen, former executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; Ralph Langley, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Ala.; and Bill Glass founder of the Bill Glass Evangelistic Association and former All-America and All-Pro football player.

The recipients will be honored at the luncheon at the Omni Hotel, near the Georgia World Congress Center, following the Wednesday morning session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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A 1934 graduate of Southwestern, Cauthen was born in China, where her parents were missionaries. She was appointed as a missionary to China by the FMB in 1939 and worked there with her husband until 1952 when they moved to Richmond, Va. Her husband was executive secretary of the FMB from 1954 until 1979. He died in 1985, and in 1986, she returned to her birthplace of Shandong, China, and taught English for a year at Yentai University.

Glass, a 1963 graduate of the seminary earned fame in the 1950s and 1960s as an All-America football player at Baylor University and a Pro Bowl performer with the National Football League Cleveland Browns. He led Baylor to four college bowl games and was a member of Cleveland's 1964 NFL championship team. He is the founder of the Bill Glass Evangelistic Association.

Glass has appeared on Billy Graham Crusade telecasts, is the author of nine books and has produced three television specials.

Langley is pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala., where he was pastor for more than 10 years. Following graduation from Southwestern in 1948, Langley was pastor of University Baptist Church in Coral Gables, Fla., from 1951-55. He later moved to Dallas and Houston, where he was pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church and Willow Meadows Baptist Church. Langley returned to Southwestern and earned the doctor of theology degree in 1957.

Southwestern President Russell Dilday also will introduce the seminary's new strategic plan for the coming four years during the luncheon. According to Vice President for Public Affairs Jay Chance, the strategic plan is being called "Vision For Excellence."

Tickets may be purchased by sending \$17 to the Office of Public Affairs, P.O. Box 22000-3E, Forth Worth, Texas 76122. Tickets sold at the SBC will cost \$19.

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Relate Bible teaching
to maturity levels

By Terri Lackey

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NASHVILLE (BP)--From birth to adulthood, people develop in various, yet age-consistent stages, and effective Bible teaching with young children relates to their maturity levels, a psychology professor said.

"We need to take a developmental approach to teaching the Bible to children," said Helen Benedict, chairperson of the department of psychology at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

She was addressing about 200 participants in the Advanced Training for Preschool-Children's Workers Seminar VI held April 8-11 at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The seminar is sponsored annually by the board's preschool-children's section of the discipleship training department.

"Teachers of children should recognize and accept that children have different understandings," Benedict said. "There is no way to unzip a child's head, pour in your information and zip it back up.

"He will hear what you present and still construct his own understanding at his maturity level," she said.

Benedict urged children's workers to "let the child approach the Bible as a child. Constant correction could move a child away from the Bible, and the last thing we want is to promote feelings of failure and confusion from the Bible."

Up until about three years of age, Benedict said children experience faith through care, love and nurturing.

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Children three to six "think very differently than any other age," Benedict said. "This age relates fact to fact, association to association. They are unable to relate events and situations.

"They have trouble pulling together stories of Jesus and the concept of it," said Benedict. "They can hold totally opposing ideas without being the least bit troubled about it."

Because this age group of children has a limited ability to deal with time, distance or numbers, they have trouble with the concept of biblical times, Benedict said.

Six- to nine-year-olds are beginning to think logically, she said. "They have moved into a concrete operations stage where they conserve and classify.

"They are very interested in getting the factual information together, and as long as things remain concrete, this group will stay with you pretty well."

This group "does not do well" with metaphors or parables, Benedict said. "Actually preschoolers are better at metaphoric parables, but this method of teaching is not best for six- to nine-year-olds."

Nine- to twelve-year-olds are "transitioning into abstract thinking," Benedict said. "They can relate various parts of the Bible in abstract ways. They have a greatly enhanced causal reasoning and can now see earlier biblical events related to later ones."

Parents and church leaders should let the child's knowledge of the Bible grow gradually.

"Focus on the essence of the Bible -- the child's relationship with God through Jesus," Benedict said. "Select Bible stories that relate to the child's own concrete experiences, such as stories about families or eating or getting along."

Understanding and learning about the Bible is a lifelong process, Benedict said.

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CORRECTION:

In (BP) story titled, "1941 missionary tragedy voyage marks 50th anniversary," dated 4/15/91, change the 4th graph from the bottom to read as follows:

Though the Zamzam ended up on the bottom of the sea, only three people died. Several were badly wounded. There were no Southern Baptist casualties.

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