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Christian Life Board  
Elects Adiel Moncrief

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, has elected Adiel J. Moncrief, pastor of First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo., as its new chairman.

Moncrief succeeds Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), who was serving his second term as Commission chairman when elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Paul Sanders, Nashville, a member of the faculty of Vanderbilt University law school, was re-elected vice-president. The Commission gave its executive secretary, A. C. Miller of Nashville, a vote of appreciation for his service.

The Christian Life Commission devoted its annual meeting to studying ways in which it can enlarge its program and make its ministry to Southern Baptists more effective.

Congressman Hays was with the Commission during the early part of its annual meeting but returned to Washington later for sessions of Congress. The Commission adopted a resolution commending the work of Congressman Hays while he served as chairman.

The resolution said, in part;

"We wish to convey to him our gratitude for his clear vision and strong leadership in the work of the Christian Life Commission. His spiritual wisdom and skillful guidance have been a source of blessing to our work. We especially appreciate the help of Mr. Hays in securing financial assistance in conducting research in fields of vital social need in the territory of our Convention.

"We offer this expression of our appreciation and our abiding confidence in Mr. Hays as a consecrated Christian statesman who serves his country with distinction in the United States House of Representatives and who serves God with full devotion."

The new chairman, Moncrief, has been pastor of First Church, St. Joseph, since 1946. Before that he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., and Walmer Rd. Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario.

Moncrief is a native Georgian, educated at Mercer University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Foundation Executives  
Meet To Compare Notes

GLORIETA, N. M.--(BP)--Baptist Foundation secretaries from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention compared notes with each other during a three-day summer workshop at Glorieta Baptist Assembly here.

The secretaries represented the various state Baptist conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. Their responsibility is to see that endowments, bequests, trusts, annuities, and other funds are administered to benefit Southern Baptist activities.

The secretaries spend part of their time at Glorieta discussing the exact duties their conventions have assigned to them. They compiled much of this comparative information into a workbook.

Their organization, known as the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives, named a committee to study the amount of uniformity there is in the work of the various secretaries.

A phase of their work which they said is growing is "estate planning." This covers long-range advice to clients on how to invest their funds to the best advantage of the clients and the Baptist activities they want to aid financially.

Legal aspects--government rulings on income and inheritance taxes, as well as other laws and court cases affecting investments and income--required discussion and study by the secretaries in their meeting here.

Formerly the Association held its annual workshop in the spring of the year in various cities. Currently, on a trail basis, the secretaries are meeting at one of the two Southern Baptist Convention summer assembly grounds.

Their 1958 workshop will meet at Ridgecrest, N. C., Baptist Assembly.