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Home Board Appoints
New York City Worker

NEW YORK CITY--(BP)--Paul S. James has been appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as director of Southern Baptist work in the Greater New York area.

He will also become pastor of the Southern Baptist Chapel in New York, which presently meets at the 23rd St. YMCA in downtown Manhattan, and will soon be organized as the first Southern Baptist church in New York City.

James has been pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Atlanta for the past 16 years.

In a statement to his church, James said: "This is a call to lead Southern Baptists in the establishment of churches in one of America's greatest mission fields. It comes in the wake of the Graham Crusade when the time seems ripe for constituting churches and missions according to the pattern being followed by Southern Baptists."

Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, says "Southern Baptists are sending not only a man but a program into New York City, and surely the time is ripe for it."

S. F. Dowis, the board's director of cooperative missions, said there is greater interest on the part of Southern Baptist in the work in New York and Chicago than in any other phase of pioneer missions. A. B. Cash, director of pioneer missions, and other Baptist leaders, will be in New York next month to enlist converts from the Graham Crusade.

James, a native of New York state, is a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. For eight years he was pastor of Second Baptist Church, Auburn, N. Y.

He has served as vice-president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, president of the Atlanta Baptist pastors' conference and chairman of the Billy Graham Crusade in Atlanta. He also has been a member of the Home Mission Board.

James will begin his work in New York City on Nov. 1.

Long Range Rural Church
Committee Revises Goals

ATLANTA--(BP)--The long range rural church committee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has revised its suggested goals for 1959 to 1964, the years of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The new goals, which concern development of rural churches, are:

1. All rural churches achieving one-half, or full-time pastorates with not more than 3000 half-time churches. (A half-time church holds services on alternate Sundays.)
2. At least 6000 rural churches enlarging their church building facilities and at least 4000 additional rural churches providing pastors' homes.
3. Increase the number of four-star rural churches by 10,000. (A four-star rural church has a Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, Sunday school and Training Union.)
4. At least 75 per cent of all rural churches operating with an annual budget, stressing tithing, sending monthly contributions to world missions through the Cooperative Program on percentage basis, and supporting associational missions.
5. Every rural church having at least one revival annually and reporting baptisms each year.
6. At least 3500 new rural churches and missions.
7. At least 8000 rural pastors enrolled each year in some form of In-service training sponsored by the denomination.
8. 10,000 rural churches and their pastors participating in a retirement program of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Convention.
9. The state Baptist paper in a budget plan of 18,000 rural churches.
10. Every Southern Baptist association of churches being surveyed by a missionary.

The committee announced the date and place of the Southern Baptist Convention Rural Church Conference. It will meet at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Feb. 24-28, 1958.

The Home Mission Board, in cooperation with all other SBC agencies, launched the long range rural church program in 1954. It will cover a period of 25 years with definite goals planned for accomplishment by rural churches in the Convention.

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.....Bertram King, pastor, Moreland Ave. Baptist Church, Atlanta, has been elected by the Home Mission Board as contact man to serve as liaison between the Home Mission Board and Baptist forces in Canada.

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.....Louis G. Christian has resigned as director of social service for Missouri Baptist Children's Home, Pattonville. He is taking a position as institutions consultant with the State Department of Public Welfare for North Carolina in Raleigh.

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.....Assets of \$34,320,974 and an investment increase of more than 33 per cent over the previous year are reported by the Baptist Foundation of Texas in Dallas.

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