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Garrett To Work With Public Affairs Group

WASHINGTON--(BP)--W. Barry Garrett, editor of the Baptist Beacon, weekly Baptist newspaper published in Phoenix, Ariz., has been elected associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

He is the first associate director of the Joint Committee and will be in charge of the "expanded information services to be provided by the Committee," according to C. Emanuel Carlson, director.

Garrett will have offices in Washington and will move to his new position Jan. 1.

In announcing the election of Garrett as an associate, Carlson said:

"Mr. Garrett has a splendid background for this work. As a pastor he served churches both in the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention. He has experience both in the eastern and western areas of our country.

"As an editor and writer, he has become known for his thoughtful analyses of denominational life. He has been particularly interested in the meaning of the Christian life as it is related to national and world affairs."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is operated jointly by six Baptist conventions, including the American and Southern Conventions. Located in Washington, it helps keep Baptists informed on public issues bearing on religious liberty and the separation of church and state.

Garrett will cover the Washington scene and provide releases to Baptist editors in the six co-operating conventions, according to Carlson. "He will not only seek out news at the national level that will be of interest to our editors, but he will also counsel with them on the interpretation of national issues and problems of religious liberty," Carlson said.

Born at Mangum, Okla., Garrett is a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Baptist Seminary. He served as pastor of churches in Indiana, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Oklahoma before going to Arizona.

Garrett was pastor of North Tucson Baptist Church, Tucson, Ariz., before becoming editor of the Baptist Beacon in 1947. He served as interim

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executive secretary of the Baptist General Conv ntion of Arizona for several months after Willis J. Ray resigned as executive secretary.

He is founder of the Arizona Christian Life Commission, and has been president of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

Garrett has also been a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, Committee to Survey Total SBC Program and board of trustees for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Just For Kicks

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--A Church in Mississippi wanted to give encouragement to its pastor by running an article in the weekly church bulletin entitled "Boost the Pastor a Bit." But after the article left the church office, a printer's devil went to work. The article came out with this headline instead: "Boot the Pastor a Bit."

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.....Roy A. Mallard, pastor, Orange St. Baptist Church, Baldwin, Fla., will become pastor of First Baptist Church, Kingsland, Ga., Nov. 1.

Note to Baptist editors: Picture of Millard J. Berquist, new president of Midwestern Seminary, enclosed.