

BAPTIST CHAPLAINS' BULLETIN

January 1, 1953

R-E-S-E-R-V-E-I-S-T: To the 545 Southern Baptist Chaplains in Reserve, this first Bulletin of 1953 is dedicated.

COMMISSION - On behalf of your Chaplains Commission of the S.B.C., permit me to express appreciation for co-operation of members of the Association and its officers. President William H. Andrew is on the beam with ideas and in implementation of them. Vice President John Dodge presents the work wherever opportunity affords - Secretary Will Ed Langford keeps the records correct - He is now recovering from a lengthy, serious illness - Members of the Association have led this past year in presenting the Chaplaincy before Baptist gatherings, especially state conventions.

FROM PRESIDENT ANDREW - "Response to both letters from SBChA addressed to men on and not on AD have been inspiring - Thanks to all who wrote me. Another News Letter will be forwarded before the Houston Convention - Plans under way for a great time together in Houston. Program Committee of Convention has given 25 minutes Friday night to our Commission apart from Home Board time. Retiring Naval Chief, Chaplain Salisbury, will speak at our meeting. Time for round table will be planned. Sorry, no quarters available at Ellington AFB, but Wing Chaplain (Southern Baptist) will try to squeeze some in. Sincerest New Year's Greetings." - William H. (Bill) Andrew, President.

FLAN NOW to attend Associational meeting at Houston Convention - The Chaplains' Conference, Glorieta Assembly, New Mexico, June 22-28 - Chaplains' Conference, Ridgecrest Assembly, N. C., August 13-18. Definite announcements in April Bulletin.

THROES OF TRANSITION - In 20 years, "roots grow deep" and "face lifting" difficult. Official Washington shivers with sense of insecurity. Streamline - efficiency - economy are expectant measures - This will affect the military. Your Director seeks to stay ahead of the parade - on topside - in matters pertaining to every phase of the Chaplaincy and spiritual welfare of military personnel.

NEW MOVE - From the alumni of Civilian Orientation Courses there recently was organized the Defense Orientation Conference Association - Your Director graduated from 3 of the 10 courses - On authority of Chaplains Commission he joined the new organization, D.O.C.A. "This is not a crusade or lobby group, but men with understanding of our defense structure that should facilitate their constant interest --- in national security."

TRANSFER of personnel from Ready Reserves to Standby Reserves is being facilitated.

BONDURANT, Mason E. (A), separated November 25, called pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas - 3621 North 6th Street.

HIXSON, George S. (A), Professor of Religious Education, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminary Heights, Kansas City 2, Kansas.

LANDERS, Clayton E. (A), pastor, Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, Michigan Avenue at 41st, Kansas City, Missouri, sends brochure of new church plant, present leadership, and program.

TRUITT, Ray A. (A), Box 583, Anthony, New Mexico. While on 30 day AD at Fort Bliss, had 57 professions of faith - continues to assist each Sunday due to shortage of chaplains.

APPLETON, Vincent (A), recently returned from Korea, accepts Trinity Baptist Church, Ada, Okla., 6th and Highland.

BRASTED, Alva J. (Retired) 204 MacArthur Rd., Alexandria, Va., never quits - Now Chaplain, Virginia American Legion.

BILES, T. H. (A), 241 W. Kingston Avenue, Charlotte, N. C., designated director of training for Reserve Chaplains, 3rd Army. Active in Chaplains Association.

HARRIS, O. R. (AF), 910 Balra Drive, El Cerrito, Calif., separated from services, now Bay Area Missionary for Southern Baptists.

HONEYCUTT, Wilbur A. (AF), returned - First Baptist Church, Black Mountain, N. C.

JUNKINS, Tilford L. (A), Fairchild Heights Baptist Church, Fairchild, Ala., appreciates activities of Chaplains Commission.

REYNOLDS, Homer B. (AF), Ross Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, chairman, Texas Chaplains' Association; plans booth and display for chaplains at State Evangelistic Conference, San Antonio, Jan 5-7. Son, Homer Jr., married to Wanda Lee Saxon, Little Rock, Ark. - He is stationed Fort Ord, Calif.

AVAILABLE for pastorates - excellent men - separating from services.

Carl A. Collins, Jr., (AF), 2518 Dorchester Drive, Roanoke, Va.  
George Rumney, (AF), Larson A.F.B., Moses Lake, Washington.  
L. E. McGowen, (N), 2024 Fairview Rd., Raleigh, N. C.

HINTS:

I - How Reservists may assist the Chaplains Association.

1. Send names, addresses of chairmen of state associational units to President William H. Andrew, Box 1089, Bryan, Texas. If no unit, give him name, address of some dependable former chaplain.
2. Support your state unit - if none, at next state convention organize.
3. Announce or advertise before all gatherings of Baptist preachers the meetings of Chaplains Association.
4. Attend the meetings of Chaplains Association.

II - How Reservists may assist the Chaplains Commission.

1. Keep your mailing address correct and current in this office - 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.
2. Inform us of any active duty credits or correspondence credits. Your 10 year record card awaits this information. Often annual endorsement depends upon this record.
3. Forward informational matters and human interest stories for publication and for quarterly bulletin. We plan to beam one issue each quarter to Reservists.
4. At general and major gatherings of denomination, magnify the Chaplaincy. Press recruit work.

PLEASE SEND IN ANY MATERIALS YOU DESIRE FOR APRIL BULLETIN.

BAPTIST NEWS:

Highlights of Home Mission Board and Executive Committee of Convention meetings in December are reported in Home Mission Magazine and Baptist Program. Trust you received yours. Baptist making history rapidly. Available from Sunday School Board - 38,000 "Commissioned For Christ And Country," - excellent tract for inductees; 2,000 "Drop Anchor," 2,200 "By Faith I Accept," - both suitable for general distribution; 1,000 "Enlisting For Christ Our Returned Servicemen," should be in the hand of every man separating from services. Lets clear the shelves of these tracts - Order your portion today.

Howard College to receive 8 million dollars from Alabama Baptists for new campus.

Room reservations Houston Convention in May are scarce articles.

Front page - Baptist Bulletin this month carries message from the frontline by Chaplain Bill Taggart, 31st Inf. Regt., APO 7, San Francisco.

Elected to succeed Hugh A. Brimm as Secretary, Social Service Commission is A. C. Miller of Dallas, Texas

Furman University moving to new 940 acre campus five miles from Greenville, S.C. - cost three million dollars.

March 15 - April 10 - Billy Graham party leading 200 churches in Chattanooga area, evangelistic campaign.

November 7, '52 - Current budget receipts of Southern Baptist Convention were in - amounting to 8 million dollars - 13½% above last year - The advance program receipts from November 7 to close of year will yield approximately \$350,000.00 for Home Missions and \$1,050,000.00 for Foreign Missions.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb of S.S. Board announces intentions to retire in June 1953 - 18 years Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Elected President of National Temperance League is Duke K. McCall - succeeds R. G. Lee

Missionary Rex Ray reports distributing in Korea 10 tons of relief clothing during October and November.

Iran increasing restrictions on missionaries and their activities. Baptists in this month's Record (American Bible Society Publication) are Chief of Army Chaplains, Ivan L. Bennett - movie stars Roy and Dale Rogers.

Baptists in this issue "Navy Chaplain Bulletin" are Professor Othal Feather, Chaplain J. F. Parker, N. L. McDowell, J. C. Brown, Jr., B. N. Wolfe, A. D. Prickett, R. H. Willets, A. W. Robertson, Ernest L. Ackiss, and also pictures of last three graduating classes at Newport School.

Recommendations to Houston Convention by Executive Committee:

That Budget for 1954 by \$10,750,000.00. Operating budget \$5,750,000.00 and \$3,000,000.00 capitol needs. Increase of approximately \$700,000.00 in operating budget over 1953.

That Home Board increase Church Loan Fund from 2½ million to 10 million  
That 1955 Convention be held in Washington, D.C. (Denver and Los Angeles had invitations in)

Evangelistic Department, Home Mission Board, announces National Evangelistic Crusade 1955 (36 states, Cuba, Panama, Alaska)

Oklahoma Baptist University received \$250,000.00 from Senator Robert S. Kerr to erect girls dormitory in honor of his mother.

Chief of Army Chaplains, Ivan L. Bennett, spoke before annual meeting of Executive Committee, S.B.C. Many favorable comments pertaining to his evangelistic and missionary emphasis. He preached AM service, December 28, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., Dick H. Hall, pastor. Glorieta Assembly granted an additional \$300,000.00 by Sunday School Board to complete and equip for capacity of 1,000 persons.

Miss America testifies for Christ and to the value of B.S.U. during her visit to campus of Florida Southern College, name, Neva Jean Langley.

W. Boyd Hunt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, resigns to return to Southwestern Seminary as head, department of Theology.

#### DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

Appreciate the many Holiday Greetings from around the world.

Mrs. Simpson, your office secretary, injured in auto accident December 29th. Has returned to office.

Annual Report of Chaplains Commission to Home Board on back page.

Director's annual report as follows: Visited 106 different military and Veterans Administration installations, 42 Army, 31 Navy, 40 Air Force, 42 Veterans, and numerous repeat visits. 367 chaplains of which 160 were Baptists - 112 commanding officers or managers - 92 pastors, 74 churches, 22 Baptist state headquarters, 10 seminaries or senior colleges, 28 denominational meetings. Held three preaching missions, 2 evangelistic campaigns, 2 mission revivals and 2 chaplains' conferences. In civilian churches, 58 for baptism, 24 by letter, 11 called to full-time christian work, 106 dedicated lives. In military, approximately 286 professions and 12 surrendered to ministry - 7 trips to D. C. and 5 to Chaplains' Schools.

Brethren, not enough Baptist literature in racks where Southern Baptist Chaplains are located. If our literature is good, use it - if not, let's change it - if you are off the beam, get on it

Willard, teen-age son of Chaplain and Mrs. Lonnie W. Knight, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, "pronounced cured" from disease that seemed incurable - an answer to prayer. Lonnie shipped out December 26.

New Movement - Home Mission Board sets up budget and authorizes employment of man to lead our churches to minister more fully to their members in the services. "Elected, Dr. Ernest L. Ackiss, Chaplain, U.S. Navy, as Field Secretary in the Department of Co-operative Missions, to direct the program. His services to begin April 1, or as soon as he may find it convenient."

#### ITINERARY TO N. E.

D. C. - attended meeting of committee planning Chaplains' Spiritual Retreats for 1953. Time, May 1-June 30 - Length, approximately two days - Place, off military if practical - Local chaplains privilege of nominating leaders.

Profitable conferences with three Chiefs of Chaplains, Director of V. A. Chaplains, and their staffs.

Fort Slocum, New York, Army-Air Force Chaplains School - Baptist dinner with 16 present - 6 Southern Baptists, 5 American Baptists, 1 C.B. A., and 3 faculty members.

Newport, R. I. - Navy Chaplains School - Eleven present at dinner - 8 Southern Baptists - 2 American Baptists.

Baptists supply above one-fourth of new chaplains. Our pride in these men is well justified. They are outstanding and upstanding, wear the uniform well.

Navy Announces 9th Chief of Chaplains:

Edward B. Harp, Jr. - effective February 1 - 23 years of service - Past 16 months on Chief's staff - Of Evangelical and Reformed Church - Ordained Oct. 24, 1929 - Native state, Maryland - Family resides Falls Church, Va. - Wife, Laura Lee, a So. Carolinian - Daughter, Julia Lee, is 17, and son, Edward, is 10 years.

Retiring Chief S. W. Salisbury (Presb. USA) 31 years service. With Army W.W. One - On USS PENN. at Pearl Harbor - After retirement, February 1; will serve his denomination as lecturer for schools and seminaries.

Farewell reception in his honor, Thursday, Jan. 29th, 1930, Shoreham Hotel, D. C. - Duty and Reserve Navy Chaplains and wives invited - \$3.00 plate.

Memorial Building purchased for Military Chaplains Association at 1710 16th St., N.W., D. C. - Cost \$40,000 - To serve as memorial to deceased chaplains, headquarters offices, and meeting place for relatives of deceased service personnel buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

The Chaplain - February issue - Special preaching issue - Splendid material - Study it.

COMMENDATIONS:

Mattox, James O., 179th Inf. Rgt., APO 86, San Francisco, by C.O. for outstanding services.

PROMOTIONS:

To Commander - Wm. A. Wiggins, U.S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY:

ARMY:

Edwin R. Andrews, 3rd Armored Cav. Regt., Camp Pickett, Va.  
Charles E. Sneed, 51st Fld. Arty. Gp., Fort Bragg, N.C.

AIR FORCE:

Ivan M. Herring, Hq. Comd., USAF, Ft. Myer, Va.  
William L. S. Keen, Hq. Comd., USAF, Ft. Myer, Va.  
Dillard F. Sebastian, Jr., Hq. Comd., USAF, Ft. Myer, Va.

AMONG THE CHAPLAINS:

Burnette, Lester, 4th Sig. Bn., APO 909, San Francisco, Promotes successful campaign-daily Bible reading.

O'Neal, Edward W., Sampson Air Force Base, N.Y., sends order for tracts. Base has 400 airmen in Baptist instruction class - 900 plus men have been led to Christ and 349 baptized this year.

Tarpley, H. V., Hq. 49th Inf. Div., Camp Rucker, Ala., Supplied pulpit, First Baptist Church, Dalton, Ala.

Washburn, Wm. A., V.A. Hospital, Marlin, Texas, spoke to Marlin High School. At hospital, chapel attendance high, and Bible classes progressing.

Schnick, Homer L., Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, Calif., expresses appreciation for calendar of activities, also Home Board News.

Brian, Sam E., 10th Tact. Recon. Wg., APO 83, New York, "With no chapel and short on equipment, yet spiritual life of unit fine. About 100 professions of faith, many rededications and 9 men surrendered to ministry in less than year."

Arrived - Camp Pickett Veterans Hospital, October 31, young Dexter to habitat with Chaplain and Mrs. Donald E. Trump.

Simpson, John E., Redstone Arsenal, Ala., "Our offering for Korean orphans \$603.48."

Rumney, George R.M., Larson Air Force Base, Moses Lake, Wash., In midst of largest and latest air tragedy.

Prickett, L. H., 40th Div., APO 6, San Francisco, grateful for our shipment of stationery.

Parks, Klein, Veteran Hospital, Gulfport, Miss., sends in excellent annual report and other valuable material.

Pelphrey, W. T., 4005th ASU Sta. Comp., Ft. Hood, Texas, stages "Family Day" at chapel services. Ups attendance 48%.  
McClelland, Chester, Hq. 6332, AB Wg., APO 239-1, San Francisco, "The Country Church" evening service continues to grow in attendance and interest. Baptized 8 in November."

Mathis, R. B., 171st Evacuation Hospital, APO 234, San Francisco, promoted special seasonal services for different religious faiths and civilian groups.

Meiere, C. M., Veterans Hospital, Augusta, Ga., sponsored seminar on pastoral care. Fifteen Baptist pastors, together with other church leaders, participated.

Lee, Alvin J., Jefferson Barracks, (V.A.) Ho., new chapel to be opened Feb. 1. The new and additional hospital facilities tops.

ARRIVAL - Paul Leslie, Dec. 6, to Chaplain and Mrs. Joe M. Ellison, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

STATE CONVENTION SPEAKERS (Continued from last Bulletin)

Louisiana - Lewis L. Prewitt, New Orleans.

Mississippi - Klein E. Parks, Gulfport.

South Carolina - Wiley R. Deal, Columbus.

Melissa Ruth Below arrived Dec. 12 to make her home with Chaplain and Mrs. Ralph W. Below, U.S.N.T.C., Great Lakes, Ill.

So Goes The Kingdom:

- 40 professions - Chas. L. Arnold, Parris Island, S.C., Box 366
- 9 " C. L. Hopkins, Hq. F. RTTC, Ft. Sill, Okla.
- 40 " H. R. Weedon, Ft. Lewis, Wash.
- 26 " Jas. D. Taylor, 2349th P.P. Gr., Cp. Stoneman, Calif.
- 35 " R. W. Smith, FMF, Force Trps, Cp. Lejuene, N.C.
- 7 " Clarence Q. Jones, Ft. Sill, Okla.
- 30 " Jas. R. Barnett, TRTC, Ft. Eustis, Va.
- 46 " Racy L. Akins, Inf. School Det, Ft. Benning, Ga.
- 17 " Ben Wofford, U.S.N.S. Gen. C.H. MUIR, T-AP 142, FPO, New York
- 113 " L. M. Murphy, U.S. Mar. Recr. Depot, San Diego, Calif.
- 22 " R. B. Mayfield, Ft. Lee, Va.
- 14 " M. B. Morris, Amarillo AFB, Texas.
- 18 " J. G. Lambrides, V.A. Center, Kecoughtan, Va.
- 14 " W. E. Ferguson, Lowry AFB, Col.
- 40 " J. F. Weber, 3rd Med. Bn., APO 468, San Francisco.

471 professions on 19 reports 15 reports is excellent in any language - 38 other reports reveal 196 professions. This is not bottom of stack but must cut off here and pass on.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

- Robert H. Willets, 1823 N.W. 5th Ave., Gainesville, Fla.
- Howard E. Waters, Dallas Naval Air Station, Dallas, Texas.
- Vaughn H. Tollett, 817th Engr. Avn. Bn., APO 190, USAF, c/o P.M., N.Y.
- James F. Stanley, Jr., 73rd AAA Aw (SP) Bn., APO 403, c/o P.M., N. Y.
- Jack C. Randles, Hq. 47th Inf. Div., Art., Off. of Chaplain, Camp Rucker, Ala.
- Alla W. Robertson, Helicopter Trg. Unit One, Naval Air Sta., Pensacola, Fla.
- John P. Neal, Hqs. CC "A", 1st Armd. Div., Fort Hood, Texas
- Carl P. McNally, Divisional Hqs., Off. of Chaplain, APO 7, San Francisco, Calif.
- Carl L. Mabra, 905 N. 6th St., Sayre, Okla.
- James O. Mattox, 179th Inf. Regt., APO 86,, c/o P.M., San Francisco.
- William R. Lawrence, 930 Engr. Avn. Gp., APO 970, P.M., San Francisco.
- Kenneth A. Lee, 144th AAA AW Bn (SP), 44th Inf. Div., Ft. Lewis, Wash.
- Edward J. Lee, Jr., MCB-10, Navy 926, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.
- Lonnie W. Knight, Hqs. JTG 132.2, APO 187, P.M., San Francisco, Calif.
- Otis O. Holladay, 6101st Air Base Wing, APO 710, P.M., San Francisco.
- Henry J. Davis, Veterans Administration Hospital, 200 Mercer, Beckley, W. Virginia
- William L. Cooper, Nottoway, Virginia
- Sidney W. Cowles, R-1, Hopewell, Va.
- James O. Cansler, U.S.S. CONE (DD-866), c/o FPO; New York.
- James N. Brister, 653d FA Obsn, Fort Sill, Okla.
- Ira A. Harrison, 7364 Air Base Sqdn, APO 131, P.M., New York.
- Clifford C. Cartee, 83rd Ord. Bn., APO 72; P.M., San Francisco.
- Herschel H. Day, Spence AFB, Moultrie, Ga.
- Curtis M. Bean, 76th Air Base Sqd., Niagara Falls Municipal Airport, Niagara Falls, N. Y.
- Henry C. Pennington, Hq. 12th Air Force, APO 12, P.M., New York.
- Sidney L. Waterhouse, 6621st Air Base Sqd., APO 121, c/o P.M., N. Y.
- John S. Garrenton, Off. of Staff Chaplain, 18th Air Force, Donaldson Air Force Base, Greenville, S. C.

Southern Baptist chaplains continue to be in demand. The military accepts all qualified men we supply. Basic quotas are filled in all branches of the services. Additional quotas are assigned as current military conditions require.

Southern Baptist chaplains on duty in all branches of the services number 423. Of this number 76 are in the Pacific Theater, 57 in the European Theater, 7 in Alaska, and the balance in the States or in transit.

Breakdown by branches of services:

	Regular	Res. on A.D.	Reserves	Total
ARMY	23	150	451	624
NAVY	37	47	58	142
AIR FORCE	18	114	36	168
VET. ADMINIS.	36			36
TOTAL	114	311	545	970

Your Commission has given endorsement to candidates as follows:

	Regular	Reserves	Reserves to A.D.	Total	Declined Endsmt.	Withdrew Endsmt.
ARMY	3	6	30	39	8	2
NAVY	6	10(Ens. Prob)	30	46	4	3
AIR FORCE	4		35	39	5	2
VET. ADM.	13			13		
TOTAL	26	16	95	137	17	7

We have in hand or in stockpile:

Applicants endorsed not yet appointed by the military 81.  
Applications in process 5.  
Alert in case of total mobilization 196.

Monthly reports from our chaplains, and visiting them in their work, reveal they continue to further the Kingdom in the hearts of men at home and abroad. This year they report 11,284 professions of faith.

In Korea they are leading their men to support our mission program. Practically every major military unit supports an orphanage. The First Corps in Korea contributed \$42,000 to a home for amputees (Korean children caught in clutches of war). The 25th Division supports an orphanage in Japan, although the personnel of this Division has completely changed since founding of the orphanage.

The Convention assigned to the Chaplains Commission the responsibility of certifying to local draft boards the ministerial status of those ministers claiming deferment. We have given certification to 49 applicants; 11 claims were declined. We now have 42 applications in process. Those corresponding with us or seeking certification are legion.

Your Commission has intensified its effort to awaken the churches to the necessity of extending their spiritual ministry to members within the Armed Forces. There are approximately 385,000 Southern Baptist church members in the services. Recent surveys reveal that only one in twelve church members in the services receive any correspondence or have contact with the home church. These men now in the services will soon comprise the major leadership of our churches. Constant contact is imperative. Approximately one million military men return to civilian life each year. These men can be a powerful, spiritual stream flowing into our homes, churches, communities, and national life.

In 1953, 1,900,000 men will be inducted into the services. Of this number approximately 585,000 will have no church affiliation, unsaved. Also, 118,000 will be members from our Southern Baptist churches. Because a large number of our chaplains will complete their category of service, our quota for the new year will be larger than the past year.

Alfred Carpenter, Director