

June 1, 1953

ASSEMBLIES:

GLORIETA, Glorieta, New Mexico - 15 mi. S. E. Santa Fe on Hi-way 84 and 85; on Santa Fe RR. See enclosed program for Chaplains and "Mrs. Chap.
RIDGECREST, Ridgecrest, N.C. - 15 mi. East Ashville on Southern RR and Hi-way 70. Detail Program in July Bulletin.

BAPTIST NEWS:

George B. Connell succeeds Spight D. Dowell as Pres. Mercer University. Southern Baptist Colleges received about four million dollars from convention sources-three million from improvement funds-eleven million from tuition fees-two million from endowment; or \$324.00 per school or \$423 per student.

Evan K. Reiff of Sioux Falls, South Dakota succeeds R. N. Richardson as Pres. Hardin Simmons University.

A. Hope Owen, Panhandle, Texas succeeds J. W. Marshall as Pres. Wayland College.

Washington D. C. Evangelistic crusade resulted in 919 additions to the 31 participating churches. 591 by baptism.

Dick Hall, Jr., member Chaplains Commission returned from trip to Holy Land - contacted several Chaplains.

Duke McCall, Pres. Southern Seminary - was with group visiting FECON during Easter Week - Has contributed worthy news items to secular and religious press -Excellent plugs for the chaplains - Baptist in Russia increased during one generation from 400,000 to 3,200,000.

Zurick, Seitzerland - Baptist Chaplains Retreat, June 26-30 at Baptist Seminary - Last year 37 Baptist Chaplains attended. Undertook two projects - To raise \$600.00 scholarship - \$305.00 has been raised - To raise \$5,000.00 to build refuge chapel at Worms, Germany - \$2,000.00 has been raised. Committee anxious to complete offering prior to June Retreat. Send Offerings to Kenneth Norquist WCC Hqs. APO 154 U.S. Army c/o Post Master, N. Y., N. Y.

Handbook for Southern Baptists! just off press - Order from Book Stores. San Antonio Evangelistic Crusade reports 1008 additions to the 27 participating churches with 591 baptisms.

R. Paul Caudill making itinerary Orient, Korea in interest Baptist World Relief - He is available to Chaplains - Centrally located chaplains in area should write him for appointment - First Baptist Church, Poplar and Parkway, Memphis, Tennessee.

DIRECTORS NOTES:

ANNOUNCING - resignation of your office secretary, Mrs. J. C. Simpson. Eleven years with Board, Nine were with Commission. Her heart is with every phase of Chaplains work. Has served you effectively "Beyond Point of Duty". Her administration of office made possible Directors extensive field work.

INTRODUCING - successor, Miss Cathleen Lewis, Promotional secretary, Spencer Memorial Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida - Possesses denominational background and training - A mission minded person - to a missionary task.

CALVARY CHURCH, Fort Smith, Ark., real church revival - 31 professions of faith, 22 for baptism, some by letter - Pastor H. L. Davis in Hospital - Church rallied in fine fashion.

CAMP CHAFFEE - E. L. Spence performing superb job - Redemptive not in his ministry. He and his choir assisted in above revival. Pleasant visit with mother of Chaplain Jack Cutbirth who just shipped out.

N.A.S. Norman Oklahoma has -E.W. Bryant as Sr. Chaplain. -Gracious fellowship in his home - New baby, Karen Gayle keeps other brother and sister busy.

TINKER AFB Oklahoma City - No Baptist Chaplain there, but next door at Hq. 33rd C. A. D. Herhall H. Allen has his scattered job well in hand. A difficult, yet vital ministry.

TWO SPIRITS of prayer: One that prays to get what it wants, the other to know what God wants it to get.

FORT SILL, Oklahoma - Brief call - Post Chap. Clarence B. Jones called conference - Ralph Arms, J. N. Brister, C. L. Hopkins, A. R. Fredine (A.B.) - Chap. Program maintains even keel during years.

SHEPHERD AFB - John H. Hingsen, Ersmund Swaffar, Chap. R. B. Blackmon, Ralph Pace (A.B.) are on the job. Shepherd always is in a stir of activity.

WALTERS AFB - has Samuel M. Bays in leadership - This Engr. outfit has no easy task. Base experienced real "face lifting" since Directors last visit.

CAMP HOOD - is another outfit that seems to hit steady stride in Chap. program - James E. Kirkpatrick, John P. Neal, W. T. Pelphry, Charles G. Clark, and B. H. Hobson (Nat. Bap.) comprise Baptist leadership.

BRYAN AFB - C. S. Whitter (A.B.) experiencing fine cooperation with local Baptist Pastors.

ELLINGTON AFB - Wm. L. Clark is in saddle and doing excellent job of spiritual leadership.
CONTACT AND FELLOWSHIP - with C.O.'s on above itinerary was profitable.
A PSYCHOLOGIST - is a man who, when a beautiful girl enters the room, watches everybody else.
PLEASE NOTIFY ME AT ONCE YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND RIDGECREST CONFERENCE.

HOUSTON ECHOES:

CHAPLAINS BOOTH - One of best - Provided by Air Force - W. L. Clard, Ellington did foot work - James Dickinson, Lackland assigned to keep watch - Ellington did excellent job of finishing quarters - Photographers - plus anything needed or requested - THANKS - 178 Chaplains (some reserves) registered.

ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST - Overflow crowd - Triumphant spirit - Pres. W. H. Andrews (A. F.) reported on years achievements - Chief Ivan L. Bennett brought excellent message. (One of 5 to conv. groups) John L. Dodge (A) Hot Springs, Ark. elected Pres. Harrold G. Sanders (N) Tallahassee, Fla. V. P. and Alvin J. Lee (V. A.) Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Sec. 'twas good to get together.

COMMISSION REPORT - to Convention was via introduction of Chaplains on platform and message of chief of Army Chaplain, Ivan L. Bennett - Commission printed one of best since W. W. II.

ATTENDANCE banner seemed to have been won by Lackland Air Force Base with seven chaplains present.

RECOGNITION won by Glen A. Gurley (AF) Billy N. Wolfe (N) and James J. Shewmake (A) in pictorial newspaper item.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS - 96th Session - Attendance - 12,981 registered messengers - record - Sessions well attended.

RECOMMENDATIONS - RESOLUTIONS:

Transfer Church Membership Week 1953 - September 13 - 20 and 1954 September 12 - 19. This campaign received emphasis.

Bible Doctrine of atonement to receive special emphasis 1955.

Special Committee to study program of theological missionary training as it involves financial support of convention. - World-Wide Evangelistic Crusade 1955 throughout all Baptist Church and Mission Stations - That Congress change selective service laws to cover full-time vocational lay religious workers certified to by the denomination - 1954 Budget \$8,750,000.00 of which \$5,750,000 for operating budgets and 3,000,000.00 for capitol needs. Of later amount Foreign Missions receives 75% and Home Missions 25%, except first \$160,000.00 goes to Carver School of Missions, Louisville, Kentucky (Formally W. M. U. Training School). - To enlarge Executive Committee from 31 to 45 members - Authorized restudy of preachers participation in Social Security - Condemns Obscene publications - beer and cigarette ads on radio and TV. - Authorized Study of feasibility locating a hospital in Los Angeles area. Deplored state aid to churches - Declined invitation of National Council of Churches for convention to send 5 representatives to conferences on churches and World Order next October.

NEW OFFICERS:

President - J. W. Storer, Tulsa, Okla.
1st V. P. - E. H. Westmoreland, Houston, Texas
2nd V. P. - R. C. Campbell, Shelby N. C.
Sec's and Trea. re-elected

1954 Convention, Saint Louis, Mo. - June 2 - 6. Dr. Slater Murphy, Memphis, Tenn. to preach annual sermon.

1955 Convention - Washington D. C. - June 1 - 5

HOME MISSION BOARD - reported 739 full-time missionaries on field (not including 362 summer student workers) Professions of faith 30,565 - Receipts \$2,564,780.72 - 600 new missions opened - 265 churches constituted.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD - 879 Missionaries - Receipts \$7,785,699.64. Baptisms 18,154 - 84 additional missionaries appointed.

RECOGNITION GIVEN to retirement of J. B. Lawrence, Secretary Home Mission Board - T. L. Holcomb, Secretary Sunday School Board and J. M. Dawson, Ramsey Pollard, First Church, Knoxville, Tenn. elected president Pastors' Conference.

Mrs. George Martin re-elected President W. M. U.

Brotherhood to aid in Foundation work of Convention, also man get the Royal Ambassador Program.

Youth Rally - Saturday night - well attended - Howard Butt, speaker - More than 200 responded to invitation.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE - Sunday night experienced good service with more than 100 decisions for Christ - J. D. Gray, preacher.

1952 Record - Membership 7,634,493 - Baptisms 354,384 - Churches 28,865 of which 14,502 are in open country - Total gifts \$248,004,239.00 or 32.48 per capita - Mission gifts total \$45,822,830.00, per capita of 6.00.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Definite Unity of purpose prevailed.
2. Evangelism and missions was heart of atmosphere.
3. Majority approval of continuing eliminating afternoon sessions.
4. Democratic in procedure and purpose.
5. General disapproval of Home and Foreign Mission Program on same night
6. Some complaint, too many long sermons and addresses.
7. Usual clamor to "hear the missionaries and Chaplains."
8. Excellent program of Music throughout convention, arranged and led by Edwin McNeely, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

GOSSIP is defined as the art of saying nothing in a way that leaves practically nothing unsaid.

COMMISSION MEETING: May 25th.

To Army - Transferred - 1 National Guard to Americal Baptists
Endorsed 4 - National National Guard - 15 to Res. and Act. Duty
1 to Regulars - 1 to Student Program
Declined 2 applicants

To Navy - Endorsed 2 to Ensign Probationary - 2 to Reserve and Act. Duty

To Air Force - Endorsed 1 to student Program - 3 to Reserve and Act. Duty
Endorsed 2 to Regulars - Declined 1 applicant

APPOINTMENTS:

Baker, James B. - 41st F. A. Gp. Fort Sill, Okla.
Jarrell, Carl W. - 37th Inf. Div. Cp. Polk, La.
Kevetter, F. J. - Sampson AFB, Geneva, N. Y.
Jones, William Lee, US Naval Sta. Newport, R. I.
McDonald, Leo J. US Naval Sta. Newport, R. I.

SEPARATIONS NOT YET LOCATED:

Christmas, Thomas C. (A) - 3747 Commonwealth, Charlotte, N.C. Available
Savage, Edmond F. (AF) - 4109 Mirida St., Ft. Worth, Texas - Avail. July 1
Ellison, Joe M. (AF) - Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, Avail. July 1
Stagg, Myron H. (AF) - Box 366, Route 1, Port Barre, La. Available

SEPARATIONS:

Johns, John H. - 2801 Amhurst St. Lubbock, Texas
Garner, Maurice P. - Box 25, Panhandle, Texas
Hunter, Uriah H. Jr. - Box 415, Coushatta, La.
Rumney, George R. M. - Box 97, Lynchburg, Virginia
Mann, Aaron - Box 1, Rotan, Texas

DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal - Pritchett, L. H., Hq. Btry 140 AAA Bn. APO 6
PM. San Francisco, California
Commendation Ribbon, Metal Pindant - Green, Wilbour H. - 32ND AAA
AW Bn. APO 994, c/o PM, San Francisco, C.

PROMOTIONS:

To Captain - Sheaffer, Wilbur M. (A) 504 Abn. Inf. Ft. Bragg, N. C.
Kendrick, Wm. T. (AF) Box APO 953, San Francisco, C.
Wilton, Clyde C. (AF) 1508th Support Sqd. APO 953, San
Francisco, C.

To Major - Bergeson, Merle W. (A) Post Chapel, Ft. Lewis, Washington
Sadler, Malcom (A) 325th Airborne, Inf. Reg. Ft. Bragg N.C.
Simpson, John E. (A) Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.
Estes, Arthur J. (A) 17th Inf. Reg. APO 7, San Fran. C.
Gardner, Marvin O (AF) Stead AFB Reno, Nevada

To Colonel - Pennington, Harry C. (AF) Hq. 12th AF, APO 12, N. Y.
Preist, Leroy R. (AF) Hq. 3rd AF APO 125, N. Y.

AMONG THE CHAPLAINS:

BRIAN, SAMUEL E. - 10th Tac. R con. Wg. APO 83 N 4 - Successful preach-
ing mission - Dr. Edw rd O. Clark Washington, D. C. preaching.

COLLINS, ALVIN O. - Comn. Transp. Div. 15, US Pacific Fleet. May 28th
will wed Miss Margeret Gordon, at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green,
Kentucky. She is B. S. U. Secretary in that City.

BOSTON, JAMES A - V. A. Hospital - Coral Gables 34, Fla. Hospitalized
for operation - returned to work.

MORRIS, JOE L. - Austin, Texas - May 2 - married Mary Glynn Pynes at
Hillcrest Church, Austin, Texas.

ADAMS, WALTER J. - Hq. 14th Inf. Reg. APO 25, P. M. San Francisco, C.
Sends in minutes of April meeting Southern Baptist Chaplains Associat-
ion Korean Chapter.

DALTON, JACK P. - APO 328 PM San Francisco, C. - Southern Baptist Fellowship each Friday night to study Doctrine - Commends our tracts.

SCOTT, HENRY L. V. A. Center Martinsburg, W. Va. - Conducted Revival Mt. Pleasant, United Brethren Church - 6 Baptisms, 2 by letter.

HUBBARD, HARRY C. - V. A. Hospital Oteen, N. C. - Commends S. S. Board for gracious supply of literature.

LUEHRS, HOWARD H. JR. - Hq. 325 Abn. Inf. Reg. Ft. Bragg, N. C. - Led song service, preaching mission for division - 14 professions of faith.

MASSEY, CHARLES M. JR. - 30th Inf. Reg. Ft. Benning, Ga. - Has done my soul good to attend revival services of "alive" churches after being out of contact with Baptist life for so long.

POLSGROVE, ALUMS B. - 3305 Pil. Trg. Sqd. Malden AFB, - Malden, Mo. - Preaching Mission conducted by Roy H. Parker (Retired Chief of Chaplains)

PARKER, EARL H. - 529th Air Def. Gr. Paine A. F. B. Washington. - Led song service revival First Baptist Church, Pinehurst - J. William Mason, Crystal City, Texas, preacher - Burges P. Gaggett, Pastor.

RAINS CALVIN EUGENE JR. - born April 20th, Weight 6 lbs - to Chap. and Mrs. Calvin E. Rains - 630 B. Avenue, Coronado, C.

NUNN, JACK E. - USN Station 3080 c/o PM San Francisco, - Has radio service every Saturday afternoon.

RALEY, Loroy W. - Hq. 6th Armd. Div. Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Tri-Faith Religious Emphasis Week - 14 services daily - Protestants reported 200 decisions for Christ - Excellent detail report.

EASTLAND, JAMES H. - Hq. 3580th Pilot Tr. Wg. Foster AFB Texas - Conducts classes for inquires - Week nights for four weeks - Material: "What Baptist Believe and Why They Believe it".

FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA - Chaplain and local clergy hold sessions on Wednesday afternoons for trainees, to discuss spiritual matters. The voluntary attendance has reached 200 per session.

ALBERT, FRANCIS LEE - Fourth Naval District, Philadelphia, Pa. - Recently addressed meeting Delaware V. F. W.

PARSONS, A. B. JR. - 567th A. D. Gr. McCord A. F. B. Washington - Participated in revival at Brewston and Lake City.

PRICE, BEN S. - 8044 Army Unit, APO 500 PM. San Francisco, C. - Attended missionary meeting, Duke McCall, speaker.

JENKINS, DANIEL P. - APO 46, N. Y., N. Y. - Conducts fellowship meeting for Baptist members of his outfit. Large attendance, excellent interest.

WALKER, JAREL A. - Hq. 3615 P. T. W. Craig A. F. B., Alabama. Chapel advising council working effectively - Recommends it to other chaplains.

WRIGHT, HARRY T., Box 1253, Mountain Home, Tenn. - After 50 years of operation, hospital opened well equipped office with adjoining meditation room accomodating 15 persons.

DICKINSON, JAMES H. - Lackland AFB, Texas - Preached revival for Alta Vista Mexican Baptist Church. He speaks Spanish.

LEE, ALVIN J., Jefferson Barracks, V. A. Hospital, Missouri - Wide civilian interest opening of new chapel.

BORAH, HARRY A. - Tokyo Q. M. Department APO 1051 San Francisco, C. - Teaches Bible class for Japanese working with his outfit.

BEDDINGFIELD, WARREN, O. M. S. Smoky Hill AFB Kan. - Taught Adult T. U. study course, Calvary Baptist Church, Sylina.

CUMMINGS, GEORGE C - Rodman Naval Center, Mare Island, Naval Shipyards, California - Harold Graves, Pres. Golden Gate Seminary led preaching mission - Excellent response.

CREAMER, BOYCE H., Hq. 1st Cav. Div. Arty. APO 201 San Francisco, C. - Blessed with one of the most effective Sunday evening services in area.

COLLINS, ALVIN O., Com. Trans. Div. 15, F. P. O. San Francisco, C. - attended Baptist Sunday School Convention for California at San Diego.

ANDREWS, JOSEPH R. - F. A. Rep. Center, Ft. Sill, Okla. - Luther Holcomb Dallas, Texas, led successful Religious Emphasis Week.

TORSTRICK, SHIRLEY AND MELVIN announce arrival of Terri Lynn, 8 lbs 20z at MAG 35, Cherry Point, N. C.

MASON, KENNETH, Came to abide with Chap. and Mrs. Marlin B. Morris at rate of 7 lbs 10 oz. Amarillo A. F. B. Texas.

BURNETTE, LESTER E. - 4th Sig. Bn. Corps., APO 909, San Francisco, C. - Fine write-ups and pictures in Bible Society Record for April, "The Chaplain" - this month pictures.

MCCARTY, ROBERT S. - Hq. Camp Sama API 50 San Francisco - Dedicating new chapel - Conducts special services for the Baptist men of his outfit.

SHERWOOD, JAMES C. - Hq. Karlsruhe - Det. APO 160 N. Y. - Speaks words of commendation of John Tinnen as he leaves for Z.I.

LONG, RAYMOND - 2275th Air Base Gr. Beale AFB California - Supplied pulpit - Oliverhurst and Colusa.

HEWITT F. D. Jr. - Force Chaplain Cruiser Destroyer Force Pacific FPO San Francisco, California - Enjoying new assignment with Pacific Fleet.