

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHAPLAINS BULLETIN

August 1, 1956

### THE GLORIETA CONFERENCE

Attendance upon our conference at Glorieta was very good with 10 Army, 7 Navy, 8 Air Force, and 12 Veterans Administration chaplains in attendance. Added to this 24 wives, 43 children, 5 relatives and the associate director and his commanding officer gave us a grand total of 111 present. The information and inspiration received from all leaders of conferences, speakers, workshops, and fellowship with the brethren was outstanding and will mean much to each one as they labor in their fields this coming year. We did miss the presence of our Director and Mrs. Carpenter but we are looking forward to having them with us at Ridgecrest. The work and assistance of Chaplain Dow H. Heard is greatly appreciated and his Veterans Administration chaplains led the way in attendance and we were all happy to have the fine leadership of Dr. Lyn Elder, Professor of Psychology and Religion & Counseling at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He will be with us at Ridgecrest leading similar conferences. Our thanks to all who attended and had a part in making the conference a success. Make plans now to attend next year - NOW! The "Mrs." Chaplains Conferences were under the direction of Mrs. Garrett A. Nalley and with the help of her committee all ran very smoothly and effectively. We thank the women for their assistance and appreciate their leadership. Mrs. Herbert M. Usry is the chairman and Mrs. Alpha A. Farrow the assistant chairman for the "Mrs." Chaplains Conference next year.

The Associate Director and Mrs. Cummins left Glorieta Wednesday, June 27, and on the return trip to Atlanta visited military installations and veterans administration hospitals.

June 27, afternoon found us at Clovis AFB where we missed the C. O. and the chaplains but hope to visit there again soon. On to Lubbock for the evening and on Thursday morning, June 28, found Chaplain Wilbur J. McDaniel, Reese AFB, at his desk bright and early. Good visit with him and to C. O., saw Sunday school facilities, attractive tract rack and things progressing very fine. On to Big Spring AFB, Chaplain Barker on leave having attended Glorieta but the Catholic chaplain very graciously showed us around. We visited the C. O. and saw the lovely new chapel. At Big Spring we also visited the Veterans Administration Hospital. Chaplain and Mrs. Hitt had not returned from Glorieta but the manager, Mr. Sims, was very kind giving me a tour of the hospital and introductions to his staff. One of the finest small hospitals in the country. Received good report on Chaplain Hitt's work. God's blessings on Manager Sims as he moves to Prescott, Arizona, to complete his service with the Veterans Administration. At San Angelo, Goodfellow AFB found Chaplain Poorman, American Baptist, Southern Seminary graduate, carrying on a good program of Sunday school work and chaplains' activities.

Friday, June 29, at Fort Hood Chaplains Solomon, Mathis and Storey are representing Baptists in a fine way. Toured the Fort met the commanding officers and Post Chaplain Hopson. Permanent buildings under construction, destined to become outstanding establishment. Appreciate the hospitality of Mrs. Mathis in her home where the wife enjoyed fellowship with the family. We enjoyed fellowship and lunch with the chaplains and their wives. Chaplain Edwin R. Andrews due to report in July, had fellowship with him and his family at Glorieta. At Waco Veterans Administration Center found Chaplain Parks in conference but enjoyed fellowship with Chaplain Hamilton until he had finished. Toured the hospital, visited the manager and staff. Plenty of opportunity and work here and the chaplains are doing a fine job. Chaplain Parks has been here ten years - looking forward to some new buildings.

June 30, Saturday morning, chaplains away at Connelly AFB and at the Veterans Administration Hospital Chaplain Pettus had not returned from Glorieta but Mrs. Sunday, V. A. Hospital hostess, was very cordial and helpful. On to Marlin V. A. hospital and visited in the home of Chaplain and Mrs. Washburn, son had met them at Glorieta and returned to Marlin and soon to return to California where he is teaching. Appreciated gift of Chaplain Washburn's book of poems. Dr. W. H. Andrews, Bryan, Texas, is maintaining his connections with the Reserves at Bryan AFB, and carrying on effective program at his church in Bryan. Talked with Chaplain Parks, Methodist, at Bryan AFB. Caught Chaplain Gerald Akins at Gary AFB but not for long. He moves to Bainbridge, Georgia (AFB), since the Army takes over Gary AFB this month.



Sunday, July 1, at the Veterans Administration hospital with Chaplain Roy Reynolds, preached at the 1000 service, toured the hospital, met other chaplain and visited with the Reynolds in their home. Hope to make it longer next time. At Ellington AFB, Chaplain Angus O. Youngblood had started his 1100 service but I was able to make it in time for the preaching period and enjoyed this very much. Visited with the congregation and then we had lunch with the chaplain and his family. Great fellowship with him, Mrs. Youngblood and two boys. At NAS, Orange, Texas, found good friend Chaplain Vanderpohl, American Baptist, working - afternoon - that cold, cold lemonade saved the day - boy was it hot!!! (The weather, that is)

July 2, Monday, at Lake Charles AFB, our Chaplain Jared A. Walker was out bright and early and had a good visit with him, met the other chaplains and called on the C. O. Visited in the chaplain's home and met Mrs. Walker and appreciated the hospitality. We arrived at Camp Polk in time for our luncheon engagement with Chaplain James N. Brister, Chaplain Francis J. Redford and Mrs. Brister. Chaplains Nalley and Massee had not returned from Glorieta, hope to be with them next time. Had a good visitation with the commanding officers and the Post Chaplain.

July 3, Tuesday, missed Dr. Lee, executive secretary, Louisiana, at Alexandria, called at the First Baptist Church and the Baptist hospital for visits. Chaplain Hawkins, Baptist Hospital, appreciated the visit and would like to have these Baptist chaplains to share with us in our work and to make themselves at home at any of our conferences. Missed Chaplain Felix J. Williams at the V. A. Hospital but enjoyed making acquaintances of the manager and the assistant manager. Over at England AFB paid my respects to the Base Chaplain through Chaplain Gard, Lutheran.

July 4, Wednesday, we stayed off the highways and rested at New Orleans and while there contacted the Eighth Naval District Chaplain, Chaplain Redman.

July 5, Thursday, had an early visit with the Assistant Manager, V. A. Hospital, Gulfport, Mississippi and called on the chaplain and the Director of Professional Services. Chaplain Leroy Priest, TTAC, Gulfport, Mississippi, as usual, had everything under control and enjoyed his profitable briefing on the chaplains' work and program. Able to contact Chaplains at Keesler AFB and Chaplain Saucier, V. A. chaplain, and their wives had lunch and fellowship at noon. Visited with Chaplain Saucier at the V. A. Hospital and Keesler AFB chaplains in the afternoon.

July 6, Friday, The Air University, Maxwell AFB, where Chaplain Robert P. Taylor, Staff Chaplain, keeps a good number of the chaplains burning the mid-night oil (???). I found two of our chaplains in school there, Chaplains Ivan M. Herring and Travis L. Blaisdell. We were able to reach Chaplain Izard, V. A. chaplain who had just returned from his vacation, and with Mrs. Izard and the chaplains we had lunch at the Officers Club. We enjoyed making the friendship of Mrs. Taylor. Chaplain and Mrs. Izard took us to the V. A. Hospital for visitation and a look over their program.

Many thanks to all the chaplains for their help and assistance on this trip and we are happy to see the interest, concern and dedication of our chaplains to their work. All of them were working, and I mean working, because I find in every visit a need for additional chaplains to carry the load and to do more effective work. Thanks to the many wives of our chaplains for their kindness and hospitality and co-operation in being with us for fellowship on such short notices. Blessings upon every one of you.

#### BERCHTESGADEN, GERMANY, BAPTIST RETREAT

Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., pastor, Decatur, First Baptist Church, and a member of the Chaplains Commission for a number of years, returns to the States this coming week, July 28, after taking part in a most successful Baptist Retreat at Berchtesgaden, Germany. The chaplains in this area did a most effective job and more will appear in next month's bulletin regarding the retreat.

#### IN MEMORIAM

On July 3, 1956, Chaplain George E. Mattocks, stationed at the Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma, died after being ill for some months. Chaplain Mattocks served churches in Oklahoma before being commissioned in the Army Chaplaincy in August 1945. He was born at Ripley, Okla., on July 3, 1903 and ordained to the ministry April 1, 1933. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary. Chaplain Mattocks served his country, denomination and his Lord well and made a



definite contribution to the high calling of the military chaplaincy. Our deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

#### DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Your Director made an itinerary of military and veterans administration installations up the East Coast enroute to Washington and the Chaplain School, Fort Slocum, New York, July 18-25. At Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina Chaplain Benjamin J. Walters is promoting a constructive program. He postponed his vacation a day to meet me. Thanks!

Fort Bragg: Fred Jewell and David Sperring gave me the works about the post and their program. These men are aggressive in their work. We had dinner at the Jewell home with the Sperrings present. Carl P. McNalley was on another special assignment. Fred Jewell had a fishing worm in his pocket so he and the wife and daughters took me to Camp Lejeune where we all spent the night at the home of Chaplain E. C. Andrews. J. M. Danielson and Jacob A. S. Fisher have commendation from officers for their spiritual leadership. Gene Andress has just arrived on first assignment. Chaplain Andrews enabled me to contact more officers and more of the chaplains' work than I have experienced in one day for some time. His son, James B., and bride, former Margarette Smith Averett, had just returned home from honeymoon trip. I enjoyed fellowship with Chaplain Andress who accompanied transportation to Cherry Point.

Cherry Point: Edward W. Bryant always is alert and gets Director around to the right spots and proper personnel. He has a constructive program in a somewhat difficult situation. Mrs. Bryant had chaplains in for meal and fellowship. We appreciate this fellowship in their home. Kenneth S. Jones was new comer on his first assignment and takes off with good start. Wistor Hamilton (former Army) and J. M. Flowers (former Navy) are pastors at Havelock. Learned that Dr. W. W. Hamilton, Chaplain New Orleans Baptist Hospital has undergone serious operation.

Richmond: Plans were called off for the Richmond area because of heavy rain and storm of tornado classification.

Fort Belvoir: (Sunday) Had fine fellowship in home of Robert Trapnells. He conducted five services during the day. I was with him for the last two that evening - during downpour of rain. Excellent crowds and spiritual services. Post Chaplain S. R. Crumpton speaks complementary of his leadership.

#### BAPTIST NEWS

Vice-President Richard Nixon and Dr. Billy Graham will speak on the Ridgecrest Program at Home Mission Week. Dr. Graham will speak Saturday evening, August 4, on "Christ for America" and Vice-President Nixon will speak August 5, morning hour, on "Christian Freedom and our American Heritage."

Southern Baptists are working at the job of winning unsaved people to Christ and bringing them into the churches. From 1945-1955 Southern Baptist churches baptized an average of 6,663 persons each week. During this period the Sunday School increased 88.4 per cent, the Training Union 240 per cent, the WMU to a membership of 1,245,358 and the Brotherhood to a membership of 404,281. Sunday School enrollment 6,641,615 with the Training Union enrollment of 2,223,502.

AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION in session at Seattle, Washington, elected Dr. Harry L. Dillin, president of Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore., as the president of the convention. The convention reported that their Sunday schools had exceeded the million mark for the first time in fourteen years.

Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions has shown a large increase over a comparable time in 1955. Receipts through May 31 totaled \$1,221,754, nearly \$500,000 above the same period in 1955.

Southeastern Seminary awards contract for the library to a Durham contractor who bid \$230,000. The firm will also convert two dormitories into apartments and renovate the administration building.

"Southern Baptist Career News" will be launched in October by the Southern Baptist Education Commission. The eight-page publication will aid young people between 13 and 18 in choosing careers of Christian service and influence. This will include careers in both religious and secular fields.



Illinois Baptist State Association purchases 40 acres adjoining its Sallateeska Baptist State Camp Grounds near Pinckneyville and will bring its size to 80 acres.

John E. Frost, pastor of Longview, Washington, and president of Oregon-Washington Convention, has accepted a call to become Training Union Secretary for the California Convention and will take up his new duties on August 1.

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN TRAINING was authorized by the trustees of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with Dr. Thomas J. Delaughter as the director. It is directed to improve the effectiveness for religious service on the part of those God-called servants who are not college graduates.

Japanese Baptist Convention has 140 Sunday schools with an enrollment of about 12,000. There about 9,119 Baptist church members and Japanese Baptists are preparing for a record summer at the Amagi Baptist Assembly near Mount Fuji. Estimated registration will exceed 13,000 this year. 9,000 registered in 1955.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has re-elected its entire staff of officers and administrators. Frank Hooper, Atlanta, Georgia, continues as chairman; W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Mississippi vice-chairman; and G. Allen West, Nashville, Tennessee, recording secretary.

Texas Baptists approve \$10,000,000 Missions Budget. The Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has approved a record missions budget in the amount of \$10,000,000. This will be used for missionary work in Texas and around the world.

#### PROMOTIONS

Chaplain Alpha A. Farrow, Personnel Center, Chaplains' Office, 6021 SU Fort Lewis, Washington, was promoted to Captain, Regular Army, on 25 June 1956.

Chaplain James H. Dickinson, Chaplain Section, Parks Air Force Base, California, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in Reserve.

#### SEPARATIONS

Chaplain Tilford L. Junkins, RFD #1, Vinemont, Alabama, relieved from active duty effective June 56 (Reverts to Reserve status). Is doing evangelistic work. Has been called to church in Phoenix City, Alabama, effective September 1.

Chaplain Jack R. Trammell, 7008 - 1st Avenue South, Birmingham, Ala., relieved from active duty effective May 31, 1956 (Reverts to Reserve status)

#### OFFICE CALLERS

Chaplain Frank C. Riley, Fort Devens, Mass.

Chaplain Robert E. Shirley, Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

Chaplain Carl Moorhead, Amarillo Air Force Base, Amarillo, Texas

Chaplain Travis Blaisdell, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama.

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#### Director's Note:

At the break of the fiscal year Director spent some time in D. C. at offices of the Chiefs of Chaplains and Veterans Administration Central office and other routine points of contact. The cutback program in non-renewal of categories, etc is about over. We will draw several new chaplains commissioned to the Ready Reserve. Twenty-one (21) are soon to be called from Reserve to Active Duty. There are a few Regular vacancies on the horizon with selections already on the line. The overall picture for Southern Baptists is somewhat improved.

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#### AMONG THE CHAPLAINS

Turnage, Jephthah E., Box 71, APO 334, San Francisco, California, has fine increase in attendance at Sunday school and good results from an outstanding VBS with some 48 professions of faith. \$200.00 to Home Mission Board from the VBS was received in this office for work among American Indians.



Washburn, William A., Veterans Administration Hospital, Marlin, Texas, preached at Chilton, Texas and reports enjoyable time at Glorieta.

Willingham, William F., V. A. Hospital, Augusta, Georgia, grandparents doing find after the birth of grandson to their daughter, Mrs. Ernest Grady Torrence at the Fort Gordon Station Hospital.

Stafford, G. Jackson, V. A. Hospital, Dublin, Georgia, was out for nine days due to an operation but is recovering in a fine way.

Taylor, Robert P., Headquarters, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama, had a three day mission at the **Trinity Baptist Church**, Montgomery, Alabama.

Shirley, Robert E., Headquarters 96th Air Base Group, Altus AFB, Okla., had the pleasure of baptizing his daughter, Ann, on Father's day.

Craven, John H., Navy Number 3835, Box 18, FPO, San Francisco, California, received his STM degree from Harvard on 14 June and has reported to above new duty station with his family.

Baxter, Roger "M" Jr., MCRD, Parris Island, S. C., baptized 21 men last month and is busy with lectures and interviews.

Trump, Donald E., 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, returns from vacation and assumes some new duties with hospital which he enjoys.

Estes, Arthur J., Headquarters 11th Airborne Division, APO 112, New York, attended the Augsburg Ministerial Association and spoke on the work of the chaplain. He and Mrs. Estes attended the Baptist Retreat at Berchtesgaden and enjoyed this outstanding spiritual experience.

Carter, Thomas E., Headquarters 237th Engineer Battalion (C), APO 225, New York, enjoyed Berchtesgaden Retreat and praises those in leadership. Has begun a prayer meeting, choir, adult Sunday school class and a chapel paper in his outfit.

Parks, Louis B., V. A. Center, Temple, Texas, speaks highly of Dr. Lyn Elder and the Chaplains Conference at Glorieta and is appreciative of the denominational interest in their chaplains. He is keeping up on his reserve program in the Army. Good report of work at Center.

Lee, Alvin J., V. A. Hospital, Jefferson Barracks, Mo., We are happy to hear that his son, Alvin, Jr., is recovering from his recent illness and is back at his work. He is looking forward to Ridgecrest.

Adams, Walter J., Headquarters 4th Infantry Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, USAR Supply Group, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Will be on his way to Europe in September and is attending Ridgecrest Chaplains Conference.

McCarty, Robert S., Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D. C., had the pleasure of baptizing his son, Ricky, into the membership of the Beecher Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Installing electronic chimos in their chapel in July.

Taylor, James D., Wolters Air Force Base, Texas, has been transferred to Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

Nelson, G. A., V. A. Hospital, Dallas, Texas, reports that due to serious illness of Mrs. Nelson's sister they had to miss Glorieta. We hope and pray that the sister is on her way to recovery.

Jolly, Joseph L., Jr., Base Chapel, Walker Air Force Base, New Mexico, enjoyed two days at Glorieta and has been busy with addresses to various civic and religious groups.

Guthrie, Wiley C., Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas, is being kept busy while other chaplains are on leave and has started an Airman's Gospel Hour, an evangelistic evening service, first evening service in over two years at this base.

Whitmire, Thomas Q., is to be transferred to the States (Fort Sill, Oklahoma) due to serious illness of his father and we will all remember Chaplain Whitmire and his father in prayer. Returning to Fort Sill Chaplain Whitmire receives a letter of appreciation from a devoted Dutch woman as he assists her in the dedication of her home to the memory of GIs who died in liberating it.

Tarpley, Herman V., Headquarters, Frankfurt Sub-area, APO 757, New York, attended the Baptist Retreat in Berchtesgaden and rejoiced to see so many answer the call to definite service.

Mizoll, Winton R., 46th Field Art. Group, Fort Bliss, Texas, attended City Missions Conference in El Paso where the military population and the panish-speaking people were the special concern. To Fort Knox and then gyroscope to Germany.

Little, Gene M., Headquarters 73d AAA Bn, APO 164, New York, was at Berchtesgaden and led devotion and received a letter of appreciation from commanding officer for his work.

Lively, Carlos J., Jr., Headquarters 7th AAA Group, APO 23, New York, is finding some Southern Baptists at the North Pole and enjoying their fellowship.

Barnett, James R., 71st Division Art. Fort Lewis, Washington, reports 20 professions of faith and received a letter of appreciation for his work from his Commanding General.



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Blackford, Ernest J., Chapel #1, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, attended boys camp at Ravenden Springs, Arkansas, as missionary speaker, 18 professions of faith and four for definite service.

Parks, James S., V. A. Hospital, McKinney, Texas, attended Glorieta and conducted Sunday School Study Course at the Lucas Baptist Church, McKinney, Texas.

Swaffar, Ersmund, Headquarters 5001st Air Base Group, APO 731, Seattle, Washington, had 434 enrolled in vacation Bible school.

Hagen, O. Ted, USNTC, San Diego, California, attended Glorieta, reports 28 professions of faith and taken up Navy Relief duty.

Kelly, James W., Amphib. Pac., Amphib. Base, Coronado, California, attended Glorieta on way to this new duty had throat trouble while there and not able to attend all sessions but is getting along very good now.

Usry, Herbert M., 93rd F. A. Group, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, attended Glorieta. Reports successful vacation Bible school and Sunday school going along fine. Had 43 professions of faith from the vacation Bible school.

Junkins, Tilford L. having been released to inactive duty has accepted the pastorate of the Central Baptist Church, Phoenix City, Alabama. Blessings upon you and yours.

White, Robert M., Sheppard AFB, Texas, reports held study courses for their teachers and officers with fine results by using the local Baptist leadership of the First Baptist Church. Fine support of program from all chaplains there at Sheppard AFB.

Garrett, Jesse H., V. A. Hospital, Sawtelle, California, furnished the office with a fine article about the church ministering to its members in the military and hospitals.

Wilton, Clyde C., Harlingen AFB, Texas, reports a fine preaching mission with Rev. Jay Charles Dannelley, pastor, Lincoln Park, Michigan, as preacher. Excellent preparation made and good results.

Cooper, David, USNAAS, Corpus Christi, Texas, gives report of excellent vacation Bible school, with 13 professions of faith and sends \$15.00 for home missions.

Aders, William, Charleston, South Carolina (Air Force Base), reports an enjoyable period of study at Southern Seminary.

Wright, Harry T., V. A. Center, Mountain Home, Tennessee, addressed the 34th Annual VFW Encampment at a Memorial Service which began the four day encampment.

Thompson, Rex M. transferred to 3320th TTW, Amarillo AFB, Texas and speaks highly of the Baptist Retreat at Berchtesgaden.

Berry, John F. received his first assignment to 90th Rec. Wing, Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas.

Jones, Ken, having finished his instruction in the chaplains class at Newport, R. I. and graduated will take up his first assignment with the Marine Air at Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Sheffield, Lexington O., Artillery & G. M. Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, reports religious program throughout the command to be outstanding. Appreciate full report of activities. Chaplain received letter of appreciation from the Commanding General, 1st Calvary.

Jones, Clarence Q., APO 403, US Army, New York, New York, reports outstanding vacation Bible schools with the quality of instruction improved, and that the Baptist Retreat at Berchtesgaden outstanding and successful.

Menges, Harold F., U. S. Naval Submarine Base, Navy Number 128, reports conducting three divine services each Sunday morning with the attendance at the Sub Base increasing from 60 one year ago to 300. Also a Sunday school has been organized with an enrollment of 120 and also has firm plans for a new chapel sometime within the next few years.

Bedingfield, Warren, Little Rock AFB, reports receiving a "lift" as he attended the conference at Glorieta for chaplains and reports work progressing nicely.

Pennington, Henry C., Headquarters, 12th AF, APO 12, New York, presented the work of the Baptist churches in the USA to a group of German pastors and religious workers.

Griffin, Walter E. D., Chapel 3L, Fort Rucker, Alabama, reports that his daughter, Sharla, has been sick since February. She is making good recovery. Family actively engaged in program of First Baptist Church Dothan, Alabama.

Director's Notes Continued: (from page 3)

Bainbridge Naval Training Center - Billy N. Wolfe and John H. Carnes supply the Baptist coverage at this important spot. They are alert to the task and doing a fine work as commended by Commanding Officer. They are making full use of new tracts from Sunday School Board. Fellowship luncheon and brief visit to Wolfe home. Paul J. Forsythe of Richmond, Va. is on reserve assignment during July. Edgewood- Army Chemical Center was contacted but James B. Baker was on leave and Goodwin K. Cobb had day off.