

JUNE 1959

CONVENTION HI-LIGHTS -

102nd Southern Baptist Convention during 114 years meeting at Louisville, reported 18,000 strong with approximately 12,000 messengers. Ample facilities for Convention - often room to rattle around.

WMU and Pastors Conferences well attended. W. O. Vaught of Little Rock elected president and Wayne Dehoney, Jackson, Tenn., vice-president.

Commencement for Southern Seminary graduating class of 259, with impressive service, featured first night.

Nominated for president, W. R. White of Baylor - E. Westmoreland of Houston - James Westberry and Roy McClain of Atlanta - Carl Bates of Amarillo - Wallace Bassett of Dallas.

Elected President, Ramsey Pollard of Knoxville, Tenn. - Vice President, W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville - 2nd Vice President, Bruce H. Price, Newport News - Kendall Berry, Chairman, Executive Committee, Blytheville, Ark.

Sustained the former 1954 action regarding Supreme Court ruling on school integration.

Declared War on obscene literature after presentation of samples from Louisville newsstands.

Adopted resolutions regarding world peace - racial tension.

Reported - 31,498 churches - 9,206,758 members - 407,892 baptisms - \$1,825,474,318 total gifts; with \$74,750,699 given to missions.

Appointed "observer" to United Nations meetings.

Voted to meet - Miami 1960 - St. Louis 1961 - San Francisco 1962 - Kansas City 1963 Atlantic City 1964, jointly with American Baptist Convention.

Adopted Budget of \$18,500,000. for its 20 agencies of which \$16,386,900 is needed for operating and capital needs.

Discussed again, the seating of messengers from Canadian Baptist churches. This would make necessary a change in constitution.

Continued conferences to promote cooperation with other Baptist groups.

Carver School not merged with Southern Seminary but to expand its program of work.

Established new Stewardship Commission under Executive Committee.

Gave Southern Seminary a healthy vote of confidence.

Foreign Missions night presented world challenge to full house. 1283 missionaries.

Home Missions night program was presented effectively with visual aids. Large crowd and presentation well received - 1282 missionaries plus 447 summer student workers.

The Convention stayed close to the heart of Baptist life, namely: evangelism, stewardship, and missions. Very few gloried in the sensational - Fewer were the "mike-happy" brethren. A minority group insisted on convention declaring statements regarding conflicts in social order, national and international affairs. Traditionally Southern Baptists have not entered this field.

Chaplains Commission - Excellent Booth in Exhibit Hall with record number of visitors. Excellent cooperation from Ft. Knox chaplains. Louis B. Parks, Houston, Texas represented Central Office. Spot on Convention program presented Baptist chaplain serving in Cuban Army with Robert P. Taylor, Deputy Chief Air Force Chaplains as speaker. "Outstanding speech of the Convention" said several.

Southern Baptist Chaplains Association luncheon attended by 182. Ladies of Beechmont Church supplied excellent meal. Dr. Wayne Oates of Southern Seminary leading panel which was new type of program and well received. Fellowship tops. Elected as President, Harry McKnight (AF Res) pastor, Briggs Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., Louis B. Parks, V.A. Chaplain, Houston, Tex. as Vice President, Robert Herndon (Army) on duty at Ft. Carson, Colo. as Secretary. President, W. W. Herrin, pastor Europa, Miss., and Director Geo. W. Cummins deserve commendation for this event.

OFFICE ITEMS -

James C. Peck - Secretary for Institutional and Industrial Chaplaincy is on job. He will move family to Atlanta about June 10. He is setting up office and getting squared away in his program of work.

Berchtesgaden Baptist Assembly, Germany reports approximately 600 attended with 27 Southern Baptist chaplains, 22 wives and 28 children.



Office Items Continued

Commission Meeting - May 28, 1959.

Endorsements - Army - SS 2 - Reserve 5 Declined 1 - Regular 4.  
Navy - EP 3 - Reserve 4 Declined 1 - Regular 1.  
Air Force - T.P. 1 - Reserve 1 - Regular 1 - C.A.P. 2  
V.A. - 2  
Prison Chaplain - 1  
Total 30

PROMOTIONS -

Carlos J. Lively, Jr. (to Reg. A) Fort Stewart, Ga.  
Geo. J. Stafford (to Major N. Guard) VA Hospital - Dublin, Ga.  
Boyce H. Creamer (to Major Army) Fort Eustis, Virginia  
Ray Riddle (to Reg AF) James Connally AFB, Texas  
John F. Berry (to Reg AF) Edwards AFB, Calif.

COMMENDATIONS -

J. M. Bradbury - 6102d AB Wing - APO 328 - San Francisco, Calif.  
Albert V. Clark - Hq. 720th MP Bn - Fort Hood, Texas

APPOINTMENTS -

Army - Calvin V. Swearingin - AD - Fort Ord, California  
Billy R. Nix - AD - Ft. Belvoir, Virginia  
Harry E. Kirtley - Res - Bessemer, Alabama  
Jack S. Parham - AD - Fort Stewart, Georgia  
Kenneth R. Speer - AD - Fort Bliss, Texas  
Joe M. Ellison - AD - Fort Ord, California  
Charles A. Miller - Res - Fort Worth, Texas  
Nick Salios - Nat Guard - Wilmington, Delaware  
Harold D. White - Res - Burgin, Ky.  
Wm H. Morgan - SS - Leconte, Louisiana

Navy - A. M. Neal - AD - Greenwell Springs, Louisiana  
J. R. Marcontell - Res - Irving, Texas  
J. E. Doffin - EP - Wake Forest, North Carolina  
R. B. Bullard - Res - Louisville, Ky.

CAP - A. E. Stephens - Mt. Vernon, Ill.  
G. L. Foushee - Henderson, North Carolina  
F. H. Hawkins - New Orleans, La.  
C. E. Compton - Myrtle Beach, S. Carolina

SEPARATIONS -

Wilburn F. Foster - Army - San Antonio, Texas  
Edwin A. Seale - Army Res. - Midland, Texas

ASSEMBLIES - Glorieta - July 31 to August 5. Ridgecrest - August 13 to 19. Excellent program arranged and large number indicating attendance.

Dr. E. L. Ackiss - Secretary, Ministry to Military Personnel, is on an extended itinerary from the Great Lakes area to Seattle and down the Coast to San Diego, returning to Atlanta the Central route.

Previous to the Convention, Director visited Fort Knox and had fine conference with our chaplains, E. L. Spence, Elmer Palmer, F.A. Knight and D.K. Hall. Eugene T. Johnson was on TDY for special training. The luncheon renewed fellowship with Post Chaplain Matt Imrie and Training Chaplain Mert Lampson.

Spent Sunday with our former chaplain, David E. Weaver, preaching morning service in the newly organized Ashby Lane Baptist Church. Enjoyed fellowship in the home. They had groundbreaking service for new building in afternoon and night service was well attended. Dave and Mom are running true to style in promoting new Baptist work.

THANKS TO MANY CHAPLAINS who have been regular in reporting. We are very fortunate to have such a large number of our active duty chaplains sending in their monthly reports and the many notations about their work and their families. This certainly helps with making our bulletin newsy and in giving a complete report to our Home Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention. Reports are important to know where we have been, where we are, and what we hope to achieve in the days ahead. Thanks again for your wonderful cooperation.

HOW ABOUT YOU? Are you included in the above group? Do you report regularly?



AMONG THE CHAPLAINS

Gober, Hansford C., Patrick AFB, Fla., conducted revival meeting at Indialantic Baptist Church with 5 additions. Promoted to Major in Reserves.

Patterson, George C., Eglin AFB, Fla., had fine Preaching Mission with Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr., Marion, Virginia doing preaching.

Blackford, Ernest J., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., spent glorious revival with Pastor Orville Haines at Lafayette Park Church, St. Louis.

Lambrides, John G., VAH, Washington, D.C., preached in Simultaneous Revival Services Wakefield Baptist, N.C. and Ballston Baptist, Arlington, Va.

Hardin, N.R.N., Offutt AFB, Nebr., reports very good mission with preaching by Rev. Felix R. Wagner, Muskogee, Okla. with 6 professions of faith, 4 rededications.

Harkness, Allen J., baptized son, Brinkley, Easter Sunday evening. Chaplain and family have joined Calvary Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska.

Moore, Paul, VAH, Lexington, Ky., has been selected as 1 of 15 VA Chaplains to take course on counseling the bereaved relative at Southern Seminary.

Todd, Lowell G., VAH, Shreveport, La., was guest speaker at Pinecroft Baptist Church, Shreveport.

Reynolds, Roy F., VAH, St. Louis, Mo., received 40 hours of lectures on national and world problems and 10 hours of film presentation at National Resources Conference, New Orleans, La.

Garrell, Hubert, Ft. Benning, Ga., conducted two services at Benning Hills Baptist Church, Columbus, during illness of pastor.

Phillips, M.H., Jr., Columbia, S.C., reports that Dr. R. Archie Ellis, Columbia, SC preached for Tri-Faith Preaching Mission Services.

Andress, Gene B., Great Lakes, Ill., elected president of Forrestal Village School PTA; attended Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Northen, Ernest E., Jr., Brooklyn, New York, preached for two-week revival meeting at Memorial Baptist Church, Bluefield, Virginia.

Bingham, Darris Y., Tinker AFB, Okla., conducted revival at Glenwood Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Phillips, Walter L., Fort Ord, Calif., conducted revival, 1st Baptist Church, Grubbs, Arkansas; addressed student body at 1st Sou. Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Leonard, Guy M., Jr., FPO, New York, received letter of appreciation for superior work in Religious Program and Character Education Program on board USS GILMORE and in Submarine Squadron FOUR from Commander, Naval Base, Key West, Fla.

Barnett, James R., Ft. Lewis, Wash., attended dedication of church facilities, Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City.

Evans, Milford H., Washington, D.C., taught study course "The Book We Teach" at East Washington Heights Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Green, John E., El Paso, Texas, spoke for Chinese Services through interpreter.

Kirkpatrick, William D., APO, New York, hospitalized a week with Arteriosclerosis.

Taylor, Newell E., Ft. Baker, Calif., was sick in quarters two days.

Wiggins, Edgar L., Ft. Carson, Colo., attended luncheon with local Southern Baptist ministers.

Dier, B.J., Jr., Portland, Ore., presented Stewardship as representative of Home Mission Board in School of Missions in Portland-Vancouver area.

McElyea, Homer C., VAH, Atlanta, Ga., reports revival held in pastorate in which 14 additions were added to the church.

Youngblood, Angus O., APO, Seattle, Wash., attended 2 revival services in Fairbanks churches.

Kuespert, John H., APO, New York, preached at Baptist church in Ulm, Germany through an interpreter.

Bedingfield, Warren, Lowry AFB, Colo., supplied pulpit at 1st Southern Baptist Church, Aurora, morning and evening services.

Fite, Mark E., FPO, San Francisco, taught "Tomorrow You Marry" to young people in Long Beach Harbor Association; supplied in Truett Memorial Baptist church and Time Avenue Baptist Church and spoke at Pastors breakfast.

Sebastian, Dillard F., Jr., Wurtsmith AFB, Mich., aiding in Protestant Preaching Mission at Air Base with Reverend Ervin Petznik as speaker.

Eller, Max A., Camp Lejeune, N.C., looking forward to teaching Dr. J.B. Lawrence's book, "The Holy Spirit in Missions" to WMU at 1st Baptist Church, Jacksonville, NC.

Long, Robert A., Bridgeport, Calif., supplied at Lakeshore Baptist Church, Lake Tahoe, California.

Underwood, Carmah C., Albuquerque, N.M., supplied at 1st Baptist Church, Los Alamos, New Mexico, one Baptist church in a city of 16,000.

Parks, Louis B., VAH, Houston, Texas, preached as supply for Woodland Baptist and Norhill Baptist Churches during month.

Gibson, Vancil V., Harlingen AFB, Texas, preached at 1st Baptist Church, Sebastian and Harrison Ave. Baptist Church, Harlingen, Texas.

Fulfer, Geo. W., Oceanside, Calif., preached at Dana Point 1st Baptist Church in absence of pastor.

Bradbury, J.M., APO, San Francisco, accompanied 15 personnel from base who united with Tokyo Baptist Church, Japan, 3 by baptism.

Montgomery, Wm. F., Maxwell AFB, Alabama, preached at Morningview Baptist Church, Montgomery while pastor away in revival.

Bamberg, Robert K., APO, New York, baptized 5 members of a Sergeant Major's family, using baptistry of German Baptist Church, Nurnberg, Germany.



AMONG THE CHAPLAINS (Cont.)

Hagood, Malcolm M., Minneapolis, Minn., reports best preaching mission yet held with Dr. Parrott, Palestine, Texas, preacher.

McDonald, Leo J., FPO, New York, reports that Jewish lad and his Catholic wife made profession of faith and joined church asking for baptism.

Meiere, C.M., VAH, Augusta, Ga., incapacitated April 3 to May 2. Back on job now.

Palmer, Elmer, Fort Knox, Ky., preached 4 services in near-by churches.

Parks, James S., McKinney, Texas, preached at 1st Baptist Church, McKinney also conducted prayer service.

Izard, William W., VAH, Montgomery, Ala., enjoyed "staying by the stuff" for Highland Gardens and Forest Park Baptist Churches while pastors directed revivals.

Mitchell, Paul N., Fort Riley, Kan., preached at concluding service in revival at 1st Southern Baptist Church, Junction City.

Saucier, N.B., VAC, Biloxi, Miss., had revival services with Dr. E. N. Wilkinson of Handsboro Baptist Church as visiting minister. One of their best revivals.

Wright, Harry T., VAH, Mtn. Home, Tenn., reelected Chaplain, Johnson City Civitan Club.

Abernathy, Alfred J., Scott AFB, Ill., spoke at Pine Lawn Baptist Church, St. Louis on What the Chaplain Program Offers a Serviceman.

Speer, Kenneth R., Ft. Bliss, Texas, received verbal commendation from Bn. Commander for getting activities going again after 6 months without a chaplain.

Mashburn, James T., Rehobath, Mass., sick in USN Hospital, Newport, Rhode Island.

Burks, William E., San Diego, Calif., conducted morning worship at 1st Southern Baptist Church, San Diego and evening fellowship at YMCA.

Perry, Johnie L., Green Cove Springs, Fla., held revivals at Long Branch and Hickory Grove Baptist Churches with 2 conversions, 27 rededications.

Heard, Dow H., VAH, Houston, Texas, conducted revival for Braes Baptist Church.

Sperring, David H., Ft. Bragg, N.C., hospitalized 8-16 April; on sick leave for remainder of month.

Cutbirth, Jack C., Augusta, Ga., was guest speaker at Brotherhood, Baptist Church, Jackson, S.C. and led Prayer Service, Foreman Memorial Baptist, New Ellenton, S.C.

Stillwagon, Grover E., Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo., participated in simultaneous evangelistic campaign as evangelist for High Point Baptist Church.

Wilkins, Charles H., APO, New York, preached for evening service, Aldeburgh Baptist Church, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, England.

Weaver, David E., Valley Station, Ky., his church, Ashby Lane, purchased 8 acres of ground on which to erect church building.

Hinkle, John L., APO, New York, held Dedictory Service at Immanuel Baptist Church, Wiesbaden, Germany on second anniversary.

Kevetter, Frederick J., APO, New York, attended Baptist Retreat at Berchtesgaden, Germany; was elected Vice President of the Military Baptist Association.

Fine, Paul R., Kansas City, Kan., conducted 2 week revival, membership was strengthened, new interest developed and 7 were added to church by letter. Was called as pastor of Leavenworth Mission which was constituted into church with 59 charter members.

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH AND REDEDICATIONS

February and March -

Herndon, Robt. B., Ft. Carson, Colo., reports 5 and 16.

Phillips, Walter L., Ft. Ord, Calif., reports 10 and 28.

Bingham, Darris Y., Tinker AFB, Okla., reports 4 and 26.

Harkness, Allen J., APO Seattle, Wash., reports 9 and 12, 10 and 15 for April.

Hammon, Wilson C., Peru, Ind., reports 10 and 8.

Johnson, E.T., Ft. Knox, Ky., reports 8 and 12, 6 and 15 for April.

Nalley, Garrett, APO New York, reports 10.

April -

Blackford, E. J., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., reports 22 and 43.

Andress, Gene B., Great Lakes, Ill., reports 27 and 14.

Garner, Calvin H., Ft. Polk, La., reports 14 and 9.

Donathan, Roger G., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., reports 24 and 6.

Barker, Wm. H., Lackland AFB, Tex., reports 17 and 21.

Hale, Wallace M., Washington, D.C., reports 17 and 2.

Leonard, Guy M., Jr., FPO, New York, reports 9 and 13.

Phillips, M.H., Jr., Columbia, S.C., reports 15 and 9.

Phipps, Charles A., APO, New York, reports 9 and 16.

Northern, E.E., Jr., Brooklyn, N.Y., reports 11 and 9.

Moses, Jack, Fairchild AFB, Wash., reports 17 and 6.

Lambrides, John G., Washington, D.C., reports 16 and 25.

Todd, Lowell, Shreveport, La., reports 16 and 5.

Gober, Hansford, Patrick AFB, Fla., reports 11 and 32.

Garrell, Hubert, Ft. Benning, Ga., reports 7 and 6.

Spence, E.A., Ft. Knox, Ky., reports 9 and 12.

Akins, Raoy L., APO New York, reports 8 and 10.

Brian, Sam E., APO, San Francisco, Calif., reports 8 and 5.

Patterson, Geo. C., Sr., Eglin AFB, Fla., reports 6 and 7.