

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHAPLAINS BULLETIN
November 1959

EUROPEAN ITINERARY * Director and wife - September 7th - October 29th

To mention names and places would fill a book. Suffice it to say that the Chaplains and their wives, by planning and timing utilized our schedule to fullest advantage. Thanks a million for considerations far "beyond the point of duty."

Observations Summarized

1. Cooperation and often sacrifices to make the central conference meetings effective - central meeting points necessary because of disbursement of units. Some chaplains and wives traveled long distances to attend.
2. Buoyant spirit and contagious attitude of chaplains pertaining to their ministry regardless of types of assignment or problems to live with.
3. Positions of constructive leadership held by our Baptist chaplains and their utilization of this responsibility
4. The positive spiritual emphasis was prevalent with a full, well balanced ministry and ability to utilize facilities at their disposal
5. Appreciative of co-operation our chaplains receive from Southern Baptist agencies as Sunday School Board - Radio Commission - Executive Committee. Special mention for HMB's increased emphasis and enlarged work of Chaplains Commission.
6. The large number of dedicated Christian laymen and women in support of the chapel program - Seems this number is increasing rapidly or maybe director has come to know more of them - of a certainty the chaplain now has an organization to develop and utilize this layety.
7. Official support and personal interest of Commanding Officers in Chaplains work. The vast majority were conversant with the religious program.
8. Of course, there were problems with personnel, professional and administrative wise. These will be approached through proper channels.
9. Regret missing contact with three of our chaplains in Germany and two in England.
10. Figures talk:
 - Central meetings held numbered 21
 - Commanding Officers visited 82
 - Chaplains 115 of which 69 were Baptist and 55 Southern Baptist
 - Installations 58 - of which 37 were Army, 3 Navy, and 18 Air Force
 - Homes 20 - Baptist churches 19 - Pastors 22 - Baptist Institutes 8
 - Preached 12 sermons - 17 addresses - 33 group conferences - 66 interviews
 - 4 professions of faith - 4 rededications - 3 called to full time service

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, George W. Cummins, attended the General Chaplains Commission meeting in Washington October 14-15. A good meeting was enjoyed with good attendance. Supplied Oct. 18, College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis; visited the academy. Good fellowship with Chaplain David Cooper and family, Naval Station, Annapolis. Oct. 4-11 was spent in revival services with Dr. Griffin Henderson, pastor, Avondale Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida. A good number of navy people are members of this church. Dr. Henderson is doing an excellent job. He served as a Navy chaplain during the II World War. Visible results were some 60 decisions.

ATTENTION CHAPLAINS IN OKLAHOMA AND SURROUNDING AREA!! Dec. 1-2, 1959 Chaplains Conference and workshop will be held in Assembly Hall of First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City. Conference will begin at 9:00 am, Tuesday morning and close noon Wednesday. This is a jointly sponsored conference by the HMB and the Baptist General Convention of Okla. It is for chaplains, pastors, missionaries, and others who minister to people in distress. Each chaplain in attendance will receive 2¢ per mile for travel with their entertainment expenses, including room and meals, being paid for jointly by the two mission boards. Dr. Wayne Oates, Professor of Psychology of Religion, SBTS, and Dr. Frank Tripp, Managing Consultant, Montgomery Bapt. Hosp., Inc., Montgomery, Ala. will be the main speakers and conference leaders. Those interested in attending are requested to make their reservations direct with the hotel or motel where they desire to stay. Information regarding these hotels or motels may be had by writing the Chaplains Commission office.

MILITARY PERSONNEL MINISTRIES

Dr. E. L. Ackiss

An arrangement has been worked out between the Staff Chaplain, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, the Colorado Bapt. General Convention, and the Chaplains Commission whereby Sou. Bapt. air cadets of the third and second classes may elect to attend Bapt. churches of their choice in Colorado Springs rather than the services at the academy. A pastor writes: "It was a blessing to have the cadets in our services last Sunday." The plan has fine potentialities for both our Bapt. air cadets and for our churches in Colorado Springs.

Some days spent in northern Miss. have but emphasized the great desire of parents that we do all possible to bring before local churches the possibility, desirability, and importance of an "armed forces committee" of one or more church-elected, dedicated, interested members, in every church, to carry out a program similar to that outlined in THE FAR CALLED, GUIDE LINES, and SOLDIERS WITHOUT ARMS.

Military Personnel Ministries cont'd

This applied even to remote rural churches, for their sons go into service too.

An increasing number of our chaplains are speaking before ministerial groups and in our churches, and are writing in for materials on the program for pre-induction training for our military-obligated people. This is splendid, and be assured that it all helps in the one task we are trying to do--insure that our young people have "the full armor of God" BEFORE they leave their homes and home churches to serve their country in military service.

There is an urgency in this work that only chaplains can fully know.

INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINCY - James C. Peck

Busy Oct. found me visiting 3 S. Ga. Bapt. penal chaplains while in a school of missions, Telfair Asso., McRae-Harvey Rackley, Polaski Prison Branch; Mark Jowers, Ware Prison Branch, Waycross; J. E. Jenkins, Ga. St. Penitentiary, Reidsville--he used "dough trough" as baptistry. Participated Sout. Bapt. Conference on Counseling and Guidance, Nashville. Guest observer at Nat'l Asso. of Trg. School Chaplains, Cincinnati--visited Douglas Turley, Blewett Smyth, Longview Hosp.; described I&I work before Nat Asso. of Manufacturers, Clergy-Industry Relations Committee and Advisory Council, Washington, D.C. Visited St. Penitentiary and Religious Work Foundation, Inc. Board meeting, Richmond, Va.--R. O. Bennett, Jr., St. Penitentiary, Richmond. Attended Second Regional mtg. for Inst. chaplains, Atlanta. Sou. Bapt. were well represented and doing monumental work in many areas. Will be in 2 meetings in North Carolina in November.

AMONG THE CHAPLAINS

Promotions:

McKee, Billy Jack, Norfolk, Va., (USN) to Lt. 23 Sept. 1959

Neal, Aubrey M., (USMR) Camp Pendleton, Calif. to Lt. effective May 1, 1959

Commendations:

Stanford, James A., Ft. Eustis, Va., 2 letters of commendation for outstanding chapel police, maintenance, appearance; 1 letter of appreciation for outstanding support of Reserve units in summer training.

Brian, Sam E., APO San Francisco, awarded USAF outstanding unit award for 1957 TDY with 97th Bomb Wing, reports 12 pf for Sept.

Scott, Henry L., VAH, Baltimore, Md., awarded 15 year service pen

Davis, Joe Abney, FPO NY, letter of commendation from Capt. George Street, CO

Branyan, William H. Jr., Oakland, Calif. Army Commendation Ribbon with Medal Pendant 24 September 1959

Speer, Kenneth R., Ft. Bliss, Tex., letter of appreciation from 4th Army Chaplain

Maddox, O. P., Beaufort, SC, DD conferred by Jackson College, Honolulu, Hawaii

Wright, Wendell T., APO NY, letter of appreciation from USAREUR chaplain

Hinderer, G. Milton, FPO NY, moved membership to Mannattan Baptist Church

Reynolds, Roy F., VAH, St. Louis, Mo., reports 7 pf and 10 red. for Sept.

Meyer, Charles W., APO San Francisco, 6 pf for July, 12 pf for Aug., 5 red for Sept.

Parker, J. F. FPO NY, reports 7 pf for Sept.

Akins, Racy L., APO NY, reports 6 pf and 4 red for Sept.

Harkness, Allen J. APO Seattle, 6 pf, 4 red. for Aug.; 9 pf, 4 red. for Sept.

Smith, Chester L., APO NY, reports 7 pf for Sept.

Pope, Teddy R., Jr., APO NY, reports 5 pf for Sept.

Thronberry, Roy V., Jr., San Diego, Calif., reports 14 pf for Sept.

Blitch, Eugene A. Jr., Moore AB, Tex., reports 7 pf for Sept.

Taylor, James R., Aurora, Colo., reports 6 pf and 6 red. for Sept.

Lambrides, John G., Washn., D. C., reports 6 pf for Sept.

Collard, Robert W., Ft. Bliss, Tex., reports 8 pf for Aug.

Cooper, Calvin C., APO NY, reports 7 pf for Aug.

Donathan, Roger G., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., reports 18pf and 9 red. for Sept.

Spence, Edward L., Ft. Knox, Ky., reports 9 pf and 5 red. for Sept.

Parks, Louis B., VAH, Houston, Tex., reports 7 pf and 13 red for Sept.

Gober, Hansford C., Patrick ARB, Fla., reports 6 pf and 4 med. for Sept.

Cook, Richard G., APO NY, reports 7 pf for Sept.

Deal, Wiley R., VAH, Columbia, SC, reports 7 pf and 9 red. for Sept.

Andress, Gene E., Great Lakes, Ill., reports 21 pf and 13 red. for Sept.

Clark, Albert V., Ft. Hood, Tex., reports 21 pf for Sept.

Burks, William S. San Diego, Calif., reports 29 pf and 15 red. for Sept.

Garner, Calvin H., APO NY, reports 30 pf and 11 red. for Sept.

Bragan, James M., Ft. Sill, Okla., reports 6 pf for Sept.

Allman, John H., APO NY, reports 14 pf and 4 red. for Sept.

Wilch, Celtus E., Ft. Riley, Kansas, reports 5 pf for Sept.

Pollock, Alfred L., VAH, Richmond, Va., reports 5 pf and 6 red. for Sept.

Nelson, G. A., VAH, Dallas, Tex., reports 8 pf and 7 red. for Sept.

Mathis, Robert B., APO San Francisco, will begin teaching Adult Bible Class of the Central Baptist Church, first Sunday in November, which is the initial beginning of the Sunday School.

Among the Chaplains cont'd

Morris, Marlin B., Ellington AFB, Texas entered the base hospital and remained from 22 July through rest of month for Acute Bronchitis.

Dier, P. J., Jr., Portland, Oregon on emergency leave for two weeks due to illness of wife's mother in Fairhope, Alabama.

Whiteside, Robert R., Andrews AFB, Washington, D. C. Our sympathies to you and yours in the passing of your mother.

Mitchell, Paul N., APO NY, son born 29 September - Mark Nathan

Eaton, Hal H., California, baby girl born 7 October - fourth child

Shuman, James R., San Antonio, Texas attending First Baptist Church participating regularly teaching SS classes and making TU talks.

Ellison, Joe M., Fort Ord, Calif. preached sermon for mission organizing church at San Diego, Calif.

Jolly, Joseph L., Jr., APO NY, preached twice at Highans Way Baptist Church, Hinckley and once at Faxton Baptist Church in England.

Barker, William H., Maxwell AFB, Ala., family joined Cloverdale Bapt. Church, Montgomery, Ala. Gave Charge to church at ordination of Deacons 10/19.

Hicks, Anderson C., VA Hosp. Albuquerque, N. M., attended Univ. N. M. BSU Retreat, Glorieta 16-18 and brought the final message of the retreat.

Jackson, Louis M., Yuma, Ariz., took 22 of Chapel family on 60 mi. round trip to revival at First Sou. Bapt. Church, Yuma, Ariz. Attended revival Morningside Bapt.

Kennedy, Nolan M., VA Hosp., Amarillo, Texas, serving demoniotionally on State Executive Board, Tex.,

Llewellyn, Stanley A., APO NY, on leave in England reuniting with parents.

Powell, William D., FPO San Francisco, Calif., taught Junior Training Union Study Course for new Baptist Church on Okinawa.

Roberson, Ronald L., FPO San Francisco, took part in ground-breaking service of new SS plant at Paradise Hills Sou. Bapt. Church, National City, Calif.

Leonard, Guy M., Jr., US Submarine Base, New London, Conn., preached for both services, First Bapt. Church, Waterford, Conn. 6 Sept., spoke for teen-age group.

Little, Gene M., Ft. Sheridan, Ill., assisting in formation of Bapt. Ch. Highwood.

Everett, Paul P., APO NY, preached morning message at Asso. of Continental Bapt. in Europe meeting at Antioch Bapt. Ch., Fuerth, Germany, 3 October 1959.

Willingham, William F., VA Hosp., Augusta, Ga., preached Aug. 2 Marks Bapt. Church, Aug. 9 Crovetown.

Keen, William L. S., Ft. Myer, Arlington, Va., conducted prayer meeting at Whitehall Chapel mission of the Congress Heights Bapt. Church, Washington, D. C.

Carpenter, Elbert N., FPO NY, requested to represent ship at reception held at Rhodes, Greece for World Council of Churches. Visited Joe Meffords, missionaries, Valencia, Spain; visited school in Berieut.

Tollett, Vaughn H., APO San Francisco, conducted Southern Bapt. retreat 14, 15, 16 Aug. Largest denominational retreat held at 8th Army retreat center-83 regis.

Redford, Francis J., Gary, Ind., directed RA camp for boys of Northern Ind. Bapt. Asso. 21-22 Aug.

Blaisdell, Travis L., APO NY, conducted Holy Land tour for 48 persons, was definitely disappointed in the commercialization of Christianity by Roman Catholics.

Wright, Wendell T., APO NY, visited Baptist seminary, Zurich, Switzerland.

Solomon, Joseph C., APO San Francisco, visited 8 orphanages with 229 orphans. In the Taegu area an Orphans Council aids between 55 and 60 orphanages.

Sims, Floyd E., FPO NY, preached in the Baptist Church of Londonderry, Ireland and had the choir sing a special aboard ship for Divine Services.

Hunt, Asa E., III, Sheppard AFB, Tex., taking two weeks leave to hold revival for newly organized church in Wichita, Kansas - Pastor, Rev. R. Jack Park.

Bomar, Joseph W., Luke AFB, Ariz., gave introductory study of books of Timothy, Jan. Bible study week, Gila Valley Bapt. Parstor's Conf. at Casa Grande, Ariz.

Moss, Ira G., APO NY, on leave in Italy for 22 days lunching with Dr. Dewey Moore, visited foreign missionaries in Perugia, Rev. & Mrs. Stanley Crabb, Rev. & Mrs. Virgil Moorefield.

Stillwagon, Grover E., Greenville AFB, Miss., was on leave 10 days this month. Moved church membership to Leland Baptist Church, Leland, Miss.

White, Harold D., Lawton, Okla., preached four times at Deportation Center in NY for Chaplain meetings.

Minor, Earl W., Waco, Tex., placed family membership in Columbus Ave. Bapt. Church Waco, Texas. No chapel at 12th AF Hqqs.

Redford, Francis J., Gary, Ind., serving as interim pastor East Gary Bapt. Church.

Blanchard, James C., Wilmington, Ohio, supply preached during the month of Sept. at the Westwood Bapt. Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Norman, Jeff, Lackland AFB, Tex., 15 Day ADT, Moody AFB, Ga.

Parks, James S., VA Hosp., McKinney, Tex., preached both services First Bapt. Ch. Farmersville, Texas.

Cooper, Calvin C., APO NY, assisted First Bapt. Ch. of St. John's Nfld. in buying lot on which to build church. The first Bapt. Ch. of St. John's ~~only~~ Bapt Ch in Nfld.

Bowers, George Palmer, Bolling AFB 25, D. C., supplied at East Washington Heights Bapt. Ch. and Pennsylvania Ave. -apt. Ch.

McElyea, Homer C., Atlanta, Ga., conducted RA camp for Jr. & Int. boys
Jones, Asa W., FPO NY, visited missionary Roy Starmer and family in Rome. Contributions of \$200. to Italian Bapt. Mission and \$100. in Gibraltar from Chap's Fund.
Weedon, Herschel R., Ft. Meade, Md., five staff visits to USAR chaplains, 125, on 15 days active duty for training.
Sebastian, Dillard F., Jr., Wurtsmith AFB, Mich., conducted two preaching services in Oscoda, Mich. Bapt. Church on 6 and 20 September 1959.
Coggins, Joseph H., APO San Francisco, preached in evening service at Hachinohe Bapt. Mission of Misawa.
Cole, Newton V., McCoy AFB, Fla., preached at Killarney Bapt. Ch. in Orlando, Fla.
Bonner, Roy L., Philadelphia, Pa., took 12 days leave latter part of Aug. and first of Sept. to conduct revival for Emmanuel Bapt. Church, Dothan, Ala.
Raspberry, John E., Long Island, NY, supplied at Calvary Bapt. Ch. Riverhead, LI, NY.
Griffin, Gordon H., Pensacola, Fla.
Lee, Alvin J., Roanoke, conducted daily devotions over WBBI tv for Sept. 27th.
Sargent, John C., Camp Irwin, Calif., took 10 days leave to attend Golden Gate Seminary to work on thesis for ThM. While there he attended "Corner-laying" ceremony on the 29th.
Esch, George L., Craig AFB, Ala., attended morning and evening session of Annual Selma Bapt. Asso., gave report on "The Chaplain Teaches and Trains".
Farrow, Alpha A., APO NY, preached at Stoney Creek Bapt. Church, Rocky Mount, NC; Mt. Carmel Bapt. Mission, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Wilton, Clyde C., APO San Francisco, preached in church meeting for Mission of Hachinohe Baptist Church.
Callahan, Elias R., VA Hosp., Tuscaloosa, Ala., supplied both services Sept. 13 at Holt Baptist Church.
Webb, James L., Columbus, Ga., revival in First Baptist Church of Columbus.
Graham, Richard M., Shaw AFB, SC, preached for First Bapt. Ch., Sumter, SC.
Abernethy, Alfred J., Scott AFB, Ill., preached at First Bapt. Ch. Belleville, Ill.
Fox, Winston P., Orlando AFB, Fla., preached at Azalea Park Bapt. Church; spoke to Brotherhood of North Park Baptist Church.
Rockwell, Robert E., Ft. Devens, Mass., conducting worship services at Union Church Shirley, Mass. in absence of pastor.
Land, Clifton E., Ft. Bragg, NC, chosen Program Chairman for PTA where son attends school.
Marks, Ivin N., Ft. Riley, Kansas, wife and Mrs. Bill Gamble started Girl's Auxiliary at Ft. Riley.
Dickinson, James A., Lackland AFB, Tex., wife spoke to number of churches.
Gibson, Vancil V., Harlingen AFB, Tex., preached 20 Sept. and had invocation for Loyalty Dinner 24 Sept. at Second Bapt. Church, Harlingen, Texas.
League, William C., Camp Lejeune, NC, supplied evening service First Bapt. Church Maysville, NC on 6 and 13 Sept.
Dunn, Eldon K., Valdosta, Ga., joined Northside Bapt. Ch. in Valdosta, Ga.
Wolfe, Billy N., Jacksonville, Fla., revival meeting Avondale Bapt. Ch., Jacksonville
Blasingame, Albert J., APO NY, made a 13 day Holy Land tour-visited missionaries Bagbands in Beirut. Reports 12 pf for Aug.
Kilpatrick, August C., McGuire AFB, NJ, Labor Day weekend retreat at Camp Onas, Newtown, Pa. with First Bapt. Church, Mt. Holly, NJ as Bible speaker.
Patterson, George C., Tyndall AFB, Fla., visited Viers Mill Bapt. Church, Silver Spring, Md. and First Bapt., Richmond, Va.
Mathis, Robert B., APO San Francisco, attended Central Bapt. Ch. Okinawa.
Lewis, Estes L., Glendale, Ariz., two additons by letter and one rededication at the Ajo Heights Bapt. Church where interim pastor.
Todd, Lowell C., VA Hosp., Shreveport, La. supplied Sept. 6 First Bapt. Ch., Blanchard, La. 12 professions of faith and 3 rededications.
Kuespert, John H., APO NY, attended Slavic Missionary Conf., Black Forrest, Germany. Preached "Stewardship Messages". Aug.- 12 Prof. of faith, 19 Red. Sept. 9 Pf. 37 red.
Ammerman, Elmer H., Ft. Campbell, Ky., held revival with 12 decisions.
Bradbury, J. M., APO San Francisco, baptized 5 into Tokyo Bapt. Ch. 9 prof. faith.
Skelton, James A., Ft. Bragg, NC, reported Harold Cole did excellent job during preaching mission - 18 decisions. Reports 22 Prof. of faith, 26 rededications.
Reynolds, Michael E., Oakland, Calif., attended service East Oakland Southern Bapt. Church reports 8 prof. of faith, 5 rededications for month of Sept.
Helton, Clinton, Ft. Gordon, Ga., supplied Welcome Bapt. Ch. Anderson, SC; Hillcrest Bapt. Ch., Augusta, Ga., reports 9 prof. faith, 6 red. for month of Sept.
Parkes, Klein E., VA Hosp., Durham, NC, spoke to Adult TU Aug 2 on "The Ministry of Hospital Chaplain" First Bapt. Ch., St. Petersburg, Fla. Attended prayer service Northeast Bapt. Church. Reports 8 professions of faith.
Wolfe, Neil F., Graham AB, Fla, reports 9 professions of faith and 3 rededications for September.
Barnett, James R., Ft. Lewis, Washn., reports 10 prof. faith for Sept.
Alder, Louis G., Ft. McClellan, Ala., reports 6 prof. faith and 7 red. for Sept.
Craven, John H., Marine School, Quantico, Va., reports 5 prof. faith for Aug., Sept.
Moses, Jack, Fairchild AFB, Washn., reports 6 pf and 14 red. for Sept.