

# CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

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## From the Director

One year and counting! By the time you read this article, it will have been my privilege to serve one year as the director of the Chaplaincy Division. On March 16, 1986, I assumed the responsibilities of giving leadership to the work of the Southern Baptist chaplaincy.

As I reflect on this first year, many experiences are quite vivid in my mind. I think of the hundreds of chaplains with whom I have had contact. These dedicated men and women, fulfilling their call to ministry in the field of chaplaincy, reinforce the strong feelings I already had that Southern Baptists are first among other denominational groups in the quality of persons in chaplaincy. What a diverse group, from all sorts of backgrounds, bringing their unique gifts, following God's leadership, training, gaining experience and finding a place to minister in chaplaincy.

Thank you for helping me grow through your sharing with me, your challenges to me and through your varied expressions of support. My prayer is that each one in the Southern Baptist family can come to know at least one Southern Baptist chaplain personally. I have a strong feeling that, if they could, they would have a tremendous appreciation for the contributions to God's kingdom made by chaplains.

I look forward to the second year of being director of the division and anticipate this being a year of fine tuning in some areas of division work. I also hope to continue to get to know our chaplains and their families.

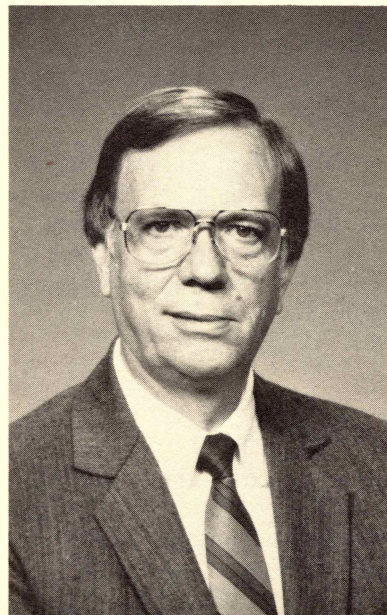
I want to say a word of welcome to Bill Donovan, who joined the division staff in November. Bill brings with him superb education, training, experience and gifts. I anticipate some very good things from his leadership as director of Institutional and Business/Industrial Chaplaincy.

Then, it is time to say goodbye to Bob Duvall. Bob, as most of you know, has accepted the challenge of developing the Department of Pastoral Care for the Gwinnett County Hospital System. This is a rapidly growing suburban area of Atlanta, Georgia. Needless to say, Bob is well qualified to assume this responsibility. Southern Baptist chaplaincy, especially of hospital and pastoral counseling, is indebted to him for the outstanding contributions he has made during these six-plus years he has served as director of Hospital Chaplaincy. Bob, may the Father bless you as you go.

And then, to all of you, I hope that 1987 will be good to you as you reach out and claim all that God has for you.

Huey Perry

## New Staff Member



Dr. Billy D. (Bill) Donovan assumed directorship of Institutional and Business/Industrial Chaplaincy November 15, 1986. Bill was elected to this position by the Board of Directors, Home Mission Board, on October 8.

Prior to his coming to the Chaplaincy Division, he was the Administrator of Religious Services for the Department of Corrections in Oklahoma. Bill comes with rich and varied ministry experience as a correctional and hospital chaplain and pastor, with training in Clinical Pastoral Education, in both hospital and correctional settings.

He received a B.A. from Oklahoma Baptist University; M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a D.Min. from Graduate Seminary, Phillips University.

He is married to the former Peggy R. Galloway and they have four children. They are welcome additions to the Chaplaincy Division staff and to the Home Mission Board family.

## Duvall Leaves Chaplaincy Division

Robert (Bob) Duvall left the Home Mission Board, January 15, 1987, to become the Director of Pastoral Care for the Gwinnett County (Georgia) Hospital System. Bob has served, since October 1980, as director of Hospital Chaplaincy. His caring, perceptive sense of humor will be missed. We wish him well as he begins a very important ministry. You may correspond with Bob at: 4413 Hopkins Lake Drive, Duluth, GA, 30136

## Farewell

For six years and a few months I have served as director of Hospital Chaplaincy with the Home Mission Board. It was time well spent, most assuredly, working with you chaplains and pastoral counselors. You are unmatched in competence, commitment, creativity and gall.

Personally, I have grown through the experience; but I do not care to repeat it nor would I recommend it lightly.

The timing had a kairos feel. Carl Hart had folks who once were ready to exchange blows, sitting down to coffee, laughing at each others' stories and, most important, listening to one another. It didn't take but one vegetable plate at Mary Mac's to know that the good Lord had once again called out an unlikely crew to take care of his business. I did not want to miss the fun.

I thank you for your support and friendship. I will remember these years for quite some time. I will not forget worshipping at Estes Park, Colorado, with ACPE, several firm but caring confrontations, the many women mentors who raised my sensitivity to the feminine experience and perspective, COMISS in New Orleans and words of wisdom from a peer consultation group at Georgia Baptist Medical Center. Each time I remember, I will give thanks.

For the College of Chaplains you must demonstrate your ability to initiate, maintain and terminate relationships. My wife, Becky, says she has watched me do all three within one elevator ride. The relationship is not ending so I do not say goodbye. Rather—like Roy and Dale astride Trigger and Buttermilk—Wesley, Rachel, Becky and I wish you all “Happy Trails!”

Robert W. Duvall

## Military Chaplaincy

Opportunities of ministry within the armed forces continue to be a challenge to Southern Baptist ministers. As a result, they are responding to God's call to serve as chaplains within the Army, Navy and Air Force (active duty and reserve components).

Approximately one thousand Southern Baptist ministers currently serve as chaplains within the armed forces. Assignments place them throughout the United States and in approximately 20 foreign countries.

Reserve component chaplains, serving both churches and the military, are extending their churches' ministry within local communities that otherwise might go unreached. This dual-ministry of ministers and churches requires an unusual unified commitment to provide Christian caring. Approximately 550 chaplains serve in this capacity.

Four hundred fifty Southern Baptist chaplains currently serve on active duty. In this capacity they become extensions of the church, providing ministry to military personnel and their families, who, along with chaplains and their families, endure frequent transfers from one installation to another within the United States and overseas.

The military is unable to place on active duty all Southern Baptist ministers who desire to serve as chaplains. However, a selected number of professionally qualified ministers will receive from

the military an appointment to active duty. Therefore, all candidates receiving denominational endorsement cannot anticipate active duty. For example, 127 endorsements were issued for active duty during 1985-86. From that number 79 were selected for active duty (35-Army; 23-Navy; and 21-Air Force). Approximately 30 are still under consideration for appointment in 1987.

Pat Davis

## From Bill Donovan

Years ago, a newsletter of unremembered origin came to me through the mail. I recall nothing of its contents, except one statement. “There are some things which are so important that you can afford to do them wrong, but you can't afford not to do them.” I have never gotten over the impact of that statement. It has delivered me from more than one experience of debilitating anxiety when there was no clearly defined road to take.

Problems to solve and decisions to make relative to the future of chaplaincy ministries in public and private arenas do not lend themselves to quick and easy solutions. However, there is no question about the importance of chaplaincy.

It is my hope that, as we work together to expand this vital effort of the church, we will not allow our uncertainties about how it should be done or who should do it, to cause us to fail to act. Allowing our fear of making a mistake to keep us from acting will not serve us well.

Bold Mission Thrust is a call to action. Nowhere is that call more appropriate than in chaplaincy. There is no boldness in hand-wringing. Let us get on with our commitment to ministry and claim the promise of our Lord in the Great Commission, “Lo, I am with you, always.”

## Chaplaincy Ministry Development

At the beginning of 1987, Chaplaincy ministry interest and involvement within the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) continue to grow at an accelerated pace, with emphasis in all categories of chaplaincy.

In 1985, Military Chaplaincy developed and published a brochure promoting career and reserve chaplaincy within all branches of the military service. The brochure also encourages churches to support their pastors as they seek to extend their ministry with Reserve and National Guard chaplaincy. Although Southern Baptists have experienced no difficulty in initiating interest in military chaplaincy or in meeting quotas of various services, it is important to give strong support to military chaplaincy ministries to continue to meet mobilization requirements. Military chaplaincy also provides an outstanding opportunity for other endorsed Southern Baptist chaplains to extend their ministry on a part-time basis. There are excellent benefits and opportunities available to those qualified. Obtain information by writing to Chaplaincy Division, Home Mission Board.

Likewise, civilian chaplaincy opportunities in volunteer, part-time and full-time chaplaincy ministry are more promising. Since becoming director of the division, Dr. Huey Perry has stressed that the growth of volunteer and career chaplaincy ministry opportunities and support of chaplaincy ministry within the SBC are due to efforts by Chaplaincy Division staff and to the caliber and quality of chaplains' ministry in the field.

Southern Baptists do more to support their chaplains than other denominations. This is primarily because you chaplains have, through your ministry, enabled all to tell the challenging and exciting story of chaplaincy ministry.

One of the best indications of recent chaplaincy growth was provided in the 1985 Uniform Church Letter. The question was asked, "Does your church have any staff persons or church members who do volunteer chaplaincy ministry in hospitals, institutions, business-industry or to military personnel and to their families?" The results were as follows:

Size of Church Membership	Churches Responding "Yes" Number	Percent
1-99	675	9.9%
100-199	1,079	12.2%
200-299	960	15.6%
300-399	730	18.4%
400-499	583	22.0%
500-749	831	24.3%
750-999	470	27.8%
1,000 or more	957	33.9%
TOTAL	6,285	17.3%

Location of Church	Churches Responding "Yes" Number	Percent
Open Country/Village	1,973	11.0%
Town/Small City	1,585	20.4%
Medium City	1,449	26.1%
Large City	1,278	22.3%
TOTAL	6,285	17.2%

As indicated, large city churches are more likely to have volunteer chaplaincy ministries. One of every six SBC churches (6,285) reported volunteer chaplaincy participation.

This is particularly exciting because each volunteer chaplaincy ministry has the potential of becoming a part-time or full-time chaplaincy ministry, not only for those who may be embarking on chaplaincy ministry as a first-time, full-time career, but also for those seeking a change in their ministry and those retiring from the military service or from a pastorate. In future newsletters we will address development in chaplaincy ministry and ways that endorsed chaplains can work with other denominational agencies in extending chaplaincy ministry and telling their stories in exciting, rewarding and challenging ministries available to Southern Baptists.

Royce C. Williams

## 1986-1987 Chaplains Commission Members

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Acting President, Home Mission Board  
Atlanta, Georgia

## May: Chaplaincy Emphasis Month

May has been designated on the denominational calendar as Chaplaincy Emphasis Month. Suggestions have been made to all Southern Baptist chaplains and state convention directors of chaplaincy as to how the emphasis can be observed. You are encouraged to share with the Chaplaincy Division ways in which this has been accomplished.

## SBC Chaplains Breakfast

The chaplains breakfast at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis will be at the Radisson Downtown, at 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 17. Please pick up your tickets at the Home Mission Board booth located in the Convention Center.

## Your Help Is Needed

In an effort to stay in touch with our retired chaplains, we need everyone's assistance to bring our mailing addresses up to date. If your address has changed, or if you know of a retired chaplain who has not received any communication from the Chaplaincy Division for some time, please let us know. You, or some of our other chaplains, may be missing out on some benefits of being a retired Southern Baptist chaplain.

## Senior Chaplains Met in Atlanta

In December 1986, a group of senior civilian chaplains and in January 1987, a group of senior military chaplains met for consultation with the Chaplaincy Division staff. The purpose of these meetings was to provide a forum for conversation between Chaplaincy Division staff and a group of chaplains from the field. Copies of proceedings of the two consultations are available upon request.

## World Missions Conferences

Many chaplains have taken part in World Missions Conferences. They have provided a rich witness to Southern Baptist churches, brought understanding of chaplaincy as an extended ministry of the local church, and they have teamed up with SBC, state and local agencies to accomplish Bold Mission Thrust.

Myra Book coordinates the commitments of all Home Mission Board resource personnel to assist in World Missions Conferences. When people agree to take part in these conferences, they should consider it a definite commitment. Cancellations at the last minute create a great deal of hardship. If you are interested and can make a definite commitment, please write Myra Book at the Home Mission Board.

## Search for Chaplains with Doctorates

Many Southern Baptist chaplains, in recent years, have earned degrees beyond the masters level. If you have written a thesis or ministry project in some chaplaincy related field, please write or call the Chaplaincy Division.

## R&R Lodging Available

There are many churches and associations that have lodging available to Southern Baptist ministers for purposes of rest and recuperation. If chaplains are interested in further details, contact the Chaplaincy Division.

## Direct Dialing

You can now dial directly the Chaplaincy Division and the director or secretary of each area.

Director, Chaplaincy Division	(404)898-7440
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Director, Hospital Chaplaincy	(404)898-7420
Director, Business/Industrial and Institutional Chaplaincy	(404)898-7445

## Clinical Pastoral Training Course

Seminary Extension courses, which provide volunteer chaplains with basic orientation to clinical situations, have been well received across the SBC since they were introduced last spring.

Offered in a dozen selected locations on a pilot basis early this year, the courses involved more than 200 students in the 30-hour training program. Half of the courses were directed by hospital chaplains. Others were sponsored locally by Baptist associations that traditionally have offered other Seminary Extension courses.

About 20 locations with 300 students have been designated for seminary extension courses this fall. Courses are planned later for another ten locations.

Clinical Pastoral Training (CPT) uses videotaped presentations by G. Wade Rowatt, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., along with on-site instructors and weekly clinical exercises. The CPT also includes a textbook, *The Hospital Handbook*, by Lawrence D. Reimer and James T. Wagner.

"For those thousands of individuals who minister in a hospital setting but are unlikely to ever take a full Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course, this training offers a valuable introduction to clinical pastoral care," says Raymond M. Rigdon, executive director of the Seminary External Education Division. Rigdon and Rowatt developed the CPT in consultation with Robert Duvall of the Home Mission Board's Chaplaincy Division.

In most cases, instructors for the course are required to have at least one full unit of CPE.

An enthusiastic supporter of the new course is Larry Elliott, director of the chaplaincy program of the Florida Baptist Convention. He has offered it both semesters as part of his state chaplaincy training program.

David L. Bluford, chaplain with Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, has used the course twice already.

For a prospectus containing further details on the course and how to offer it, write: Clinical Pastoral Training Course, Seminary Extension Department, 901 Commerce Street, Suite 500, Nashville, TN, 37203.

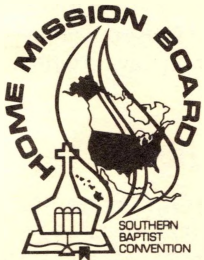
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