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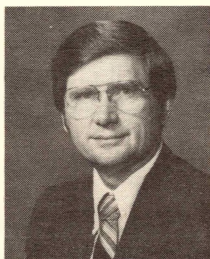
CHAPLAINCY DIVISION, HOME MISSION BOARD, SBC

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## New Home Mission Board President

At a special called meeting on April 10, the Board of Directors of the Home Mission Board (HMB) elected Larry L. Lewis as the HMB's fifteenth president.

For the past six years, Dr. Lewis has been president of Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Missouri. Previous to this he was a pastor and director of religious education of a state convention. He has expressed a deep spiritual commitment to missions, evangelism and church starting.



Dr. Lewis holds degrees from Hannibal-LaGrange College, University of Missouri, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Luther Rice Seminary.

Dr. Lewis began his service with the HMB on June 1.

## An Overview of Support From the Director

The Chaplaincy Division has four major emphases in its program responsibilities: endorsement, support, promotion and development. This Chaplaincy Ministries Newsletter highlights some ways Southern Baptists, through the Chaplaincy Division, provide support to endorsed chaplains who are Southern Baptists.

This support is provided through numerous ways, often personal and pastoral. Though the Chaplaincy Division is not a "placement agency," many energies and efforts are directed in assisting Southern Baptist ministers to locate and secure chaplain positions. A day never passes without the Division staff being involved with individual chaplains in a pastoral way. This pastoral involvement may be a word of encouragement by telephone or letter. It may be a word of counsel, advice or referral. It may be an offer of financial assistance. All contacts are done with pastoral care.

The support is demonstrated through group activities in orientations, seminary and assembly conferences and in gatherings at annual professional organization meetings.

Support is exhibited through interpreting to the denomination that Southern Baptist chaplains are very much involved in

ministry, and they are a major contributor to the denomination.

One thing that keeps the Chaplaincy Division staff going is the awareness that we are partners with you in ministry, and play a large part as enablers.

Support us with your prayers as we support you, for we are not alone.

Huey D. Perry

## National Missionary for Chaplaincy Ministries Development



Lowell F. Lawson joined the Chaplaincy Division staff May 1, 1987, with responsibilities for Chaplaincy Ministries Development. Lowell and his wife, Anne, reside in Detroit, Michigan, where he has served for the past 10 years with the Detroit Baptist Association and the Michigan Baptist Convention.

Lowell's responsibilities have been primarily in the Baptist Center of Detroit. He has extended his ministry, for the past seven years, with the Detroit Police Department, serving as chaplain with one of the precincts.

Lowell served six months as the project director for the United Automobile Workers Chaplaincy Ministries Project in Flint, Michigan.

Excellent progress in Chaplaincy Ministries Development is anticipated. Watch for future announcements as the strategy for development unfolds.

Huey Perry

## Support in Chaplaincy Ministry Development

Strong buildings survive because they have strong foundations. The Chaplaincy Division provides that strong supportive structure for chaplaincy ministries to thrive.

Today's workplace is aware of, and sensitive to, the circumstances and needs of its employees. Supervisors at every level

spend a significant amount of their time with personnel concerns. They recognize that human needs and problems require more than a casual attempt at resolution. Chaplaincy ministry is one of the most effective answers. Although chaplaincy is one of the oldest expressions of ministry, opportunities and challenges to develop new ministries have never been greater. Today, hundreds of institutions, law enforcement agencies and business-industrial settings are involved, at some point, in initiating chaplaincy ministries.

The Chaplaincy Division provides building blocks for the foundation: *guidelines* for organizing the ministry, *standards* for administering the ministry and *procedures* to insure that qualified people will implement the ministry. This is the Chaplaincy Division support process.

The Chaplaincy Division, on a special-case basis, funds pilot programs to provide potential users with on-site models so that knowledgeable decisions can be made regarding the implementation of chaplaincy.

A solid foundation helps a *tall* building *stand*. The Chaplaincy Division helps chaplains *stand tall*.

Lowell Lawson

## Support Through On-Site Visits

In recent visits to two of our larger military installations, arrangements were made for me to make courtesy calls on the Commanding General and on Brigade and Battalion Commanders. I discovered that none of these commanders had ever received a visit from a denominational representative. At each level of command, the commander was impressed to learn of the pastoral concern and support that chaplains receive from their denomination. I was equally impressed by the laudatory comments eagerly expressed by each commander regarding the outstanding ministry provided by his chaplain. It was obvious that each commander thought highly of his chaplain and spoke of him with a sense of pride and appreciation.

On-site visits significantly strengthen chaplaincy support. Visits are extensions of the Chaplaincy Division, through which pastoral care can be provided to chaplains and their families. There are no substitutes for visits, and I hope an increased number can be made in 1987 and in future years. Visits provide opportunity to encourage chaplains in their ministry, they strengthen denominational ties and relationships with chaplains and they provide denominational representation to every level of command on military installations. We feel this is important and beneficial to chaplaincy ministry and to military chaplains and their families. Your assistance in making on-site visits meaningful and supportive is deeply appreciated.

Pat H. Davis

## Mutual Administrative Support

As preparations are made for major program events for 1988 and future years, we are reminded of how we are mutually supportive in accomplishing chaplaincy ministry in institutions, hospitals, business-industry, military services and in pastoral counseling. Recently, when the statistical summary

was prepared for 1986, we were excited about the accomplishments of that year and the promise and hope of 1987. In 1986, 1,858 full- and part-time endorsed Southern Baptist chaplains reported these ministry activities:

Worship services	67,827
Bible classes	27,589
Prayer services	9,198
Sunday School	12,418
Vacation Bible School	1,347
Religious institutions	15,167
Lay Leadership Training	4,733
Visits	1,592,566
Counseling	383,986
Professions of Faith	13,150
Baptisms	2,141
Weddings	3,430
Funerals	3,731
Other Activities	43,750

While these statistics are impressive, we recognize that, due to not receiving a substantial percentage of quarterly reports for various reasons, this report of ministry activities, which we are asked to provide to the SBC Executive Committee, does not tell the whole story. Even with complete information, statistics could tell only part of your story as you, supported by your spouse and family, minister where the church often cannot go.

You probably are aware that financial support is available for endorsed chaplains and spouses to attend our summer conferences, seminary conferences and other meetings. We are better able to tell the chaplaincy story as chaplains support and participate in World Missions Conferences, Christmas in August, sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union and other programs.

One of the best ways we can continue to increase support to you is by encouraging you to submit your quarterly reports and address changes. This will continue to be true as you move into retirement. Consequently, in order to keep you on the mailing list for the Chaplaincy Ministries Newsletter and for financial support at conferences, we need your current mailing address and status. We have a strong desire to maintain a continuing close and mutually supportive relationship into the retirement years.

Royce Williams

## Support Through Business/Industrial And Institutional Chaplaincy

Atlanta is concerned with the growing number of youth gangs. Graffiti on buildings attest to their presence. They mark their territory and give definitions by painting the names of their gangs on walls. Some names are interesting but not very striking. However, from a train window I caught a glimpse of one last week, which got my attention. In bold black paint, on a building wall, was the name "Philosophical Rogues." It set me wondering.

In my mind, or maybe it was a remembered event, I could see a small group of kids, gathered in some unknown place, asking the question, "What shall we call ourselves?" The orga-

nization ritual of the young usually begins with that question. Sharing a name creates a sense of belonging. There is an interesting paradox here. When we begin to establish our unique identity, we often seek out a group who will share the scary adventure with us. If the group doesn't have a name, we give it one. To share the name of the group is to share its support.

When we call ourselves "chaplains," we define a unique role in ministry and embrace a group of colleagues. We are unique, but we are not alone. We are chaplains.

As for the "Philosophical Rogues," they continue to be, for me, an occasion for reflection. I've always been a "sucker" for a paradox.

Bill Donovan

## 1988 Seminary Conferences

All seminary conferences for 1988 will be expanded to eight presentations of two full days.

The theme of these conferences will be "Building a Healthy Ministry." Resource persons will be Dr. Brooks Faulkner, Dr. Fred McGehee and Dr. Terry Peck. They are staff members of the Sunday School Board in the Career Ministry Division, Church Administration Department. These three men are well trained in areas of burnout, stress and forced termination as related to ministers.

The eight presentations will be:

1. "What is Health in Ministry?"
2. "A Discerning Spirit—Primary Ingredient"
3. "Dealing Redemptively with Unhealthy Church Members— and Staying Healthy" Part I
4. "Dealing Redemptively with Unhealthy Church Members— and Staying Healthy" Part II
5. "Balancing the Total Life"
6. "Coping with Anger and Authority"
7. "Overcoming Stress and Burnout"
8. "A Practical Plan for Good Health"

## Lay Ministry Training

Chaplain Paul Stephenson, Director, Chaplaincy Services Department, Scottsdale Memorial Hospital, Scottsdale, Arizona, recently conducted a workshop titled "Equipping the Laity for Ministry." This training event was designed to prepare laypersons to provide ministry in crisis situations. The training event could be utilized in many given settings. For further information you may write to Chaplain Paul Stephenson, Scottsdale Memorial Hospital, 7400 E. Osham, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

## Financial Assistance for Seminary Conferences

The Home Mission Board, through the Chaplaincy Division, will provide some financial assistance, in 1988, for those who are endorsed in category A or B (full-time and part-time positions, including Reserve, National Guard and retired chaplains) and who will attend the entire conference.

Chaplain driving personal vehicle: .20 per mile to nearest seminary, with \$100 maximum.

Chaplain driving personal vehicle with additional chaplain passenger(s): .25 per mile to nearest seminary with \$125 maximum.

Chaplain attending entire seminary conference: \$50 to each conferee to assist with lodging expenses and \$20 for food. No provision is made for spouses' expenses, but they are encouraged to attend.

## Great Hold-Up in Chaplaincy

Don't be alarmed. We've not been robbed. (Who would be crazy enough to think that it would pay off?) Our great "hold-up" is our SUPPORT SYSTEM for chaplains. Sure, we've got loads of paperwork and administrative stuff, but our PRIORITY IS YOU. We are always alert to signals. They come via phone calls, letters and often by *quarterly reports*. We DO read the personal notes on your reports—often showing a promotion, an increase in your family, a potential for a job change, an illness, surgery or some unfavorable diagnosis.

We're grateful for the good news of your involvement in community and church activities and unusual programs initiated to improve your ministry. We often share these with the Chaplains Commission, for we want them to know what a strong force you are for Christ and the church.

We hold you up in prayer. Often we hear of a life-threatening situation, and a phone call goes out to you or your loved ones to say WE CARE. We listen with sensitivity. I've seen our director, Huey Perry, pick up the telephone and call a distressed, bereaved wife, somewhere in the world, following a tragedy, perhaps the death of one of our chaplains. Frequently, one of our staff members makes a personal visit, carrying a message of comfort and sympathy.

We try to be a "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" for you. Not just to provide some financial assistance to get you to a conference, but maybe a grant from the Alfred Carpenter Fund to help a worthy chaplain in continuing education, to encourage a young minister called and gifted of God for ministry or to provide temporary help with living expenses for someone released from a position.

And when I say "we," that means each of our staff, including our splendid secretaries who share our concerns and often alert us to your needs. We are standing by.

Lowell F. Sodeman

## Additional Events for 1987-88

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| July 11-17 Chaplains Conference Ridgecrest, N.C.                                   | Jan. 31-Feb. 4 First Army Chaplains Conference Fort Meade, Md.  |
| July 13-17 International Conference of Police Chaplains, Cincinnati, Ohio          | Feb. 9-11 Fourth Army Chaplains Conference Indianapolis, Ind.   |
| Aug. 1-7 Chaplains Conference Glorieta, N.M.                                       | Feb. 16-17 Chaplains Conference Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary   |
| Aug. 1-6 American Correctional Chaplains Conference New Orleans, La.               | Feb. 23-24 Chaplains Conference Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary |
| Aug. 14-15 Civil Air Patrol National Board Salt Lake City, Utah                    | Feb. 26-Mar. 2 College of Chaplains San Francisco, Calif.   |
| Sept. 10-13 Chaplains Orientation Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. (by invitation) | Mar. 1-2 Chaplains Conference New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  |
| Nov. 2-7 Association of Clinical Pastoral Education Philadelphia, Pa.              | Mar. 3-4 Chaplains Conference Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary  |
| Nov. 16-20 TRADOC/FORSCOM Chaplains Conference Norfolk, Va.                        | Mar. 29-30 Chaplains Conference Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary   |
| Nov. 30-Dec. 4 Second Army Chaplains Conference Atlanta, Ga.                       |   |
| Jan. 11-15 Sixth Army Chaplains Conference San Diego, Calif.                       |   |

## Laugh with Your Teenager

This is the title of a book by one of our chaplains, Dr. Byron W. Arledge, who serves at the William P. Kannel Juvenile Court Center in Akron, Ohio. The book is published by Tyndale House.

If you have written a book or know of one written by one of our chaplains, we would appreciate being notified.

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