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PAUSING

In his office, Alex Haley has a picture of a turtle on a fence post. When asked why, he said, "I never want to forget that I have not gotten to this place in life alone."

Samuel wanted the Israelites to remember that God was the One who delivered them from the Philistines. According to the Scriptures, "Then Samuel took a stone and set it up . . . and called its name Ebenezer" (meaning 'Stone of Help,' I Samuel 7:12, RSV). Reflecting on the history of Southern Baptist chaplaincy, I recognize that we are building on the foundation of thousands who have gone before. Thousands contributed to the strength and success of the program of Southern Baptist chaplaincy. Will you pause with me and remember those gone before us? Perhaps you need to join me in writing a letter, making a phone call, saying a word of thanks to someone who has been your "help."

Huey Perry

AWARENESS TOUR FOR LARRY LEWIS

"Chaplaincy is one of Southern Baptists' most vital and fruitful ministries," Larry Lewis said at the end of a four-day tour of chaplaincy ministries visiting chaplains at 15 sites in South Carolina, March 17-21, 1990.

During the four-day tour, Lewis preached to Marine recruits at the Parris Island Marine Base, participated in a Clinical Pastoral Education seminar, rode the night watch with a police chaplain, and observed "war games" at Shaw Air Force Base.

"Probably as many people are won to Christ by chaplains as by any program of work we have," Lewis said in an interview at the conclusion of his tour. "Chaplains go places no pastor or missionary could ever go. They have opportunities to witness and minister that no one else in the Southern Baptist Convention will have. Our chaplains are on the front lines, dealing one-on-one with needs of people," he said. "Chaplaincy is evangelism." Lewis continued, "I am also impressed with their ministry of presence. Their real witness is not in the Sunday morning chapel, but in the opportunities for ministry day by day."

The awareness tour was organized by the Chaplaincy Division, Home Mission Board (HMB), and led by division director, Huey Perry. Perry said the South Carolina sites illustrate the broad scope of chaplaincy ministries performed by more than 2100 endorsed chaplains worldwide, which is a new high.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bob Harbin, chaplain at the Duvall County Jail in Jacksonville, Fla., is Stetson University Chaplain of the Year for 1990.

Bill Welsh, chaplain to the El Paso, Texas, Police Department, is the first chaplain to serve with the United States Custom Service at El Paso.

Steve Ivey, Bonnie Dillon, Al Mieburg, Jim Hightower, and Paul Stephenson are contributors to the new Call To Care, pastoral care series, to be released by the Baptist Sunday School Board in August 1990.

Lew Burnett was elected as secretary of the NCMFAF Executive Council for 1990-91.

A representative from the Chaplaincy Division has been present at every professional organization conference.

Lew Dawson meets with every basic course of the three military services when Southern Baptist are present (a total of 7 courses a year).

The director and division directors meet with all five federal agency chiefs annually.

Paul Stephenson is the secretary for the COMISS REBS.

Huey Perry is on the membership committee of the COMISS REBS.

Gary Batchelor, chaplain at Floyd Medical Center, Rome, Ga., was elected president of the Georgia Society of Hospital Chaplains.

Will Kinnaird, VA Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, recently received a D.Min., and wrote his thesis on "Theodicy and Suffering: Identifying Attitudes Toward Persons Suffering in

Pastoral Counseling Settings."

DID YOU SEE?

The 1989 HMB annual report that featured Chaplain Judy Cadenhead, one of our Navy chaplains, in Puerto Rico.

The March-April 1990 MissionsUSA that featured Chaplain Don Hagler, one of our Air Force chaplains, in Panama.

The article by James Pruett in the Journal of Supervision and Training in Ministry, Volume 11, 1989, entitled "My Theory and Practice of Clinical Supervision with Pastoral Counseling Trainees."

The article, "Teenage Baptism a Rite of Passage," by Gary K. Halbrook in Living with Teenagers magazine, April-May 1990 issue.

"A Look Back At 1989"

Chaplaincy in retrospect one-liners:

1. Chaplain Eugene Elmore was selected as Chief of Chaplains, Civil Air Patrol, and Cal Turpin as Deputy Chief.

2. Chaplain Gordon Herb was the first Southern Baptist endorsed to State Guard of California.

3. Individual chaplaincy interviews were held with 129 students at six SBC seminaries, including 11 women and 8 ethnic minority persons.

4. Army Reserve and National Guard chaplains visited at 5 Reserve Chaplain Training Conferences in Baltimore, Atlanta, Chicago, San Antonio, and Las Vegas.

5. Military Chaplaincy endorsed 118 people--chaplain candidates (25 Army, 13 Navy, and 8 Air Force), 32 direct appointments to Reserve/Guard (Army 16, Navy 13, Air Force 3), 26 direct appointments to Active Duty (Army 19, Navy 7), 14 endorsed to Civil Air Patrol.

6. Initial endorsements to Military Chaplaincy included six women and five ethnic minority individuals.

7. Lowell Bartness, Air Force Reserve chaplain, became a church planter in Burlington, Vt.

8. Thomas Ha, pastor of Vietnamese Baptist Church in Seattle, was endorsed to Army Reserves.

9. Carla Cherry, Navy chaplain candidate, ministers to New Orleans street people.

10. Enio Aquero, Air Force chaplain candidate, pastors a Hispanic Baptist congregation in Wilson, N.C.

11. David Bishop, Army Reserve chaplain, became a church starter in Salem, N.H.

12. Army Air Corps Chaplain (RET) Aubrey Halsell, founder of First Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska, is now establishing the Alaska Baptist Foundation.

13. Because of congressional budget constraints, there was significant slowdown in accessions to active duty.

14. Southern Baptists are filling 5 major positions on Air Force installations in the Pacific. In fact, one is the PACAF staff chaplain.

15. Southern Baptists are serving as staff chaplains in 6 major commands of the army (4 stateside and 2 overseas).

16. At least 3 of our Navy chaplains provided pastoral ministry to families and crew of the USS IOWA.

17. In 1989, Southern Baptists became the largest group of chaplains on active duty in the Army, surpassing Roman Catholics.

18. In 1989, a retired Air Force chaplain became the associate director of Military Chaplaincy, the first Air Force chaplain since Bill Clark retired from the Chaplaincy Division in 1976.

19. During Hurricane Hugo in Puerto Rico, one of our Navy chaplains spent 2 days and nights in a basement without utilities comforting and taking care of 2 pregnant women who were due to deliver.

20. Forty-nine bivocational pastors have been trained in hospital ministry in Richfield and Price, Utah, since March 1989. The 2 hospitals are administered by LDS, CEOs.

21. Four hundred-seventy six collegians were counseled by the division staff during Missions 90, December 27-31, 1989, thus warranting additional seminary recruiting time from the Hospital Chaplaincy director and his colleagues.

22. Kathy Powe, Mission 85 alumnus, completed her B.S., R.N., at Auburn and is now enrolled at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the M.Div. chaplaincy track. "How pleased I was to be able to be a part of a work begun by my colleagues 5 years ago," she said.

23. Home missionary Medford Hutson reports that the Idaho-Utah Southern Baptist Convention is planning a continued emphasis on Hospital Chaplaincy and Institutional and Business-Industrial Chaplaincy.

24. Mark Fite of St. Mary's Hospital, Athens, Ga., facilitated the baptism of an 82-year-old stroke victim by her Church of God pastor, witnessed by a Presbyterian head nurse, a Baptist chaplain, a Church of God pastor and patient, and a Presbyterian caregiver, in a Catholic hospital. How is that for interfaith witness?

25. Elaine Hickman, an endorsed Southern Baptist chaplain, serves as chaplain director at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield, Calif. In 1989, she served on the College of Chaplains Board of Trustees and is now a candidate for president-elect of that organization.

26. Pastoral counselor Jim Epperly of First Baptist Church, Newnan, Ga., has developed and implemented a Family Helping Family family-life education program to foster healthy interpersonal relations within the nuclear family. Epperly reports a growing sensitivity within the fellowship of the church.

27. Jim Hightower, pastoral counselor and pastoral ministries consultant with the SSB, was a featured presenter on the BTN Family Life Education series during 1988.

28. Pastoral counselor Barry Click, in concert with his

colleagues Hal Ritter and Mike Smith, continues to train bivocational ethnic pastors as an expression of the Waco, Texas, Samaritan Counseling Center.

29. In August 1989, Chaplain Danny Watkins joined the University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical Center pastoral care staff through the joint efforts of the HMB, Alabama Baptist Convention, and Birmingham Baptist Association.

30. Paul Stephenson led Chaplaincy Awareness seminars in the Owensboro, Ky., and St. Louis, Mo., Associations in 1989.

31. Prison Chaplain Angela Church, sitting with families of prison employees who are being held hostage by rebellious inmates, comforts them by praying with them, helps them express anxiety and anger, and models the presence of God.

32. Police Chaplain Lowell Lawson helped a family that went to Detroit to identify the belongings of a daughter who was aboard the Northwest Airlines flight that crashed on a highway next to the airport.

33. Business Chaplain Paul Stuart explored with an employee the behavior of tardiness and absenteeism which is threatening her future employment.

34. Jail Chaplain Rebecca Lewis helped an inmate express the terror and shame of being locked up for the first time in her life.

35. Race Track Chaplain Jim Watson walks through the stables on the backside of the track at 7:30 am, greeting the exercise boys, grooms, and trainers, just to let them know that God is there and loves trackers too.

36. Airport Chaplain Charles Shirley called a local pastor who speaks Vietnamese while a Vietnamese couple, newly arrived at the airport, sat in his office, confused and lost because no one was there to meet them.

37. Campus Chaplain Marie Bean talks with a college junior who is just now asking the question "What am I going to do when I graduate?", helping her to listen to God's call to surrender to serve.

38. Emergency Medical Service Chaplain Glenn Davis has coffee with the EMT team, helping them express their feelings about the carnage they experience at the scenes of accidents.

39. Pastor and Police Chaplain Danny Souder ride in a police car late at night listening to the two officers tell about the pressure on them and their families caused by their work hours and the tension under which they must live.

40. Fire Chaplain Denny Burris talks with firemen at the scene of an apartment complex fire as they express their fears about people being trapped inside and unable to call for help.

41. A position description for associational Missions Development for the Chaplaincy Ministries director was published in 1989.

43. In 1989, more than 80 local unions became involved in, or interested in, initiating a chaplaincy program.

43. A new brochure on Law Enforcement was published in 1989. Copies are available upon request.

44. Now there is one prison inmate for every 497 people, which accounts for the continued rapid growth of institutional chaplaincy.

45. Read the article by Huey Perry in the May 1990 edition of the Baptist Program entitled "Wanted: Witnesses in Unique Settings."

CHAPLAINCY ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

The annual Chaplaincy Division statistical report for 1989 reflected an increase in a number of ministry activities of Southern Baptist-endorsed chaplains over previous years. There were decreases in other areas. The number of visits reported showed a significant increase over 1987 and 1988 from 1,726,236 and 1,848,125 respectively to 2,230,541. There was also an increase in worship services held (70,613) and counseling services (434,776) in 1989. However, there was a decrease in the number of professions of faith and baptisms contrasted with those reported in 1988. The number of reports received in a given quarter for the year remained below 60 percent. A comparison of the report of ministry activities for endorsed chaplains for 1987, 1988 and 1989 is as follows:

ACTIVITY	1987	1988	1989
Worship Serv.	69,617	66,630	70,613
Bible Cl/Prayer	31,313	38,980	38,718
Sunday Schools	12,544	10,305	11,135
Relig. Instr.	19,132	17,325	18,025
Lay Ldr. Trng.	5,312	5,272	4,619
Visits	1,726,236	1,848,125	2,230,541
Counseling	411,653	423,292	434,776
Prof. of Faith	17,975	22,273	18,622
Baptisms	3,072	3,555	2,911
Weddings	3,167	3,168	3,098
Funerals	3,905	4,181	4,515

As some of the above statistical information is forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention for the annual convention report, it is important that chaplaincy ministry statistics be as complete as possible.

RETIRED

Marvin D. Hays, Army National Guard, 11/87-Okla.
 John C. Renfroe, Air National Guard, 1/88-Miss.
 James H. Rutherford, Navy, 1/1/89-S.C.
 Van Dyke Quick, Army, 6/6/89-Miss.
 James C. Calmes, Army National Guard, 7/89-Ill.
 Gerald H. Smith, Army, 7/31/89-La.
 G. Richard Travis, Army, 7/31/89-Wash.
 Coy C. Privette, Army Reserves, 8/13/89-N.C.
 Gene McIntosh, Air Force, 8/31/89-Texas
 Gary J. Cragun, Navy, 9/1/89-Calif.
 Hylon Vickers, Institutional, 9/14/89-Texas
 Clarence H. Roland, Army, 9/30/89-Ga.
 George E. Richardson, Industrial, 11/1/89-La.
 Newell E. Taylor, Industrial (part-time), 11/21/89-Calif.
 Carl Flick, Navy, 11/30/89-Fla.
 Donald N. Scott, Industrial, 11/30/89- Kan.
 James W. Millsaps, Air Force, 12/31/89-Tenn.
 Harley C. Dixon, Hospital, 12/31/89-Ky.
 Andy Miles, Institutional, 1/1/90-Ga.
 Caly E. Byrne, Army Reserves, 1/14/90-Tenn.
 O. Bron Forrester, Navy, 1/31/90-Va.
 William G. Justice, Hospital, 1/31/90-Tenn.
 Charles A. Tyson, Army Active Duty, 1/1/90-Okla.

IN MEMORIAM

Chaplain Clifford J. Hoolsema, 219th St. and 27th Ave., Miami, FL 33054

Died: October 7, 1989; Survived by: wife, Reva; son, Jack. Clifford was the nation's first full-time race track chaplain.

Chaplain David E. Keels, Jr., 1489 Vernon North Dr., Atlanta, GA 20338

Died: December 4, 1989; Survived by: wife, Mary; daughter, Amy; son, Andy.

Chaplain Floyd R. Key, 214 South Jones, Bolivia, TN 38008
Died: December 21, 1989; Survived by: wife, Jimmie; daughters, Peggy and Kelly.

Floyd served in Institutional Chaplaincy since being endorsed in March 1973.

Chaplain Robert D. Weber, c/o Jimmy Weber, P.O. Box 85, Trent, TX 79561.

Died: January 25, 1990; Survived by: wife, Patricia; daughter, Gayle and sons Jimmy and Paul.

Bob was endorsed as a hospital chaplain, as a member in American Association of Pastoral Counselors, and as a pastoral counselor.

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1990 EVENTS

July 28- Aug. 3	Chaplains and Family Retreat (Home Missions Week), Glorieta, N.M.
Aug. 10-11	Civil Air Patrol National Conference, Reno, Nev.
Aug. 12-16	American Correctional Association, San Diego, Calif.
Sept. 2-6	National Association of Catholic Chaplains, Dallas, Texas
Oct. 22-27	Fifth U.S. Army Chaplain Conference, San Antonio, Texas
Nov. 6-10	Association of Clinical Pastoral Education, Baltimore, Md.
Nov. 12-15	Chief of Chaplains Conference, Army, St. Louis, Mo.

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