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Chaplaincy Ministries Newsletter

In times like these, let us hear again the message of the heavenly host: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all." Luke 2:14

May this Christmas have special meaning for you and yours. Best wishes for the new year.

The Chaplaincy Division Staff

PAUSING

When Daddy was drafted to serve in the U.S. Navy in World War II, Mother was left with the task of being mother and father to five children. She did it! How, I will never understand; but she did it.

My most memorable Christmas goes back to that time. The year was 1944. Mom had piled all five of us into the black '37 Plymouth (with a red bumper) for a shopping trip. When we returned, there was Daddy, sitting on the front porch. He had managed to get some leave time. There he was--home--to share Christmas with us. That was the beginning of my growing understanding that Christmas is influenced greatly by our responses to the circumstances around us.

One day recently, the mail brought letters from two of our Southern Baptist chaplains involved in Operation Desert Shield. One letter gave exciting reports about the responses from sharing the Good News with the U.S. troops deployed to the desert--worship, Bible studies, prayer meetings, and baptisms. The other letter was filled with complaints, "how bad it is" and "woe is me."

What made the difference in those two letters? We may begin to see the difference when we read Paul's statement in 2 Corinthians. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself."

Almost 2,300 Southern Baptist-endorsed chaplains and pastoral counselors serve in a variety of situations throughout the world. Some of you will join with family and friends before

an open fire in the midst of abundance to celebrate Christmas. Others of you, separated by thousands of miles from family and home, will join with your "parishioners" to celebrate Christmas.

Regardless of where you are or what the circumstances are for Christmas 1990, I pray that this Christmas will be one of your most memorable. Know that as I pause to celebrate Christmas, I shall thank God for you. Merry Christmas and best wishes for 1991.

Huey D. Perry, Director
Chaplaincy Division

Chaplains Commission Celebrates Its Fiftieth Year

Although Southern Baptist ministers served as chaplains as early as 1863, the Chaplains Commission was not formed until 1941. The Southern Baptist Convention started the Commission during its annual session, May 14-18, 1941, in Birmingham, Ala. The Home Mission Board was designated as the agency to house the Chaplains Commission. 1991 will mark 50 years of recognized chaplaincy ministry by the Convention.

The Chaplaincy Division of the Home Mission Board encourages chaplains to contact local churches and associations in 1991 to develop special celebrations. May includes a

Convention-wide Chaplaincy Ministries emphasis. This would be an ideal time to focus on special chaplaincy ministries. Anyone having suggestions for special recognitions is encouraged to contact the Chaplaincy Division.

Reserve Component Chaplains Being Called to Active Duty

Southern Baptist Reserve component chaplains being called to active duty may need help with details related to their ministry positions. They should contact the Chaplaincy Division, Home Mission Board, for guidelines developed to assist chaplains and churches.

Status of Reserve, National Guard, and Civil Air Patrol Chaplaincy

Throughout history, Southern Baptist churches have supplied many men and women to the armed forces. They have served in a number of capacities, including chaplain. Because of the emphasis on readiness and the necessity of maintaining a large Reserve and National Guard force, ministers who serve both churches and the military services extend the church's spiritual ministry to people and places that might otherwise go unreached.

Many Southern Baptist ministers have responded to this dual ministry of serving God and country.

Currently, Southern Baptists have endorsed 245 chaplains to Reserves (138 Army, 57 Navy, 50 Air Force), 131 to National Guard (108 Army, 23 Air Force), 114 to Civil Air Patrol, and 99 seminarians (51 Army, 24 Navy, 24 Air Force).

When applying for the chaplain candidate program, an individual applies, at the same time, to the Army or Navy and to the denomination. However, the Air Force operates on a quota system. Application is made to the denomination, and, when fully processed, it is placed on hold until quotas are received annually from the Air Force. According to the number granted, a proportionate number of applications is provided to the Air Force. Then the Air Force contacts applicants to complete the necessary military paperwork. A similar process is also followed for Air Force Reserves and active duty.

The military depends on all denominations to provide theologically trained, spiritually motivated, and denominationally qualified ministers to serve as chaplains. The Chaplaincy Division of the Home Mission Board serves the Southern Baptist Convention in carrying out this mission.

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STAYING IN TOUCH WITH THE FAMILY

Many chaplains feel isolated from their churches and denominational families. Some "family" members think chaplains have "left the ministry." Others do not know what chaplains do and, therefore, do not know how to include them. Chaplains need their families. The following are some things chaplains can do to stay in touch.

1. Find a local Southern Baptist church as soon as possible after you move to your assignment. If you are in an area

State Convention Chaplaincy Representatives

These representatives can be contacted through their state convention offices.

Alabama	Dale Huff
Alaska	Bill Duncan
Arizona	Amos Coffey and Nathan Pillow
Arkansas	Carter Tucker
California	Greg Sumi
Colorado	John Allen
Florida	Larry Elliott
Georgia	Archie Mayo
Hawaii	W.C. Garland
Illinois	James Norman
Indiana	James Abernathy
Iowa	Wyndell Jones
Kansas/Nebraska	John Hopkins
Kentucky	Robert Jones
Louisiana	Arnold Norsworthy and John Gilbert
Maryland	Jimmie Jackson
Michigan	William Whitt
Minnesota/Wisconsin	Otha Winningham
Mississippi	Richard Brogan and Bill Jones
Missouri	Don Anders
Montana	James Nelson
New England	Tom Moncrief
New Mexico	Michael Summers
New York	Glenn Igleheart
Nevada	Don Mulkey
North/South Dakota	Dewey Hickey
Northwest	Elmer Whiten
Ohio	Fred Hill and Clyde Kimble
Oklahoma	Joe Williams
Pennsylvania/South Jersey	Bob Moore
South Carolina	Bernice Popham and Hunter Phillips
Tennessee	J.C. Carpenter
Texas	Richard Faling
Utah/Idaho	Bruce Gardner
Washington, D.C	Roy Godwin
Virginia	Phillip Rodgersson
West Virginia	Cliff Davis
Wyoming	John Herrington
Canada (Alberta)	Jack Conner

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHAPLAINS CONFERENCES

In 1991, the Home Mission Board, through the Chaplaincy Division, will provide financial assistance for chaplains endorsed in category A or B (full-time and part-time positions, including Reserves, National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, and retired chaplains) who attend an entire seminary or Ridgecrest/Glorieta chaplains conference.

SEMINARY CONFERENCES:

Chaplains driving their personal vehicles will receive \$.20 per mile to the nearest seminary, with \$100.00 maximum.

Chaplains driving their personal vehicles with additional chaplain passenger(s) will receive \$.25 per mile to the nearest seminary, with a \$125.00 maximum.

Each chaplain attending a seminary conference will receive up to a total of \$50.00 to assist with lodging and \$20.00 for food. No provision is made for spouses expenses, but spouses are encouraged to attend.

RIDGECREST/GLORIETA CONFERENCES:

Financial assistance in the total amount indicated for those attending will be as follows:

\$50.00 for endorsed chaplain

\$50.00 for spouse

\$20.00 for each dependent child attending

Registration costs for chaplain, spouse, and dependent children

Reservations for Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Center housing must be made directly with the conference centers. Telephone numbers and addresses are:

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center

P.O. Box 128
Ridgecrest, NC 28770
(704) 669-8022

Glorieta Baptist Conference Center

P.O. Box 8
Glorieta, NM 87535
(505) 757-6161

Reservations should be made as soon as possible after February 1, 1991.

1991 CONFERENCE DATES

<u>January</u>			
7-11	Sixth U.S. Army Training School, Phoenix, Ariz.	19-23	American Association of Mental Retardation, Washington, D.C.
13-16	American Correctional Association, Louisville, Ky.		
13-17	Race Track Chaplains of American, San Francisco, Calif.	<u>June</u>	
28-31	First U.S. Army Training School, Baltimore, Md.	3	Southern Baptist Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Convocation, Atlanta, Ga.
<u>February</u>			
4-8	Fourth U.S. Army Training School, Lake Geneva, Wis.	4-6	Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.
18-20	Chaplains Conference, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.	29-July 5	Home Missions Conference, Ridgecrest, N.C.
18-22	Second U.S. Army Training School, Mobile, Ala.	<u>July</u>	
25-27	Chaplains Conference, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.	6-12	Jericho, Ridgecrest, N.C.
26-27	Navy Reserve Chaplains Conference, Navy Training Center, Orlando, Fla.	7-11	International Conference of Police Chaplains, Arlington, Texas
<u>March</u>			
4-6	Chaplains Conference, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas	20-26	Home Missions Conference, Glorieta, N.M.
4-6	Chaplains Conference, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.	27-August 2	Jericho, Glorieta, N.M.
11-13	Southeastern Region, American Correctional Chaplains Association, Columbia, S.C.	<u>August</u>	
16	American Association for Ministry in the Workplace, Miami, Fla.	4-8	American Correctional Association, Minneapolis, Minn.
16-20	College of Chaplains, Miami, Fla.	<u>November</u>	
17	National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplains, Miami, Fla.	20-23	Association of Clinical Pastoral Education, Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, Colo.
18-20	Chaplains Conference, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.		
<u>April</u>			
1-3	Chaplains Conference, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.		
25-28	American Association of Pastoral Counselors, New Orleans, La.		
<u>May</u>			
11-16	American Association of Mental Health Clergy, New Orleans, La.		

where Southern Baptists are not plentiful, call the Chaplaincy Division office. Let us help you find someone to contact.

2. Make an appointment to meet the pastor of the local church and the associational director of of missions (DOM). Perhaps you can take them to lunch or invite them to your home for salad, dessert, or hamburgers. To know you is to love you. Give them the opportunity.
3. If you have chapel services in your facility or agency, invite the pastor and DOM to participate occasionally.
4. Offer to provide workshops, training sessions, Discipleship Training programs, and Sunday School lessons. If you go before members of your church with information about your work and provide helpful material, they will reach out to you.
5. Attend as many pastors conferences as possible. Invite pastors to your facility to learn about your ministry. Introduce them to the staff and administration. You will strengthen more than your own ties.
6. Offer yourself to serve on associational committees. The association is always looking for people to take responsibilities.
7. Make personal contact with the person in your state convention who is responsible for chaplaincy. If you do not know who this person is, call the Chaplaincy Division, Home Mission Board.
8. Offer to assist in world missions conferences. Contact Myra Book at the Home Mission Board for more information.

Most people do not know what chaplains do; therefore, they find it difficult to take the initiative in getting acquainted. If you want to stay in touch, make the first move. You will be surprised how well it works most of the time.

Correctional and Hospital Chaplaincy Opportunities

The director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons has indicated that a number of openings are available for ministers to serve as chaplains. Contact Bill Donovan, Chaplaincy Division, Home Mission Board, for further information.

For information about availability of openings for ministers to serve as chaplains at veterans hospitals, contact Paul Stephenson, Chaplaincy Division, Home Mission Board.

Chaplains Commission Members

Larry Lewis, president, Home Mission Board, ex-officio member
Paul Adkins, vice-president, Home Mission Board, Ministry, ex-officio member
Austin Tucker, chairman, Chaplains Commission, Louisiana
Jackie Ingram, secretary, Chaplains Commission, Oklahoma
Ronald Gaynor, pastor, Georgia

Joe Bob Mizzell, pastor, Alabama
W. Ray Sarratt, businessman, Georgia
Lawson Schroeder, dentist, Georgia

New Members:

William H. Delaney, practicing attorney before entering the ministry; degrees from Memphis Theological Seminary, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, University of Oklahoma, Baylor University, and Samford University; retired pastor; member executive board, Tennessee Baptist Convention; wife, Mabel; four children; lives in Chattanooga, Tenn.

R. Dale Gross, pastor, South Hill Baptist Church; graduate, Maranatha Bible Seminary, Luther Rice Seminary, Gulf Shore Graduate School; police chaplain; wife, Judy; lives in Milford, Mich.

Llwyn Walker, director, English as a second language ministry; Sunday School teacher of young adult couples; WMU director; member, church missions committee, First Baptist Church; two daughters; lives in Lubbock, Texas.

New Chaplaincy Brochures

New brochures from the Chaplaincy Division will be available early in 1991. The titles are:

Institutional Chaplaincy (320-03F)
Invest in a Chaplain - The Alfred A. Carpenter
Scholarship Fund (620-29F)
Law Enforcement Chaplaincy (620-08F)
The Alfred A. Carpenter Scholarship Fund
(620-30F)
Pastoral Counselor (620-31F)

For further information, contact the Chaplaincy Division, Home Mission Board.

In Memoriam

Donald S. Whitehouse, 972 Draughn Ave., Nashville, TN 37204. Died April 13, 1990. Survived by wife, Nancy; daughters, Nancy and Donna; son, Kenneth. Don served as an Air Force Reserves chaplain for 33 years.

Kathleen A. Coshatt, 1414 Reeves St., Dothan, AL 31603. Died April 23, 1990; no known survivors. Kathleen was an Army chaplain candidate while a seminary student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Charles J. Barnes, 1954 Modoc Dr., Chico, CA 95928. Died April 29, 1990. Survived by wife, Louise; sons, Judson, Bob, and Bruce; daughters, Beth and Karen. Charles served for 26 years as an Air Force chaplain.

Benjamin H. Walter, c/o Pleasant Home Baptist Church, 220 Summit Dr., Milton, FL 32570. Died June 13, 1990. Survived by daughter, Kelly; sons, David and W. Mark. Mrs. Walters died in the same auto accident. Ben served for 28 years as an Air Force chaplain.

Roby D. Goff, HC 63, Box 88, Harper, TX 78631-9602. Died June 22, 1990. Survived by wife, Mary; daughters, Vanessa and Maurine. Roby served for 19 years as a Veterans Administration chaplain.

John H. Lucas, 15440 S.E. Fifteenth, Chocoma, AZ 85919. Died July 12, 1990. Survived by wife, Hellen; sons, Kendall; daughter, Karen. John served as a police chaplain and as a pastor.

Walter G. Gummelt, 3430 Kings Cross Rd., Alexandria, VA 22303. Died July 27, 1990. Survived by wife, Jo; son, Walter Jr. Walter served as an Army National Guard chaplain for 27 years and was a member of the American Protestant Hospital Association.

Roy L. Bonner, 4763 Fifty-Fifth St., San Diego, CA 92115. Died September 6, 1990. Survived by wife, Jewell; a son and a daughter. Roy served for 18 years as a Navy chaplain.

Minister's Dependent Scholarship

A dependent of a full-time, endorsed chaplain is eligible for a minister's dependent scholarship at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. A minister's dependent scholarship is valued at approximately 40 percent of tuition costs. For further information, contact Dan Belcher, dean of admissions and financial aid, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Dr., Birmingham, AL 35229.

RETIREES

James D. Richardson, NVR, 1/1/90
Dana Collett, ARR, 2/90
Colon S. Jackson, NAV, 4/30/90
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Gerald W. Lawton, ARR, 5/1/90
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Salvatore Rubino, NAV, 6/30/90
Hubert R. Hunting, HOS, 6/30/90
Milton H. Pope, PTH, 7/6/90
John B. Williams, CAP, 7/9/90
John D. Galloway, HOS, 7/13/90
James F. Harley, HOS, 8/31/90
William N. McGraw, AFA, 10/1/90
A.N. Hollis Jr., HOS, 10/1/90
Dudley T. Pomeroy, PTH, 10/15/90
Donald M. Farrow, ARR, 10/23/90

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