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VALENTINE HEADS COMMISSION

Dr. Foy D. Valentine of Dallas, Texas, has been elected Executive Secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention succeeding Dr. A. C. Miller. He will begin his new duties June 1.

Dr. Valentine has been director of the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1953, when he also succeeded Dr. Miller, who left the Texas position to assume the Southern Baptist Convention leadership post in Nashville.

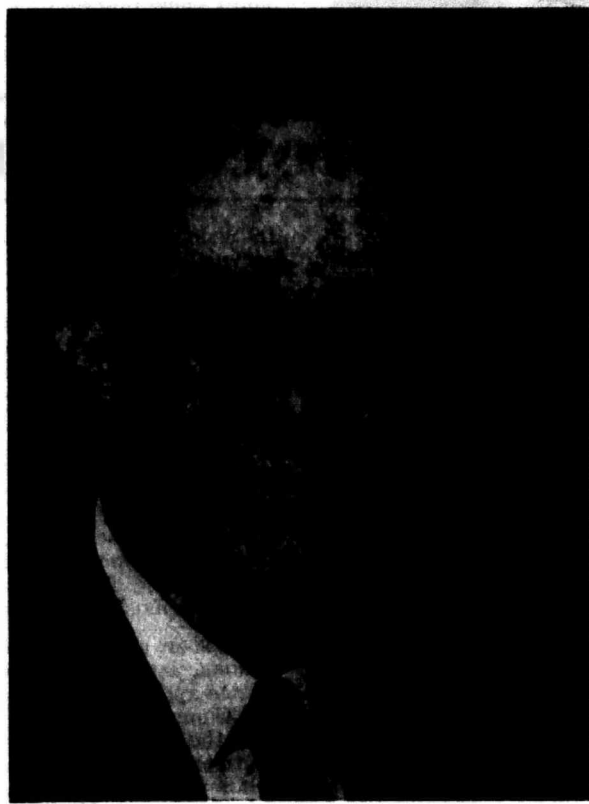
A native of Edgewood, Texas, Dr. Valentine received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and his Master and Doctor of Theology degrees at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. Valentine's previous pastoral and denominational experience includes the following: pastor of the Jonah Baptist Church at Jonah, Texas, from 1942 to 1943; pastor of the Golden Baptist Church at Golden, Texas, from 1944 to 1947; director of

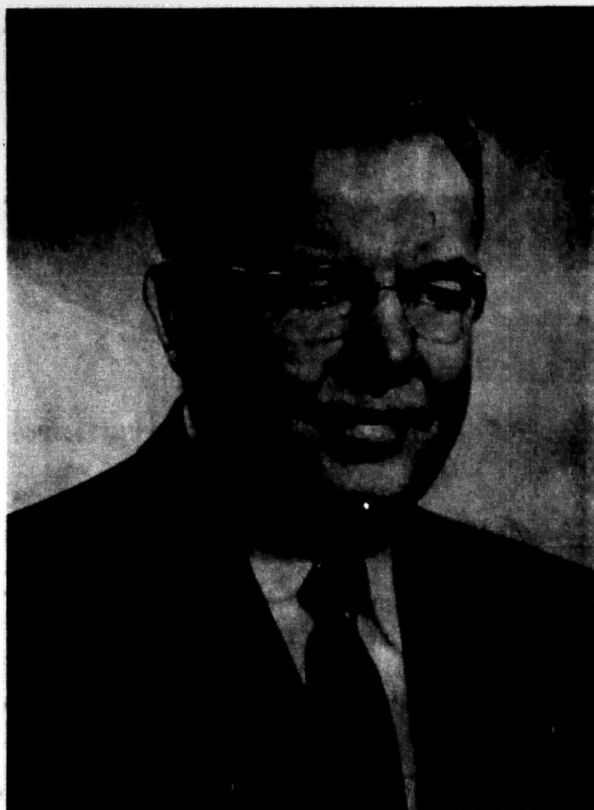
Baptist student activities for colleges in Houston, Texas, from 1949 to 1950; pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gonzales, Texas, from 1950 to 1953; and special representative in race relations for the Texas Baptist Convention from 1947 to 1948.

Dr. Valentine is the author of a number of tracts on various aspects of Christian Life Commission work, including family life, race relations, moral issues, economic life, and Christian citizenship.

The Christian Life Commission is happy to welcome Dr. Valentine as its new Executive Secretary.



DR. FOY VALENTINE



A. C. MILLER

functions are described in the report of the Program Study Committee of the Commission.

II. Proposed changes in the administration needs of the Commission have led me to feel that the timing is right for my successor to assume leadership of the administration of the Commission for these reasons:

1. The program of the Commission is under study by its committee and will be presented to the Convention through the Executive Committee in September, 1960.

2. The plans for new office quarters for the Commission are in process of development, but final decisions on arrangement have been postponed a year.

3. The present secretarial staff have changes in their plans which will leave the successor free to choose his own staff.

III. Anticipating these program and staff changes following the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Louisville last May, I began to look forward to my retirement in order to give the Commission an opportunity to choose a successor with adequate preparation to lead its expanding program. In seeking to arrive at a decision I sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit in earnest and prolonged prayer. He had led me to accept this position, and I knew that he would guide me and the members of this Commission in planning for my retirement. He has definitely led me to my retirement residence

A. C. Miller Retires

My decision to retire from the position of Executive Secretary of the Christian Life Commission and to enter a different phase of my Christian ministry and service is based on developments relating to the program of the Commission and of the Southern Baptist Convention.

1. In view of the growth of the work of the Christian Life Commission, which imposes increased responsibilities on the Executive Secretary, I feel that the best interests of the Commission will be better served by my retirement at age sixty-eight and the employment of a capable and trained man in this position. This growth is manifested by the following developments:

1. Developments arising out of the acceptance by the Southern Baptist Convention of the report of its Committee on Total Program. This report, and the re-organization of Convention agencies required by its provisions, establishes for the Commission a more inclusive relationship to the Convention, which will permit the Commission to fulfil its functions in a broader and more intensive program of service.

2. Developments in the function of the Commission growing out of its extended program. These

in Sedona, Arizona, where I have been invited to serve the First Baptist Church in my retired position.

Before these plans were made for the move to Sedona, I asked the Executive Committee of the Commission to appoint a committee representing the Commission to advise with me and the Commission on my retirement. This was on October 5, 1959. I told the Executive Committee and the members of the Program Study Committee at that time that I was going to the California and Arizona Conventions in November and that several inquiries had come for my services after my retirement. I told them if an opportunity for service in my retirement should come from any of these inquiries, that I would seriously consider its acceptance.

As soon as I was led to the decision to move to Sedona, I wrote each member of the special committee appointed on October 5 to advise with me and the Commission on my retirement. In this letter I told the committee that I would like to make this move to Sedona by January 31, 1960; but that if they felt my services with the Commission should be retained through February, 1960, I was sure it could be arranged.

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To Marry

The Christian Life Commission is happy to join the parents of Miss Jan Nisbet in the announcement of her marriage to Mr. James T. Boyd, City-wide BSU Director in Little Rock, Arkansas. The wedding will be in Nashville on the morning of April 30, 1960. Miss Nisbet has served on the staff of the Commission since June, 1956. She will continue her services until April 15.

Miss Nisbet is a graduate of Baylor University. She came to the Commission following her graduation from Southwestern Baptist Seminary with the MRE degree in May, 1956. Her academic preparation and her life and service as a follower of Christ have fitted her preeminently for her work with the Commission. She was given the position of Editorial Secretary on the staff, in which position she has served with distinction. She has prepared the copy and layout for tracts, programs, and the Commission's bi-monthly bulletin *Light*, and directed the preparation of a series of color slides on the work of the Commission. In addition to her writings for the Commission, she has written socials and lesson materials for the Baptist Sunday School Board, and two poems for the *Baptist Student Magazine*.

Miss Nisbet has also been an able assistant in the research function of the Commission. Many of the requests for information that come to this agency have been answered from her studies and research. She has had charge of the annual literature displays at the Southern Baptist Convention and at Student Week at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. Still another phase of her work has been that of bookkeeper for the Commission.

I wish to express to each member of this committee my grateful appreciation for their consideration and courtesies in advising with me on my retirement. I wish also to express to each member of the Executive Committee and of the entire Commission my grateful appreciation for their constructive cooperation in all the work of the Commission and the large part they have taken in the growth and development of its program of service.

I am sure we all agree that this Commission now faces its greatest day of opportunity in its work with



MISS JAN NISBET

Jan will tell you she is exceedingly happy to assume the role of homemaker in the attractive apartment at 402 N. Rose in Little Rock. In this position she feels that she is not only fulfilling the high hope and privilege of every woman in the plan of God, but that she is entering another phase of Christian service in the opportunity of building a Christian home.

The Commission will miss her and the high quality of her service. Her place will be hard to fill. But we feel that God will lead in choosing her successor, as he led in bringing her to this place of service.—ACM

Southern Baptists and with the Christian leadership of the world. I shall continue with you in prayer for God to guide you in the best wisdom and courage of which you are capable in the fulfillment of this great challenge.

Sincerely yours,
A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary

DINNER HONORS MILLERS

Commission Elects New Officers

On Tuesday night, March 1, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller were honored at a dinner at the Hermitage Hotel given by the members of the Christian Life Commission, marking his retirement after seven years of service as Executive Secretary. At the dinner Dr. Miller was presented with a cash gift and with trout fishing equipment. The Millers are shown below with Dr. Robert McCan, who made the presentation for the Commission.

A resolution of the Commission cited Dr. Miller for his outstanding leadership, and stated that "he has brought prestige and honor to the Commission and its causes. He has displayed wise leadership, has taken courageous stands, and has had patient endurance in times of tension."



MRS. MILLER, MILLER, McCAN

Among the guests present at the banquet were Dr. James L. Sullivan, Dr. and Mrs. Porter Routh, Dr. and Mrs. Albert McClellan, Dr. and Mrs. Davis Wooley, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Barry, and Dr. and Mrs. Harold Purdy.

Following the dinner a brief business meeting was held, at which time the Commission elected the following new officers: Dr. G. Avery Lee, Chairman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ruston, La.; Dr. Daniel R. Grant, Vice-chairman, Professor of Political Science at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; and Dr. R. B. Culbreth, Recording Secretary, pastor of the Miami Springs Baptist Church, Miami Springs, Fla.



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