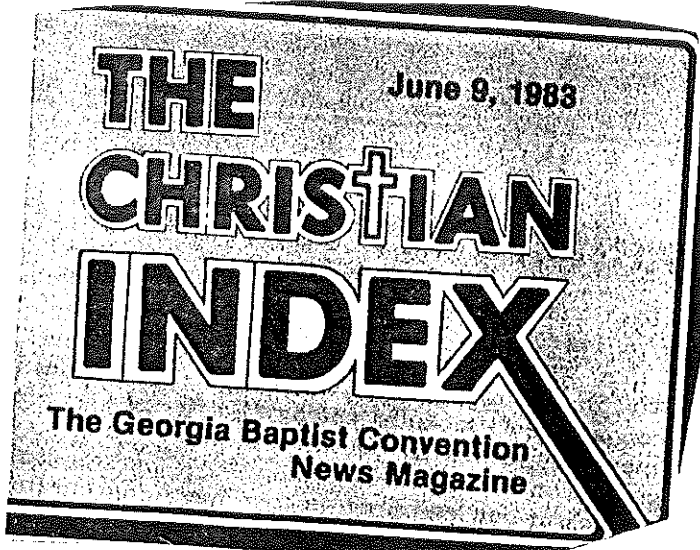


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Smoke Rise church in Stone Mountain dedicated a new nursery suite.
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Mrs. Barbara Adair is organist at Brookhaven church in Atlanta.

Pastor and Mrs. Jim Chavis of Dunwoody church begin 10 weeks of study leave this week.
Gail Winkle resigned as director of kindergarten at Dunwoody church where she has served four years. *ST*

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Tim Smith is summer youth director at Sardis church. He is from Tucker and a student at Mercer University. 6-9-1988
Pine Lake Music Company is sponsoring a "Christmas In August" music conference at Mt. Carmel Christian Church Aug. 26-27 for area ministers of music. Contact Wayne Haynes in Decatur at 404/981-8940 for information and registration. Registration deadline is A1

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Thomas J. Holmes is interim pastor of Scott Boulevard church in Decatur. He recently completed an interim ministry at McCaysville First church.

Dunwoody church is featured in March-April issue of *Missions USA* for its missions' ministries.

James P. Wesberry is interim pastor at Northwoods church in Chamblee.

Rehoboth church in Tucker has purchased a computer system valued at \$45,000.

Stone Mountain First church is sponsoring a mission trip to First Southern Baptist Church of South Williamsport, Penn., in June.

Celestine Sibley will be Honors Day speaker at Tift College April 20. She is a well-known author/reporter/columnist for *The Atlanta Constitution*.

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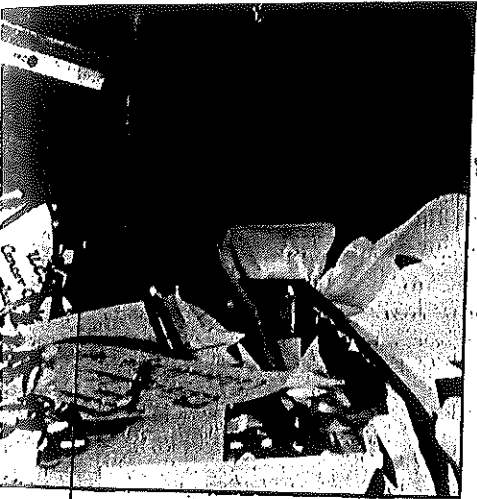
BREWTON-PARKER NAMES PRESIDENT

Y. Lynn Holmes was elected president of Brewton-Parker College last Saturday during a called meeting of the school's board of trustees. Board chairman Jack LeRoy announced election of the West Georgia College professor who is from Vidalia and Dublin. Dr. Holmes succeeds W. Starr Miller who is returning to teaching at the school (*Index*, Jan. 20). More information and pictures in next week's *Index*.

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America' Exhibit Fernbank Center

Land Management lands — about four percent of the nation's land base — have been protected by Congress as wilderness areas.

The centerpiece of the exhibit consists of photographs of outstanding but threatened areas the society believes need to be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS). These include areas in Alaska, the northern Rockies of Montana and Idaho, western desert lands, the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest, and the mountains of the Southern Appalachians.

The Wilderness Society is the only national conservation organization devoted exclusively to public land issues and the preservation of wilderness. Founded in 1935, The Society has 370,000 members and 16 offices nationwide. The Society's Atlanta office has been at work since 1977 and covers the Southeastern states.

The Timberland Company, based in Hampton, New Hampshire, is an integrated manufacturer of premium-quality footwear.

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more information on the conference, call 727-8860.

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ANDREW AFFLICK APPOINTED SGT. IN AIR FORCE

Andrew R. Afflick has been appointed a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He is an awards manager in Turkey, with the 2006th Communications Squadron. He is the son of Marie and Paul Afflick of Briar bend Court, Stone Mountain.



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THE CHILDREN, grandchildren and other relatives of James Doss and Pearl Bethel Morgan Grubbs held a family reunion at the home and farm of George and Helen Grubbs Wilhoit in Greeneville, Tenn., on September 12 and 13. Those in attendance were Dan and Martha Eskew Grubbs of Stone Mountain; two daughters and son-in-law, Cindy Grubbs and Jim Southern of Dallas, and Vickie Grubbs Hickam of Atlanta; Mrs. Grubbs' mother, Mary K. Eskew of Macon; George and Helen Grubbs' daughter, Barbara Wilhoit Troutman of Clifton, Virginia, and son, Ronnie, and his wife, Mabel, and son, Chad Wilhoit, of Greeneville, Tenn.; Gurstle Grubbs Hartveld of Ventura, Calif.; her daughter, Belinda Burns, of La Mesa, Calif.; Rita Faye Grubbs Gilley of Rocky Mount, Virginia; Hartsell and Ina Grubbs of Spartanburg, S.C.; Lucille Grubbs Wynn of Bristol, Tenn.; her two daughters and sons-in-law, Phroncie Wynn and Tommy Swiney of Shady Valley, Tenn., and Pat Wynn, Steve and Roby Vansant of Bybee, Tenn. Entertainment was provided by family members Gurstle Hartveld, Belinda Burns and Jim Southern.

CHRISTIE MCLAIN, the daughter of Joyce and Jerry Jordan, was pledged into Zeta Tau Alpha International Fraternity at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.

CINDY AND BRETT BEBOUT of Clarkston announce the birth of their first child, Christopher Brett, on September 2 at Northside Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, three ounces. Grandparents are Dennis and Josie Odom of Decatur and Don and Lou Ann Bibout of Conyers. Great-grandmother is Estelle Odom of Conyers.

THE DECATUR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Kenya Mission Team returned after a week in Kenya. The team visited with Debbie and Rusty Pugh, while there and helped with their coastal revival. One of the members, Joe Gatlin preached in Swahili the first Sunday another member taught young ones and Dr. Peter Rhea Jones spoke twice a day to the missionaries. Those included were Dottie Allen, Krista Arinn, Diana Gabhart, Joe and Dorothea Gatlin, Beth and Banks Haley, Peter Rhea and Ellen Jones, Stephen Keown, Ruby Langford and Linda and Guy Rutland.

WOODLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH located on Columbia Drive observed its 37th anniversary and homecoming celebration, September 9 with dinner on the grounds and a time of music and song. Bill Crowley is pastor.

NORTH CLARENDON BAPTIST CHURCH in Avondale Estates observed its 96th homecoming anniversary September 9. Former pastor Herb Woodyard was guest speaker, and they had dinner on the grounds with singing in the afternoon.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY in Statesboro will officially begin its BSU Alumni Organization Nov. 3, with a kick-off dinner and program beginning 30 minutes after the GSLU football game. Reservations are needed and for information and reservations call Gary Johnson, Campus Minister at (912) 681-2241.

THELMA WILLIAMSON is minister of childhood education at Dunwoody Baptist Church. She has held similar positions in Houston, Texas, St. Louis, Mo., Tulsa, Okla., and Jackson, Miss. She is from Ellenwood and is a past vice president of

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP winners from DeKalb County announced recently include: Geoffrey W. Sturm, Lakeside High School, Rice University Merit Scholarship; Charles E. Auslander of Dunwoody, Marist School, University of Georgia Merit Scholarship; Julie A. Cerel of Dunwoody, Westminster Schools Girls High School, Kenyon College Merit Scholarship; Alison Kane, Redan High School, University of Georgia Merit Scholarship. The announcement was made by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. College-sponsored Merit Scholarships provide between \$250 and \$2,000 for each year of undergraduate study.

SEAN P. RYAN of Decatur received the 1989-90 Wilkinson Award from the International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta. The award was presented at the fraternity's 142nd biennial legislative convention at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago. The award is presented annually to the outstanding undergraduate member of the senior class of the fraternity based upon scholarship, personality, fraternity service, and extracurricular activities. It is the fraternity's most coveted award. Mr. Ryan received a bachelor's degree in biology and the classics from Emory University. He was selected his junior year to study at Oxford, England, for one year, and was awarded the Classical Association of the Midwest and South Scholarship. In addition to numerous activities within his fraternity, he is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Eta Sigma Phi, and was a National Merit Finalist. He was on the Scholars Advisory Committee at Emory, and was an editor on the Emory yearbook staff. Throughout all his activities, he maintained a 4.0 GPA and graduated summa cum laude.

WILL KUGEL has entered the freshman class of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kugel of Kings Highway, Decatur.

MR. AND MRS. HOWARD CLARK have been visiting aunts in the northern part of California. They also visited San Francisco and the area around.

NORTH PEACHTREE BAPTIST CHURCH, in Doraville recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of pastor Joe Spain while also observing the pay-off of its indebtedness on the sanctuary building. The Spains were presented a 1990 Oldsmobile 98 in recognition of the occasion.

YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR ADULTS of Mount Carmel Christian Church recently enjoyed a luau at the home of Lanny and Janie Hemmings. A covered dish luncheon will be held Oct. 18 in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be a slide presentation presented by representatives from Holiday Tours.

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD TOLLIVER and family have moved from the Stone Mountain area back home to Des Moines, Iowa.

SUE AND DANNY LOWELL are recent newcomers to the Stone Mountain area from Los Angeles, Calif.

ELAINE ALATZA PARIS has returned from a summer visit with her daughter Christine and husband, Trevor White, at Peabbles Cove in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Dr. Christine White recently received her degree in child psychiatry from Maine Medical Center, Portland, and is now practicing there.

Dunwoody Baptist Church A Brief History

August 16, 2004 - In 1958 a young Georgia Tech architectural student named Andrew L. Smith was called to fill the vacant pulpit of the seventy-two-year-old First Baptist Church of Dunwoody. During the next few years the church, which was located on Chamblee-Dunwoody Road across from Dunwoody Village, experienced new life when I-285 was opened. Hundreds of acres of land were primed for development.

While the church was growing, there was serious doubt that it was equipped to meet the needs of the phenomenal growth that was predicted. Seeking to build the quality of Baptist witness needed in Dunwoody, Wieuca Road Baptist Church led by Dr. J. T. Ford responded to a request from the Dunwoody Church for assistance and advice. In January 1961, a contract was negotiated for 18.75 acres at the juncture of Ashford-Dunwoody Road and Mt. Vernon Road for a total price of \$46,000. The Dunwoody Elementary School was secured for an interim meeting place and the former property sold. On June 14, 1961 the Dunwoody Baptist Chapel officially came into being. Dr. Solomon F. Dowis, a dedicated veteran minister, agreed to serve as Interim Pastor.

Rev. R. Denard Spear, Jr. began his nine-year ministry in September 1963. With 290 members moving to the new building on the present site, the chapel was constituted as Dunwoody Baptist Church on March 15, 1964. Rev. Spear's ministry saw the church grow from 290 members to more than 1050. The facilities more than doubled in size, an athletic field and a kindergarten were added. The fellowship had reached out in mission efforts, giving 20% of undesignated gifts to missions. In the fall of 1972, Rev. Spear resigned to continue his theological studies.

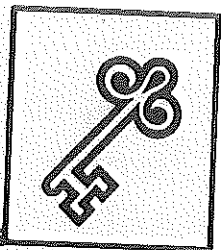
In May of 1973, Dr. James S. Chavis, Jr. began his ministry as Pastor. Under his leadership, the church assembled a capable staff, strengthened its evangelistic outreach, and began a time of rapid growth. A new Family Life Center was built and a beautiful sanctuary with a seating capacity of 900 was added. Later building programs included a music building, a children's building, a new Family Life Center, and the Cecil B. Day Wellness Center. Continuing its emphasis on missions, the church established four new churches: North River Baptist Church, Peachtree Corners Baptist Church, Alabama Road Baptist Church, and Jamerson Road Baptist Church.

During the interim between pastors, the church subscribed \$1,400,000 in a Next Step program, through the capable leadership of Interim Pastor, Dr. Richard Harris and Assistant Pastor, Rick Fisher.

In October of 1988, Dr. Daniel Vestal began his ministry. Under his leadership, the church engaged in a new round of long-range planning and evangelistic outreach, using the Sunday School as the avenue for church growth. Dr. Vestal fostered vital experiences of public worship, a commitment to world missions, and ministry to the needs of persons and of the community in the name of Christ. His gifts as a strong Biblical preacher, compassionate Pastor, and mission-minded leadership provided the necessary growth for

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Keynotes On DeKalb



CHRIS AND CLAIRE BARNEYCASTLE of Fayetteville announce the birth of a son, Mark David, March 23 at Crawford Long Hospital. The baby weighed six pounds, 12 and three quarter ounces and was 20 inches long. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carlson of Clarkston and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Turner of Robinsville, N. C. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howell of Covington. Great-grandparents are Arthur Burdsal of Hiawassee, formerly of Avondale Estates, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Turner of Gaithersburg, Md.

MRS. MARIE LATTA of Tucker recently visited their son, Senior Airman Alan Latta, who is stationed at the RAF Alcombury Base in England. She visited in the Cambridge area and London while there.

MALCOLM AND TAMELA HAMMONDS of Alpharetta announce the birth of their first child, Richard William, on March 15 at Northside Hospital. The grandparents are Betty and Don Hammonds of Avondale Estates and Richard and Cathy Dunn of Roswell. The paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Ella Hammonds of Eatonton and the maternal great-grandparents are Thelma and Thomas Wagner of Monticello. The mother is the former Tammy Dunn of Roswell.

MS. ELLEN HUDSON of Mt. Vernon Drive continues ill in Georgia Baptist Hospital.

A.A.R.P. CHAPTER 3671 plans a trip to Macon to see the Cherry Trees' blossoms, April 3. Pat Chapman, director of community affairs for Home Health Care of Georgia, spoke at the March meeting. Prior to the program the members were given the opportunity to have their Cholesterol count taken by a team of certified assistants.

JOSEPH AND NAN NORTHCUT announce the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Shea Northcut. Mr. Northcut is minister of single adult education at Dunwoody Baptist Church.

JOY DENTON and FREDERIC A. PLATE' were married March 4 at Emory Baptist Church in Decatur. He is pastor of Candler Park Baptist Church in Atlanta and she is employed in the central office of Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries Inc.

MR. AND MRS. QUINCY SULLIVAN and family of Stone Mountain enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Savannah.

DOROTHY SPEARMAN has received the first of 200 Bibles to be placed by the Gideon's International in various motels and hospitals around the country. These are in memory of her late husband David Spearman.

DEIRDEE NORTON of Clarkston recently attended a niece's wedding in England. While there, she visited in Chester, Portsmouth, and Sunningdale, England.

MRS. DOLORES IRVIN spent two days in Macon, where she talked with several women about beginning a Macon (Central Georgia) Branch of the National League of American Pen Women. She is Georgia State Association president. She also attended the Statewide Older Workers' Week Luncheon.

BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION'S annual meeting to be held at Jekyll Island March 31-April 1 has a number of persons attending from the DeKalb area. Among the speakers will be Catherine Allen, Baptist Convention director, and Shirley Smith, missionary to Hong Kong, for Nursing Fellowship.

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April 19, 1989

Dunwoody Minister Seeking Southern Baptist Presidency

By Gustav Niebuhr
Staff Writer

The Rev. Daniel Vestal, a Texas native who recently became pastor of Dunwoody Baptist Church, will run for president of the 14.7 million-member Southern Baptist Convention, challenging the incumbent, the Rev. Jerry Vines of Jacksonville, Fla.

The Rev. Vestal's decision means that the denomination's moderates — who have lost elections for the convention's presidency since 1979 — will have a new candidate to rally around in their decade-long battle with Baptist fundamentalists.

In a telephone interview from Corsicana, Texas, where he is preaching at a revival, the Rev. Vestal called his decision "a matter of conscience," prompted by his belief that the denomination is in trouble.

"We're not thriving now; we're languishing," he said, citing recent budget cutbacks at Southern Baptist agencies.

The Rev. Vestal said he holds no grudge against the Rev. Vines, a fundamentalist who will seek a second one-year term when the convention meets June 13-15 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Instead, the Rev. Vestal said he felt the need to run because the

Baptists are no longer focused on such "basic principles" as evangelism and missionary work. He blamed the situation on what he described as a "small group" of fundamentalists bent on tightly controlling the denomination.

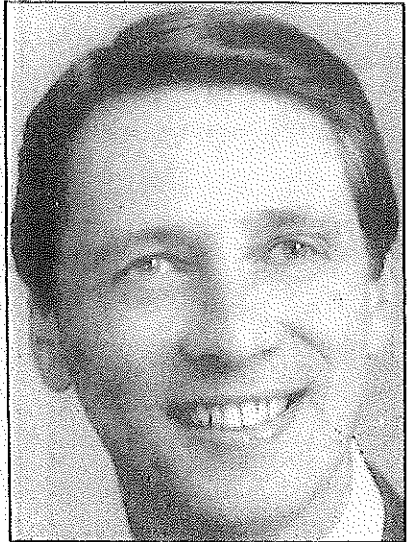
The 44-year-old minister, who became pastor at Dunwoody Baptist last October, disclosed his plans to members of his church Sunday evening before flying to Texas. One of those present, Dr. Monroe F. Swilley Jr., said church members responded with a standing ovation.

"It gave me a strong sense of hope," said Dr. Swilley, founder and vice president of Mercer University in Atlanta. "I really felt that maybe the Lord was in this."

David Currie, spokesman for a new Baptist political group — Baptists Committed to the Southern Baptist Convention — endorsed the Rev. Vestal's decision Tuesday.

"Hopefully, he can energize people in the Southeast," said Mr. Currie, coordinator for the Houston-based group. Baptists Committed calls itself "centrist" — out of a desire to avoid what it says are negative images that some Baptists associate with the label moderate.

The Rev. Vestal's candidacy was scorned by Dr. Paige Patterson, a leader of the fundamentalist fac-



The Rev. Daniel Vestal

tion. "We regret it very much this one year," said Dr. Patterson, who is president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas. "We really needed to go to Las Vegas, of all places, and be a unified witness."

The Rev. Vestal is considered theologically close to the fundamentalists, who hold that the Bible is "inerrant," or literally true, on matters of religion, history and science. But he broke with the fundamentalist faction about two years ago.

Before moving to Atlanta, the Rev. Vestal served 12 years as pastor of First Baptist Church in Midland, Texas. The son of the Rev. Dan Vestal, a Southern Baptist evangelist, he is married and has three children.

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ROD LEWIS is minister of youth education at Dunwoody church. Mr. Lewis served as minister of youth at Fayetteville First church. He is a graduate of Southwestern seminary. He is married to the former Julie Harter.

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Dunwoody Baptist

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Dr. Morris Chapman, left, and Dr. Daniel Vestal of Dunwoody, enjoy a friendly moment at the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dunwoody Pastor Fails In Baptist Presidency Bid

By Carolyn Williams Flynt
Special To The News/Sun

"Messengers" from DeKalb to the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention have returned from New Orleans to pursue the goals and programs of their individual churches.

Although authority rests in the denomination's local churches, the power of the convention rests in its control of Southern Baptist seminaries, home and foreign missions, literature and other denomination-wide activities.

At least three of these "messengers," pastors of DeKalb County Baptist churches, are prominent leaders in the Convention. They are Dr. Daniel Vestal, Dunwoody Baptist Church; Dr. Peter Rhea Jones, Decatur First Baptist Church; and Dr. Richard G. Lee, Rehoboth Baptist Church.

Dr. Vestal, defeated in his bid for presidency of the Convention, has called for "formal dialogue on the future of the nation's largest denomination."

"Each Baptist congregation must decide for itself about the future. This is the Baptist way," he declared in New Orleans, where

he lost to conservative candidate Dr. Morris Chapman of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Dr. Jones is a member of the 1990 Steering Committee of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Forum.

Dr. Lee is the new president of the Southern Baptist Pastors Conference.

Preliminary meetings and reunions provided inspirational highlights and occasions for presentations of awards, including an award to Dr. and Mrs. Grover Tyner, now members of Decatur First Baptist Church, in recognition of his 25 years as president of the Philippine Baptist Seminary.

At the Midwestern Baptist Seminary luncheon, an announcement was made that Smoke Rise Church of Stone Mountain has endowed a scholarship program honoring their pastor, Dr. J. Truett Gannon, the out-going chairman of the trustees of that seminary in Kansas City, Mo. The current amount of the endowment is \$65,000.

Next year the Southern Baptist Convention is to be held in Atlanta.

Dekalb's Baptists Watch New Orleans

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By CAROLYN FLYNT
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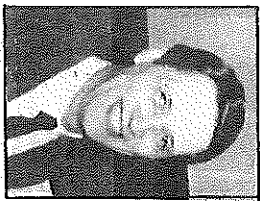
An estimated 250 elected "messengers" from 34 of Dekalb County's 58 Southern Baptist churches and missions are taking part in their denominational convention in New Orleans this week. These churches have a combined membership of 54,000.

Additional members are attending related meetings of the Women's Missionary Union, pastors, alumni, and other groups.

Dekalb "messengers" include one of the two major contenders for the convention presidency, Dr. Daniel Vestal, 45-year-old pastor of the 3500 member Dunwoody Baptist Church.

Hundreds at his church gave him an enthusiastic sendoff during

Dr. Daniel Vestal



a mid-week prayer service Wednesday and vowed "continuing support for his leadership in the convention — regardless of the outcome of the balloting in New Orleans."

He faced Dr. Morris Chapman, pastor of First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Dr. Vestal is an announced "theological conservative," with a

platform of "cooperation and trust, servanthood, individual religious liberty, and separation of church and state.

"I see all of these principles threatened by the denominational controversy of the last decade," he said.

Dr. Vestal earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Baylor University and master's and doctoral degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas. During 20 years of pastoring, he has served four churches, which frequently have led the Southern Baptist Convention in Cooperative Program giving.

A number of the 8,000 members of Rehoboth Baptist Church congratulated their pastor, Dr. Richard Lee, Wednesday night also.

His nomination to be president of the Southern Baptist Pastors Conference convening in New Orleans was tantamount to election. Ministers opposed to the present convention leadership formed the Baptist Pastors Forum seven years ago. It meets separately.

The Georgia Baptist Convention reports that 39 churches in Dekalb requested cards for "messenger" certification to the sessions in New Orleans. Ten is the maximum number a church may send.

According to figures released by the Georgia Baptist Convention, during the first quarter of 1990 these 34 churches gave \$392,492 to the Cooperative Program.

Dr. Daniel Vestal
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Dunwoody Pastor Elected Chairman

Baptists Organize New 'Fellowship' For Moderates

By CAROLYN FLYNT
Special To The News/Sun

More than 3,000 Baptists from 30 states "concerned" about results of the 12-year fundamentalist domination of the Southern Baptist Convention have elected a 60 member Interim Steering Committee and named Dr. Daniel Vestal, pastor of DeKalb's Dunwoody Baptist Church, chairman.

This committee is to serve until a spring convocation of this Baptist "Fellowship" and draw up recommendations for its forms and procedures to be acted upon at that time.

These thousands were drawn to Atlanta August 23-25 for a historic "Consultation" called by "Baptists Committed to the Convention" and other cooperation-oriented Baptists. They issued the call after the June Convention in New Orleans at which fundamentalists defeated Dr. Vestal for president.

Holding long discussions in small and large groups to achieve unanimity, the 3,000 participants took two historic steps:

First, they established a funding mechanism by which Baptists can continue to fund traditional and/or new agencies, institutions, and missionaries in keeping with historic Baptist principles which they feel are being eroded and thwarted by the current SBC fundamentalist

leadership.

The legal entity for this purpose is the Baptist Cooperative Missions Program Inc., a non-profit corporation chartered in the state of Georgia. The corporation is headed by a board of 19 directors, approved by participants in the Atlanta Consultation, and headed by Duke K. McCall, former president of Southern Baptist seminary in Louisville, Ky.

In a press conference, Dr. Vestal said the meeting was not called "to fight the fundamentalists with our budget. It is to get on with the Kingdom of God in a positive way."

Dr. Vestal said, "We are in no way seeking to wean Baptists away from the Cooperative Program (SBC's long-standing funding program). We are not going to abandon Baptist missionaries and seminaries threatened by current fundamentalist leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"We are just providing an opportunity, a way, for Baptists who wish to continue to support persons, programs, and institutions in keeping with the historic Baptist principles of freedom, cooperation, and diversity to do so."

Secondly, the participants elected the broadly representative Interim Steering Committee to make detailed recommendations to

a national convocation in the spring of 1991, and to handle affairs of the Fellowship until then.

Dr. Jimmy Allen of Fort Worth, Texas, who presided, set the prevailing atmosphere of trust, openness and enthusiasm with his opening declaration, "The purpose claimed by Robert's Rules of Order is to facilitate, not stifle, open discussion and debate."

Dr. David Sapp, pastor of Chamblee First Baptist Church, coordinated development of the alternative funding mechanism. He explained, "Churches or individuals giving to Baptist causes through this Baptist Cooperative Missions Programs Inc. may designate specifically how their contributions are to be dispersed, even to the SBC Cooperative Program, or may make undesignated contributions to be held and dispensed in keeping with a formula to be adopted in the spring."

Many other DeKalb ministers and lay persons took part, included these on the program: Jack Harwell, editor of *SBC Today* and former editor of *The Christian Index*; Dr. Peter Rhea Jones, Decatur First Baptist Church pastor; Mrs. Gail Todd, Dunwoody, a local arrangements coordinator; Carol Morrow, David Schwoebel, Betty Dickens, and Dennis Lewallen.

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Keynotes On DeKalb



JONATHAN VINSON, a freshman at Oxford College of Emory University, will appear in the Oxford College Drama Guild's fall production of Lanford Wilson's *Hot L Baltimore*. The play is a comedy depicting the residents of a run-down Baltimore hotel. Jonathan, the son of Arthur Vinson of Atlanta, will portray Jamie, a small, wiry, and browbeaten young man who, along with his domineering sister, are residents of the hotel. Jonathan is a 1989 graduate of Druid Hills High School.

MR. AND MRS. MARIO ALGARRA of Tucker announce the birth of their first child, Katherine Nicole, on November 3 at DeKalb Medical Center. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Algarra of Columbia, South America, and Dr. and Mrs. Stan Hopkins of Atlanta. The maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hopkins of Decatur and Mrs. Jim Fitzpatrick of Miami, Fla. The mother is the former Carolyn Hopkins of Decatur.

JENNEFER LEVINSON, a 1987 graduate of Clarkston High School, was awarded the Fred J. Stanback Scholarship by Duke University, where she is enrolled. A Dean's List student, she has been the recipient of various scholarships to support her studies at Duke. Jennefer is spending her junior year in Paris, France, at the Institut National des Sciences Politiques and the University of Paris. She is the daughter of Richard and Linda Levinson of Stone Mountain.

THE BAPTIST WOMAN'S COUNCIL will hold its annual Christmas meeting at Georgia Baptist Medical Center Friday, December 1. This was formerly known as the Doll and Toy Shower of the hospital. A brunch will be served at 10:30 a.m. in the Nurses Auditorium and this will be followed by the program, brought by Mrs. Eleanor Verdery, former Southern Baptist missionary, living in Switzerland, who has returned to her home in Decatur to live. The special collection this year will go to the nurses' scholarships and the renovation of the waiting room of the Pediatric Department.

ANNIVERSARIES recognized in Baptist churches recently were: LaVerne Nix, fifth anniversary as church secretary at New Testament Church in Ellenwood; Pam Brown of Dunwoody, 10th anniversary on music staff; Earlene Brasher, 10th anniversary as organist at Briarcliff Baptist Church.

THE FALL DANCE of Life Enrichment was held at Decatur First United Methodist Church October 27 with music by "The Reflections," led by Wes Jackson.

THOMASINE H. BRADFORD, portrait painter and sculptor at the Atlanta Art School, was the speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Atlanta Branch, National League of American Pen Women, at the Ansley Golf Club.

NORTHLAKE KIWANIS GOLDEN "K" CLUB will meet Wednesday, November 29, in the Community Room of the C&S National Bank, Market Square Shopping Center. The program will be given by Tommy Mills, former minister of music at Williams Road Baptist Church, "Christmas Music on the Vibraharp." A Thanksgiving program "Thanksgiving Thoughts" was given by David Perkins, pastor of Briarcliff Baptist Church at the November 22 meeting.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID SCHWOEBEL of Park Creek Circle, Lawrenceville, announce the birth of their third daughter, Courtney Lynn, September 24 at Shallowford Hospital. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Schw...

MRS. BECKY MAYER, well-known as the "Bell Lady," having had the state's Liberty Bell moved from its...

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Church Honored

Accepting a "Concern For Kids in the Community" award presented by Pat Adams, right, president of the Dunwoody Women's Club, is the Rev. Rick Fisher, minister of activities at Dunwoody Baptist Church. At left is Anne Wilburn, chairman of Home Life Department. The church was selected for the community award because of its dedication and responsiveness to the needs of children in the Dunwoody community through its kindergarten program, child care program and the various educational opportunities offered to children through their Family Life Center, including team sports for every age. The Concern for Kids award program is sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Health-Tex Inc. Dunwoody Baptist is now eligible for state and national awards. (Staff Photo By Jerry Finlay)