Personal Data

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David P. Rice
Associate Director, Sunday School Department
Serving the Convention since 1997

Primary Responsibility: To assist the department director in planning, promoting, conducting and evaluating the program of Sunday School work among Florida Baptist churches.

Birth: Parkersburg, West Virginia, July 7, 1953

Marital Status: September 18, 1976 **Spouse:** Dottie Tehas

Children: Nathan October 20, 1978

Education:
D. Div., Christian Bible College and Seminary, Independence, Missouri, 1996
M. Div., Christian Bible College and Seminary, Independence, Missouri, 1993
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1979-1983
B.S., University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 1976

Previous Experience:
Senior Pastor, Belmont Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida, 1993-1997
Associate Pastor, Singles and Evangelism, Bell Shoals Baptist Church, Brandon, Florida, 1990-1993
Associate Pastor, Columbia Avenue Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan, 1988-1990
Pastor/church planter, Benjamin Avenue Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1986-1988

Military Experience: United States Army, 1972-1985

Church Membership: San Jose Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Family

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Conversion

Converted at age 11; baptized in North Parkersburg Baptist Church, Parkersburg, West Virginia

Ordination

Ordained to the gospel ministry on November 23, 1980, by First Baptist Church, Boerne, Texas

Education

High School - Parkersburg High School, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 1971
B.S. Degree (Business Management) - University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 1976
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Denominational/Other Activities

Moderator - Tampa Bay Baptist Association, Tampa, Florida, 1996-1997
Chairman - Committee on Resolutions, Florida Baptist State Convention, 1996
Member - Committee on Resolutions, Florida Baptist State Convention, 1994, 1995 and 1996
Conference Leader - Bible Teaching-Reaching Department and Evangelism Division, Florida Baptist Convention, 1994 to the present time
National Evangelism Conference Leader - Glorieta, New Mexico, 1992
Conference Leader - Nationwide Church Growth Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, 1992
Single Adult Consultant - Baptist Sunday School Board, 1990-1992
General Officer Specialist - Metro Sunday School Campaigns, 1988 and 1989
Sunday School General Officer Specialist - Baptist State Convention of Michigan, 1988-1990
Director of Evangelism - Woodlands Baptist Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1987
Certified Trainer - Evangelism Explosion
Certified Pastor/Leader - Continuing Witness Training
Certified Counselor - Prepare/Enrich Pre-Marital Counseling Assessment

Honors and Awards

Highest Baptism Honor - Tampa Bay Baptist Association, Tampa, Florida, 1991
Highest Per-Capita Giving Award for Churches with Membership of 399-500 - Florida Baptist Convention, 1994

Hobbies

Golf, plants, gardening, collecting old radios

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9. Bible Teaching-Reaching Department: Name Change to Sunday School Department

BACKGROUND: During the September 9, 1994, meeting of the State Board of Missions, a recommendation was approved to change the name of the Sunday School Department to the Bible Teaching-Reaching Department. This change was proposed to parallel a name change being made by the then Baptist Sunday School Board. The rationale cited was to encourage churches to understand the Bible teaching-reaching program was more than a one-hour Sunday morning activity. Additionally, the addition of the term "reaching" to the program name sought to highlight the commitment to make outreach and evangelism a priority.

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Although the new name for the agency reflects its multi-faceted ministry, it is a major departure from its identification with and historical roots in the ministry of the Sunday School. Unless some change was instituted the agency would no longer have an identity with its founding purpose of promoting and supporting the local church Sunday School. Consequently, the agency's Bible Teaching-Reaching Division is seeking to rename its program and ministry assignment to Sunday School Division.

The Florida Baptist Convention administration believes the name change is not only appropriate for the national agency's program of work, but is appropriate for the state convention's program department. The convention administration is recommending the Bible Teaching-Reaching Department be renamed the Sunday School Department. Although undergoing another name change, the purpose and commitment of the Sunday School Department and its personnel will remain unchanged. That purpose is to assist churches and church leaders in developing and extending the ministry of teaching the Bible, evangelistic outreach and ministering to people at any time and in any place.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Administrative/Personnel Committee of the State Board of Missions recommend that the Board approve renaming the Bible Teaching-Reaching Department the Sunday School Department, Church Development Division, Florida Baptist Convention, effective immediately; and

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His ministry includes: Pastor of Benjamin Avenue Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1986-88; Associate pastor, Columbia Avenue Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan, 1988-90; Associate pastor, Bell Shoals Baptist Church, Brandon, Florida, 1990-93; Pastor, Belmont Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida, 1993-97; Associate Director, Sunday School Department, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Florida, 1997-99; and Pastor of Ancient City Baptist Church, St. Augustine, Florida, 1999-present.
He served in the United States Army from 1972-84.

Awards and Honors: His biography was in Who's Who in the World, 17th Edition, 2000; National Certified Consultant, Lifeway Christian Resources; Conference Leader, Ridgecrest, Glorietta, Lake Yale; Certified Evangelism Trainer, EE and CWT; Member, Southern Baptist Religious Educators Association and Rotary Club of St. Augustine.

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