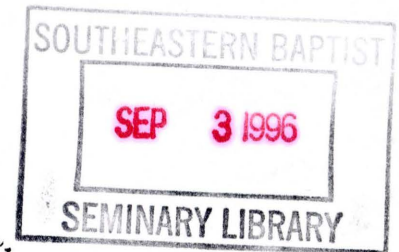


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## BURKE COUNTY NATIVE ELECTED SEBTS TRUSTEE

WAKE FOREST, N.C. -- A prominent businessman and devoted Gideon has been elected to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Wake Forest, N.C.

Jimmy R. Jacumin was elected during the annual Southern Baptist Convention held in New Orleans, Louisiana June 11-13.

Jacumin, 59, is a native of Burke County, N.C. A charter member of the seminary's Board of Visitors, Jacumin is founder and president of Jacumin Engineering and Machine Company (JEMCO).

In 1985, Jacumin was recognized by the governor for his company's new continuous bleach range. The machines process 2,000 pounds of fabric an hour in preparation for dying and finishing. Jacumin said the 30-year-old company bleaches approximately three out of every five T-shirts in the United States through their bleaching machines.

Jacumin, who also has a Burger King location, was recognized as the 1991 Small Businessman of the Year in N.C. He is the recipient of The Order Of The Long Leaf Pine, the highest non-military award given in N.C. in recognition of his contribution to community, state and nation.

In 1959, Jacumin received a B.S. degree in nuclear engineering from N.C. State University. After college, he worked as missile design engineer at Douglas Aircraft Company in Charlotte before returning to Burke County to start his own business.

Although a successful businessman, Jacumin said he is most pleased with his work as a Gideon. As past chairman of the State Faith Fund, Jacumin helped raise \$2.5 million for the North Carolina Gideons to place God's Word around the world.

Jacumin said that before he became a Gideon he had a burning desire to be a missionary. Now, Jacumin said, he is a missionary as a Gideon by providing the Word of God to 174 countries.

A member of First Baptist Church, Icard, N.C., Jacumin has served as a teacher, deacon, Sunday School superintendent, building chairman and out-reach leader.

Jacumin described his appointment to the seminary's Board of Trustees as "the ultimate of what I believe God wants me to be a part of."

"I want to help be a motivational force at Southeastern achieving what God wants our seminary to achieve," he said.

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, established in

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1950 as one of six Southern Baptist Convention affiliated seminaries, is on pace to establish a record student enrollment this fall of more than 1,300 students.

Jacumin said he is extremely supportive of the seminary's evangelistic emphasis. "It's the most important thing we can do, leading people to Christ," Jacumin said.

Southeastern President Paige Patterson said Jacumin will be a tremendous asset to the seminary.

"His Christian commitment and support of Southeastern Seminary is an encouragement to the larger seminary family and will be instrumental in the school's future success," Patterson said. "He is visionary with a heart for missions. We are pleased to welcome Jimmy Jacumin as a new member of our Board of Trustees."

Jacumin spends much of his spare time constructing the "Trail of Faith," at an amphitheater site in Valdese. Jacumin has led the building of a mountain range to depict his ancestors' homeland in the Waldensian Valley of Northern Italy.

Before coming to Valdese, N.C. 103 years ago, Jacumin said, the Waldensian people endured persecution for their Christian beliefs and evangelism resulting in physical torture and death.

Jacumin said he felt a strong burden to construct the Trail of Faith, which is about a third finished, to pay tribute to his ancestors' steadfast faith in God.

"After being taken from prison and given the choice to abjure their Christian beliefs or be exiled to foreign countries, most chose to be exiled," he said.

The State Department of Cultural and Natural Resources has awarded The Trail of Faith a \$25,000 grant to help complete the project.

Jacumin and his wife, Nancy, have been married 37 years. They have two children and three grandchildren.

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Editor's Note: It is our understanding that you have a photo of Mr. Jacumin. If you need one, please let us know.

