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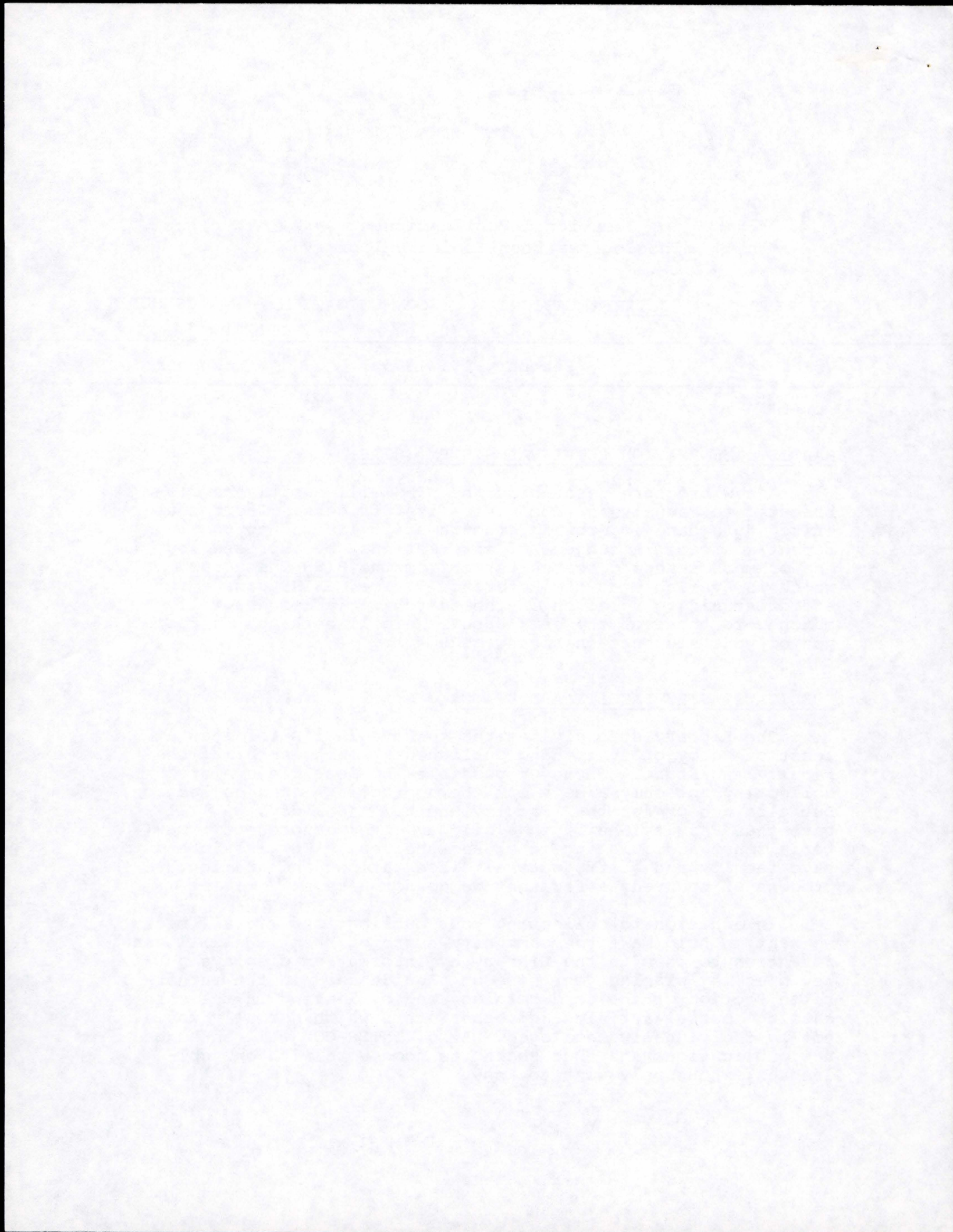
BAPTIST INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM (BIRS)

A new brochure describing the BIRS will shortly be distributed to Faculty and Administrative Officers. The computerized data base is growing, though still limited to mostly recent sources. A subject of interest must be expressed by one or more standard search-terms from the BIRS Thesaurus, which is available at the Reference Office. BIRS can be an effective aid to research if the search variables are well matched to those of the data base. We will be happy to assist you or your students in giving BIRS a try.

PUBLICATIONS BY FACULTY AND STAFF

The Library strongly desires to have in its holdings at least one copy of everything published by each member of the Faculty and Staff. Whenever possible and feasible, we are collecting not only a copy for the appropriate open collection, but also a copy for the "Faculty Shelf." (Someday, we will have the "Faculty Shelf" in a display case; at present, materials are accumulating in closed shelves.) We also intend to have faculty and staff doctoral dissertations and are in the process of securing a few that we do not have.

In addition to collecting your publications (in all media), we want to help make the community aware of them. We will draw attention to them in the Library by information displays on new ones, by placing your name on a guide card in the author-title section of the card catalog, and by listing in the card catalog journal articles and other items which normally would not be individually cataloged. Also, INTER-COM will announce new publications and thus share the good word with our colleagues, who surely want to know.



We need your help to insure that we do not miss anything of yours. Please don't let modesty stop you from letting us know of a forthcoming publication. For a journal article, if you can give us either an offprint or an extra issue of the journal, that will be a big help.

The next issue of INTER-COM, during the second week of March will include a bibliography of Faculty and Staff publications since September 1, 1978. Please take a moment to give me a note (by March 9) of any September through February publications you might have had.

PAPERS ON DENOMINATIONAL PLANNING

Just cataloged is a slim volume, distributed by the SBC Executive Committee in 1978, entitled Denominational Planning. Two papers by the SBC Inter-Agency Council comprise its content: "A Formal Plan for Denominational Planning" and "An Informal Plan for Denominational Planning." Albert McClellan, Associate Executive Secretary and Director of Program Planning of the Executive Committee, refers to this volume in a letter of transmittal as, "a very important paper."

NOTES ON PERIODICALS

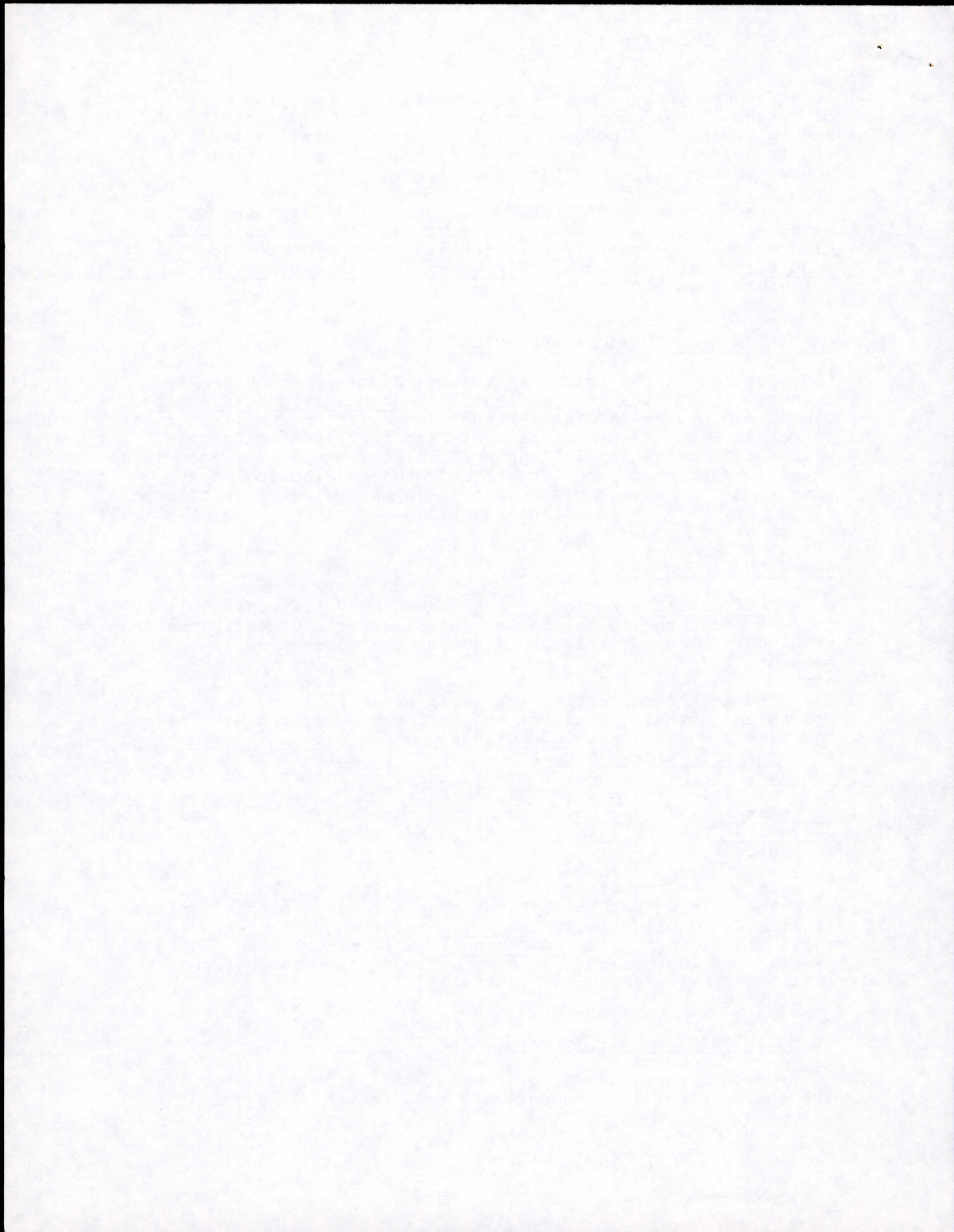
Environmental Ethics is a new quarterly "interdisciplinary journal dedicated to the philosophical aspects of environmental problems." The first issue is now on the current periodical shelves.

New to the collection (at least under their current titles) are three journals pertinent to our common concerns with effective teaching and learning. Educational Communication and Technology--A Journal of Theory, Research and Development (formerly AV Communication Review) understandably uses the initials EC&TJ for its cover-title. Simulation Gaming has become Journal of Experiential Learning and Simulation, a much more scholarly publication. Finally, Journal of Personalized Instruction has recently been added to our collection.

Those who regretted the "death" of Lutheran World will be pleased to know that the Lutheran World Federation has replaced it with two publications. LWF Documentation will be issued about six times a year. LWF Report will be published "on an average" of four times a year; the first is a double issue entitled "Reader on Human Rights."

NOTED IN PASSING--FOR YOUR POSSIBLE INTEREST

What happened to 48 North Carolina churches dropped from the Southern Baptist Convention's roll between 1972 and 1976?



John Woodard, Director of the N. C. Baptist Historical Collection, asked that question and sought the answer. Here is what he found:

29 became independent
11 are extinct
3 reverted to mission status
4 are still cooperating
1 is unknown

(Source: Tar Hill Footprints, Sept.-Oct. 1978, pp. 2-3)

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