

Western Recorder

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Paducah's First Baptist Church will host the annual session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, November 11-13. In this issue you will find the programs of the KBC and related meetings.

Child Care Board Head Elected

The Kentucky Baptist Child Care Board elected Tom Grissom of Somerset as president for the coming year. Other actions of the board in its recent meeting included plans for regular consultation with the program committee of the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board, an evaluation of its ministry by a professional child care consultant organization and plans to set up regional meetings in which child care board members can discuss the child care program with all interested Baptists.

Tom Grissom succeeds Dr. Kenneth Crawford of Louisville who rotates off the board in November. Grissom continues a long ministry of his family in the Kentucky Baptist Child Care Board. His father, T. B. Grissom of Burnside, served on the board

from 1937 until his death in 1959. Tom became a board member in 1959 and has served every year since then except one year when he was ineligible due to convention regulations. Grissom is said to be the first member of the board outside of Louisville to be elected president.

Grissom is a graduate of Georgetown College and an active layman in the First Baptist Church, Somerset. He is a choir member and is involved in other church activities.

The professional evaluation of the present child care program will be conducted by an organization called Group Child Care Services of the University of North Carolina. This consultation firm deals exclusively with child care and its services are used by most

Baptist child care agencies in other states.

Executive director Bill Amos says since the present structure represents the best thinking of the child care board, he feels need for objective input from an outside professional agency.

The board also plans closer communication and consultation with Baptists in all areas of the state. The board will be divided into groups and regional meetings will be scheduled to interpret the Kentucky Baptist child care ministry and to answer questions and hear suggestions. Board president Grissom is especially interested in this plan and will appoint the committees.

Executive director Amos also reports a recent meeting in which he discussed the child care ministry with the program committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board. Amos expressed the hope that such a relationship could be ongoing and that the Child Care board members favor such a plan.

Dramas Mark 50th Anniversary Of Cooperative Program

The 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program will be celebrated in the *Church Recreation Magazine* by the inclusion of four dramas on the Cooperative Program.

The drama series is entitled "Partners in Sharing" and is authored by Darrel Baergen of Southwestern Texas University and Mrs. Sarah Walton Miller of Houston.

- The subject of each drama is:
1. "Partners in Sharing"—a short historical drama on the beginning of the Cooperative Program;
 2. "Not All Alone"—a puppet skit on the Cooperative Program;
 3. "Improvisation in Giving"—im-promptu Biblical drama on giving with discussion guides;
 4. "Only Half Way"—a short skit on the Cooperative Program.

The dramas will appear in the January/-February/March 1975 edition of the magazine and reprints can be ordered from Materials Services Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, 37234, at a nominal charge.

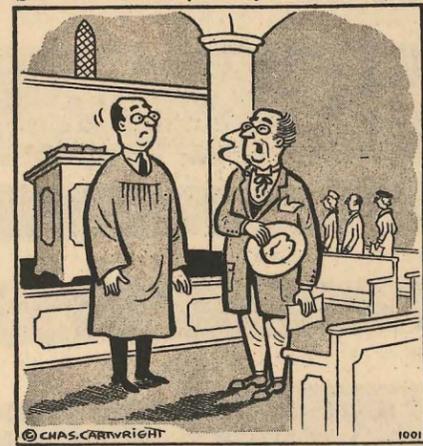
According to Ray Conner of the Church

Recreation Department and Mike Speer of the Stewardship Commission, "While the dramas were written especially for the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program,

they can be used at any time a church, association or state convention wishes to emphasize giving."

For more information about church drama write Church Training Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, P.O. Box 43433, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Before I join, may I inquire how many votes —er, I mean members—your church has?"

Lotsa Love Lost In Error By Printer

A lot of love was lost when the printer dropped eight words from the manuscript of the October 27 session in "Baptist Adults," a quarterly for Training Union.

A sentence on page 20 of the periodical, published by the SBC Sunday School Board, was supposed to read: "It is not always necessary to have complete agreement, but it is necessary to have love and respect for one another."

The printer left out eight words, making the sentence read, "It is not always necessary to have love and respect for one another." The resulting thought has to be disturbing to those who take seriously the teaching of Christ to "love one another," a Sunday School Board spokesman said.

"This quarterly," said Philip B. Harris, secretary of the board's church training department, "is one which is not seen from the time the manuscript leaves our hands until the finished product is delivered."

"The arrangement has been worked out for economy in the printing process. We expect errors wherever human efforts are involved, but we hope they will be minimized, and that future changes in meaning will not be as significant as this one."

President Ford and Baptist Committee Clash

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, meeting in Washington, D.C., in semiannual session, elected as its chairman a Southern Baptist, adopted a position on human rights, and came into open conflict with President Gerald Ford.

The Joint Committee is maintained in the nation's capital by eight national Baptist bodies in the United States, including the Southern Baptist Convention. It is authorized "to act in the field of public affairs whenever the interests or rights of the cooperating conventions which constitute the committee call for conference or negotiation" with governments.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, was named new chairman of the Joint Committee. Rutledge has served as a member of the body since 1964.

The new position supporting human rights in American foreign policy was adopted unanimously by the Joint Committee following a speech by executive director James E. Wood, Jr.

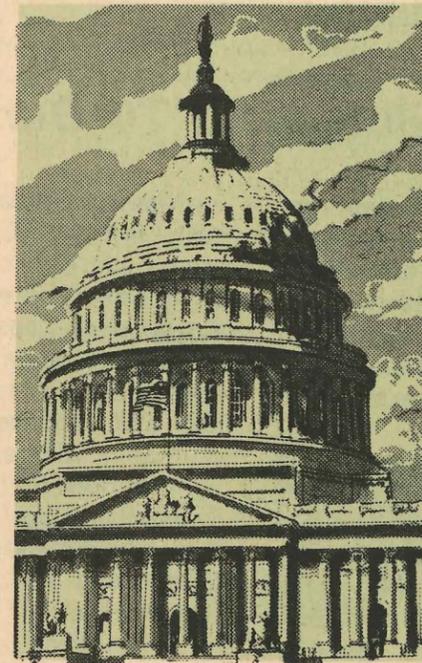
Wood noted that although the United Nations adopted the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" over 25 years ago, two-thirds of the world's people today "are denied these basic human rights and freedoms." The UN document, adopted in 1948, was an attempt to draw up a statement of goals for human rights which would apply to every individual. It was not a treaty or legal document.

Wood noted two recent developments which he said give encouragement to a renewed emphasis on the subject. Within the UN, a World Human Rights Council has been proposed "to review and assess impartially on a regular basis the status of human rights of member nations," Wood said.

W. Barry Garrett, associate director in charge of information services of the Joint Committee, scored a bill in the U.S. Senate by Senator Jesse Helms (Republican, North Carolina) which would limit the jurisdiction of the U.S. Supreme Court and federal district courts in cases involving "voluntary prayer" in public schools.

Helms' proposal would prohibit the federal courts from entering any judgment, decree, or order forbidding such prayer on constitutional grounds.

Garrett said that Helms' proposal



"I have personally expressed, over a long period of time," Ford replied, "that I think a tax credit proposal is a good proposal." He then attacked the Supreme Court decision of last year which declared such a program to be unconstitutional. "I would hope that we could find some constitutional way in which to help private schools," the president concluded.

A month and a half before the meeting of the Joint Committee, James E. Wood, Jr., the agency's executive director, wrote to President Ford requesting a meeting with him during its October session. Wood explained in his letter to the president that this request for a consultation was in line with his announced plans to keep open the lines of communication between citizens groups and the White House.

In turning down the Baptist request for a meeting with the president at this time, the White House assured Wood that there is a possibility of a consultation sometime after the first of the year.

The extended tax policy position of the Joint Committee maintains:

1. That religious bodies, as members of the broad class of not-for-profit organizations, must enjoy no less rights and privileges than those accorded to other members of that class;
2. That the U.S. Constitution requires that religious programs and church income derived from other than unrelated business enterprises be exempt from taxation by government on all levels;
3. That churches, associations of churches or conventions of churches must define for themselves the nature and scope of their religious mission;
4. That churches should pay as a consumer for consumer services, such as water, sewer, etc., but that government should not tax church property or income nor that of other not-for-profit organizations to pay for general services to the public, such as fire and police protection;
5. That tax deductibility for contributions to the broad class of not-for-profit organizations, including religious bodies, is both wise and constitutional public policy; and
6. That the tax exempt status of religious bodies engaging in activities related to legislation and the public discussion of public policy should not be threatened or revoked.

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"Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"—Jude 3

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Inflation Is A Monument To Our Selfishness

Whatever our political persuasions might be, we recognize in President Gerald Ford a sincerity in his appeal to Americans to enlist in the war on inflation. Having heard his addresses to the joint session of Congress and to the Future Farmers of America, I must confess his suggestions don't seem to me to go far enough to meet the economic crisis.

My knowledge of economics, however, is extremely limited. I scarcely succeed in keeping my outgo down to my income. But I do believe this is one of the most critical eras economically for America during my lifetime and I want to enlist with the president in the battle against inflation.

Economics may have no place in a religious publication but morality does and to me to conserve and to share the bounty of God is a moral duty. To waste food while the majority of people on earth never have enough to eat is a sin. God's provisions are bountiful enough for all and to grab more than our share is not a proof of our ingenuity and industry but of our greed.

A great hindrance to the common man's willingness to sacrifice is the appearance of extravagance and waste on the part of those in leadership places. Legislators set no good example when they vote themselves pay raises and President Ford, himself, seemed to allow his compassion to overrule his common sense when he recommended more than \$800,000 of public funds for the transition of the former president from public to private life.

Many Americans took the fuel shortage seriously last fall. But gasoline which was hard to come by at old prices appeared plentiful when the price was doubled and profits of oil companies skyrocketed. Does even the president know what the true situation is or are we all prostituted by unprincipled, greedy devils? How else can cattle, hog and produce prices drop while across the counter prices remain high or even soar higher?

The president said in his addresses citizens cannot be expected to tighten their belts unless their government sets the example. He promised to do this and we will be watching for the proof of this promise.

In the meantime as moral beings we should do right no matter what others do. We can resist economic manipulators by refusing to hoard up sugar and other commodities reported to be scarce. We can restrict ourselves to our actual needs instead of our wants. This would reduce our consumption in every area more than the five percent the president asks. If the inflated priced commodities were left in the stores and the unreasonably priced automobiles left on car lots, something would have to give. If we ate less and walked more it would be good for us and the economy.

As Americans we are in position to be challenged today because Americans in past days accepted the challenge and made the sacrifices necessary. What will generations to come say of our generation?

Voices In An Autumn Wilderness

No sounds are more meaningful than the voices of nature's wilderness in October. A rare and exhilarating experience is mine today sitting beside a hickory tree in a remote area of the Land Between the Lakes, the restored wilderness land between Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake in

western Kentucky. The unusual blessing is made possible by an invitation from Pastor Norman Ellis and Grand Rivers Baptists for a week of spiritual renewal and revival.

In comparison with ordinarily heard sounds the wilderness is silent but to a sensitive soul the

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sounds are many and description defying. A falling acorn landing on a bed of dry leaves sounds like a boulder from the sky and even the leaves cry on the shoulders of other leaves on their flight down from summer's life to winter's death. A gentle Indian summer breeze ripples the leaves and sounds for all the world like the steps of a squirrel on his way to fill his winter garner.

A hungry mosquito lands on the arm to disturb the peaceful fantasy and the sounds of children's voices at a distant campground is a reminder that others too seek a refuge from the depressing routine of life.

The wind in the trees make them all sound the same but they sing their separate silent songs with blazing and contrasting colors. The yellow hickories, golden maples, brown oaks, crimson dogwoods and sweet gums blend into a dazzling color symphony. The only discord is an occasional green

cedar or pine which resists the splashes of the autumn painter.

Crickets render a dull dirge from every direction and tiny birds tweet softly and sweetly as they flit from limb to limb. A woodpecker clucks between pecks on a dead tree and what sounds like a congregation of blue jays in the distance try to shout each other.

Even those who lived and died here in other days and who sleep in silent resting places lend their voices. The cemeteries and grown up fields speak of the love and labors of those who crossed the mountains long ago to conquer this wilderness. From beneath their markers comes a sound of protest for the eviction of their loved ones from the land they tamed.

The voices of the wilderness are unending. There are more sounds and messages than this one has ears and heart to hear. God grant there will always be a wilderness with voices.

BAPTIST FORUM



PASTOR'S PROBLEMS

Dear Editor:

Bob Terry's article, "And Now, Preacher Power" in the last issue of the *Western Recorder*, is one that points out to me how far astray we have wandered.

I know Bob Terry. He is not an uneducated man. He must be reporting what came out of a meeting. But I will never believe that he, or anyone else just half smart, could not find a way to deal with the problems mentioned in the "consider" paragraphs.

If pastors, confronted with this type of problem, cannot solve them without organizing and calling for manifestos, etc., then, under God, maybe they should quit. It staggers the imagination to think that God would call a man to be His voice to many who did not have enough brains to know how to handle "false teeth on Thursday."

1,000 men quitting in a year does not bother me. Maybe we, as individuals, will have to do the preaching—for free.

But God will somehow find a way to get glory. The Southern Baptist Convention is and has been an instrument in the hands of God. But if this is our problem, then it's just as well that 1,000 or more do quit. They will be happier, and probably more useful, and all the rest of us will not be subjected to this childish type of minister.

God, forgive me if I am wrong—but if I am, then God help us all because we are

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entering the most fearful age with ministers who are afraid.

Danville, Kentucky

Edward Clark

KUHLMAN REACTION

Dear Editor:

I have never before been ashamed that I was a Baptist — not until this week when I picked up the *Western Recorder* and read the article "Surgeon Studies Faith Healings — Finds None Cured."

You failed to present an opinion of your own but, as you brought this article to the attention of *Western Recorder* readers, it would be assumed that you were in agreement with the doctor.

Have you been to a Kathryn Kuhlman service? Have you seen the multitudes of people who have been healed? Probably not. I would think that we as Christians would be very slow to make a judgment that these are not true healings.

It was very evident that the doctor's article was completely one-sided. He followed up a very small number of people who "thought they had been healed" but who, in fact, were not healed. Does this prove that God is not healing people each and every day? Does it prove that Miss Kuhlman is not an instrument that God uses in order to heal his children? I think not!

Does it not state in the Bible that God has given various abilities to different people in the body of his church — one of which is the gift of healing — 1 Corinthians 12:27-31.

How can we watch these beautiful miracles, as they are allowed to happen before our eyes, and, in the next breath, deny that they occurred.

But I guess this will continue for as long as man has the gift of life. For if Jesus was denied so long ago, how can we expect the miracles that he performs today to go unchallenged.

Beaver Dam

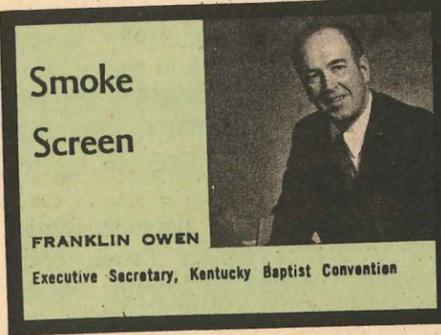
Pamela Martin Walters

Dear Editor:

I've found that most criticism aimed at Kathryn Kuhlman is from people who know little to nothing about her, have never heard her messages on radio, television, or read her books. When I first heard her I didn't like her voice, her dress, her mannerisms but I decided to listen to what she had to say. I'm still listening!

Miss Kuhlman would be the first to say she is not a "faith healer." She resents the term applied to her. She believes she is a vessel God uses (in a way even she can't understand) to demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit in these services. There are no healing lines, anointing with oil in the services. Most important is the fact that the majority of people who go to these services understand that she has no power of her own but that the Holy Spirit is a definite presence during these services and that is the reason for the

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Smoke Screen

FRANKLIN OWEN
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

I heard Dr. Elroy Lamb tell a good story in his Sunday morning sermon at Franklin Street Church in Louisville. A man pointed in the distance to a barely discernable mountain beyond the smog of a manufacturing district. "There is a beautiful city high up on the mountain," he said, "but you can only see it on

Sundays when the shops and factories are shut down and the smoke and dust settles from the air."

It makes a parable on the Lord's day. There is a beautiful city of God, high in the spiritual mountains, that can scarcely be seen until the world's "smog" and "dust" has a chance to settle during the quietness of a day of rest and dedication. Our factories and workshops are largely closed now on Sundays, but the business world is opening up more and more, even as the entertainment world has already done so. The whirl of a worldly society on what has been the Lord's day is obscuring the vision of the eternal city.

Of Abraham it is written, "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." (Hebrews 11:10) John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* has the Christian pilgrim striving toward the "Eternal City." In a day

of simpler life with less moral "pollution," it was easier to see the vision splendid—the eternal city. Immoral and secular "smog" is obscuring the glorious.

How can we keep the vision splendid without the holy day, the occasion of reverence and thoughtfulness upon spiritual things? How can we maintain the dream, the vision of God if we never clear the air of its worldly haze so the Holy City can shine through?

Christians, let us rededicate ourselves to the quiet place, the place of worship, both public and private—the time of prayer and praise and meditation in the sanctuary. The more the world becomes leavened with evil, the more it needs the "salt" that Christians are called to be. The darker it gets, the more important it is for the "light" to shine. Jesus called Christians the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." (Matthew 5:13-14) •

FBC Owensboro Gets Facelift, Adds To Tradition

First Baptist Church of Owensboro, a church rich in tradition, has marked another epoch in its history with the completion of a \$650,000 renovation program.

Officially completed with a dedication service in late September, the project was highlighted by the additions of a new Reuter pipe organ, a prayer garden, and an elevator. Other provisions included new pews and carpeting for the sanctuary; air conditioning, heating, lighting and acoustical improvements; and some exterior improvements on existing buildings.

David A. Nelson, pastor of the church,



A couple of the new looks one encounters when he tours the renovated facilities of First Baptist Church in Owensboro are the auditorium and the prayer garden. At lower left, pastor David Nelson, left, and James E. Allison, chairman of the renovation committee, survey the auditorium. Above is the new prayer garden.



said the new elevator will allow a person to go anywhere in the church without climbing stairs. The elevator was given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wilson and George S. Wilson, Jr.

The prayer garden, which was completed earlier this year, was the site of the dedication service.

First Baptist Church was organized in 1835 and initially had eight white members and 18 black members. It built its first building in 1839, relocated in 1860 and occupied its present building in 1924, with W. C. Boone as pastor.

The downtown church is the oldest Baptist church in Owensboro, and is the mother church of Walnut Street, Third, Hall Street, Crabtree Avenue and Fourth Street Baptist churches in Owensboro. •

Paducah Works On KBC'S Perennial Problems

By Bob Terry
Associate Editor

Motel rooms, eating places, parking facilities and auditorium space are all perennial problems for anyone attending the Kentucky Baptist Convention. But this year things might be different.

First Baptist Church, Paducah, and its pastor John Wood, are making every effort to solve the conventioneer's problems before they surface.

Motel reservations are being handled through the Paducah Tourist Bureau. This assures rooms distributed on a first come, first served basis. Rooms close to the host church are already assigned, according to convention officials, but good rooms are still available on the outskirts of Paducah.

Crowded restaurants may not be a problem either. Wood said that special arrangements have been made for the noon meal on Tuesday and Wednesday. Staceys Restaurant has agreed to serve buffet meals in the near-by Civic Center. A choice of entrees will be available at a reasonable price.

Transportation to the Civic Center will be by bus. "Messengers will walk out the front door of the church and get on the buses," said the host pastor. "As soon as the bus is full, it will go directly to the hall.

"The same procedure will be followed for getting back to the church for the afternoon session," Wood continued. "As soon as people are through eating lunch, they may get back on the buses and they will be delivered to the front door of the church."

In addition, the church has leased its kitchen facilities to a local caterer to sell coffee and donuts in the morning hours and sandwiches in the afternoon.

Parking facilities will also be ample. The church has a large blacktopped parking lot able to accommodate about 200 cars. Adjacent to the church property are two large fields used for ball games. These will

be converted into parking area, weather permitting.

Other parking space available will be the American Legion and bank lots for evening services, West End Baptist Church lot a block and a half away, and on-street parking without meters.

Several parking attendants will be available to assist messengers in securing proper parking spaces.

While the auditorium of First Baptist Church, Paducah, will not be the largest the KBC has ever met in, it will accommodate about 1,000 persons. Judging from past years, this will be ample for most sessions. But should the turnout overrun the auditorium, messengers may participate in the proceedings via closed circuit television. The church television system will provide coverage to the book store, display areas and press room.

With such efforts, these perennial problems just might be solved for the 1974 session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

1973 KBC Amendment Will Affect Churches

An amendment to Article III of the Constitution will affect many churches as they select messengers for the Kentucky Baptist Convention to be held in Paducah, November 12-14.

Under the amended article, churches with over 1,700 members can send no more than 10 messengers. In previous years there was no maximum number of messengers specified in the constitution.

The new article, like the old, allows two messengers to be sent for the first 100 members or less in a church. For each additional 200 members a church can send one messenger. However, the amendment places a limit of 10 messengers from any one church.

The amendment also broadens the definition of a Baptist church. The old article specified only that messengers be sent from a "Baptist church." The amendment indicates the church must be in "friendly cooperation" with the KBC, must be "sympathetic with its purposes and work" and must have been a "bona fide contributor to the convention's work" during the past year.

The article as amended by the 1973 convention reads:

"The membership of this Body shall consist of messengers from cooperating Baptist Churches as follows:

(1) Two messengers from each church having one hundred members or less,

which is in friendly cooperation with this Convention; is sympathetic with its purposes and work; and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.

(2) One additional messenger from each such church shall be allowed for each additional two hundred members, but no church may be allowed more than ten (10) messengers."

Monday, November 11, 1974
West Union Baptist Association Office
2507 Broadway, Paducah

Religious Education

President Lyman Austin
First Church, London
Vice President Richard Hale
Buena Vista Church, Owensboro
Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Lyman Austin
London

Conference Scheduled

Afternoon and Night Sessions, November 11
• Lyman Austin, Presiding

2:30 Registration
Fellowship
3:15 Hymn
Reading of the Word
Prayer
Welcome Earl Shoemake
Supt. of Missions, West Union Association
3:30 Feature — Educational Emphases
5:30 Supper
7:30 Hymn
Reading of the Word
Prayer
Election of Officers
8:00 Feature Sabin P. Landry, Jr.
Southern Seminary, Louisville
8:40 Feedback — Discussion
9:00 Installation of Officers
Adjourn

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Mrs. Charles Spencer
First Church, Paducah

Franklin Owen, Executive Secretary, KBC
Film Presentation — "Rope of Sand"
7:55 Hymn
8:00 Report of Woman's Missionary Union
Kathryn Jasper, Executive Director
Middletown
Presentation and Response of new
WMU Executive Secretary, SBC
Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Alabama
8:15 Report on Foreign Missions Harold Rose
Guthrie Church, Guthrie
8:20 Address Samuel A. DeBord
Secretary, Promotion and Furlough Ministries,
Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia
8:35 Report on Cedarmore Arlis Hinson, Jr.
Manager, Bagdad
8:45 Hymn
8:50 Special Music Choir, First Church, Paducah
Robert E. Kersey, Director
8:55 Address Cecil Sherman
First Church, Asheville, N.C.
9:25 Benediction Ray J. Jackson
First Church, LaCenter

Wednesday Morning, November 13

Song Leader: Jim Bradshaw
Reidland Church, Paducah
8:45 Music
9:00 Theme Interpretation Roy E. Boatwright
Director, Sunday School Dept., Middletown
9:10 Report on Kentucky Baptist Foundation
Grady L. Randolph
Executive Secretary, Middletown
9:20 Report of Bicentennial Committee
Robert L. Mills, Chairman
9:30 Report of Historical Commission
Leo T. Crismon, President, Louisville
Presentation and Response
Charles W. Deweese
Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
9:40 Hymn
9:45 Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Business

Report of Committee on Constitution
and By-Laws Glenn Armstrong
Beaver Dam Church, Beaver Dam
10:40 Report of Western Recorder C. R. Daley
Editor, Middletown
10:50 Report of Temperance League Delbert Butts
Executive Secretary, Louisville
10:55 Hymn
11:00 Special Music Robert E. Kersey
First Church, Paducah
11:05 Convention Sermon Jack Jones
Locust Grove Church, Murray
Alternate Preacher David Gardner
First Church, Greenville
11:35 Recognition of Seminary Representatives
11:40 Benediction Richard Hale
Buena Vista Church, Owensboro
12:00 Seminary Luncheons

Wednesday Afternoon, November 13

Song Leader: Gary Clark
First Church, Earlington
2:10 Music
2:25 Theme Interpretation James H. Whaley
Director, Church Training Dept., Middletown
2:35 Report of Baptist Hospitals Homer D. Coggins
President, Louisville
and W. E. Boswell, Chairman,
Board of Directors, Cynthiana
2:45 Report of Christian Education
Committee Calvin A. Perry
Main Street Church, Alexandria
2:50 Address Robert L. Mills
President, Georgetown College
3:10 Hymn
3:15 Miscellaneous Business
3:55 Music Rad Reavis
Director, Religious Education, Fort Campbell
4:00 Recognition of Chaplains and
Address William Clark
Division of Chaplaincy,
Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia
4:30 Benediction Carlton Winters
First Church, Somerset

Tuesday Morning, November 12
Convention Theme: "Sharing Christ Through His Love"
Song Leader: H. Lee Webb, Jr.,
Third Church, Owensboro
10:40 Convening of the 1974 Kentucky Baptist
Convention Henry W. Schafer, President
Hymn
Theme Introduction, "Share His Love Now"
Jesse Stricker, Director,
Stewardship Promotion Dept., Middletown
10:55 Organization of 137th Annual Session
A. W. Walker, Secretary, Anchorage
Appointment of Committees .. President Schafer
Report of Credentials Committee
Charles F. Jones, First Church, Pineville
Report of Committee on Order of Business
Kenneth Hayes, First Church, Hodgenville
11:00 Words of Welcome John Wood, Host Pastor
Fraternal Greetings
11:20 Music Kentucky Baptist Chorale
Eugene Sutherland, Director
Walnut Street Church, Louisville
11:35 President's Message Henry W. Schafer
Bellevue Church, Owensboro
12:00 Benediction William G. Crawford
First Church, Franklin

Tuesday Afternoon, November 12

Song Leader: Gary D. Belcher
First Missionary, Benton
1:45 Music
1:55 Theme Interpretation Don Blaylock
Director, Student Work Dept., Middletown
2:05 Report of the Executive Board .. Franklin Owen
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Middletown
2:45 Hymn
2:50 Recognition of New Leadership .. Franklin Owen
3:10 Business:
Election of President
Introduction of New Business and Resolutions
3:35 Annuity Report Byrd Ison
Department Director, Middletown
3:45 Music BSU Choir, Murray State University
Steve O'Neal Director
3:50 Report on Conventionwide Education
David L. Jester, Academic Vice-President,
Campbellsville College, Campbellsville
3:55 Address George Beasley-Murray
Professor, Southern Seminary, Louisville
4:25 Benediction Harold Miles
Brookview Church, Louisville

Tuesday Night, November 12

Song Leader: Ronald Hampton
Memorial Church, Murray
6:45 Music Sing and Tell
First Church, Murray, W. R. Howard, Director
7:00 Theme Interpretation Forrest R. Sawyer
Director, Brotherhood Dept., Middletown
7:10 Report of Committee on Cooperative Program
Robert C. Vickers,
David's Fork Church, Lexington
Period of Jubilee Celebration
Jesse C. Stricker, Stewardship Dept., KBC
John H. Williams, Director of Financial
Planning, SBC Executive Committee,
Nashville, Tennessee

Wednesday Night, November 13

Song Leader: Evans Gremillion
Immanuel Church, Paducah
6:45 Music Washington Street Choir
Paducah
7:00 Theme Interpretation A. B. Colvin
Director, Direct Missions Dept., Middletown
7:10 Report of Christian Life
Committee Jim Taulman
Ft. Mitchell Church, Ft. Mitchell
7:20 Report of Department of Cooperative Ministries
and Christian Life William H. Rogers
Department Director, Middletown
7:35 American Bible Society William L. Hancock
Highview Church, Louisville
7:40 Music Congregational Singing
7:45 Report of Committee on Radio
and Television Bill D. Whittaker
First Church, Sturgis
7:50 Report of Committee on
Home Missions Charles Burrese
Perryville Church, Perryville
8:00 Board of Child Care
(Visual Presentation) William E. Amos
Executive Secretary, Middletown
8:20 Report of Evangelism
Department Thomas H. Shelton
Department Director, Middletown
8:25 Special Music Washington Street Choir
James Calloway, Director
8:30 Address C. B. Hogue
Secretary of Evangelism,
Home Mission Board, Atlanta
9:00 Benediction Tom Moody
First Church, Murray

Thursday Morning, November 14

Song Leader: Tony Whitfield
Lone Oak Church, Paducah
8:50 Music
9:00 Theme Interpretation Eugene F. Quinn
Director, Church Music Dept., Middletown
9:10 Report of Committee on Obituaries .. H. C. Chiles
Retired Minister, Murray
9:20 Miscellaneous Business (Scheduled Items)
Committee on Committees Bill Tichenor
First Church, Scottsville
Committee on Nominations Badgett Dillard
Southern Seminary, Louisville
Committee on Arrangements George Munro
First Church, Ft. Thomas
Committee on Resolutions .. Verlin C. Kruschwitz
Severns Valley Church, Elizabethtown
10:40 Appointment of Convention Committee
Chairpersons by incoming president
10:50 Recognition of Officers Franklin Owen
Presentation of plaque to Henry W. Schafer
Appreciation to other outgoing officers
Presentation of New Officers
11:05 Solo Tony Whitfield
Lone Oak Church, Paducah
11:10 Report of Committee on
Public Affairs T. A. Thacker
Midlane Park Church, Louisville
11:15 Address James E. Wood, Jr.
Baptist Joint Committee on Public
Affairs, Washington
11:45 Benediction New President

Pastors To Hear Sherman, Coleman

Cecil Sherman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Asheville, North Carolina, will be the keynote pulpit guest at the 1974 Kentucky Baptist Pastors Conference, November 11-12, at First Baptist Church, Paducah.

Sherman, one of the denomination's leading pulpit personalities, is a former staff associate of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He will preach the last sermon during Tuesday's final session, entitled "The Spiritual Maturity of the Shepherd." The conference theme is "The Shepherd and His Sheep."

Sherman has been pastor of churches in Texas and Georgia as well as North Carolina, and has served on the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. He attended Baylor University, Southwestern Seminary and Princeton Theological Seminary.

Other program highlights include sermons by Thurmond Coleman of First Baptist Church, Jeffersonton, Walter K. Price of Woodland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington, James L. Britt of Eastwood Baptist Church in Bowling Green, William Jagers of Irene Cole Baptist Church in Prestonsburg, LaVerne Butler of Louisville's Ninth and O Baptist Church, and host church pastor John Wood of Paducah.

The music itinerary includes a Monday afternoon gospel concert by Greg and Sharon Hancock of Morgantown. The Hancocks, along with the "Joytones," a group from First Baptist Church, Danville, and "Sing and Tell," a group from First Baptist Church, Murray, will provide music throughout the two-day confab.

Odell Leigh, pastor of First Baptist Church, Danville, and president of the pastors conference, said the conference this year was designed to fit pastoral needs.

"The theme we picked, the shepherd concept, is hopefully one that pastors will pick up on as part of their own role," Leigh said. "As Jesus is our shepherd, we as pastors are, in a lesser sense, shepherds. This theme is carried consistently through the conference."

Leigh said a fellowship meeting with free refreshments on Monday evening should facilitate a closeness among pastors.



Leigh

Pastors Conference Program

November 11-12, 1974
First Baptist Church, Paducah

President Odell Leigh, First Church, Danville
Vice-President William Sullivan, First Church, Benton
Secretary-Treasurer Jay Brown, Farmdale Church, Louisville
Pianist Dallas Sugg, Carlisle Church, Carlisle
Organist Austin Roberts, Lexington Avenue, Danville

THEME: THE SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life." [John 10:27-28a]

Monday Afternoon Session

2:00 Gospel Music Concert Greg and Sharon Hancock, Morgantown
2:15 Hymn Greg Hancock
2:20 Testimony: "It's Happening at Calhoun" Harold Skaggs, Calhoun
2:35 Special Music Cynthia Carey, First Church, Benton
2:40 Message: THE CALL OF THE SHEPHERD
William Jagers, Irene Cole Church, Prestonsburg
3:10 Hymn Greg Hancock
3:15 Offering Jay Brown
3:20 Special Music Greg and Sharon Hancock
3:30 Message: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD
Thurmond Coleman, First Church, Jeffersonton
4:00 Benediction R. D. Baker, First Church, Morehead

Monday Evening Session

6:30 Gospel Music Concert SING AND TELL, First Church, Murray
6:45 Hymn Rudy Howard, First Church, Murray
6:50 Testimony: "It's Happening at Albany" C. Mike Watts, Albany
7:05 Special Music THE JOYTONES, First Church, Danville
7:15 Message: THE PASTOR AND HIS SHEEP
LaVerne Butler, Ninth and O Church, Louisville
7:45 Offering Jay Brown
7:50 Election of Officers
8:00 Hymn Rudy Howard
8:05 Special Music SING AND TELL
8:10 Message: THE SHEPHERD GATHERING THE SHEEP
John Wood, First Church, Paducah
8:40 Special Music SING AND TELL
8:45 Message: THE SHEPHERD'S RETURN
Walter K. Price, Woodland Avenue Church, Lexington

9:15 Benediction Richard DeBell, Lowell Avenue, Campbellsville
NOTE: At 9:30, following a refreshment break, there will be about a one hour fellowship here in the sanctuary. It will include the musical groups featured on the program plus other TESTIMONIES.

Tuesday Morning Session

Joint meeting of the Pastors, Ministers of Music and Ministers of Education

8:50 Gospel Music Concert THE JOYTONES
9:00 Hymn John E. Boggess, Crestwood Church, Frankfort
Scripture and Prayer Jack C. Duvall, First Church, Greenville
9:05 Special Music THE JOYTONES
9:10 Message: SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND THE SHEPHERD
James L. Britt, Eastwood Church, Bowling Green
9:35 Special Music Kentucky Ministers of Music
9:45 Message: THE SPIRITUAL MATURITY OF THE SHEPHERD
Cecil Sherman, First Church, Asheville, N.C.
10:15 Benediction President-Elect

A M E N

Concerts, Chorales Highlight Music Confab

Music Conference Program

November 11-12, 1974
Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah

President Charles Douglas
First Church, Princeton
Vice President John Boggess
Crestwood Church, Frankfort
Secretary-Treasurer Wallace E. Miller
Eaton Memorial Church, Owensboro
Pastor Advisor Truett Cocanougher
Kentoboo Church, Florence

Monday Afternoon, November 11

Charles Douglas, Presiding

2:00 Devotional Concert David Ford
First Church, Nashville, Tennessee
2:30 Kentucky Baptist Chorale
Rehearsal Gene Sutherland, Directing
3:30 Refreshments
4:00 A Look at the Future C. A. Holcomb
Nashville, Tennessee
5:00 Business Session
5:15 Songs of the '20's Lone Oak Church Ensemble

5:30 Recognition Dinner Speaker, C. A. Holcomb

Monday Night, November 11

6:45 Kentucky Baptist Chorale
Rehearsal Gene Sutherland, Directing
7:45 Sharing Session: "Problems, Problems, Problems!" Jim Cordell, Presiding
8:45 "As I See It":
Ridgecrest—Grover Waller, Owensboro
SBCMC—William B. Williams, Lexington
Nashville Seminars—Ronald Sholar, Hopkinsville
Church Music Institutes—William Keith,
Bowling Green

9:30 Devotional Concert David Ford

Tuesday Morning, November 12

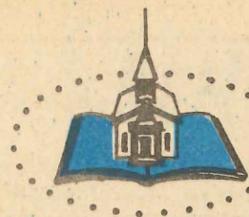
7:30 Breakfast at First Baptist Church, Paducah
8:30 Kentucky Baptist Chorale
Rehearsal Gene Sutherland, Directing
9:35 Kentucky Baptist Chorale at Pastor's Conference
10:45 Kentucky Baptist Chorale at
Kentucky Baptist Convention
12:00 Adjourn

Cumberland's Baptist Commitment

- * Ultimate control rests with a governing board of Kentucky Baptists nominated and elected by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.
- * A competent, dedicated faculty is maintained. Three of the six division heads and more than twenty other faculty members have Baptist seminary degrees or are ordained ministers. Several faculty members are deacons, and others are Sunday School teachers and ministers of music.
- * A large majority of the 1,700 students are Baptists.
- * More than 600 students participate annually in Baptist Student Union activities.
- * 130 students are preparing for the preaching ministry.
- * 335 students are preparing for full-time Christian vocations.
- * Personal evangelism is encouraged on campus.
- * Student evangelistic teams are encouraged to work in area churches on weekends. More than 150 such teams involving 500 students have been

- sent out in the past six years. As a result, there have been 228 professions of faith, 640 rededications, 37 surrenders to Christian service, and 72 letters moved to local churches.
- * Students are required to attend chapel regularly.
- * Students are required to take six semester hours of Bible.
- * More than 1,000 of the 1,700 students receive financial aid in the form of loans, grants, or college workshops, and 300 of these get financial assistance equivalent to their entire tuition and fees.
- * Without benefit of legislative subsidies supplied to the state colleges, careful financial management has made it possible to keep fees competitive with those of tax-supported schools. Tuition and fees for a student living in college housing total only \$1800 per year.
- * Owing in large measure to these evidences of its commitment to Kentucky Baptists, Cumberland has the largest enrollment of any private college in Kentucky.

See next week's issue for Cumberland's missionary commitment.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. C. Chiles



LIFE AND WORK SERIES

(These Lessons for November 3, 1974)

Motives For Ministering

Regardless of what burdens were imposed upon him, and in spite of the fact that death seemed imminent on various occasions, Paul never wavered in his devotion to Christ or in his faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of God. His complete abandonment to the service of Christ and his unwavering faith are certainly a challenge to us.

II Corinthians 4:16-5:8

Paul never attempted to ignore, deny, or minimize the hardships which he encountered in Christian service. He faced these things courageously and then declared, "We faint not." And we admire him greatly because he refused to lose heart or to be discouraged.

Aware that the strength of his body was decreasing, and that he might experience a martyr's death at any time, he frankly acknowledged that his inner strength was renewed daily through the working of the Holy Spirit. The courage which he mustered was not the result of wishful thinking, but God imparted it to him because he looked beyond the afflictions of this life to the far reaches of an eternity with God. He was thoroughly convinced that the hardships of life were as nothing when compared with the blessings which were in store for him in heaven.

In chapter five Paul described those future expectations which enabled him to meet life's emergencies courageously. Having been a tentmaker, Paul compared the human body to a tent. A tent was only a temporary abode. He admitted that the tent would be taken down or removed one day, and thus he referred to physical death. Paul lived and labored for the Lord with the firm belief that Christ might return at any time. He had a strong yearning for Christ to return while he was still living, thereby enabling him to pass into his eternal home without dying. Paul was not merely wanting to escape additional trying experiences, but he was actually wanting to be in Christ's presence clothed with immortality. After describing himself as living in an earthly tent, he was grateful for the assurance that he would be living in a permanent home provided for him by his Creator.

Like the Apostle, it should be our purpose and goal to please Christ. Daily we should praise and honor Him out of gratitude to Him for all that He has done for us, and because of what He has promised to do for us in this life and in the one which is to come. Knowledge of the fact that when a Christian departs this life he is at home with the Lord should give us the courage and ability to face the suffering which precedes death and to pass through the experience itself triumphantly. Why should we, as Christians, fear death for ourselves, or why should we grieve unduly over the death of a loved one whom the Lord has saved, when it is better to be at home with the Lord than it is to remain here?

II Corinthians 5:9-15

In verse nine Paul expressed an ambition that is highly praiseworthy, namely, to be well-pleasing to God. He considered the desire to please and to glorify God as life's supreme ambition. To please people is extremely difficult. To please most people is an utter impossibility. Our chief aim and ambition should be to please our blessed Lord.

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When Values Are Disregarded

Hosea's predictions of judgment upon Israel were uttered when her glory was at its zenith. His tragic domestic experience taught the prophet that his own pity and love for Gomer constituted a faint similitude of the yearning love of God for His erring people, who had not kept their plighted troth.

Hosea 4:1-3, 6

When goodness was absent and evil was present, Hosea summoned the people of Israel to appear at God's tribunal. They had covenanted to be His people and He had covenanted to be their God. They had so broken their part of the covenant that conditions were terribly grievous. There was a shocking absence of truth,

Every Christian has received salvation by grace through faith in Christ. Whether or not you believe it, or like it, every Christian will appear before the judgment seat of Christ. In His capacity as judge, Christ will reward each Christian for everything that he did which was pleasing and glorifying to Him from the time that he became a child of God.

Paul declared that it was "the love of Christ" that impelled him to do the things which his critics thought were the result of a deranged mind. By the expression "the love of Christ" Paul did not mean our love for Him, but he did mean His love for us. The love which prompted Christ to die for sinners, including Paul, was the basic cause of his devotion to Christ and his service for Him.

Christ's love for us, as expressed in his death for us on the cross, should cause us to die to a life of sin and to live for Him. It should cause us to live in compliance with His will while we are striving daily to proclaim His glorious gospel to those who need so much to hear it. □

mercy, and the knowledge of God in the land. This lack of the knowledge of God and His will was accompanied with and followed by a general lowering of moral standards. The people closed their eyes and minds to the truth and refused to be taught.

God was grieved to see the nation, which He had redeemed from bondage in Egypt, to which He had given the Law, and to which He had shown such love and favor through the years, steadily growing worse. God had a controversy with the people of Israel because of their gross violations of His law, their inexcusable idolatry, their desperate incorrigibility, and their shocking immorality.

The time-serving priests had the law,

but they neither studied it nor taught it. They were unfaithful to their trusts and allowed the people to perish for lack of knowledge. Their ignorance was deliberate.

It is a disgrace for a true priest to become like the people, and it is also a disgrace for a people to become like a bad priest.

Hosea 6:1-3

To his people Hosea uttered this tender and gracious call: "Come and let us return unto the Lord." In this request he expressed the conviction that true repentance would lead to three things:

1. Restoration. "He will heal us" (6:1).
 2. Revival. "After two days will he revive us" (6:2a).
 3. Resurrection. "In the third day he will raise us up" (6:2b).
- God's loving heart always yearns after wayward men. Though they have turned from Him in backsliding, yet He sends His messenger to convey His gracious invitation. No more beautiful word can be spoken than "Come." It speaks of an open door, of a forgiving spirit, and of a desire for renewed fellowship.

Hosea appealed to the wayward, rebellious people to return to God, Who would in the hour of their sincere repentance heal their wounds, raise them up from their state of death, and bestow such a spiritual refreshing upon them as could be compared with the renewal of the earth caused by much-needed showers of rain.

Hosea 7:4-7

In either the physical realm or the spiritual realm all of them were guilty of adultery. As a part of the world system, they revelled in adultery and idolatry, without giving any thought to the inevitable consequences of their indulgence in sin. They planned and prepared for indulgence in sin. Determined to do as they pleased regardless of everything else, they rejected all standards of righteousness, ignored the difference between right and wrong, and plunged into the very depths of sin, thereby inviting punishment or chastisement for their willful disobedience.

Hosea 11:8-9

These verses reveal the greatness of God's love for His unworthy and disobedient people, whom He wanted to deliver from destruction, and the intense longing of His heart for a requital of His love. In spite of their sins He loved them and wanted to bless them, and then use them in His service, if they would only let Him do so. □

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Board Sets \$45 Million Budget

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its major meeting of the year, voted a \$45,532,061 budget, approved the division of South America into two new administrative areas and appointed 27 missionaries.

The board also appropriated \$100,000 from 1974 Cooperative Program challenge funds to serve as a fund for relief needs throughout the world. An additional \$10,000 was designated for relief in Honduras.

The 1975 budget exceeds that of 1974 by \$3,106,777. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, explained, "This \$45 million budget on the one hand is a very joyful one because it tells a story of continued outreach in 81 countries. It's a sad budget on the other hand because it

tells a story of what inflation is doing."

"It takes more money to do what we did last year because of inflation," he continued. "Our problem is three-fold. We have inflation in the United States, equally severe if not more severe inflation in the countries where we have work, plus the declining purchasing power of the American dollar abroad."

The division of South America into two administrative areas will be effective January 1, 1975. The new areas, divided by the Andes Mountains, are Western South America and Eastern South America.

The western division includes Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile. Frank K. Means, now secretary for South America, will become secretary for Eastern South America, including Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay.

The board's president, W. O. Vaught, will appoint an area committee to oversee the work of Western South America and to recommend a secretary for work in that area. Means will continue to work with both areas until a new secretary is elected.

Charles W. Bryan, secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, presented an encouraging report about Baptist response after hurricane Fifi hit the Caribbean coast of Honduras. He told of immediate steps missionaries took to help the survivors with medical, food and shelter needs and of the board's role in providing resources for relief efforts.

Bryan suggested the need for even quicker, more thorough response. "The Foreign Mission Board desperately needs a disaster response procedure to better meet needs in time of disaster abroad," he said. (BP)

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HMB ACTION —

Evangelism To Benefit From Excess Easter Offering

Responding to convention expressions for increased emphasis on evangelism, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has ticketed some \$630,000 of the 1975 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for evangelism projects. The board also voted to use all funds received over the offering's \$8.5 million goal for evangelism and missions needs.

Evangelism-oriented matters, including a call to win America for Christ now by Southern Baptist Convention president Jaroy Weber, dominated the agenda of the fall meeting of the board in Atlanta, Georgia.

But in other actions the directors voted to increase the interest rate on church loans, approved new salary guidelines for staff members and missionaries, appointed 26 missionaries and missionary associates and honored executive director-treasurer Arthur B. Rutledge for 10 years at the board's helm.

The church loans interest rate was hiked from 8.5 percent to a "break even rate" of 9 percent. The directors authorized the borrowing of \$2 million from the Georgia teachers retirement system at 11.5 percent to provide funds for loans.

The 11.5 percent rate prompted the hike. The 9 percent rate to churches will be subsidized from other interest income.

They also honored three retiring staff members and accepted the resignation of another, heard plans for Home Mission Board projects in observing the nation's bicentennial and approved themes for a bold mission thrust, 1976-79.

The directors voted to distribute the 1975 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering as follows, if the \$8.5 million goal is met:

- \$5.9 million for missionaries and field ministries;
- \$1.3 million for special projects;
- \$1.3 million for advance in critical areas.

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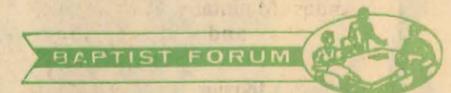
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Evangelism projects would receive four percent (\$240,000) from the \$5.9 million designated for missionaries and field ministries and 30 percent (\$390,000) of the \$1.3 million for advance in critical areas.

All over the \$8.5 million goal would be used "for urgent unmet field ministries needs in missions and evangelism."

Robert M. Saul of Waco, Texas, was



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healings, miracles and spiritual rebirths (and there have been many). She is much more thrilled with a soul won to Christ than with a physical healing.

According to a recent article in *Time Magazine* there are many phony faith healers going around. It's very important to be discerning, but also cautious and prayerful about passing judgment on people who seem to be "of the Lord" before we've checked out their messages and life with the Bible.

You see the scripture in Matthew 12 (leading up to the part on blasphemy of the Holy Spirit) scares me. I don't want to attribute to the devil something the Holy Spirit has done or is doing.

I may feel Kathryn Kuhlman needs some defense, but the Holy Spirit sure doesn't need any, though He is easily grieved.

Frankfort, Ky. Ann Childers

PRAISES BREAKFAST

Dear Editor:

One of the most inspiring times I have ever experienced was the recent Prayer Breakfast in Frankfort sponsored by Governor Ford.

The speaker's message was all the more gripping in that he told of his own malignancy, and how his own beliefs were sustaining as death draws near for himself. Prayers and scriptures were given by other men of various faiths.

The nearly 1,000 in attendance were challenged to live a better life, and show that our own faith has a dynamic relevance to both life and death.

Governor Ford is to be commended for having this great annual program for those of us in government service.

Lexington Ky. George Herman Kendall

elected to head the department of lay witness ministries.

Directors authorized another new position in the division of evangelism, creating the position of director of evangelism planning and consultative services. The person named to the position will assist state conventions in planning evangelism programs and emphases.

Honored on their upcoming retirement at the end of this year were Willis Brown, deputy director of the division of chaplaincy since 1962; Victor Glass, director of the department of cooperative ministries with National Baptists since 1965; and L. D. Wood, assistant director of the department of language missions since 1966.

The directors accepted the resignation of Roy Owen, associate director of the division of associational services. Owen has been named assistant executive secretary for the Colorado Baptist General Convention. (BP)

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Former Editor Freeman Dead At 90

John B. Freeman, Jr., former *Western Recorder* editor, Kentucky pastor and denominational leader, died recently in Nashville, Tennessee, after a brief illness.

Editor of Kentucky Baptist's state paper during 1942-44, Freeman was also pastor of a Springfield, Kentucky, church for five years beginning in 1918.

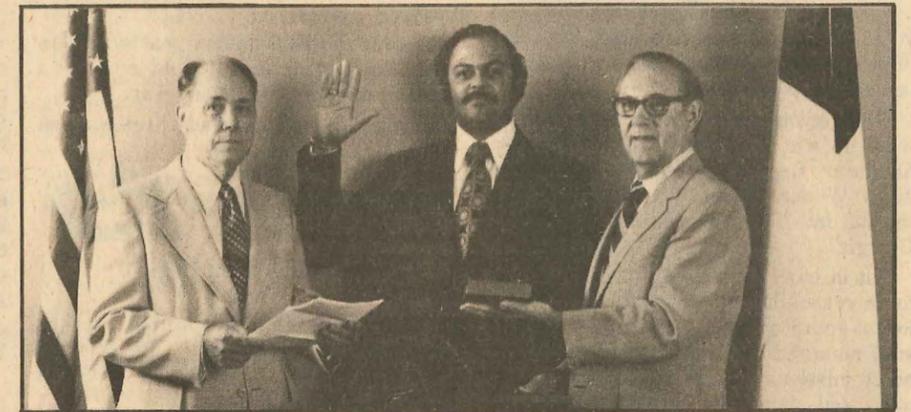
Before his death in the Nashville Baptist Hospital, he had been serving as senior minister at Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville. He preached his last sermon there last February during a Sunday observance by the church of his 90th birthday.

A native of Allene, Arkansas, Freeman was editor of the *Baptist and Reflector*, Tennessee's state Baptist paper before taking the reins of *Western Recorder*.

Freeman, who earned degrees from the University of Arkansas, Duke University and Southern Seminary, worked his way through college and seminary teaching science and serving as a high school principal.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. C. F. Fielden, Jr., and Mrs. Perry M. White, Jr., both of Atlanta, Georgia; four brothers, one sister and six grandchildren.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be made in the form of contributions to the Dr. and Mrs. John D. Freeman Scholarship Fund of Belmont College, a Baptist school in Nashville. •



FIRST BLACK SBC CHAPLAIN—James A. Wilborn, Jr., prepares to take the oath of office in the USAF with James Kelly, left, recently retired director of the SBC Chaplains Commission, and William Clark, associate director. Wilborn, an Atlanta native, is the first black man to be endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention. He began his first duty assignment in September at McCord AFB, Washington. He is a graduate of Morehouse College and Interdenominational Theological Center. His father is pastor of Union Baptist Church in Atlanta, dually aligned with the SBC and the Progressive National Baptist Convention.



"WHY DID I HAVE TO LEAVE MY MOTHER?"

To answer this question is to really answer the question, "What does the Board of Child Care do?"

We could tell you all of the meals served, miles traveled, clothes washed—all of which are vital to this ministry.

But we would rather tell you what we do in terms of trying to meet the needs of children who come to us for help.

Recently, a young lad was sharing with a social worker from our staff just before he was placed on one of the children's home campuses to live. As the conference drew to a close, he asked the social worker if she could help him find answers to the following questions:

"Why did I have to leave my mother?"

"Where is she living?"

"Why can't I go and live with her?"

"Why doesn't my mother come to see me?"

"Why wouldn't my mother take my brothers and sisters?"

"Why couldn't I live with my brothers and sisters?"

"Why have I never seen my father?"

As this young lad comes to live with us, we all will be trying to help him answer these questions in such a way as to help him find his place in a healthy, happy way as a child of God in this world. It will take all of the staff working, praying and hoping each day with him in this journey. Answering his questions and others like them in Jesus' name is what we are all about. It is, indeed, at the heart of what we as Kentucky Baptist do through the ministry of the Board of Child Care.