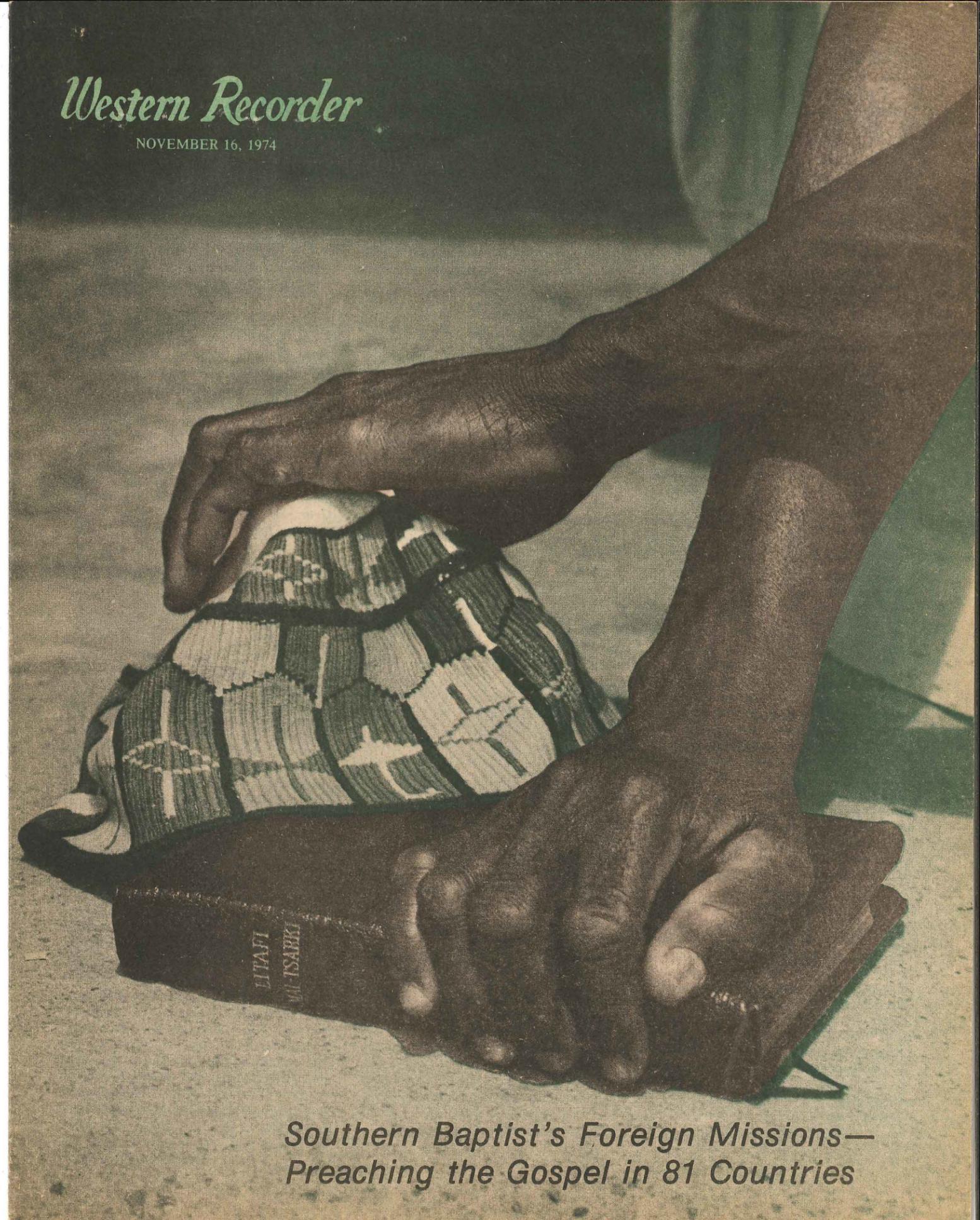


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*Southern Baptist's Foreign Missions—
Preaching the Gospel in 81 Countries*

Youth Drama Workshop Scheduled

The annual Youth Drama Workshop for Kentucky Baptists, an event which drew almost 300 last year, will be Thanksgiving weekend (November 29-30) at Cedarmore. The confab, aimed at teaching youth to use the dramatic arts in ministry, will feature conferences led by Everett Robertson, drama specialist from the Sunday School Board; Neil Jackson of the church recreation department of the board; Tom Smoot, campus minister to Western Kentucky; Mel Doughty, a Mayfield member of Kings Players, a drama group; and Jennifer Smoot of Owensboro.

Individual sessions will center on specifics, including techniques, outreach drama, and puppets. Youth who have experience in drama will present several plays.

The workshop will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday and will conclude at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Reservations and information can be obtained by contacting John Carney, youth consultant, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown 40243, or Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad 40001 (phone 502-747-8911).



BIBLE PRESENTATIONS — Miriam Van Keitz, a student at Cumberland College from Canada, presents fellow student Tsilalot Yigeburu with a Bible in her native language. The presentation was a highlight of recent activities at the Williamsburg school honoring international students studying there. The Bible donation program is funded by the Kentucky Baptist Convention student department and WMU in an effort to distribute native language Bibles to international students. Over 400 Bibles will be given to the students through the program.

Longtime Kentucky Pastor Dies

L. W. Benedict, long time pastor and denominational worker in Kentucky, died October 29, in Kenova, West Virginia, at the age of 86.

Benedict had been an active preacher since 1906. For 25 years he served churches in the Louisville area. They included Middletown, West Point and Otter Creek Baptist Churches (20-23), Virginia Avenue Baptist Church (26-34), and third Avenue Baptist Church (34-35).



Benedict started a church owned radio station that broadcasted church services. This represented one of the first attempts at religious broadcasting.

He served as a denominational worker for 22 counties in northeastern Kentucky (45-47) and served as pastor of the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church in Prestonsburg (48-53) until his retirement.

During his retirement years he served as interim pastor for 10 churches in three different states.

Benedict was a graduate of Colgate

University and Southern Seminary. He served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army during World War I.

Funeral services were held November 1, at the First Baptist Church of Kenova. Burial followed at the McLean Cemetery, McLean, New York.

Benedict is survived by his son, Joseph, of Louisville, and his wife, Clara Ferguson Benedict. (Gertrude Hurt Benedict, Benedict's first wife, died in 1971 in Ashland.)

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"My wife's too modest. We've attended church here and there, off and on, fairly regularly for years!"

FMB Votes \$25,000 Aid For Honduras

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, at its November meeting, appropriated an additional \$25,000 for relief and reconstruction in Honduras.

Of the \$25,000, only \$10,369 was from board-designated relief funds. The remainder came from donations from Southern Baptists who designated the money be used for relief in Honduras. A total of \$35,000 has been appropriated by the board for Honduras since the devastating hurricane.

Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, reported that from January until November, \$371,575 has been made available for relief throughout the world by Southern Baptists.

Included in this amount is \$100,000 appropriated by the board in October from Cooperative Program challenge funds. Of the total, 280,880 has been appropriated for relief efforts in countries where Baptists have mission work.

"When disasters occur," Cauthen explained, "the Foreign Mission Board ascertains from the missionaries the circumstances they are facing and what they believe can be done. Based on recommendations from the missions, funds are appropriated and relief steps are taken."

There can be no other joy as great as being a Christian and because one lives in Kentucky and is a Baptist, a Kentucky Baptist, in these days so endowed by the Spirit of God.

How grateful I am to God for the privilege of serving Christ with all of you faithful Baptists of Kentucky. Serving with you in this position of opportunity has at times been tiresome and strenuous, but these have been overshadowed by the tremendous spirit of love and togetherness which have characterized Kentucky Baptists in recent years and, thanks be to God, is in continuance. Our prayers be to God that it will have no fading nor end.

How can I find words to express my gratitude to the membership of the Bellevue Church for their continuing generosity to allow me time and means to seek to serve Kentucky Baptists. To Albertine, my wife, I owe, as always, public thanks for her standing by my side praying for and encouraging my efforts.

To our noble executive secretary and treasurer, Franklin Owen, my friend and fellow laborer, I express my deepest gratitude. I know, as do we all, God brought him to this work within His Kingdom for such a time as this. Working with him has been an experience of supreme joy. Never have either of us salvaged our convictions, but we have worked and walked together in the way as one seeking to help bring in the Kingdom of God. In fact, we have agreed so completely as to personnel of committees, etc., that it has been unbelievable except to those who know and depend upon the Spirit's leading. I express, also, my gratitude to T. A. Prickett, first vice president, for his faithful ministry throughout the year and for his capable and willing assistance.

Especially do I thank the administrative committee for faithful ministry in His name. Each of these dedicated and capable men served at times under great pressuring decisions to do God's will. Earnest prayer and dependence upon the Holy Spirit always brought success and, at times, even miracles.

When you elected me as your president a year ago and the shock had left enough for me to think, I said to myself and to God, "Why me? What can I do?" The more I searched for a meaningful talent or gift through which I could serve as a reason, I found none. The more I prayed and searched the Spirit seemed to say to me, "Just love and be loved and serve as all the others and I'll use you all together." Love and togetherness continued to catch in our lives as fire in a "broomsage patch." We have witnessed this in all of the meetings, committee and Executive Board alike. That sweet spirit

President's Address —

The Strength of Kentucky Baptists

By Henry Schafer

of togetherness and love, so evident in recent years, now continues to fan among us even as He came on that day at Pentecost. Thank you Lord, so may He ever be in us and with us, Amen.

What is this strength of Kentucky Baptists? I don't believe any state has a more faithful staff of capable leaders directing our work within our departments and institutions. The spirit of Kentucky Baptist pastors is the best that I have known in these 37 years that I have been pastor in Kentucky. Fine, if not great, churches invade the cities and dot the hills, valleys and flat lands of our beautiful state. Our membership grows, mission gifts continue to rise and to break all goals or expectations. Let us ever be thankful to God: especially to the thousands of Kentucky Baptists who pray, work and give, serving Christ within the individual church. What then is this strength of Kentucky Baptists? It is all this but much more. God is blessing Kentucky Baptists. No man among us could say it better than was said by Chauncey Daley, our *Western Recorder* editor, who, seeking to analyze our Executive Board meeting in May, through which such a great spirit of togetherness and love prevailed, stated it simply, "The Spirit of God is upon us."

Like a giant cable of steel is made up



Schafer

of tiny particles, so the Spirit of God has bound us together by His own act of divine presence and has given to us one "common denominator" of strength — that of the person of Jesus Christ, His will and His work in the hearts of men. We are not serving a man, men or programs. We are not committed to please a man, a department, a committee or an institution. One of the finest examples of this spirit is that of our executive secretary and treasurer, Franklin Owen, who with great concern of leadership and compassion, when recommending a program or a person to the administrative committee would say something like this: "This is what I recommend, I hope it is right, I've prayed about it, let us discuss it together." He has always urged us to express our convictions, to agree or differ within the Spirit's leading. None of us can properly value his gentle spirit in working together, but the togetherness points past all of us to Christ himself: His love, His work, His will, His Kingdom in the hearts of men. He is our "common denominator."

May I have your mind and your heart as I attempt in some ways to show how we need and must depend upon His strength as we seek to do His will within this Convention and in the ensuing years.

We face, if not in this Convention, very soon, changes taking place in our child care program. I speak carefully, as your president. I do not speak knowingly of any action regarding our child care program to come before this Convention. All of us know, or should at least, some of the changes that have taken place and circumstances may dictate other changes within our child care program. Surely we do know that the Convention has responsibility to the child care program and they to the Convention. Laymen and pastors over the state are concerned and are voicing such concern with such questions as, "What is our present program? What will the present and future demand that our program be? What service can the child care program offer to the Kingdom's work of Kentucky Baptists?" We need to face these facts now together as an institution within our Convention. We will discover the work of Kentucky Baptists within this ministry not by blind criticism of procedures, persons or methods, nor by sitting upon our convictions and ideas. We must learn the actual facts within the scope of human need, and with open minds and hearts, through prayer and the Spirit's leading, determine to do what God wants together for Him and for His Glory.

We shall also have opportunity to use and demonstrate this togetherness within the ministry of healing, our Hospital (Continued on page 14)

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On Expressing Our Gratitude

Southern Baptist executive secretary Porter Routh enjoys telling one of many stories related to the inimitable Texas pastor, Wallace Bassett. Dr. Bassett was well known to say exactly what he thought. On the occasion of his retirement he helped the committee entrusted with plans for an appropriate expression on the part of a grateful congregation. Dr. Bassett said he wanted the committee to be certain to know what he wanted was not a plaque but cash.

This beloved pastor could get by with this although most pastors couldn't. The pity is that the majority of Baptist pastors and staff members don't even receive a plaque, to say nothing of cash. The reason is not that they don't deserve it nor that the congregation is unwilling. Most often it is because no one thinks of it and takes the initiative.

The concern of this editorial is to remind grateful members to find a way to express their appreciation for those serving them. Many church bulletins pass across the editor's desk but rarely is seen one with any plans to express appreciation to those whose lives are dedicated in service to God and to church members.

The important thing is not the value of any gift but the inestimable worth of knowing one is loved and appreciated. Take it from one who has been there. Next to believing he is in God's will, nothing is so precious to a pastor or staff member as knowing somebody loves and cares for him and appreciates his services. Even when we deny we want it, we are often only hiding our deep desire to be complimented and appreciated. The need for affirmation is strong in all of us and especially for religious workers.

Nothing is more needed among Baptists today than a supportive ministry to each other. We are too hard hearted and close lipped. We meet many persons daily who desperately need and deserve

the support of sincere words of appreciation. A word of gratitude which costs us so little has incalculable worth to others.

Generally, to be appreciated one must be appreciative of others. This goes for ministers who sometimes leave the impression their one calling is to roast church members every Sunday. In turn this kind of preacher is often roasted around the Sunday dinner table by many of his members.

Such commercial mottoes as, "Say it with flowers" and "You cared enough to send the best," are worth considering by churches. Why not leave off "the flowers" and "the best" and let it be, "You cared enough to say it."

The pastor can help the members express their thanks to each other and can even suggest an "Appreciation Day" for any staff member of the church. But he cannot initiate any such occasion for himself and his family. If he is the kind to do it, directly or indirectly, he probably doesn't deserve it.

For those who want to do something appropriate to express appreciation for their pastor and his family there is some excellent help. A Pastor Appreciation Day kit has been prepared by the Church Services and Materials Division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. It is available at \$2.50 from the Baptist Book Store. It contains detailed suggestions for such a service and also has a Pastor Appreciation button, two posters and a certificate of recognition.

So often a pastor has to resign to learn how much he is loved. When his people get around to expressing their regrets that he is leaving, he thinks within himself, "Why didn't they say so before now?"

No one ever regretted expressing a sincere word of appreciation. Many of us regret we didn't when we had an opportunity.

A Generous Mission Minded Church Never Loses

This is the time each year when the responsible persons or committees in local churches recommend the financial plans for another year. This is never an easy task but it is especially difficult in these days of economic confusion and inflation.

Baptists are to be commended generally for increasing their tithes and offerings as inflation has made the church dollars worth less and less. Church offerings look good when compared to past records. However, the buying value remains the same or is less due to inflation.

No matter how much a church expects to receive in gifts there are more needs locally and world-wide than can ever be fully met. This calls for prayerful and careful heart searching when planning and adopting a church budget.

However difficult it is today to meet the challenge of multiple needs, it is heaven compared to what it was 50 years ago. Then we had no denominational plan of regular support for all ministries to which we were committed. The Cooperative Program, our financial lifeline today, was only a dream in the minds of far-sighted leaders.

The picture indeed was dark 50 years ago for financial support of mission ministries of Southern Baptists. The Southern Baptist mission boards and institutions were left on their own for the most part to raise their needed finances. Once or twice a year representatives from mission agencies would visit local churches and plead for funds. Those who cried the loudest and made the most emotional appeal generally got the biggest offering.

Robert Baker, Southern Baptist historian, points out that the whims of the people and even the weather determined the level of support. On a rainy or snowy mission emphasis Sunday many members were absent and the collection was scanty.

This kind of haphazard support left our mission leaders on very uncertain ground. Often they would have to borrow money against anticipated offerings to keep missionaries on the field. If the church mission offerings came up short, there was a crisis.

This style of support along with the severe economic depression in the 1920's which greatly reduced church contributions resulted in a sad spectacle. In 1928 the Home Mission debt was over two and a half million dollars. In 1933 the Foreign Mission Board owed over one and a quarter million dollars.

By the grace of God and with the help of

emergency measures like the \$75 million campaign and the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club our mission work survived. Then came the plan which replaced the old haphazard way of supporting missions and truly launched our world-wide mission thrust. No more were our boards and agencies on a shoe string kind of survival but they were undergirded by regular offerings and a fair distribution of mission gifts.

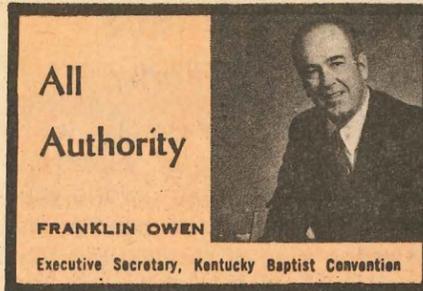
The plan of giving one offering and dividing it among the local and outside causes had been used in local churches and to some extent in state Baptist groups. In 1925 it was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention and its success merits our gratitude and a 50th Anniversary Celebration next year. No better plan has ever been found by man to assure regular and fair financial support for the well known and popular Baptist ministries as well as those less known and less popular.

The contrast between the old haphazard method and the present method of mission support should set all Southern Baptists to joyful singing. This inspiring story should be in the minds of local church budget planners for 1975.

It is natural for church budget planners to think first of local needs because these are always visible and sometimes pressing. This is proper. The operation of a church depends upon personnel and upon such necessary services as utilities and literature. Then come financial obligations already agreed to like payments on new buildings. The truth is most churches could well use all their income without getting beyond their walls. But this would be tragic and suicidal.

Local and world needs always must be kept in proper balance. For example, it would be wrong for a church to increase mission expenditures without making at least a cost of living adjustment for the pastor and other staff members. On the other hand it would be equally wrong to increase the pay to the church personnel and reduce gifts for world evangelization.

A very fitting way for Southern Baptist churches to express gratitude to God for farsighted leaders 50 years ago is to share more of their resources through the Cooperative Program for world missions in 1975. Few churches ever suffered by giving too much for causes beyond their walls. Many churches have stagnated or died by thinking of themselves first. This should be no surprise. Jesus said we lose by keeping and gain by giving. This applies to churches as it does to persons.



All Authority

FRANKLIN OWEN
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

I've tried to preach on the Great Commission many times, but I'm afraid only recently did it come home to me how closely verse 28:19 is obliged to be tied to the preceding verse 18. "All power is given unto me . . . Go ye therefore and teach all nations . . ."

Jesus had previously sent them forth "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," (Matthew 10:6) but now he has "endured the cross" and risen from the dead and stands victorious, deputized from the Father, with whom he is one, with authority in Heaven and earth. "Go ye therefore to all nations," not just to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

There is a mighty imperative upon us to proclaim Christ to people in other parts of the world because of their great need of Him. This tends to be the reason we emphasize as the World Mission imperative, but really it's a secondary reason. The primary reason for proclaiming Him as Lord is simply because He is Lord, and the truth of that fact deserves proclamation.

There are many valid reasons for calling on men individually to acknowledge Christ as Lord and Saviour, and several motivations that can be appealed to in asking this of them, but important as they are, they are secondary. For example, we can call on men to accept and acknowledge Him to save their souls from Hell, or to gain Heaven's glory; we can ask them to honor and embrace Him to achieve what might be called the good life and live on the highest possible plane, but these would be secondary reasons.

When you come right down to it the biggest reason to call on men to recognize Him as Lord is simply because He is Lord. Men and women fall short of truth and have everything in a state of displacement until they properly recognize and revere Him whose right it is to reign. An individual life is not only lost in a spiritual, religious sense, it is rather lost in a practical sense until it finds its proper authority and acknowledges His reigning power over life. "All power is given unto me in Heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

Frank Owen

Baptist Hospitals, Inc., Plan Week-Long Anniversary Celebration, Rededication

Baptist Hospitals, Inc., will observe the 50th anniversary of the healing ministry of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, with an eight day celebration, November 17-24, 1974. The first day, Sunday, November 17, will be devoted to a rededication ceremony of the 50 year old Kentucky Baptist Hospital on Barret Avenue and the final day, Sunday, November 24, will be a memorial stone ceremony at Baptist Hospital East. The new hospital in the St. Matthews area is scheduled to be opened to patients January 1, 1975. Special groups will participate in activities scheduled for each day, November 18-23.

Kentucky Baptist Hospital was opened on November 15, 1924, after several years of planning. The facilities in 1924 were limited to 144 beds. Today, after a series of major construction programs, Kentucky Baptist Hospital is one of the largest Kentucky healing facilities with 409 beds. The public ceremony on November 17 will feature a ribbon cutting by Louisville mayor Harvey Sloane signifying the start of a five year remodeling program of the present facilities.

James V. Dorsett, Jr., executive vice president of Kentucky Baptist Hospital, emphasizes that though some acute beds now in the Barret Avenue hospital will be moved to Baptist Hospital East, Kentucky Baptist Hospital will continue

to provide very significant healing services. Renovation of the 50 year old hospital will provide enlarged psychiatric facilities, a neurological institute, short term surgical care, a family counseling service, motel type accommodations and expanded out-patient services.

The November 17 plans also include a reception at the School of Nursing from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., rededication ceremonies at 3 p.m. and tours of the hospital and nursing school.

Monday, November 18, will be Leadership Day. Invited participants will attend a dinner at Lincoln Towers which is located on Watterson Expressway in sight of Baptist Hospital East. Attending will be past and present hospital board members, representatives from various medical and hospital associations, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington and Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

Medical Staff Day will be on Tuesday, November 19. It will begin with a medical staff buffet breakfast at Kentucky Baptist Hospital and conclude with the regular monthly Kentucky Baptist Hospital staff dinner.

The hospital staff will be honored on Wednesday, November 20. A reception is planned in the hospital cafeteria for each of the three shifts. Staff members will see a slide-tape presentation and sign scrolls



Kentucky Baptist Hospital Complex



Baptist Hospital East Complex

to be placed in the memorial cornerstone at Baptist Hospital East.

On Thursday, November 21, the hospital auxiliary members will be honored. A reception is planned for 10 a.m. at the school of nursing followed by a slide presentation in the nursing school chapel. On the same day there will be a Metropolitan Hospital Council luncheon at Baptist Hospital East followed by tours of the new hospital.

Friday, November 22, will be Community Day. This will feature a luncheon at Hospital East for fund raising leadership, vendors and builders.

Alumni and students of the Kentucky Baptist school of nursing will be entertained at a luncheon on Saturday, November 23. This will be followed by a nursing school student presentation, a reception and tours of Kentucky Baptist Hospital.

The climax of the 50th anniversary observance will be on Sunday, November 24. The public is invited to participate in the activities all of which will take place at Baptist Hospital East. Tours of the new hospital will be conducted from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. and also after the 3:00 p.m. memorial stone ceremony in the courtyard. A reception is also planned in the cafeteria area of the new building for visitors. Governor and senator elect Wendell Ford is scheduled to participate in the memorial stone laying.

Construction of the Baptist Hospital East began in May, 1972. The hospital is located on a 53 acre tract bounded by Breckinridge Lane, Browns Lane and Interstate 64. Vice president Dorsett says

the transition of services will begin early in 1975 and completed over a period of months.

The new hospital will have 223 acute patient beds eventually. The Kentucky Baptist Hospital which now has 409 beds will have 287 beds, making a total for both facilities of 510 beds.

A doctor's building adjacent to Baptist Hospital East is also near completion. Vice president Dorsett says all doctor's suites in the building are leased except four. An overhead passageway will connect the hospital and the doctor's building.

Baptist Hospitals, Inc., also operate two other modern facilities in Kentucky. Central Baptist in Lexington has been in operation since 1954 and has 300 beds with 31 bassinets. Western Baptist in Paducah, serving Western Kentucky, opened in 1953 and now has 283 beds.

The total number of beds in the Kentucky Baptist hospitals, excluding Baptist Hospital East, is 989 and 86 bassinets. Admissions during the past year totaled over 44,400 including 5,115 newborns. The hospitals employ more than 2,200 people.

Homer D. Coggins is president of Baptist Hospitals, Inc. Ben R. Brewer is the executive vice president administering Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington and vice president and administrator of the Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah is H. Earl Feezor. James V. Dorsett, Jr., is vice president in charge of Kentucky Baptist Hospital and Baptist Hospital East.

Annuity Board Issues 13th Check, Smaller Than In Past Years

A 13th Check will be paid in 1974, according to Darold H. Morgan, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board.

He said the check will amount to 8 1/2 percent of the annual benefit. In equivalent, this is one month's additional benefit payment beyond the 12 annual guaranteed payments under Plan A and Plan B.

Over 9,000 annuitants receiving benefits from these plans, who were on the annuitant list as of September 30, 1974, will receive the 13th Check. It will be paid in early December and will amount to over \$650,000.

"Some have asked how we can pay any extra benefit during a year in which the stock market has suffered so greatly," Morgan said. "Funds to distribute the 13th Check this year come principally out of excess interest accumulated before the stock market entered its rapid decline.

"However, these funds are not sufficient to pay the 16 2/3 percent of annual benefit, or two additional months of payments the Annuity Board was able to provide last year.

"We hope the stock market will recover from its decline so that we can distribute a 13th Check in 1975. We are aware that our annuitants, faced with rapidly rising costs of living, sorely need this extra benefit," Morgan added.

MISSION LEADER FROM KENTUCKY—
A native of Hardin County and Southern Seminary and Georgetown College grad, J. Wendell Smith, left, gets congratulations from Avery T. Willis, mission organization head in Indonesia for Southern Baptists. Smith, also a missionary to Indonesia, was elected to the organization's executive committee recently.



Church Seems Destined To Die Pope Says At Evangelism Meet

Pope Paul VI, the night before the first session of the fourth world Synod of Bishops in the Vatican City, shocked 207 world Catholic leaders with a statement about the condition of the church:

"The church is in difficulty," he said. "It seems destined to die." Indeed the synod that ensued affirmed that the Catholic church is facing trying times.

With a theme of "Evangelization of the Nations," the month-long meeting proved to be one of the most open and heated conferences in the Catholic Church's lengthy history. Not only the issue of evangelization, but many peripheral issues emerged—including the role of women in the church, marriage of clergy and indeed the election of the next pope.

At the heart of the church's problem was how the largest Christian denomination in the world can spread its faith in an increasingly secularized society. The defection of youth from the institutional church was a key topic for the group, as was the inability of the church's mission program to be implemented in some areas of the world due to political pressures.

There was evidenced by observers a new willingness by all the bishops in attendance to say exactly what they felt, even in the presence of the pope, and this was indeed a new dimension to synods.

C. B. Hastings, assistant director of the department of interfaith witness of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, attended the synod as an observer. Hastings saw the church's entire structure as a major stumbling block in the discussions.

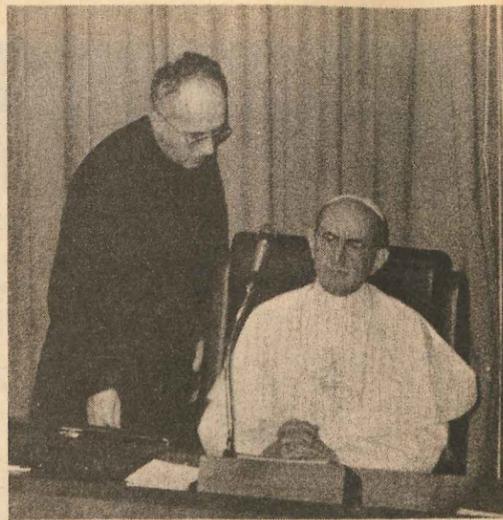
"Can you imagine 225 Baptist leaders from 104 countries sitting together for a whole month debating the ways and means of world evangelism and missions?" he asked. "Would their hearts be in it, if they knew the president of the Baptist World Alliance would tell them finally what and how to do the job anyway? No way!"

After the month of deliberation, a 40 page document emerged, but even some of the bishops attending saw little progress in the report. One bishop from the United States defined the contents of the report as "nothing substantial."

Three primary concepts of evangelism did, according to Hastings' view of the synod, provide for much of the volatile discussion in the meetings.

Firstly, there was the group defining evangelism as the proclamation of the gospel to those who have never heard. Another group defined it a "forming" believers after the gospel pattern and especially Christ's (including the reclaiming of lapsed or non-practicing Catholics). The third perspective, which came largely from the denomination's left wing, viewed evangelism as bringing the principles and the power of the gospel to bear upon the social injustices of men and institutions, so as to "liberate" the oppressed from social ills.

The open, vocal climate of the synod, attributed by most observers to the determination of a goodly number of liberal Catholic bishops to be heard, was dominant throughout the meetings. At the end of the meeting, the prelates elected 12 of their number to the synod council which will organize the next such



Pope Paul VI at evangelism meeting

session in 1977. Of the 12 elected, only four are cardinals. Two of the elect are strong members of the church's most liberal wing, and eight of the number are from developing, "third world" countries.

The pope, 77 years old and reportedly afflicted with chronic arthrosis, has spoken several times of revising the papal election process, and if such a revision occurs in the near future, the voices of developing countries are sure to carry weight due to the newly elected synod council makeup.

According to Hastings, a highlight of the entire synod was an address by Philip Potter, general secretary of the World Council of Churches. He told the synod that the urgency of evangelization is also a thrust toward a united effort of all of Christendom.

Potter emphasized that evangelization is not "the purveying of a particular confessional doctrine or way of life or of a so-called superior Christian culture to the exclusion of others."

He also stated that evangelization is not proselytism. "Proselytism is the corruption of witness, when cajolery, bribery, undue pressure or intimidation are used—subtly or openly—to bring about seeming conversion . . . when we put the success of our church before the honor of Christ."

Though Potter was applauded warmly by some of the synod prelates, others, from the conservative wing of the church, attacked his remarks.

The synod ended, according to observers, with an urging from the pope that the future of the church not "be left to the arbitrary impulse of individuals," and a feeling of little real accomplishment. •

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AT BOWLING GREEN —

'Reconciliation Through Christ' Theme Of Evangelism Confab

The site has been chosen, the theme established, and the program set as the wheels are in motion for next year's evangelism conference.

Meeting at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, the 1975 conference will focus on the theme, "Reconciliation Through Christ."

The meeting annually draws hundreds of pastors and laymen together to hear state and national convention leaders rally around evangelistic messages.

Heading this year's program will be Jaroy Weber, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas.

Also featured at the two-day event, scheduled for January 20-21, will be Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee; William Pinson, Jr., professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Seminary; Bob Mowrey, pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville; John Polhill, professor of New Testament at Southern Seminary; and Joe Ford of the Home Mission Board's evangelism division.

Polhill, a native of Georgia, has served as guest speaker for several foreign mission assemblies and was a student missionary to the Philippine Islands at one time.

He has served as a Southern Seminary faculty member since 1967 and held several student pastorates when studying at the seminary.

Polhill is a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southern Seminary.

Paschall, a native of Kentucky, has served as pastor of Locust Grove Baptist Church, Calloway County, Hazel Baptist Church, also in his home county, and First Baptist of Bowling Green.

Currently head of a SBC committee studying the role of state papers in denominational life, he has served on the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

A graduate of Southern Seminary where he earned the doctor of theology degree, Paschall has also served on many SBC committees and Tennessee Baptist Convention agencies.

He has delivered the annual sermon to the SBC twice and is author of two books in addition to numerous articles in denomination publications.

He is married to the former Olga Bailey, a native of Hazel.

Pinson, a popular convention speaker, has served on several committees of the Baptist convention of his native state, Texas.



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Pinson



Paschall



Polhill

His denominational service also includes membership in the Christian Life Commission and chairman of the commission's program committee.

He has served as a speaker at the Southern Baptist Convention, programs at Glorieta and Ridgecrest, and state evangelism conferences.

He is author of at least 11 books and contributor to many more.

Kentuckians planning to attend the conference should apply now for motel reservations in Bowling Green motels.

Motels located at the intersection of Interstate 65 and U.S. Highway 231 (Scottsville Road) include Day's Inn, Holiday Inn, News Motel, Quality Court, Ramada Inn, Red Carpet Inn and Scottish Inn.

Other area motels include, Baker Hill, Cardinal, Colletdale, Continental Inn, Kentucky Colonel, Laurel, Quality Motel, State, Topper, and Western Hills.

T. Hicks Shelton, KBC director of evangelism, is serving as conference coordinator.

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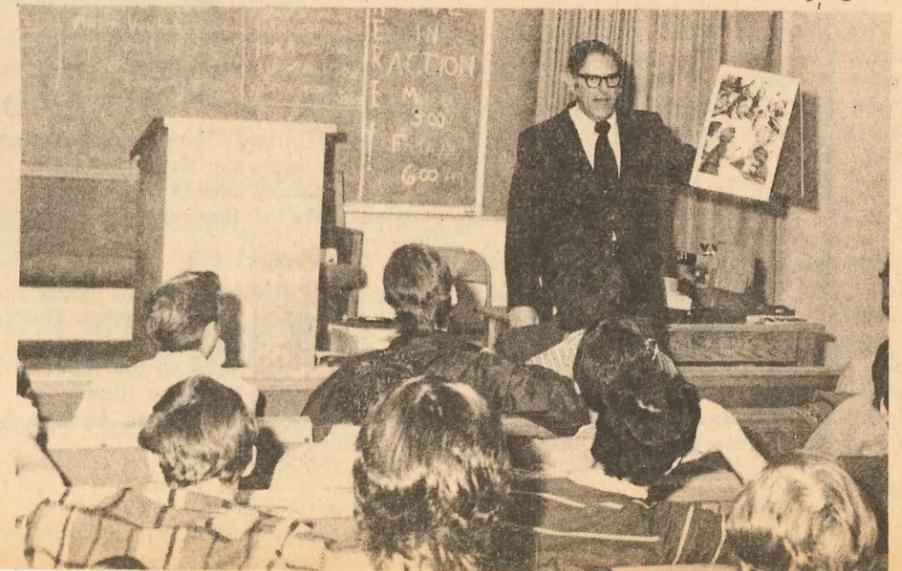
A Home Mission Board pilot project that will use college students in ministry situations has begun at Cumberland College.

The program, in which Cumberland students will conduct weekly Bible classes in financially weak churches or mission settings, has not been named yet, but if it proves successful, the idea may be implemented on other campuses throughout the nation.

Training for the project was begun

October 22 with a presentation and lecture from C. E. Wiley, field missions consultant for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, and his son, Robert, pastor of Southside Baptist Church in South Bend and campus minister at Notre Dame University. The father-son twosome spoke to some 50 Cumberland students about outreach techniques which had been successful in their work, as well as displayed some materials for backyard Bible classes and mission activities. •

C. E. Wiley, field missions consultant for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, shows Cumberland College students a sample of materials available for use in backyard Bible classes and explains the materials' use in a new outreach program.



NOVEMBER 16, 1974

People And Places

A commemoration honoring the 80th anniversary of **Third Avenue Baptist Church**, Louisville, will be observed November 17, beginning with the morning worship service at 10:50 a.m.

Former pastors of the church will be recognized during the service, followed by a luncheon for members and guests.

After lunch, a program reenacting the church's history will be presented. Period costumes will be used in the music and skits.

Former members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

The **Greenup Association** meeting in annual session at **Rose Hill Baptist Church** elected **Leo M. Buschur**, pastor of **Fairview Baptist Church**, as moderator.

Other officers elected were: **Elmer Wiley**, assistant moderator; **Stephen Powell**, clerk; **Curtis McComis**, treasurer; **James Varnes**, Sunday School director; **David Carter**, church training director; **Jack Coldiron**, brotherhood director, and **Mrs. Mart Pinson**, WMU director.



Buschur

Orville Baptist Church, Henry County Association, is in need of church pews. This small congregation with limited resources has recently remodeled its facilities and cannot afford new pews. Anyone having used pews for sale please contact **Mrs. William Jones**, Orville Station, Route 1, Pleasureville, Kentucky 40057.

Mrs. Marshall Black died Thursday, October 24. She was the wife of the pastor at **Good Hope Baptist Church** in Taylor County. Memorial services were held on Sunday, October 27, at Harrodsburg.

Georgetown College has received a \$3,000 unrestricted grant from **Eastman Kodak Company**. A part of **Eastman Kodak's 1974 Educational Aid Program**, the grant makes Georgetown one of 133 four-year privately supported institutions receiving direct grants from **Eastman Kodak**. The company has awarded a total of \$753,000 in direct grants this year.

The officers of **Kentucky Southern College Alumni Association** are planning a reunion for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, December 28 at Louisville's **Breckinridge Inn**. Help is needed because the alumni mailing list is out of date since **Kentucky Southern** was merged with **University of Louisville** five years ago. Former students are requested to send their names, addresses, and phone numbers to **H. Lee Keese**, 2301 Meadow Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40218, telephone (502) 451-9037. Parents or friends of **Kentucky Southern College** alumni are requested to send information on students who may not read this announcement. Women, who have married since August, 1969, should also list their maiden names.

Clyde E. Wicker, Jr., a social worker with the Department for Human Resources in **Knott County, Kentucky**, has requested that usable clothing as well as toys be sent to him for distribution in this needy area. This Christian ministry is recommended by **J. S. Bell**, pastor of **Hickman Baptist Church**. Clothing and toys should be addressed to **Clyde E. Wicker, Jr.**, Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Social Services, Box 341, Hindman, Kentucky 41822.

Campbellsville Baptist Church recently honored **Mrs. Opal DeWitt** for her 25 years of service as church secretary. A love offering was presented to her along with a booklet containing congratulatory letters from her friends and fellow workers. An engraved plaque was also given to **Mrs. DeWitt** by the congregation.

Two **Cumberland College** staff members are offering assistance for church music programs. **Joe Tarry** and **Miss Gayle Breedlove** will present church music concerts, conduct music workshops and serve as music consultants. They will be available for workshops on children's choirs, service playing, graded choir techniques, **Tarry/Breedlove** and Christian hymnody. Additional information can be obtained from **Harold Wortman**, head of the college's music department.

Feds Creek Baptist Mission, Steele, recently held a note burning service. The pastor, **Jennings West**, led the service. The mission is sponsored by the **Mouthcard Baptist Church** whose pastor is **Frank J. Kuriger, Jr.** It has been a mission since January 1, 1950.

Mrs. Lyn Allison Yeager, **Bowling Green**, has published a book entitled **Barney**. The book is a biography of her father, **Barnabas Edward Antrobus**, who was a pastor and evangelist in **Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma**. **Mrs. Yeager's husband, Randolph O. Yeager**, is a professor at **Western Kentucky University** and is pastor of **White Stone Quarry and Iva Baptist churches** of the **Warren County Association**.

Staff Changes

Donald Letzring has been called as pastor of the **Pleasant Grove Baptist Church** in the **Long Run Association**. **Letzring**, born in **St. Petersburg, Florida**, is a graduate of **Southern Seminary** and has held other pastorates in **Kentucky and Florida**. He was minister of music at the **Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Independence**, and pastor of **Oak Island Baptist Church, Morning View**. He is married to the former **Gayle Maley** and the couple has three children.



Letzring

Buechel Park Baptist Church of **Louisville** has recently called **Larry Dipboye** as pastor. A native of **Texas**, he comes to the church from a pastorate in **Chesterfield, Missouri**. He is a graduate of **Baylor University, Southwestern Seminary and Southern Seminary**. **Dipboye** served for six years as pastor of the **West Point Baptist Church** in the **Salem Association**. He and his wife, **Carolyn**, who is also a graduate of **Southern Seminary**, will begin their ministry at **Buechel Park** on **November 17**.

William Wayne Brown has resigned as associate minister of the **Porter Memorial Baptist Church** in **Lexington** to accept the pastorate of **First Baptist Church** in **Bloomfield, Indiana**. He served for three and a half years at **Porter Memorial** and assumed his new responsibilities on **November 1**. He and his wife, **Yvonne**, also announce the birth of their second child, a son, **William Todd**, born **September 25, 1974**.

Ken Johnson, minister of music and youth at the **Unity Baptist Church** in **Ashland**, has resigned. He has accepted the call of the **West Gantt Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina**, to serve as minister of music. He will begin his duties in **mid-November**.

WESTERN RECORDER

A Missionary Parable



A group of Southern Baptist missionaries in a far-away country were having financial problems. The worth of a United States dollar had shrunk 20% during the past three years. Inflation was rampant. So the missionaries wrote to the Foreign Mission Board requesting more funds.

And they got more, because the people in churches back home had given generously the year before to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

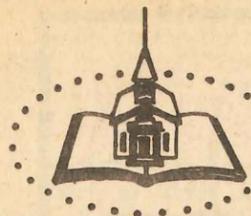
But they didn't get enough money. The increase in stateside giving was only half the inflation rate in the country where they served, and other missionaries hurting financially were asking for additional funds.

What could be done? Cut corners on travel to remote areas for preaching? Decrease the radio ministry thereby reaching fewer people for Christ? Postpone that needed addition to the student center? Wait another year on the piece of medical equipment which could save lives in the Baptist hospital?

All these things were done due to lack of funds.

After all, weren't people back home also sacrificing and denying themselves?

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By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for November 24, 1974)

The Manner Of Giving

Every Christian is required to give of that which the Lord has entrusted to him for the support of His work. Those Christians who are faithful in their cultivation of the grace of giving will discover that it ministers effectively to their own spiritual growth.

I Corinthians 16:1-4

Several factors accounted for the obvious need on the part of the poor among the Christians in Jerusalem for whom collections were being taken. They had undergone fierce persecutions in which many of them were driven from their homes and had their material possessions confiscated. They had little or nothing left. Moreover, they were despised by the wealthy people in the city on whom they were dependent for employment, so they lost their opportunity to earn a livelihood.

Paul took it for granted that it was the simple Christian duty of the Corinthians to assist their Hebrew brethren in Christ in their dire need. Acquainted with the conditions which prevailed among both the Hebrew and Gentile Christians, the Apostle laid the responsibility upon the latter for ministering to the needs of the former.

This collection of gifts was not to be taken for themselves to use in their local work, but it was to go to their fellow-Christians whom they had never seen. As Paul thought of the Gentile and Jewish Christians, he was convinced that the giving of the former to supply the needs of the latter would cement the bonds of love between them, which was sorely needed.

Because his time was so precious and was needed for the more important matters, such as preaching the Word of God, Paul declined to be a money-raiser for them. He refused to solicit funds for the poor, lest he might have given some critic the opportunity to say, "He is feathering his own nest." To avert such a possibility, he urged them to proceed with the making of their contributions, thereby obviating the necessity of raising the money when he arrived on the scene.

Paul's instructions to the Corinthians as to the manner of their giving contained some very clear directions as to how all

Christians should give. Their giving should be:

1. Periodic — "Upon the first day of the week." Making giving a weekly matter insures its being done, makes it easier, and enables one to give more than he could or would otherwise.

2. Personal — "Let every one of you." Giving must be personal. Every Christian is obligated to do what he can to advance the cause of Christ. No one is exempt from the responsibility of propagating the gospel of Christ, and none should miss the joy and blessing of giving.

3. Provident — "Lay by him in store." If Christians are to have money to give for the support of the Lord's work, they must not spend all their income upon themselves and others, but they must lay by some regularly.

4. Proportionate — "As God hath prospered him." Giving should be in accordance with one's ability, and never less than the tithe. The Bible says, "The tithe is the Lord's." God's children should bring His money into His house on the Lord's Day for the support of His work and the glory of His name.

As an evidence of his wise and tactful leadership, Paul suggested that the

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Jonah 4:1-11

God commissioned Jonah to go to Nineveh and deliver His message to the Assyrians. Being a Jew, Jonah was highly prejudiced against the Gentiles, so he refused to undertake the difficult assignment. After chastising him for refusing to do what God told him to do, God mercifully gave the prophet another opportunity.

After he had learned from experience that disobedience brings confusion, trouble, and regret, Jonah became willing to preach to the detested Assyrians. After entering the idolatrous and wicked city of Nineveh, Jonah went up and down the winding streets preaching what God directed him to preach. The gist of his message was the prediction of the imminent destruction of the city unless

Corinthians select some reliable and responsible persons to convey their gifts to Jerusalem.

II Corinthians 8:10-21

Lest the Corinthian Christians might yield to the temptation to talk about giving instead of actually doing it, Paul sought to motivate them to faithfulness and generosity in giving by citing the wonderful liberality of the Macedonian Christians, who had given so cheerfully and so sacrificially that he was almost ashamed to receive what they gave. Having given themselves to the Lord, it was not hard for them to dedicate their substance to Him.

This passage should impress upon all its readers the great importance of careful and wise administration of funds contributed for the Lord's work. Every precaution should be taken in the handling and spending of all contributions so that critics cannot raise suspicions with reference to the honesty of those who are responsible for them or about the wisdom with which they have been spent. Money should be given only to those causes which are administered in a manner that is above reproach. □

the people repented of their sins immediately. Aware of their guilt, and fearful of judgment, the people repented of their sins, and trusted in God for forgiveness and mercy. Observing their godly sorrow and genuine repentance, God exercised His mercy and spared the people from destruction.

It is human to want to see things result as one anticipates. Jonah's desire was to see these heathen punished. It was his hope that at the end of 40 days God's arm would be extended and the people of Nineveh would be destroyed. Therefore, their repentance was not to his liking. Jonah was highly displeased that God had not fulfilled the threatened doom and substantiated his own prediction. The prophet did not hesitate to express his disappointment and displeasure, and to display his selfish anger.



Jonah's resentment was directed toward God. He contended that he had been right all the while. He argued that his previous attempt to flee, if it had been successful, would have prevented what had just come to pass. Because he considered the Ninevites as enemies of the Israelites, Jonah had been interested in their destruction and not in their preservation.

Jonah was such a patriot that to spare a people who were potentially such foes of his people was unthinkable to him. He wanted Nineveh and her people destroyed lest they might destroy his people.

Believing that he was discredited as a true prophet because God had exercised clemency with the penitent people, the peevish and self-pitying Jonah pleaded for God to take his life. It is unfortunate indeed for any person to lose sight of the welfare of others because he is so self-centered that he is interested only in the accomplishments of his own purposes.

Jonah was angry because what he had prophesied had not come to pass, but God let him know that he did not have any right to be angry. Jonah's trouble was that his own will was of much greater concern to him than was the will of God.

Jonah took his departure from Nineveh, went out eastward, built a booth, and sat therein in disgust, waiting to see what God might do to the city. While Jonah brooded over his disappointment and became increasingly bitter, God caused a gourd vine to grow in a miraculous manner in order that it might shelter him from the extreme heat of the sun. With this Jonah was delighted. However, the next day God prepared a worm which killed the vine and the plant withered away. When this vine was killed, Jonah was embittered because he was thereby deprived of some personal comfort. God chided Jonah for having more interest in and compassion for the vine on which he had not expended any energy than he did for the Ninevites.

God used that gourd vine as an object lesson to teach the prophet that as he, who had not bestowed any labor on the gourd vine, was deeply concerned about its having been destroyed, so God, Who had bestowed greater energy and care upon the Ninevites, had a right to be greatly concerned for those people. God wanted Jonah to understand that the teeming multitudes of heathen were of much more value than a plant. God was and still is very much concerned about the heathen hearing His message, as much as He is with our hearing it. □

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President's Convention Address

(Continued from page 3)

Ministry. We face definite problems, especially as relates to governmental encroachment. This struggle is as old as the church. It seems to be like "an itch," you scratch it, but it itches again. Creeping governmental control also tends to complicate more the relationship of an institution to the Convention, and the voice of the Convention within the workings of the institution. Because of the complexity of this problem the Hospital Ministry in its report to the May Executive Board asked for assistance from Kentucky Baptists. The Executive Board authorized the appointing of a committee which has met with the hospital leadership. The request from our hospital director and the compliance by our Convention is within the Spirit's leading. Very difficult problems face these men. Let us pledge to them our confidence and love in order that Christ's ministry of healing may be without limit or bounds.

While we are looking with concern to the ministry of our Kentucky Baptist institutions, let us look with praise unto God and with future togetherness with the Spirit's leading as to Christian

education in Kentucky. Throughout the year our Christian education committee has worked faithfully and has faced the facts concerning educational needs within our Kentucky institutions. This committee with the personnel of our colleges and institutions, and especially our presidents, sat together to face needs and facts. Men spoke their minds and hearts. Convictions were not salved. Differing ideas were given. They left these meetings together, recognizing that no institution was receiving enough money for its need. But standing upon the common denominator of His Spirit that Christ and His work is the goal of each institution of learning. Thus our purpose is, and must ever be, that no single institution is more important than the other and that all single goals become one — "to develop the lives of these young people toward the fulfillment of God's will in Christ." When I sat and listened to these, our presidents, speak at the May board meeting I heard each man present his heart in love for that particular institution to which God has called him. I heard each one pour out his heart in concern of the needs of the institution he serves;

and that is well and in place, but I saw and felt a oneness, a beautiful togetherness, a common purpose, as each president gave evidence of his love in this our uniting cause, Christ and His work everywhere. God has already blessed this spirit with tangible evidence; the ever increasing gifts to the Cooperative Program makes more money available to Christian education. Decisions and settlements with the courts come as no accident I believe, but make more moneys available for God's Kingdom work. We must know by now we are on the same team in Christian education in Kentucky. We have only begun. We have much to do. I sincerely believe that amidst all of our efforts the success of the advance of Christian education in Kentucky depends upon our advance for Him together.

Related to Christian education is our Baptist Student Ministry upon every Kentucky college campus. Let us thank God for his blessing within this area of work. But our needs are so tremendous. We are buying and constructing buildings to house this ministry. We have excellent leadership but more is needed. Increasing

building and program costs are real problems, but I am convinced that Kentucky Baptists have never really risen to meet the challenge to take Christ to the college campus. I credit the BSU on my college campus, meeting in the pastor's home, R. F. Skinner, then the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, as the turning point in my life. There I got a vision of Christ's purpose for my life and experienced a new direction. I therefore challenge Kentucky Baptist to a greater effort upon every campus in Kentucky. Combined prayers, efforts and resources will do a more effective job for Christ now.

Allow me to express further a word

"those fightin' Baptists." Possibly Kentucky's largest newspaper would have given us a better and a fairer coverage, alluding to the Southern Baptist Convention, if we had fought while in Dallas. How sad it is that they can't recognize the difference when one is only expressing differing views and convictions in matters theological or procedural. Sure, I'm sorry, but have to admit that church politics, power, prestige, and self importance have led to shameful fights among Kentucky Baptists. However, it is the exception rather than the rule. We are individuals with differing convictions, but we have access to the same God in Christ — who makes many of many kinds one in Christ. Because of this there is in reality within His Spirit no little churches, no little preachers, no more important members, no less important institutions. We differ greatly, but we are one in that we love Jesus Christ. He is our boss, He is our power. He is our program. He is our inspiration and His Kingdom work is our denominational effort.

The miracle of it all to the carnal mind

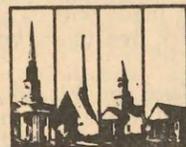
"... I am convinced that Kentucky Baptists have never really risen to meet the challenge to take Christ to the college campus."

concerning this oneness of spirit within the framework of the Executive Board. Even amidst such busy sessions as the May meeting, the together spirit prevailed. There were no speeches on oneness, no urging or coaxing. The Holy Spirit when really present just makes it so. We love one another, work together with one another and for Him only because of His tender but positive guidance. You may not know from "whence He cometh or whither He goeth" but you feel His warmth, catch His inspiration, rejoice in His goodness and power, and know you have to be up and doing for Him together. I, for one, don't believe that full, busy sessions of the Executive Board and a gentle, sweet spirit of working together are incompatible. I am convinced there are "bed-

is that a Kentucky Baptist membership comprising almost 700,000 members, 2,228 churches, and 80 associations could be so solidly united; and united without a pope or bishop. The miracle of Baptists is that each church is its own boss under the Holy Spirit, and, furthermore, each individual is a "priest of God." Neither the Southern Baptist Convention nor the Kentucky Baptist Convention tells preachers and members of Baptist churches what we have to believe or do. You tell even a "saved Baptist" what he must do or believe and he'll "streak" through the woods with all of his "theological convictions" still on.

We may not understand this freedom of togetherness within the Spirit, but certainly "the press" does not. We are sometimes to blame for such sayings as

Fight? Sure we'll fight for morality and justice for all men; for equality. We'll fight against so called "free love," lust, lying, deceit, fraud, drunkenness and all kinds of sin. Sure we'll fight, even 15 rounds with the "old devil" any day, but we'll do so with the Word of God. We'll love sinners while we fight sin. We'll fight together under the leadership of the Spirit of God, for you see we have "a love." This love is greater than each and every member, than any one and all preachers, greater than any church or any church program. Let the world hear well. We love a person. That person is the beloved Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and we are committed because of His love to love each other, and to make Him known to all men in all places unto the ends of the earth and until Jesus comes. So we in these sessions do affirm that amidst differences of opinion and conviction this "spirit of togetherness." This Spirit of Jesus is the strength of Kentucky Baptists. So may His Spirit fill our lives, our proceedings here, and our efforts together in the years to come that to His Glory, His Kingdom may come and His will be done in Kentucky and unto the uttermost ends of the earth. Amen. □



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