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Daley Observations

Long Live the Spirit of '76

Kentucky Baptists were led beside still waters as they gathered in Lexington last week for their annual festival of thanksgiving to God and their renewed commitment to the challenging tasks of the last quarter of the 20th century. With "Prof" Johnson they sang like they were literally marching to Zion. They listened to encouraging reports, exulted to prophetic preaching and enjoyed one another like it was a homecoming.



The one shadow over the whole celebration was the absence of Executive Secretary Frank Owen who was kept home by his doctor after suffering a relapse from an earlier case of flu. With the aid of modern communication techniques he kept in touch with the proceedings and must have been pleased with the smooth flow of convention business and the high moments of inspiration. His stabilizing and reconciling spirit prevailed in his absence as it would have with his presence.

In reviewing such meetings the hospitality of the host church and community is generally acknowledged in the final paragraphs. This year more is deserved. The famed Bluegrass hospitality in its most delightful form was extended by Calvary Baptists and Lexington. The first greeting heard by many of us was, "I am pastor Reed Polk. If there is anything I can do for you, let me know." No one could find one thing that was left undone for the convenience and comfort of the visitors.

Such time consuming and expensive services as musicians, nursery care, registration teams, kitchen help and shuttle buses to and from parking areas appeared to be routine hospitality of Calvary Baptists. The genius of Calvary staff member Bill Simmons was obvious everywhere one looked. Added to all this was the Calvary choir which transformed earth to heaven on Wednesday evening.

'Prof' Johnson, whose teaching ministry at Southern Seminary extended over a long period of its history, was brought back with his wife, Elizabeth, for old times sake. He and Elizabeth now live in King and Queen, Va., where Prof's time is spent with his Beagles, hunting, fishing and serving as interim pastor of Ephesus Baptist Church. He

What Was Done and Not Done in Lexington

The action of Kentucky Baptist Convention messengers in Lexington which will evoke most discussion and create most possible misunderstanding was the sending of messages to President-elect Jimmy Carter, to Plains Baptist Church Pastor Bruce Edwards and to Plains Baptist Church members in Georgia. Identical messages were sent to President-elect Carter and to Pastor Edwards. Another message with different wording was sent to the Plains congregation.

In order for Kentucky Baptists not in Lexington to know

says the advantage in being interim pastor is when something rough comes up, he can say, "That's your problem." If the order of worship in heaven doesn't include "Hallelujah, What a Saviour," led by 'Prof' Johnson, many of us will be disappointed.

Business sessions in Lexington were delightfully dull. It was hard to get any debate going. Not even the election of officers generated much excitement. This has been the tone of Kentucky Baptist Convention in recent years. Newly elected president Ted Sisk observed that the provincialism of other years is not felt these days.

Kentucky Baptists have learned that spiritual vitality doesn't depend upon threshing points of disagreement every time we get together. This is an encouraging sign of maturity.

The convention had its high moments of inspiration as well as unexciting but important reports of denominational work. The Wednesday evening session was one of the most inspiring I remember. Veteran observer J. T. Miller said the convention ended on the highest note of any he remembers.

President Huff's address, the convention sermon by Curtis Erwin and addresses by James Sullivan, R. G. Puckett and Congressman Carroll Hubbard Jr. were all high moments. New Orleans Seminary President Landrum Leavell won the hearts of the messengers by deciding not to deliver a scheduled address when the session was scheduled to be over when he was presented. This was an exception. Most sessions were on or ahead of schedule.

The appreciation of layman Henry Huff for his services as convention president was expressed on every hand. Those knowing how many hours and how much skill he devoted to his duties during the whole year were even more appreciative.

It's difficult to describe Kentucky Baptists in these days. It's more of a feeling than anything else. The best that can be said is we have a spirit — a spirit of love, a spirit of unity, a spirit of mutual confidence and trust and a spirit of commitment to God's plan for us.

What could be more appropriate for the 200th anniversary celebration of Baptist preaching in Kentucky? Such a spirit characterized the first Baptists over the mountains.

Long live this spirit!

what was said and done and what was not said and done, here is an analysis of the action. The actual texts of the messages are found on page 6 of this issue.

• The messengers present commended President-elect Carter and Plains Pastor Edwards for their stand for keeping Baptist worship services open to all persons regardless of color, race or ethnic origin.

(In 1965 a majority of the Plains members voted not to admit to worship services Negroes and other civil rights demonstrators. Jimmy Carter spoke and voted against this

policy. Plains church officials locked the doors of the church on two Sundays when out-of-community blacks tried to enter the church. Bruce Edwards, pastor of the Plains church for two years, opposed locking the church doors.)

• The messengers did not express approval of out-of-community blacks who came to Plains not with sincere motives to join the church in redemptive ministry but to provoke trouble and embarrass then presidential candidate Jimmy Carter who is a member of the Plains church.

This view of the motives of the outside blacks is confirmed by the fact that telegrams were sent the day before the election to selective black ministers describing the action of the Plains church. Such abuse of a church for political purposes is reprehensible and could never be approved by Baptists.

• Messengers present sent assurances to the Plains congregation of their prayers in this critical time in the life of this church.

• Messengers did not presume to tell the Plains congregation how to deal with their own affairs.

Kentucky Baptists, more than Baptists in most states, honor the absolute autonomy of each local church. The message specifically took note of the right of every church to decide its own policies. However, the wording of the message pointed Plains Baptists to the example and teachings of Jesus Christ.

• Messengers present said they as individuals felt like commending two fellow Baptists for their stands and wanted to assure members of another Baptist church of their prayers in a trying hour for the church.

• Messengers present did not presume to speak for all churches in Kentucky, not even for the churches from which they came. Only a church in its own deliberations can take a certain position on any issue.

The messengers in Lexington were not posing as sinless, not even in attitudes toward blacks. Nor were they saying all Baptists in Kentucky have solved the problem of racism. God forbid, but there may be Baptist churches in Kentucky who in such a crisis would have done the same.

Baptist messengers in Lexington were expressing their own convictions — no more, no less.

And not all messengers, by any means, in Lexington favored sending the messages. A strong minority did not favor doing so and offered good arguments for their views.

The risk involved in such actions is not only misunderstanding by fellow Baptists but also misrepresentation by the secular press. Few newsmen understand the fine points of Baptist polity and some reporters seem to delight in depicting all Southern Baptists as racists. Some Southern Baptists are racists but these are fewer now than once upon a time. Many Baptist churches in Georgia as well as other areas would have dealt differently with the crisis faced by the Plains church. They would not have locked the doors of the church on Sunday to all worshipers as well as to insincere trouble makers.

Baptist congregations should always welcome all who attend their worship services. When confronted by blasphemers like the trouble makers coming to Plains, they should validly reject their request for membership and call upon them as sinners to repent and be saved before pretending to become a part of the body and bride of Jesus Christ.

There are times when some actions are worth the risk of being misunderstood. This is one of those moments. The eyes of the world are upon Southern Baptists today as never before in history and especially upon one small group of Southern Baptists in Plains, Ga.

World visibility demands world accountability and responsibility. Though all Baptist churches are completely autonomous, the action of one church does affect all other Baptist churches. In this respect we are our brother's keeper. In the spirit of love and compassion some Baptists in this hour must say that their church doors will not be locked on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. no matter how insincere and blasphemous some imposters might be. They should also encourage fellow Baptists who dissent when the church to which they belong locks its doors to keep anyone out.

Baptist Forum

FOR THE LADIES

I read your editorial, "What to Do with Women Seminary Students" with great interest. As a male student at Southern Seminary I sit in classes with my female friends wondering just what their futures will be.

The issue of the place of women in Southern Baptist churches will not be easily settled. I do hope that churches will exercise a spirit of openness and understanding. Your editorial was entirely correct. Churches readily recom-

mend women for admittance to seminaries. I hope that these same churches, and others, will be as willing to welcome back these well-educated servants of God.

One may ask if seminaries are justified in admitting these women without first issuing a *caveat emptor*.

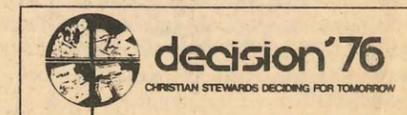
Don M. Aycock, Louisville

THANKS, DR. QUINN!

Grateful appreciation is most appropriate to Dr. Eugene F. Quinn, Kentucky Baptist Convention Music Department

director, for arranging the excellent Music Methods & Materials Clinic at Elizabethtown on Oct. 11-12. It was one of the most worthwhile 2-day music conferences I have ever attended. The faculty was outstanding and curriculum most helpful. Let's have another state M & M clinic next year!

Ronald R. Sholar, Hopkinsville



Baptist News in Brief

SBC Show Wins Award From Catholic Group

"MasterControl"* a public-service radio program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has won a Gabriel Award for excellence from UNDA-USA, formerly the Catholic Association of Broadcasters.

The award-winning "MasterControl"* segment aired in November 1975 detailed the dangers of alcohol and featured interviews with actor Dick Van Dyke and baseball's Don Newcombe. The two described the terrors of alcoholism and their own struggle in overcoming it.

The award will be presented in ceremonies Dec. 2 at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., a commission spokesman said.

Court Upholds Employee In Sabbath Controversy

In an unusual 4-4 tie vote the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that employers may not fire or refuse to hire persons whose religious beliefs require them to refrain from working on Saturdays.

The tie vote resulted from the absten-

tion of Justice John Paul Stevens. Although the court's junior member would not reveal his reasons for declining to participate in the decision the Washington Post reported that Stevens' former law firm represented the parent company of the Parker Seal Co., of Berea, Ky., the employee involved in the controversy.

Five years ago, Parker Seal Co. fired Paul Cummins, a supervisor at the firm's Berea, Ky., plant for refusing to work on Saturdays. Cummins, who had been with the company for 13 years, is a member of the World Wide Church of God, a small sabbatarian denomination.

For more than a year prior to his dismissal, the company allowed Cummins to take Saturdays off. But when fellow supervisors began grumbling about the special arrangement for Cummins, the company dismissed him.

Cummins appealed to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, a state-level group charged with reviewing such cases. The group ruled against Cummins, however, agreeing with the company's position.

The case was then taken to a federal district court, which also upheld Cummins' firing. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower court, thereby setting the stage for the company's final appeal to the Supreme Court.

Ordained Women Test For Illinois Seating?

"Messengers" to the Illinois Baptist State Association (IBSA) at Marion declined to deny seating to churches that ordain women, adopted a \$2.3 million Cooperative Program unified budget goal for 1977, and approved a special \$1 million fund-raising campaign as "seed money for new churches."

A motion to deny seating to churches that ordain women was ruled out of order by outgoing IBSA President Wendell Garrison on grounds that the state convention's constitution does not recognize such practices as a test of fellowship, a spokesman said.

The \$2.3 million Cooperative Program goal is a 13 percent increase over the 1976 goal, which, in turn, was a 20 percent increase over 1975. Forty-one percent of the Cooperative Program will go to the Southern Baptist Convention's worldwide mission causes, a one percent increase.

The \$1 million special campaign to raise "seed money" for new congregations will help undergird the Illinois phase of the North Central Mission Thrust, a cooperative effort to double Southern Baptist work in seven Great Lakes area states.

Sullivan: 'Baptist Vote For Carter Not a Bloc'

Baptists did not vote as a bloc for President-elect Jimmy Carter even though he is a prominent layman in their denomination, the President of the Southern Baptist Convention, James L. Sullivan, said in a post-election interview in Fairborn, Oh.

He also said the widely publicized interview article with Carter in *Playboy* magazine did not influence the outcome of the election. It did, however, "change some Baptists' votes both ways for and against Carter."

The SBC president defended Carter's interview with *Playboy*: "The religious people already knew where Carter stood. How was he going to make himself known to people who had never known of Jimmy Carter? His interview with *Playboy* magazine was not an endorsement of the magazine but an effort to reach a different audience."

Asked if an unusual religious atmosphere would prevail in the White House with Carter's occupancy, Sullivan said, "The White House is not the base of a religious movement. It would be regrettable if Carter set up a church in the White House. He has indicated instead that he will join a local Baptist church where he lives."

The 1976 election offered the American people "a wonderful option to high grade men (Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter) of good moral character" to choose from, he said.

Sullivan said that as president of the Southern Baptist Convention he did not give a personal endorsement to either candidate for president.

A native of Mississippi, Sullivan said the voting results in the South showed that blacks and whites have moved closer together and found they can support the same candidates and platforms.

TV Ruling on Family Dismays Stevens, Hollis

Two Southern Baptist executives in the fields of broadcasting and moral concerns have reacted with dismay to the recent ruling of a California federal judge against the "Family Viewing Hour" on the major television networks.

Paul M. Stevens of Ft. Worth, president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Radio and Television Commission, called the ruling "unacceptable and odorous."

Harry Hollis of Nashville, director of special family and moral concerns, SBC Christian Life Commission, called it a "disappointing setback to the millions of Americans who see family viewing time as a step toward diminishing the exploitation of sex and violence on television. It appears," he said, "that the judge has forgotten that the television airwaves belong to the American people."

The ruling in Los Angeles by U. S. District Court Judge Warren G. Ferguson declared that the controversial family viewing hour violates the free speech provision of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Ferguson said that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) may not force the networks to set aside an hour of prime time nightly for programming which minimizes violence and sex.

Carter Resigns Post As Brotherhood Trustee

The Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has voted both to accept the resignation of its most famous trustee, President-elect Jimmy Carter, and to express appreciation for all the former Georgia governor has done to support the agency's work with Baptist men and boys across the nation.

Just two days after Carter's election as the nation's 39th President, William E. Hardy, newly elected Brotherhood Commission chairman from Columbia, Miss., read the following handwritten letter of resignation from Carter to Glendon McCullough, commission executive director.

"Because of the continuing demands on my time outside of Georgia, I feel it necessary for me to resign from the Brotherhood Commission. Through your reports, I have stayed in close touch with our work this year, and have really been blessed by my service with you and with members from other states. Thank you for your kind assistance and

friendship. Yours in Christ, Jimmy Carter."

Although Carter's letter was dated June 27, 1976, his resignation was not effective until after the action by the trustees to accept the resignation, a commission spokesman said.

McCullough said that Carter, as a trustee, "has been serious and honest in what he wanted to do to help the Brotherhood Commission and has stayed in touch and responded more promptly to correspondence than most commission members."

B'hood Names Louisvillian

William P. Clemmons, 44, former director of the Vineyard Conference Center in Louisville, Ky., 1973-76, was elected Baptist Men's consultant for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, effective Nov. 15.



Clemmons

Clemmons, a former foreign missionary to Italy, will be responsible for the commission's field service and leadership training programs for Baptist men.

Previously, he was director of the program of family ministry and the program of vocational guidance for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, 1969-72.

He was minister of education for two churches in Louisville, Beechwood Baptist Church and Baptist Tabernacle, for five years.

Oklahoma Defeats Liquor

Oklahoma voters turned down a constitutional amendment which would have brought liquor-by-the-drink to the state.

Voters in only six of the state's 77 counties voted in favor of open saloons. The liquor-by-the-drink measure lost for the second time in four years.

Baptist churches in the state carried the major load in defeating the amendment, an Oklahoma Baptist spokesman said.

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Double Exposure

Child Care Day is a Southern Baptist Convention-wide calendar emphasis slated for observance next Sunday, Nov. 21. Many churches throughout Kentucky have received promotional pieces from the Board of Child Care of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown. This year's Thanksgiving offering poster features Denny Drake, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Drake of Morgantown. Denny is a freshman at Butler County High School. The Thanksgiving offering supports the board's work at Glen Dale and Spring Meadows children's homes, and other services.



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Convention Reports

KBC Telegraphs Carter, OK's \$8.7 Million Budget, Deals with Institutional Concerns

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

The 139th annual meeting of Kentucky Baptists closed in Lexington last week with the convention offering its encouragement to Baptist brethren at the troubled Plains, Ga., church.

It also reaffirmed faith in one of its troubled institutions, adopted a record \$8.7 million budget, and — in a pre-convention session — its executive board approved a massive program to strengthen denominational ties and improve financial operations of its five educational institutions.

The original motion to send a telegram to President-elect Jimmy Carter and his pastor, Bruce Edwards, commending them for their stand on racial involvement in the Plains church ran into immediate opposition. Several messengers saw it as an interference in the autonomy of that local church. Others suggested that a telegram to the church itself would be as appropriate as one to Carter and Edwards.

A three-member committee was appointed to consider the matter. It later recommended separate telegrams.

There was vocal opposition again, largely on the question of autonomy. One messenger allowed, "Let's not take them on until we sweep around our own doorstep first." Another messenger called for the body to pray before a vote was taken. Action followed suit.

The vote was not unanimous but was overwhelmingly in favor of sending the two separate messages as worded by the three-man committee. The telegram sent to Carter and to Edwards stated:

"Messengers of the 1976 session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention commend you in your stand for welcoming to the Baptist worship services all persons regardless of race, color or ethnic origin. As fellow Baptists, we pledge to you our love and prayers. In addition, we pledge our prayers for your church for God's guidance."

A second message, sent by Kentucky Baptist messengers to the members of Plains (Ga.) Baptist Church, read:

"Messengers of the 1976 session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention wish

to pledge to you our prayers and deep and genuine concern during these difficult days of decision for you. Recognizing the right of each church to decide its own policies even when we disagree, we want to assure you of our sincere prayers for divine guidance. May God guide you in making all decisions in the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ in your total mission and ministry to all men everywhere for his glory."

Child Care Reaffirmed

Concerning its board of child care, which has been under fire for two years, messengers indicated good feelings towards the direction in which the board is now moving. It approved a motion calling for the board to delay expenditures for capital needs until a convention-appointed depth study committee completes its work. At the same time several spoke positively of the board's work and the administration's responsiveness to earlier proposals.

The depth study committee was appointed in 1974 and at the 1975 convention messengers voted to retain it for three additional years to insure its wishes were implemented. The child care board is an agency of the convention with its directors elected by and responsible to the convention.

The new record budget adopted by the convention takes effect Sept. 1, 1977, continuing for one year. The overall total considerably exceeds the present year's goal of \$7.9 million.

It includes a basic operating budget of \$7.2 million, of which 34 percent is destined for SBC causes and 66 percent for KBC work. This is an increase of one percent in favor of SBC work over the current budget.

An additional \$800,000 in a challenge budget over and above the basic operating quota is divided in a similar manner, 34% to SBC, 66% to KBC.

This brings the total Cooperative Program goal to \$8 million, with an anticipated \$700,000 more from additional income sources accounting for the total projected \$8.7 million.

Education Goals Adopted

In a pre-convention meeting the convention's executive board approved a Christian education study committee's recommendations providing "a long range program for the advancement of Baptist colleges and schools in Kentucky."

Eleven goals were adopted by the board, but not without a 30-minute debate in which some board members expressed strong opposition to their implications. Most concern surrounded a proposal which might eventually create a full time professional office in the state convention headquarters to promote and coordinate the convention's identity with the institutions. Some saw it as a threat of denominational interference. Others questioned if the funds to provide such an office might be better applied to the schools themselves.

The five-member committee presenting the proposal answered board members' objections, however, and the 11-point program was passed. It also calls for the eventual goal of 30 percent of the KBC portion of Cooperative Program receipts to automatically go to these educational institutions.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention elected Ted Sisk, pastor of Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church, as its new president. Sisk was president of the West Virginia Baptist Convention in 1968-69.

Other new officers include R. D. Baker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Morehead, first vice president; and George D. Cook Sr., vice president, Dairyman's Inc., and member of First Baptist Church, Mayfield, second vice president.

Reelected were A. W. Walker, Anchorage, secretary; Leo T. Crismon, Louisville, assistant secretary; and Franklin Owen, Middletown, executive secretary-treasurer.

A respiratory ailment prevented Owen from attending this year's convention, held at the church he served as pastor (Calvary, Lexington).

Executive Board Adopts 11-Point Plan To Aid Five KBC Colleges, Schools

An 11-point proposal by the Christian education study committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's executive board was approved by the board last week in a pre-convention session.

The report affects Clear Creek School; Campbellsville, Cumberland and Georgetown colleges; and Oneida Institute.

Bill Whittaker of Murray was committee chairman. Other members were A. B. Harmon, Louisville; Jim Highland, Shelbyville; Henry Johns, Versailles; and Joe P. Williams, Louisville.

Whittaker presented eight common objectives of the five educational institutions which evolved from the committee's study. He termed them "statements of what Kentucky Baptist colleges and schools want to be collectively as they comprise the Baptist commitment to Christian education in Kentucky."

The only fireworks came when members of the committee presented the 11 goals. T. A. Prickett of Owensboro made a motion to amend the report by striking goal 6 which might eventually establish an office for a full time person to promote Christian education across the state. He reasoned that that money could more beneficially be spent on the schools themselves.

Chester Badgett of Campbellsville and Bill Jagers of Prestonsburg took up the cause, expressing the same reaction. In each case members of the committee answered the objections of their challengers, convincingly swaying the body of the possibility of the need for such an office, pending additional study.

The body then defeated the amendment and approved the 32-page written report without opposition.

In other action, Barry Allen, convention business manager, reported that gifts through the Cooperative Program had risen 15.9% in one year, from \$5,584,168.15 Aug. 31, 1975, to \$6,472,555.82 one year later.

John Wood, Paducah, chairman of the executive board's finance committee, led the board to approve a recommendation limiting appeals in the churches. It encourages giving to the

Cooperative Program, Thanksgiving offering for child care, Mother's Day offering for hospital charities, three WMU-sponsored offerings and the annual offerings of cooperating Baptist associations.

"The Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offerings . . . and we heartily disapprove of any other appeals through our churches . . ." the recommendation stated, "when such appeals are made by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts."

David Bratcher, Henderson, first vice chairman of the convention, announced the employment of two professional staff members effective Jan. 1. Mrs. Polly Hargis Dillard of Louisville will be consultant in preschool and children's work while James Rennell of Madisonville will be associate in the Sunday School Department.

New campus ministers were announced as follows: Dale Adkins, Eastern Kentucky University; William Sawyer, University of Louisville Medical School; Jim Wilson, Cumberland College; and Danny Flanagan, Campbellsville College.

Henry Johns, chairman of the Christian education committee, reported plans for a pilot trustee orientation program Jan. 14 at Georgetown College involving trustees of all educational institutions operated by the convention.

Executive board chairman and convention president Henry Huff of Louisville named the following to serve on the board's nominating committee: Bob Jones, Ralph Gill, Jay Brown, Jim Britt, Bill Mackey, Wallace Kent, Wendell Romans, Paul Godsey and Jack Doom.

Curtis Erwin, chairman of the committee on aging, presented that report. It called for the convention "to become involved in institutional care for senior adults only in relationship to a church, associational or regional grouping of churches or associations interested in providing such care."

Appreciation was expressed to those rotating off the board.

The next meeting of the executive board is scheduled Dec. 13-14 at Cedar-moore Baptist Assembly.

THE 11-POINT PLAN

A goal of Kentucky Baptist colleges and schools is to have:

1) developed and implemented a comprehensive strategy by Sept. 1, 1978, to interpret the importance of these colleges and schools to Kentucky Baptists.

2) translated their purpose . . . of Christian values into visible, effective programs by Sept. 1, 1981.

3) encouraged Kentucky Baptists to maintain their annual investment in Christian education . . . at a minimum of 30% of the Kentucky Baptist Convention portion of the (Cooperative) program by July 31, 1982.

4) designed and implemented joint programs of cooperation by Sept. 1, 1979.

5) completed a coordinated capital campaign for needed buildings and endowment by July 31, 1982.

6) encouraged the Kentucky Baptist Convention to establish and staff a full time professional office for the promotion of Christian education and provide adequate operating funds . . . by Sept. 1, 1978.

7) a comprehensive long range plan for the fiscal stability of each institution by July 31, 1979, to serve as a primary guideline for the fiscal operation for the period 1979-84.

A goal of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is to have:

8) established an effective, equitable formula for the distribution of Cooperative Program funds to Baptist colleges and schools in Kentucky by the beginning of the fiscal year 1977 . . .

A goal of Kentucky Baptist colleges and schools:

9) is to have established a comprehensive student recruiting plan on each campus to enable each institution to achieve its optimum enrolment by July 31, 1984.

10) in cooperation with the Kentucky Baptist Convention is . . . a continuing program to increase the level and quality of trustees' performance of their duties by July 31, 1980.

A goal of the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is to have:

11) reorganized the Christian education committee by July 31, 1977, to provide leadership for the implementation of recommendations. . .

Convention Reports

Preachers 'Preached To' At Pastor's Conference

by Phil Burgess, Staff Writer

Monday, Nov. 8, Baptist ministers gathered at Calvary Church, Lexington, for the annual Pastor's Conference.

Held in conjunction with the state convention meetings, the conference featured a college professor, seminary professor, seminary president and two ministers.

In the first message of the afternoon session Fred S. Roth, professor of religion at Cumberland College, spoke on the theme "Let The Church Stand Up Through Preaching the Great Doctrines."

Roth exhorted the pastors to do two things while preaching — tell what Christ means to you personally and tell about the New Testament church.

"We have been bought by the blood and bound by the Bible," declared Roth.

"We are the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. He wants a glorious church without spot or blemish," he concluded.

In another afternoon sermon John Wood, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paducah, said, "Reconciliation is our task. It has been committed unto us."

Wood's message — "Let The Church Stand Up Through Ministering to the Larger Community" — called for church involvement in the total life of the community. "The church is the base and the field is the world. The church is people on mission in and to the world."

Bob John Norman, pastor of Belmont

Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, gave the final sermon of the afternoon. Speaking on the theme "Let The Church Stand Up Through New Testament Evangelism," Norman stated that the total church membership should be involved with urgent boldness.

In the evening Landrum P. Leavell II, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, said, "Prayer has many purposes."

Speaking on "Let The Church Stand Up Through Prayer," he stated that through the possibilities of prayer we accomplish the impossible.

Wayne Ward concluded the Monday session by delivering a message entitled "Let The Church Stand Up Through New Testament Preaching."

Ward, professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said, "The Bible is the greatest subject for preaching and teaching we know."

He declared that biblical preaching is never on the right track until scripture is used for making one wise unto salvation.

"When you live in the Word and study it and when you share it you will not have lived in vain. Memorize it, learn it," he declared.

New officers of the Pastor's Conference, elected last week, are: Jerry Oakley, pastor of Columbia (Ky.) Baptist Church, president; Bill Hartung, pastor of Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort, vice president; and Bill Sullivan, pastor of First Baptist Church, Benton, secretary-treasurer.

Wives Review Fashions, Select Four Officers

by Debbie Harris, Staff Writer

Over 90 women were present when the Kentucky Baptist Minister's Wives Conference met Nov. 9 at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, for dinner, a style show and the election of new officers.

Fifteen Lexington area ministers' wives were hostesses for the meeting and responsible for decorating the tables. Seventeen ministers' wives from across the state modeled some of their favorite outfits during the style show. Glenda Copass of Paducah and outgoing program chairman narrated the show.

New officers for the conference in-

clude: Norma Benningfield, Salem Baptist Church (Ohio River Association), president; Evelyn Jones, Newport, vice president; Lucille Turner, Stearns, secretary-treasurer; and Brenda Towers Johnson, Louisville, program chairman.

Willis Henson, pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, and outgoing president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, brought greetings to the wives from the pastors. Mary Page Miller, Whitesville, 1976 president of the Minister's Wives Conference, presided over the meeting.

Alumni Groups Meet, Eat

At least eight educational institutions—including five within Kentucky—held meal functions for their graduates and friends during the KBC meeting last week in Lexington.

Campbellsville, Cumberland and Georgetown colleges, Clear Creek Baptist School, and four seminaries—Midwestern, New Orleans, Southern and Southwestern—all had alumni reunions.

The largest in attendance was probably the one held by Georgetown College. Its program was typical of similar meetings.

President Robert Mills gave encouraging reports about the school's progress in recruiting students and receiving gifts, then made an appeal for loyalty among the graduates to their alma mater.

A seminary president, faculty member or trustee addressed most of the seminary alumni functions.

Annuitants Hear Morgan

Darold H. Morgan, president of the SBC Annuity Board, Dallas, addressed retirees in the board's retirement plan at the annual annuitants' fellowship luncheon during the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

He told the retirees about change which would affect them taking place in the plan in the coming year.

J. T. Miller of Whitesville presided at the luncheon. Byrd Ison, KBC Annuity Board representative, hosted the event.

Annuitants retiring this year in Kentucky were recognized, including: Cornelius Horn, Boyd W. Manion, Bryant A. Houchens, Boyce G. Burden, Earl G. Neal, Mary Belle Cox, William W. Johnson, Roy Allen Hamilton, Robert H. Alston, Pauline Hacker, Isadore Childers, J. S. Bell, John G. Sammons, Jesse A. Parker, Roy A. Boatwright, Cecil Laster, Ronald Lee Burnett, Buell T. Wells, Marshall G. Mines, John A. Cain, Leonard P. Harmon and Valedia S. Wolford.



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Family Life, Citizenship, Apathy, Food and Energy Subjects of Resolutions

Messengers to the 139th annual sessions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention dealt with resolutions on family life, citizenship, apathy in government, food and energy concerns, and the American Bible Society.

Recognizing "growing pressure on family life," an escalating divorce rate, the biblical position on the family and the importance of the family to national life, messengers resolved to encourage churches "to develop an ongoing program of family life education."

Regarding Christian citizenship, the convention recalled the Judicial Article of 1975 adopted by voters of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The article is a constitutional amendment prescribing reform of the judicial system to effectively administer laws in a fair and equitable manner.

The convention's resolution concurred with the goals established in the article, encouraged the state legislature in its implementation and requested that the resolution be communicated to the governor and state legislature.

Regarding apathy in government, the

messengers suggested that pastors lead their members "to study carefully political issues . . . , that every Baptist be encouraged to actively participate in voting, serving on juries and in every way participate in political activities consistent with their Christian convictions; and . . . challenge our political leaders, local, state and national, to conduct themselves with integrity and to lead our people in personal morality and honesty. . . ."

Kentucky Baptists voiced concern over worldwide food and energy problems, expressed appreciation to their people for "generous involvement" and encouraged continued support and conservation efforts.

The American Bible Society was endorsed by a resolution calling for support of this institution with prayers and additional support "over and above . . . contributions in previous years."

Finally, the messengers expressed appreciation to Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, and its staff; hosts for the convention; Mayor Foster Pettit and the city of Lexington; to the Lexington news media; and the convention officers.

Members of the resolutions committee were B. B. Steele, Lexington, chairman; J. Chester Badgett, Campbellsville; David A. Nelson, Owensboro; and Harold J. Purdy, Madisonville.

Musicians Elect Four, Honor John Jacob Niles

by Debbie Harris, Staff Writer

Meeting in Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church on Monday, Nov. 8 in a preliminary meeting to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the Kentucky Baptist Music Association paid special tribute to musician John Jacob Niles, elected new officers and awarded tenure pins to 12 members.

Over 60 persons, consisting of KBMA members and their wives, were involved in the day-long meeting. The group was entertained by a variety of groups and individuals including the Georgetown College Choir, the Cumberland College Opera Workshop and "Purpose" from Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah.

John Jacob Niles, 84, was honored by the association for his contributions to the fields of folk and religious music. A Louisville native now residing in Lexington, he is credited with the expansion,

arrangement, publication and recording of more than 1,000 ballads. The Georgetown College Choir, under the direction of Wayne Johnson, sang six of Niles' arrangements and he was presented with a tape of the performance.

New KBMA officers are: Jerry Douglas of Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, president; Jim Cordell, First Baptist Church, Somerset, vice president and Bill Hart, Hall Street Baptist Church, Owensboro, secretary. David Gardner, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville, was reelected pastor-advisor.

Association honorees receiving tenure pins were those having just completed 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of continuous full time music ministry in Kentucky.

Those receiving five year pins were: Jim Bradshaw, Glasgow; Allen Case,

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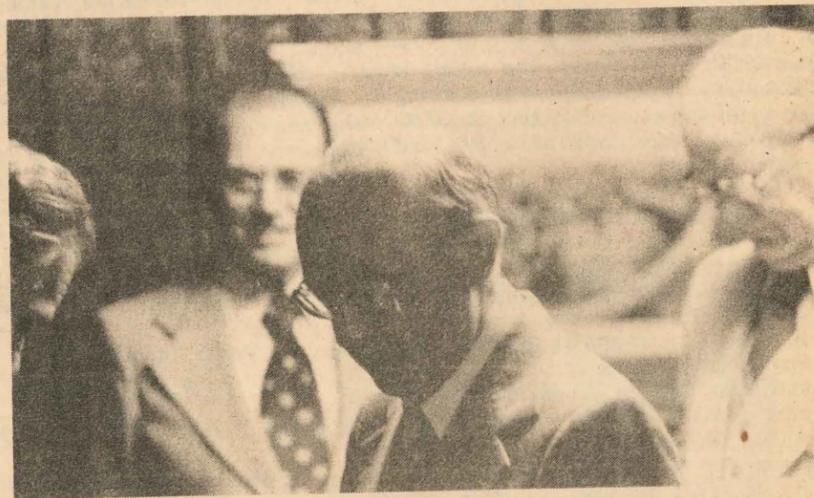
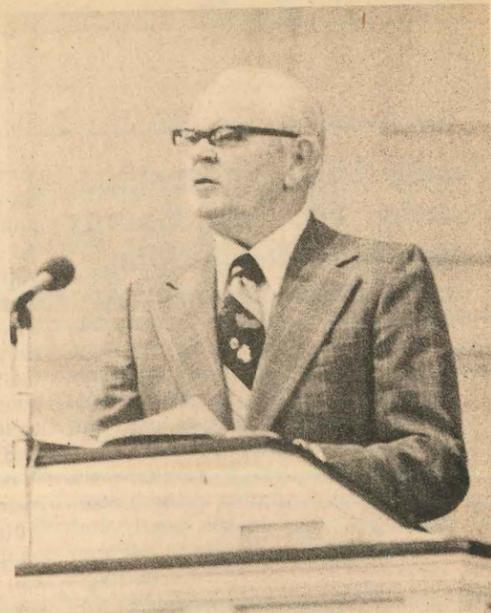
Western Recorder acknowledges appreciation to three persons for unlimited assistance in preparing this special convention issue: Seminary interns and staff writers Phil Burgess and Debbie Harris; and Board of Child Care communications specialist Greg Hancock.

KBREA Names Lee

The Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association met in annual session Nov. 8 at Calvary Church, Lexington.

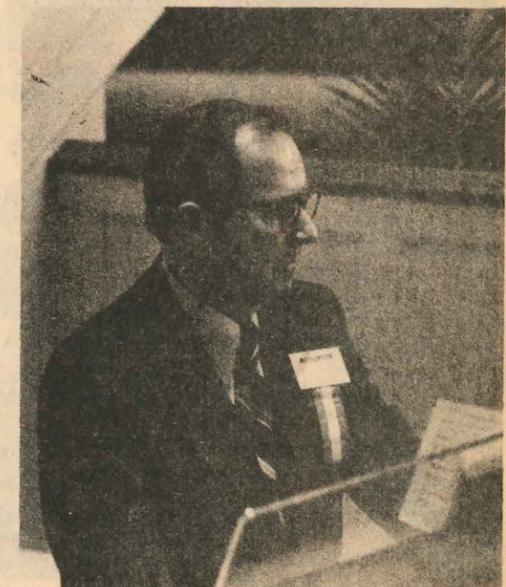
New officers are: L. Harold Lee, president, minister of education, Jeffersontown (Ky.) Baptist Church; president-elect, Wallace E. Miller, education director, Northern Kentucky Association; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Helen B. Smith, preschool and children's director, Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville.

William G. Crawford, minister of education, First Church, Franklin, outgoing president, presided over the sessions. Principal program personalities included John Warren Steen, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; L. Reed Polk Jr., pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington; and Robert E. Bingham, Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

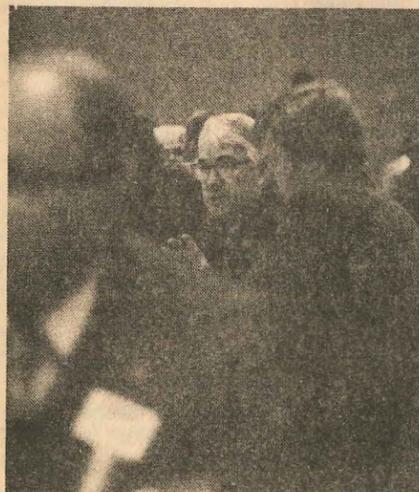
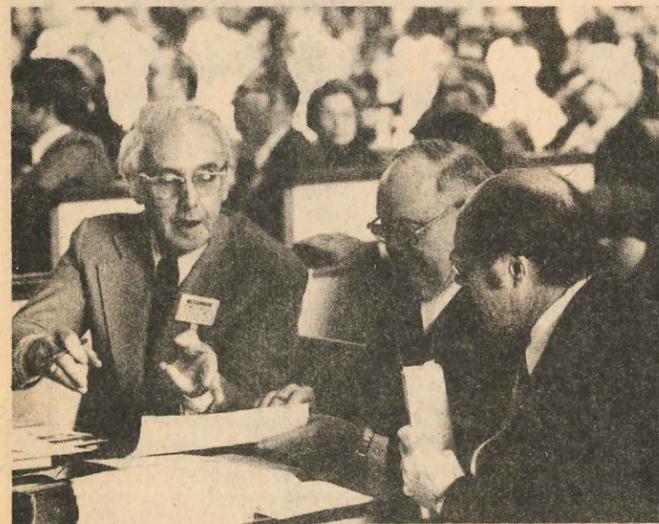
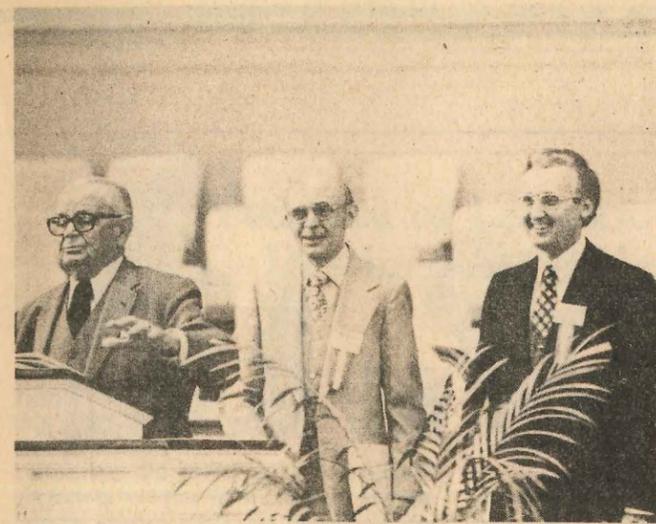
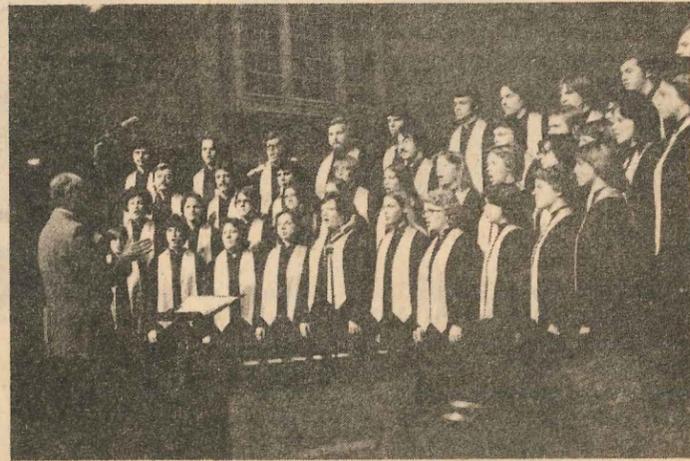
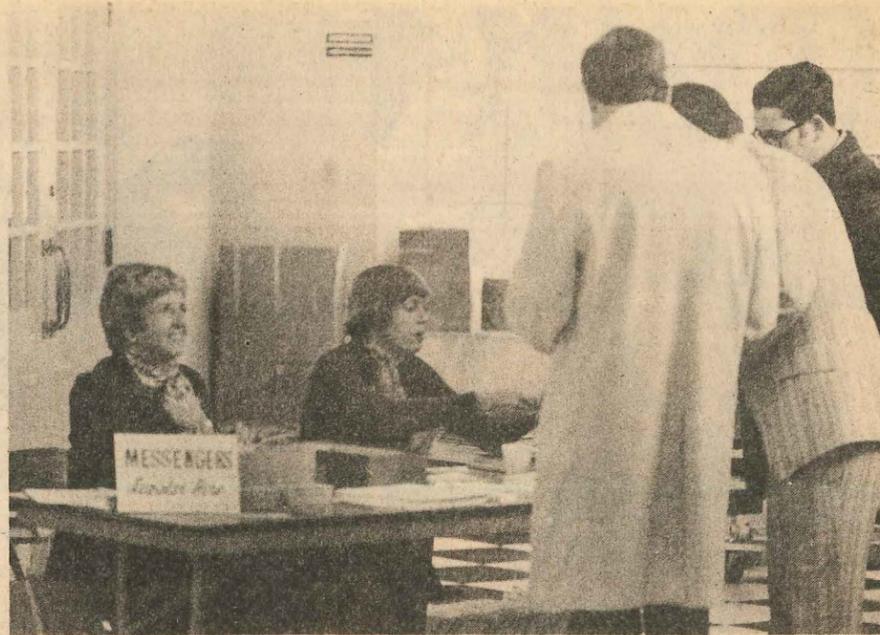


Clockwise, from top right: A. B. Colvin makes presentations to 1976 retiring KBC staff members Hicks Shelton and Roy Boatwright as James H. Whaley and Henry Huff look on. The Ted Sisks, new convention president and wife. Austin Roberts, Danville, plays the organ for Pastor's Conference. New church staff members in the state assemble. C. R. Daley, Western Recorder editor [center], at press table.

Clockwise, from top right: A. B. Colvin, assistant to the executive secretary, KBC, gives the executive board report. Henry Huff, president, in a pensive mood. New officers of Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association [L to R]: Mrs. Helen B. Smith, Louisville, secretary-treasurer; L. Harold Lee, Jeffersonton, president; and Wallace E. Miller, Northern Kentucky Association, president-elect. Fred Halbrooks, KBC Sunday school director, in the exhibit hall. Newly-elected Kentucky Baptist Music Association officers [L to R]: Jerry Douglas, Louisville, president; Bill Hart, Owensboro, secretary; and Jim Cordell, Somerset, vice president.



Clockwise, from top right: Registration is a busy time. Georgetown College Choir performs for ministers of music. L. Reed Polk [center], host pastor, studies reports. A. W. Walker [left], convention secretary, with Leo Crismon, assistant secretary, and Eldred Taylor, Somerset pastor. Congressman Carroll Hubbard Jr. addresses the convention.



Clockwise, from top right: Scene at the Pastor's Wives' banquet. 'Prof' Johnson directs the music for every session. Russell Bridges [center], Georgetown College development director, at the school's alumni breakfast. James L. Sullivan is congratulated by O. W. Yates. 'Prof' Johnson, Henry Huff and R. G. Puckett before Puckett's address.

Convention Reports



Hubbard



Erwin



Sullivan



Puckett

Principal Speakers

What They Said Before Messengers To the Kentucky Baptist Convention

In addition to the president's address carried in last week's *Western Recorder*, four other major addresses were delivered before Kentucky Baptist Convention messengers in Lexington. Here are highlights of what they said.

CARROLL HUBBARD JR.,
Mayfield
U. S. Congressman
Member, First Baptist Church

"In the recent election of Jimmy Carter as President of the United States Southern Baptists have come into a new prominence. During too much of the last century Southern Baptists have been too aloof from the religious life of this nation, but this is changing.

"I challenge the Kentucky Baptist Convention to let the world know that whoever wants to know Christ may do it — red and yellow, black and white.

"The next President and congress face the most serious problems our nation has ever had. We need a President and congress who look to the Bible for the answers they seek."

FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings of the Kentucky Baptist Convention were set as follows:

Nov. 15-17, 1977 — Florence (Ky.) Baptist Church

Nov. 14-16, 1978 — First Baptist Church, Owensboro

Nov. 13-15, 1979 — Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville

H. CURTIS ERWIN, Pastor
Glasgow Baptist Church
(Convention Sermon)

"Our unchanging challenge is to present Jesus to the world. The world is asking to see Jesus. Jesus is the man of men. He was a broad-shouldered, tough-fisted man.

"Jesus is the Christ, the deliverer. There are millions looking to be set free. Christ can set them free. Because Jesus Christ is Lord sinners can enjoy eternity.

"Most of us never really wanted Jesus to be Lord of our life. Jesus the Christ is Lord — of the cross, the tomb, of sin and death.

"Jesus is not effeminate but the mighty man of Galilee."

JAMES L. SULLIVAN,
Nashville, SBC President

"Three thousand persons were baptized at Pentecost and we would not undermine the significance of this event. But if next Sunday is an average Sunday Southern Baptists will baptize three times that many in one day.

"Wherever there is human difference, there is prejudice. The only way to keep it on a tolerable, lovable level is to realize God created all men equally.

"Our (Southern Baptists') biggest problem is interpreting ourselves to others. Right now we're in the public eye with the biggest responsibility we've ever had.

"My hope is that people will see us as a person-centered denomination."

R. G. PUCKETT,
Lutherville, Md.
Editor, *The Maryland Baptist*
President, Board of Trustees,
Midwestern Seminary

"We need men and women in various roles who can be effective practitioners.

"Since our age is so educationally oriented, for Southern Baptists to retreat from high academic standards means we will be incongruous with our generation and ineffective in our witness to the world. While faith in Jesus Christ is certainly the base of our fellowship, we really will not be able to share that faith effectively by defending 'academic mediocrity' through a retreat into the 'faith mentality.'

"Our schools need to ask young people three questions: Who am I? Where am I? What am I to be about?"

"We need to come to a deeper, fresh understanding of our mission. A part of that is our commitment to theological education."

Ted Sisk of Lexington — Another Georgian Destined for a Major Leadership Role

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

When historians look back at the year 1976 one thing they may remember is that this was a very good year for Georgia Baptists.

Not only did one of them find himself projected into the White House, another Baptist whose roots lie deeply in the Peach State was elected the new president of the 700,000-member Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Ted Sisk, born 48 years ago in Toccoa, Ga., became the convention's 69th presiding officer. He had served the pastorate of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, for seven years.

Only a few hours after his election Sisk found himself reflecting on where the convention has been and where it seems to be headed.

"I'd like to see the work continue to flourish," he exclaimed. "Our churches, associations and pastors should be drawn even closer together through common ministries.

SWEET FELLOWSHIP

"Our convention has more sweet fellowship than at any time I've known it," Sisk declared.

He expressed a particular desire to see the state convention's educational institutions receive greater financial support, including more students from the constituency.

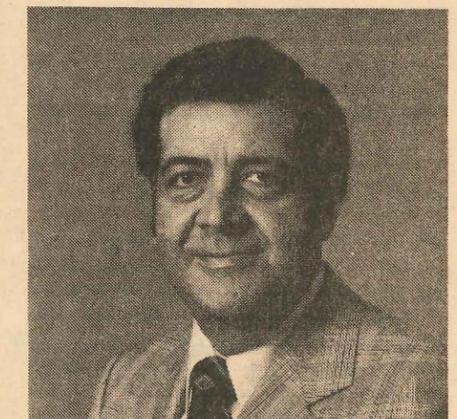
Sisk, who served on the executive board at the time an education study committee was appointed (the committee's report appears on page 7 this issue) said he had favored the study when it was proposed. Noting that he had not seen the committee's report at the time of this interview, he cautioned those who "feel the convention has turned its back on its schools. I don't know that we're doing all we should but I don't agree with those who say we haven't supported our institutions."

Concerning the Child Care Board and a committee appointed two years ago to study present programs of this agency, Sisk believes "the matter is well in hand." He thinks the committee is "doing a good job. The administration has been very responsive to the commit-

tee's proposals."

Sisk, 'born again' as a Junior age boy, according to a bio sheet, was baptized into First Baptist Church, Toccoa, Ga. He received his call to the ministry in 1945, being ordained in 1949 by Harmony Baptist Church, Baldwin, Ga.

He received the B.A. degree in 1951 from Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga., and did graduate work at the University of Georgia, Athens, and Emory University, Atlanta. During these years he served two churches as minister of



Ted Sisk

music, and held his first pastorate at Harmony Church in Baldwin, 1948-56.

While enrolled at Southern Seminary Sisk was associate pastor of Buechel Park Baptist Church, Louisville, 1957-59. He received the master of divinity degree in 1960, and next month is scheduled to receive the doctor of ministry degree from the seminary.

Other pastorates include First Baptist Church, Hogansville, Ga., 1960-62, and Highlawn Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va., 1962-69.

Sisk is married to the former Virginia Lee Dalton of Baldwin, Ga., and they are the parents of four sons.

In addition to his KBC executive board experience, where he was an administrative committee member two years, he has held numerous other

notable denominational posts. In 1968-69 he was president of the West Virginia Baptist Convention. He is currently trustee chairman of Georgetown College and a trustee of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

His avocations are fishing and golf.

PRESENT PASTORATE

One senses the warmth of his relationship with the church he now serves. "I love those people, and I think they love me," he says.

Immanuel Church, Lexington, presently employs 37 persons, about 20 of whom are full time staff members. In this group are six ministers — pastor, minister of education and administration, minister of music, minister of Christian life activities, minister of children's work and minister of pre-school work.

The 2900-member church maintains a budget of \$610,000 and averages 1100 present in Sunday school. Its 1200-seat sanctuary is not sufficient, however, and Sisk hopes to see ground broken in January 1978 on an auditorium which will seat 2000 persons.

He is proud of the church's ministry to the deaf and various phases of educational work. But he seems to be most pleased by the ability of the church to telecast its morning service live and in color on Lexington's NBC affiliate 52 weeks a year.

"We own three color cameras and all the other equipment needed," he explained. "We furnish our own men to put the service on the air. All it costs is the air time from the station. I am convinced any church our size can do it if it really wants to."

Sisk said the station conservatively estimates regular viewers at between 30,000 and 50,000 per Sunday. He said their mail responses come from as far away as Ft. Thomas, Ashland, Middleboro, Glasgow and E'town.

Our new president has come a long way from a Georgia hamlet to the presidency of our state convention. But then, it's no small distance from Plains to Washington, either.

Convention Reports

Presidential Appointments

The following chairmen of committees of the convention were named by newly-elected KBC President Ted Sisk:

- Committee on Committees—W. D. Jagers, Prestonsburg
 Committee on Nominations — Billie Wright, Stanton
 Committee on Order of Business — Lee Hopkins, Bellevue
 Committee on Credentials — Rollin S. Burhans, Bowling Green
 Committee on Arrangements — J. Bill Jones, Florence
 Committee on Public Affairs — Henry Huff, Louisville
 Committee on Obituaries—Roy Puckett, Louisville
 Committee on Resolutions — David A. Nelson, Owensboro
 Committee on Constitution and Bylaws — Gary Sharp, Lexington

The following chairmen of committees to report in 1977 were named:

- Committee on Cooperative Program — Bob Norman, Belfry
 Committee on Home Missions — Garrard Howell, Frankfort
 Committee on Foreign Missions — Wilson Lofland, Central City
 Committee on Radio and Television — Robert Kersey, Paducah
 Committee on Conventionwide Education — Malcolm Lunceford, Frankfort

Committee on Nominations

- Preacher of Annual Sermon for 1977 — Richard Oldham, Bowling Green
 Alternate Preacher — Eldred M. Taylor, Somerset

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Association; Nominee; Term Ends
 Bell; Charles F. Jones, Pineville; 1979
 Bethel; Buron Richerson, Trenton; 1979
 Blood River; Rodney Travis, Benton; 1979
 Booneville; Billy Reynolds, Manchester; 1979
 Caldwell-Lyon; Don Mathis, Princeton; 1979
 Casey County; John Paul Cummins, Middleburg; 1979
 Central; Douglas Olive, Lebanon; 1977
 Christian County; Leon Winchester,

- Hopkinsville; 1979
 Daviess-McLean; Bill Gray, Owensboro, 1978; Herschel Morgan, Philpot, 1979; David Nelson, Owensboro, 1979; Denzil Probus, Sacramento, 1979
 Edmonson; *Maurice Parsley, Brownsville; 1978
 Elkhorn; H. H. Thomas, Lexington, 1979; Kenneth Cole, Lexington, 1979; James E. Hearn, Lexington, 1979; Finley Ray, Lexington, 1979
 Graves County; John Huffman, Mayfield; 1979
 Green Valley; David Bratcher, Henderson; 1979
 Jackson County; Vacancy; 1977
 Liberty; Marvin Spivey, Cave City; 1979
 Little River; Harold E. Lassiter, Cadiz; 1979
 Logan County; Robert Bozarth, Russellville; 1979
 Long Run; Clay Carter, Louisville, 1979; Harold Mauney, Taylorsville, 1979; Jane T. Kent, Louisville, 1979; *John Catlett, Louisville, 1979; *Mrs. Phil McGary, Louisville, 1979; Altus Newell, Louisville, 1979; Marshall Phillips, Middletown, 1979
 Lynn; Robert Y. Simpkins, Magnolia; 1979
 Mercer; *Earl Hacker, Harrodsburg; 1979
 Mt. Zion; Ray E. Cummins, Corbin; 1979; *J. W. Jones, Corbin; 1978
 Muhlenberg; Wilson Lofland, Central City, 1979; Danny Saunders, Beechmont, 1979
 Northern Kentucky; Harold Wainscott, Covington, 1979; J. Bill Jones, Florence, 1979
 Ohio River; Guy M. Deane, Marion; 1979
 Ohio Valley; Bob E. Martin, Morganfield; 1979
 Pike; Thomas G. Woodson, Elkhorn City; 1979
 Pulaski County; Albert McKinney, Burnside; 1979
 Red River; Houston Berry, Jackson; 1979
 Rockcastle; R. C. Flynn, Brodhead; 1979
 Russell County; *Russell H. Reese, Jamestown; 1979
 Russell Creek; Jerry Oakley, Columbia; 1979
 Salem; *William L. McQuary, Brandenburg; 1979
 Severns Valley; *Allen Bell, Radcliff, 1979; Tom Stokes, Cecilia; 1977; *Isaac B. McDonald, Hodgenville;

- 1978
 Shelby County; *John V. Barnett, Bagdad; 1979; Jim Highland, Shelbyville, 1979
 Simpson; Clayton Rock, Franklin; 1979
 South District; J. Wm. Hall, Danville; 1979; Wm. G. Humphrey, Lancaster, 1977
 South Union; Gordon Brown, Williamsburg; 1979
 Sulphur Fork; David Faulkner, Bedford; 1979
 Tates Creek; Owen Edwards, Richmond; 1979
 Ten Mile; Everett Rountree, Glencoe; 1979
 Union; Estes Denton, Brooksville; 1979
 Warren; B. A. Houchens, Bowling Green, 1979; Clyde Voyles, Bowling Green; 1979
 Wayne County; Gifford J. Walters, Monticello; 1979
 West Union; Deward Hurst, Barlow; 1979; Willis Henson, Paducah; 1979; C. Wymann Copass, Paducah; 1979
 Whites Run; Floyd Baker, Ghent; 1979

WESTERN RECORDER BOARD

- Term Ending 1978:
 O. G. Lawless, Bowling Green

- Terms Ending 1979:
 Curtis Erwin, Glasgow
 W. D. Jagers, Prestonsburg
 Harold Purdy, Madisonville
 Carman Sharp, Louisville

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

- Terms Ending 1978:
 Sidney Maddox, Hopkinsville
 *Charles L. Westray, Louisville
 *Cy Waddle, Somerset

BOARD OF CHILD CARE

- Term Ending 1979:
 Kenneth Cole, Lexington

- Terms Ending 1980:
 W. R. Cook, Central City
 Lee Hopkins, Bellevue
 *Mrs. James C. Iler, Louisville
 Odell Leigh, Louisville
 Curtis Warf, Pikeville

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

- Terms Ending 1980:
 *Raymond L. Cravens, Bowling Green

- *Clark Bailey, Harlan
 Richard W. Bridges, Bowling Green
 *S. H. Flowers, M.D., Middlesboro
 Verlin C. Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown
 *Frank Penn, Lexington
 *Tom Pfau, Louisville
 *Mark Searce, Shelbyville
 *Clyde Sparks, Ashland

CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE

- Terms Ending 1980:
 *J. B. Crawley, Campbellsville
 *Norman Boggess, Calhoun
 Harold W. Barnes, Horse Cave
 *Mrs. Robert Chambliss, Hardinsburg
 *Gene Dunnington, Monticello
 *Everette Lee, Campbellsville
 David Nelson, Owensboro
 *Virgil Price, Greensburg
 *George Ransdell, Louisville

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE

- Terms Ending 1980:
 *Don Faulkner, Williamsburg
 *Joe Stanford, Williamsburg
 M. A. Reese, Barbourville
 *R. D. Sanders, Williamsburg

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST SCHOOL

- Terms Ending 1979:
 *Herbert R. Booth, Union
 *Marcus Brogan, Middlesboro
 Ray Cummins, Corbin
 *Charles Grace, Pineville
 *Elmer Gambrell, Pineville
 *John Hughes, Danville

ONEIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE

- Terms Ending 1980:
 *Preston Baker, Oneida
 Richard DeBell, Harlan
 *James Graham, Bowling Green
 *Ben Rice, Manchester

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

- Term Ending 1977:
 North Central Region—Dwayne Conner, Erlanger

- Term Ending 1978:
 Floyd Baker, Ghent
 Jack Jones, Murray

- Terms Ending 1979:
 *David C. Greene, Richmond

- *Casey Morton, Jackson
 R. B. Hooks Jr., Rockfield

BAPTIST HOSPITALS INC.

- Terms Ending 1980:
 *Daniel Brock, Lexington
 *Gordon Palmer, Ft. Mitchell
 David Bratcher, Henderson
 Kit Yeaste, Bardstown
 *Lynwood Schrader, Lexington
 *William McCaslin, Princeton

TEMPERANCE LEAGUE

- Terms Ending 1977:
 Chairman of the Christian Life Committee of the Executive Board when newly appointed in December.
 Terms Ending 1979:
 *Carl Sears, Falmouth
 Henlee Barnette, Louisville
 Raymond Ward, Rineyville
 A. L. Meacham, LaGrange
 Deryl C. Watson, Nebo

Committee on Committees

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

- North Central Region:
 Harold Jones, Dry Ridge
 Northeastern Region:
 Cohen Campbell, Betsy Layne
 Charles Stewart, Ashland
 Southeastern Region:
 Ray Cummins, Corbin
 Charles F. Jones, Pineville
 South Central Region:
 Douglas Olive, Lebanon
 Southern Region:
 Buron Richerson, Trenton
 Southwestern Region:
 Billy Hurt, Paducah
 Western Region:
 James R. Doyel, Greenville
 Henry W. Schafer, Owensboro
 Central Region:
 Leon Larimore, Louisville
 Kit Yeaste, Bardstown

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Terms Ending 1978:
 Verlin Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown
 Lee Hopkins, Bellevue

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

- Terms Ending 1978:

- Eldred M. Taylor, Somerset
 Elroy Lamb, Louisville

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

- Terms Ending 1978:
 Wyman Copass, Paducah
 Wayne Dehoney, Louisville

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- Term Ending 1978:
 Herman M. Bowers, Frankfort
 Harold Wainscott, Covington

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

- Terms Ending 1978:
 Charles H. Mitchell, Silver Grove
 B. A. Houchens, Rockfield

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

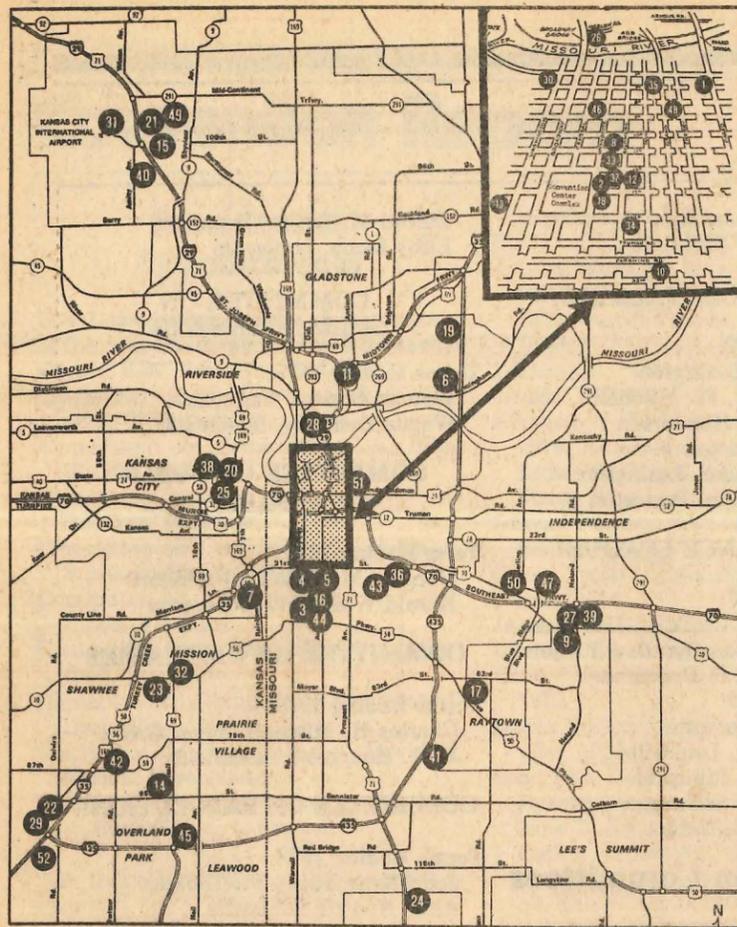
- Terms Ending 1978:
 John Kruschwitz, Ft. Thomas
 Altus Newell, Louisville

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

- Terms Ending 1979:
 A. L. Meacham, LaGrange
 J. T. Miller, Whitesville
 John Wood, Paducah

COMMITTEES TO REPORT 1977

- Committee on Cooperative Program:
 Eugene M. Fleming, Franklin
 Bob E. Norman, Belfry
 *Jewel Treas, Benton
 Committee on Home Missions:
 Gerard Howell, Frankfort
 Frieda Harris, Hellier
 *C. A. Easterling, Leatherwood
 Committee on Foreign Missions:
 Wilson L. Lofland, Central City
 Mrs. E. L. Martin, Louisville
 William E. Snowden, Winchester
 Committee on Radio and Television:
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 Robert Kersey, Paducah
 Ted Sisk, Lexington
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 *A. B. Harmon, Louisville
 David Jester, Georgetown
 Malcolm Lunceford, Frankfort



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION APPLICATION FOR HOTEL OR MOTEL RESERVATIONS

Kansas City, Missouri — June 14-16, 1977

Please fill out form completely and mail to:
SBC Housing Bureau
1221 Baltimore
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

RESERVATIONS TO BE CLEARED THROUGH THE SBC HOUSING BUREAU. Each request must give definite date and approximate hour of arrival, and include names and addresses of all persons who will occupy the rooms requested. If it should become necessary to cancel a reservation, please notify the SBC Housing Bureau promptly. Reservations will be filled in order of date of receipt. Processing reservations to begin October 1, 1976.

If accommodations at the hotel/motel of your choice not available, the Housing Bureau will make a reservation elsewhere as near your request as possible, and you will receive confirmation directly from the hotel/motel.

HOTEL OR MOTEL PREFERENCES

1st Choice Aladdin
2nd Choice Ambassador
3rd Choice Bellerive
4th Choice Day's Inn, North
ARRIVAL DATE June 13 at AM

MODE OF TRAVEL: Automobile Plane Bus Other

NAMES OF ALL OCCUPANTS:

(Please bracket those sharing room)

Leo T. Crisman

MAIL CONFIRMATION TO:

NAME Leo T. Crisman
ADDRESS 404 Pleasantview Avenue
CITY Louisville
STATE Kentucky 40206

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Southern Baptist Convention	June 14-16
Woman's Missionary Union	June 12-13
Pastors' Conference	June 12-13
Religious Education Association	June 12-13
Church Music Conference	June 12-13

TYPE ROOM AND RATE DESIRED

Single Occupancy _____
Double Occupancy _____
Other _____
 A.M. DEPARTURE DATE June 16

ADDRESSES:

HOTEL	SINGLE	DOUBLE BEDED	TWIN BEDED	SUITES	HOTEL	SINGLE	DOUBLE BEDED	TWIN BEDED	SUITES
1. Admiral Paseo 1409 Admiral Blvd. 842-0106	\$14.00-22.00	\$22.00	\$16.00-18.00		27. Howard Johnson's East 4200 Noland Road, South 461-8856	\$20.00-25.00	\$24.00-28.00	\$28.00-33.00	
2. Aladdin 1215 Wyandotte 842-0371	\$14.00-20.00	\$24.00-30.00		\$55.00-80.00	28. Howard Johnson's North 1600 N.E. Russell Rd. 453-5210	\$18.00-20.00	\$22.00-24.00	\$23.00-26.00	\$35.00
3. Alameda Plaza Ward Parkway @ Wornall Rd. 756-1500	\$36.00-37.00	\$44.00-45.00	\$44.00-45.00		29. Howard Johnson's Southwest 12381 W. 95th Street 888-9400	\$19.00-24.00	\$23.00-24.00	\$28.00-30.00	
4. Ambassador 3560 Broadway 753-7300	\$16.00	\$18.50-25.00	\$19.00-25.00	Apartments \$35.00	30. Ramada Central 610 Washington 421-1800	\$21.00-31.00	\$27.00-37.00	\$27.00-37.00	
5. Bellerive 214 East Armour 753-6565	\$14.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$25.00	31. Marriott 775 Brasilia Ave. 464-2200	\$30.00-36.00	\$38.00-42.00		\$65.00-70.00 \$95.00-100.00
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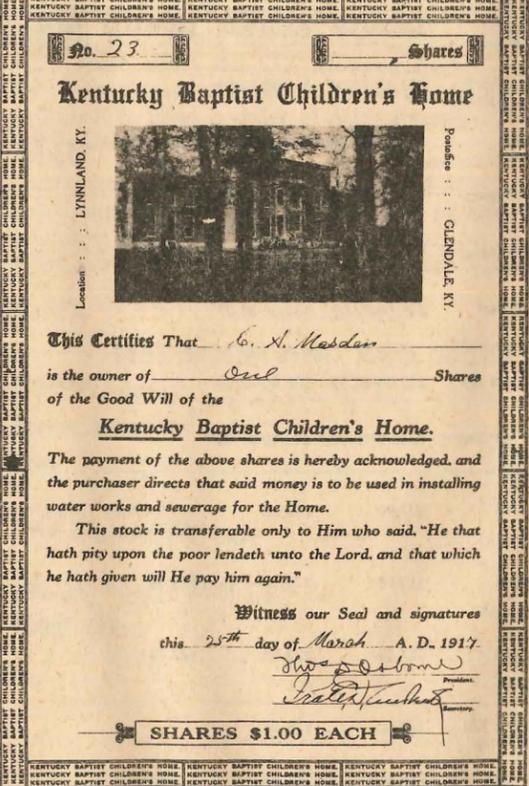


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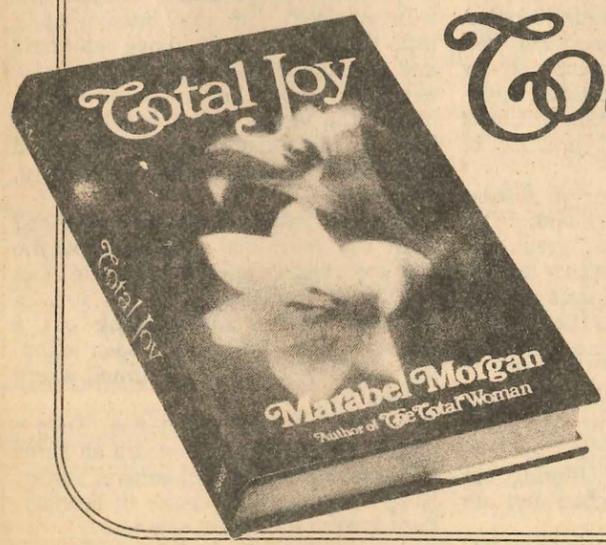
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The great 1976 meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is now history. The inspiring sermons and challenges call us back a century to the 1876 meeting of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

That meeting was marked by great oratory; speaker after speaker rose to urge Baptists to be generous in the campaign to endow colleges and to aid Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. One of the most eloquent was Basil Manly Jr., then president of Georgetown College but soon to rejoin the seminary faculty. Manly began by discussing the "agencies used by God" in the phenomenal success of Kentucky Baptists. After rejecting several stand-



Jack Birdwhistell

ard explanations Manly concluded that in the Kentucky Baptist cause God had used "the silent, unperceived and unrecorded actions of thousands of unimportant individuals; the sacrifices and zeal of a large number of comparatively unknown ministers and private members; in the faithful preaching of Christ by one, and the faithful practice of Christianity by the other."

Discussing the problem of raising funds for the schools, Manly said, "The Baptists of Kentucky have great big hearts, and it is some distance to the bottom of them. So it takes time and effort to get there. But, when their hearts are really touched, their hands are ever ready."

Let us hope and pray that in the days ahead, as we are faced with the needs of our Baptist Board of Child Care and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, our hearts will indeed be touched and our hands will be ready.

Frank Owen



SPIRITUAL ANTENNAE

Consider your TV antenna. To get clear reception it has to be high enough to get above surrounding interferences. I wonder if it doesn't illustrate the need of our lives to be sufficiently above worldly matters that interfere with our spiritual reception of communications that God is sending our way.

Notice also that your TV antenna must point toward the station whose telecast it would receive. A rotor mechanism helps us to determine what we pick up. It is another parable — a Christian's spiritual antenna must face toward his Lord, his teachings, his voice. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice." They hear his voice because they listen to him. Their ears are attuned to him.

Drive through an antenna filled neighborhood. You will see their reception "feelers" pointed in different directions — each toward the station whose sights and sounds are being sought. One is reminded of human beings, facing many different directions, depending on what each wants to hear and see in life.

Is your life drab? uninspired? lacking in purpose? despondent? disappointed with yourself? Get the antenna up a little higher. Get it up above the world and its many noises that confuse one's hearing — drown out the better things, distort the vision. Get the antenna up high so the picture will be clear and bright and the voice distinct which says, "Follow me."

Are you getting confused reception? Turn the rotor dial Godward. Maybe you are pointed toward the world. Get on God's frequency. He is still in business. He is still sending out a message. We just haven't been standing where we can hear or turned where we can see.

You have a spiritual antenna. Keep it turned toward God. There are all kinds of sights and sounds, all sorts of voices. Keep listening to the voice of eternity. Face toward the vision splendid.

Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for Nov. 28, 1976

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

International Series

Our Ministry of Reconciliation

All of those whom the Lord has saved and brought into the family of God are obligated to engage in a ministry of reconciliation.

Romans 1:16

The people of Rome needed exactly the same thing that all of the unsaved need today, namely, the glorious gospel of the blessed God. This gospel is not concerned with what man should do, for there is certainly no good news in that for any sinner. It is concerned with what God has already done for sinners. It is the announcement that God has provided righteousness for unrighteous men.

The facts constituting the gospel of Christ are as follows: Christ died for our sins, Christ was buried and Christ arose. Any message that does not contain these three historical facts and flow from them is not the gospel. Convinced beyond a doubt that Christ could meet the deepest needs of those who lived in Rome, and knowing that the gospel had been committed to him, not as a deposit to keep but something that he must share with those who had never received it, Paul declared: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Romans 15:8-21

Paul longed to go to Rome to make a spiritual contribution to the Christians there, to receive spiritual enrichment from fellowship with them, to encourage them in their work for the Lord and to preach the gospel of Christ to many in that seething city and strategic center. However, he discovered that it was not in accordance with the will of God for him to visit Rome at that particular time. Consequently, at the direction of the Holy Spirit, Paul wrote his marvelous epistle to them.

Having received numerous and authentic reports of their great faithfulness in the service of Christ, Paul cheerfully and heartily commended the Roman Christians for the fine progress which they had made in the Christian life.

Lest some of the Roman Christians might get the wrong impression of him, or think that he had written too authoritatively, Paul proceeded to explain to his readers that Christ had commissioned him as a minister of the gospel to the Gentiles. For what he had been able to accomplish in winning Gentiles to a saving knowledge of Christ, Paul was very careful to give all of the credit and honor to his Lord.

Paul's ministry was powerful because he was fully yielded to Christ and thoroughly controlled by the Holy Spirit. He kept himself in the background and gave Christ full credit for every victory.

Paul did not want to duplicate the work of others, to be jealous of their successes, or to seek any personal glory but he was exceedingly anxious to take the gospel to those who had never heard it. Far more interested in laying the gospel foundation than in building upon the work which had been done by others, Paul followed the leadership of the Holy Spirit and preached to those who had never heard about Christ. His example in this regard is highly commendable.

Life and Work Series

Belonging to One Another

Having received salvation from Christ and having become members of God's family, Christians truly belong to one another and are rightfully expected to share with one another.

Acts 4:32-35

Members of the church in Jerusalem were characterized by a marvelous spiritual unity, being of "one heart and one soul." Loving their Lord supremely, they were exemplary in their devotion to Christ and in sharing what they had with their fellow Christians who were less fortunate. They were far more concerned about sharing than they were about retaining their possessions for themselves. Their sharing was strictly voluntary, except as they were prompted by the Holy Spirit.

As they had opportunities, the members of that church gave personal testimony of what the Lord had done for them. Filled and energized by the Holy Spirit, they witnessed boldly and faithfully for Christ. Great grace was upon them and tremendous power accompanied their faithful preaching.

Romans 12:9-16

Here is some of the most practical advice to be found anywhere. These verses set forth a high standard for Christian living and love is the key to it. In their relationship with their brethren Christians should be characterized by unfeigned and fervent love. Anything that seems insincere or hypocritical is despicable in the Lord's sight and should be abhorred by us.

"Abhor that which is evil" is an appeal for a conscience on the subject of sin. It means to dread, to despise and to abstain from evil. Also, we must cling tenaciously to that which is good. Let us manifest our Christian love by our dislike for wrong and our devotion to the right. May we never try to hide what we are or pretend to be something we are not.

It is just as natural for the children of God to love one another as it is for those who are related by blood to love one another. No other method will be as successful as compliance with God's will in this matter of loving and blessing an enemy. The best-known and most effective method of dealing with those who have an ill will toward you is to show a genuine sympathy for them.

Romans 15:1-2, 5-7

Paul emphasized the proper relationship between strong and weak Christians. Believing that strong Christians owe a debt to weak ones, Paul appealed to them to recognize their obligation to manifest a vital interest in and concern about weaker brethren and to deal with them with loving forethought and tenderness. Let us do our best to help Christians in their weaknesses and needs and to build them up in the Christian faith and life.

Those of us within the fellowship of the redeemed must not set any limit to our brotherly love. From Christ we learn how we should react to and help those who have fallen into sin, and need our sympathy and assistance.

Baptists at Work

Flying High

by Jim Preston

Imagine yourself about to take your first airplane ride. As you wait impatiently on the airstrip to board your plane, you watch another plane dive into a crash landing. Do you have second thoughts? Are your knuckles turning white? Are you perspiring?

There are some people — some brave souls — who react as if the plane landed smoothly and without incident. This is the reaction of a group from Spring Meadows Children's Home.

The group was full of "high" hopes Oct. 2 at Bowman Field, Louisville, as many of them were about to have their first "airborne" experience.

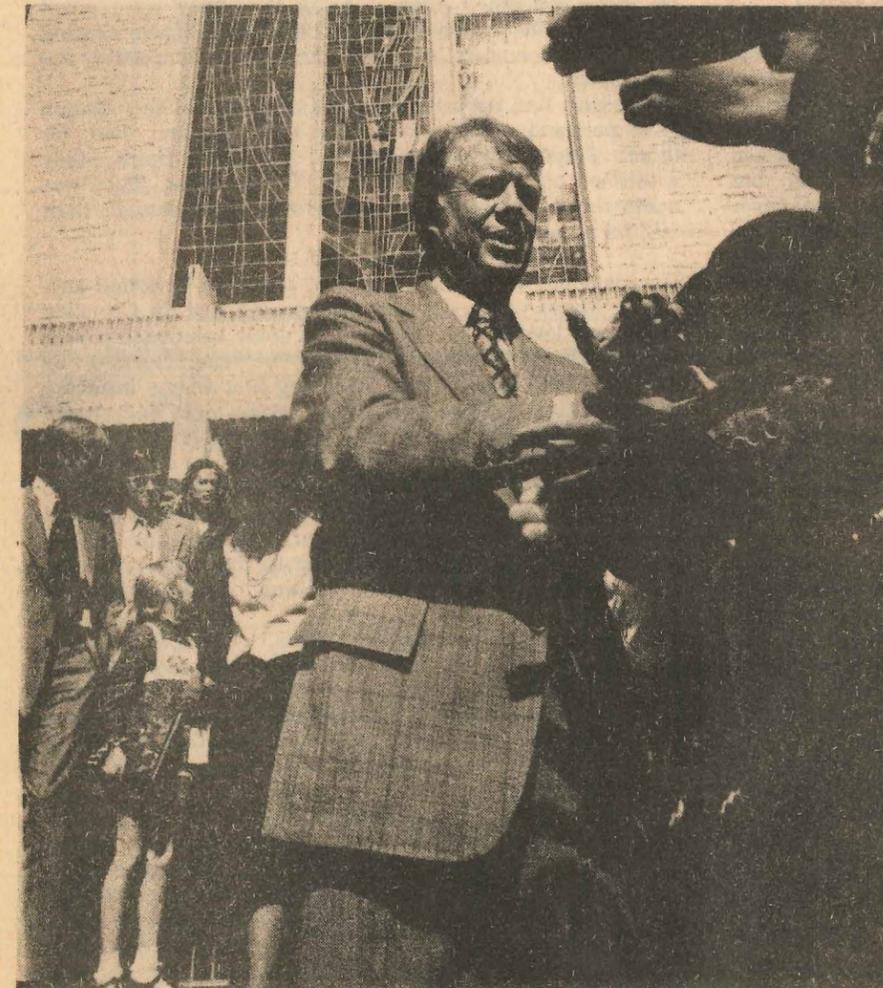
The plane that crashed was a small private plane. The pilot landed it on its belly because the landing gear did not work properly. No one was hurt and the fearless onlookers did not let the incident affect their enthusiasm.

As soon as the runway was clear the kids went up, three at a time, in a single

engine plane. Woody Stiles, the pilot of the plane, flew at about 1500 feet, at 130 miles per hour for 15 minutes.

Stiles, a disc jockey for WAKY in Louisville is a member of the Louisville Aero Club. The club is the oldest aviation club in America and frequently takes groups and organizations up for a ride in the sky. Stiles made arrangements for the Spring Meadows group, and Dick Malone, president of Kentucky Flying Service, donated the plane and gas for the occasion.

An opportunity to fly high in the sky can bring out the coward in a lot of people, but there were no white-knuckled, perspiring cowards in the group of fearless flyers from Spring Meadows. They only want to do it again.



Jimmy Carter shakes hands with well-wishers after attending University Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Oct. 31. Behind him are wife Rosalynn, daughter Amy and son Jack. Carter is the third Baptist and second Southern Baptist to win the presidency. Harry Truman was a Southern Baptist; Warren G. Harding, a Baptist. Carter is also a trustee of the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

Preschool, Children Post Filled by Mrs. Dillard

Mrs. Polly Hargis Dillard has been elected preschool and children's consultant of the Church Services Division, Kentucky Baptist Convention, effective Jan. 1.

Mrs. Dillard, of Louisville, attended high school in Lexington, later graduating from the University of Kentucky and Peabody College, Nashville.

She has had experience as superintendent of beginner work, Baptist Sunday School Board; director of children's work in three churches — Main Street Baptist, Hattiesburg, Miss.; and Highland and Deer Park Baptist, Louisville; and assistant professor of elementary education and visiting professor of religious education at Southern Seminary.

She is the wife of Badgett Dillard, vice president for business affairs at Southern Seminary. She is the author of 12 books and study units for elementary children and has been a frequent writer of denominational materials for children. She is a popular conference leader and has been president this past year of the Kentucky Association on Children Under Six.

In her new position Mrs. Dillard will be responsible for coordinating preschool and children's work through the Sunday school and Church Training programs of the state convention, as well as weekday education and work with the handicapped.