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1977 KBC at Florence Lists Six Speakers

With the theme "Let the Church Reach Out" Kentucky Baptists representing more than 2200 churches will convene in Florence Nov. 15-17 for their 140th annual convention.

The program for the seven sessions was released this week by Lee Hopkins, Bellevue pastor, chairman of the committee on order of business. It includes six major addresses, reports of convention agencies and departments of the convention's Executive Board, miscellaneous business, elections and appointments, reporting periods for numerous committees and special music.

Ted Sisk, pastor of Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church, and president of the convention, will preside.

Particular attention is expected to be

given Sisk's appointment of a 15-member search panel which will be charged with responsibility of recommending a successor to KBC executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen. Owen retires Dec. 31, 1978.

The Executive Board authorized Sisk last May 3 to name a search committee at this convention. It is expected that a new secretary will begin an orientation period with Owen Sept. 1, 1978.

An \$8.8 million Cooperative Program budget goal for 1978-79 will be recommended by the Executive Board to the convention meeting at Florence Baptist Church. With additional estimated income a total of \$9.5 million is projected for that year.

Messengers to the 140th Kentucky

Baptist Convention are expected to respond favorably to the committee on order of business' deliberate attempt to conclude evening sessions early. If things run on time messengers will be adjourned by 8:40 p.m., considerably earlier than in previous years.

Principal speakers on the agenda include: Sisk, delivering the president's address; William W. Marshall, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Randall Lolley, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; J. M. Boswell, president, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky.; Richard Oldham, delivering the convention sermon, pastor, Glendale Baptist Church, Bowling Green; and Glendon McCullough, executive director, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

Recommendations of the Executive Board to the convention and KBC programs are on pages 8-12 this issue.

\$20,000 Repays Paper's 'Moral Obligation': Daley

The finance committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board has received a \$20,000 check from directors of Western Recorder. It comes as full repayment for an emergency grant extended the publication last December.

Spiraling production costs forced the 151-year-old newspaper to operate at a deficit last fall. When the Recorder's financial plight was revealed the Executive Board immediately appropriated \$20,000 from unrestricted funds stating "the \$20,000, or any part thereof, is to be repaid, if possible, by the board of Western Recorder by the end of the current fiscal year (Aug. 31, 1977)."

C. R. Daley, editor, presented a check to KBC executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen in full payment Aug. 31.

"I felt a moral obligation and insisted that our directors do this," the editor declared. "They were unanimously in favor of it. I have deep feelings that our mission money should be carefully guarded," he said.

The Recorder was able to pay its debt by liquidating its print shop last summer, disposing of printing equipment.

Catholic Church on the subject of abortion. The Catholic hierarchy is pressing for a constitutional amendment to prohibit abortions.

Denominational members of the RCAR include: The American Baptist Churches, U. S. A., American Ethical Union, American Jewish Congress, American Humanist Association, Disciples of Christ, Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church in the U. S., Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Unitarian Universalist Association, United Methodist Church and United Presbyterian Church.

Soap Washing Out?

ABC-TV gave at least one of its sponsors of the controversial sex-oriented "Soap" program a 'free ride' on advertising to the tune of \$40,000.

Dan Rodgers, chairman of John F. Murphy Advertising Agency, New York, which represents American Home Products, said that firm was not billed "one penny" for its Anacin commercial aired Sept. 20.

According to Rodgers, who talked with officials of Southern Baptists' Christian Life Commission, Nashville, the 'free ride' was worth about \$40,000 for 30 seconds. He said at the present time American Home Products does not expect to be a sponsor of "Soap."

An ABC-TV spokesman declined comment on the matter.

You're Not Getting Older But Better, Student Work

The 50th anniversary of Kentucky Baptist student conventions will be celebrated Oct. 14-16 where it began. Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church will host the event under the theme "Drawn Together by God's Love."

The program opens at 7 p.m. Friday featuring "Fifty Years of Student Work in Kentucky." From 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. recreation follows at Walnut Street Baptist Church.

A dozen 90-minute seminars will be offered twice at Crescent Hill Saturday morning. Following afternoon free time the evening program begins at 7 p.m. Summer missions, mass choir, an address, campus prayer groups and festival of gifts coffeehouse highlight the agenda.

C. R. Daley, Western Recorder editor, will conduct Bible study Sunday morning. Glenn Iglehart, director, Department of Interfaith Witness, Home Mission Board Atlanta, will preach.

Other weekend program guests include Baptist Sunday School Board staffers Don Whitehouse, Frank Hart Smith and Charles Roselle.

More Federal Aid Sought

Private school and Roman Catholic educators boldly pushed for "full partnership" in the nation's educational program during hearings before the house subcommittee on elementary, secondary and vocational education.

At the same time the National Coalition for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL) asked the Congress to provide public funds for public programs only.

U. S. Rep. Carl D. Perkins (D.-Ky.), a Baptist, is chairman of the subcommittee as well as of the full Committee on Education and Labor.

The hearings were for the purpose of recommending legislation for the extension and revision of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

PEARL is composed of 30 national and state religious and civil liberties organizations, including the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Carter Favors Catholics?

Representatives of leaders of 11 Protestant and Jewish denominations have charged President Jimmy Carter did not make a serious pledge during his campaign to be a President of all the people.

In a press conference at the National Press Club, Washington, John T. Conners, moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, U. S., read a statement saying President Carter has refused to meet with the representatives of 11 national religious bodies while he has repeatedly met with Archbishop Joseph Bernardin and other top officials of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

The 11 religious bodies have formed the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (RCAR). The coalition says that the United States government has no right to impose by law on all citizens the theological viewpoint of the Roman

BSSB Sells ABC Stock

The Baptist Sunday School Board has sold 2500 shares of American Broadcasting Company stock.

"During the controversy over the sex-oriented program 'Soap,' we discovered the 2500 shares in an examination of our portfolio held by one money manager," Grady C. Cothen, board president said. "Since we do not approve of the program in question, nor of some other programs related to abuse of human sexuality, violence and perversion, we decided it was not proper to hold ABC stock."

The stock, worth nearly \$100,000, represented only a small portion of some \$33 million invested by the Sunday School Board.

Double Exposure

October is Cooperative Program Month in Southern Baptist churches. It was truly a remarkable and ingenious step our forefathers took in 1925 when they covered the entire missions scope of the denomination by creating the Cooperative Program. This year special emphasis is given the associational mission program. Each church is challenged to increase the percentage of its income given through the Cooperative Program and the association. Conducting a survey of mission giving in your church could help decide what this percentage of increase should be. Pray for substantial increases.

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Individual, \$3.68 (tax included); Foreign, \$3.75; Church Budget, \$2.50. All except church accounts payable in advance. Church accounts must have tax exemption number.

Meet the Mission Service Corps

The worldwide evangelistic and missionary thrust to which Southern Baptists are committed for the rest of this century calls for a whole new set of programs and projects. To identify these new efforts and to distinguish them from those we already are involved in requires a new vocabulary with which Baptists must become familiar if they are not to be confused. From time to time space on this page will be given to help Baptists understand the new terminology they will be hearing and reading from now on.

Our whole accelerated effort for the next 23 years is known as Bold Mission Thrust. It was adopted at the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk after long and prayerful study and reaffirmed in 1977 in Kansas City. It calls for doubling our full time career missionaries on home and foreign fields from 5000 to 10,000 by the year 2000 and for establishing a church or mission station in reach of every person living in the 50 states of the United States.



This means the calling out of thousands of new missionary volunteers, training them and raising millions and millions more dollars through the Cooperative Program and the special mission offerings.

The impact of this mighty thrust has reached only a few churches by now but it has hit our mission boards, seminaries and other denominational agencies with full force. Denominational leaders on the national and state levels came back from Norfolk in 1976 impressed and from Kansas City this year excited. They regard themselves under mandate and their preparation and participation are nothing less than fantastic. Read the October 1977 issue of the World Mission Journal produced by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission for verification of this statement.

One exciting new dimension was added to Bold Mission Thrust in Kansas City last June. This is what will be known from now on as the Mission Service Corps. This effort is over and above the doubling of the career missionaries. It calls for at least 5000 volunteers by 1982 for one to two years special missionary service in America and abroad. Moreover these missionaries will support themselves in whole or part or be sponsored by individuals or churches with gifts completely over and above Cooperative Program gifts and the special foreign, home and state mission offerings.

Many denominational leaders believe the Mission Service Corps can be the spark that ignites Bold Mission Thrust. It personalizes missions like no plan we have ever used. It provides for people in the pews to become missionaries who have longed to serve but who never really could become life career missionaries.

At the same time the Mission Service Corps is fraught

with possible pitfalls. It will result in some disappointed and frustrated Baptists who volunteer but cannot be chosen to be sent. There must be some qualifications in addition to willingness because some would-be missionaries could produce more negative than positive results on a mission field.

Candidates for even short term missionary service must be rather carefully screened and be given basic preparation and training before going out. This will be resented by some sincere volunteers but this is the way it has to be.

The most disturbing possibility is that Mission Service Corps in some churches might hurt Cooperative Program and present special mission giving. This would be tragic and prove counter productive.

Pastors must be careful to present Mission Service Corps as over and above all now being done. These short term missionaries could never replace career missionaries and their support must not adversely affect support of career missionaries and other Cooperative Program causes.

Here is an illustration of how Mission Service Corps could work. A young married couple, a retired couple or single men and women are convinced the Lord wants them to give one or two years as missionaries somewhere in America or on a foreign field. They present themselves in a worship service of their church. They are endorsed by the church and 10 or 12 individuals or families in the church agree to contribute enough beyond their regular tithes and offerings to sustain them on a mission field. Conceivably these missionaries could support themselves and not need help financially. Processing and appointment would be made through carefully planned channels and two of the 5000 are on their way. The skills needed by Mission Service corpsmen could range from well diggers to surgeons. The annual cost for each missionary could vary from a few hundred dollars to as much as \$15,000 according to where they serve.

These and other possible pitfalls in the Mission Service Corps should be seen as challenges which can be met and not problems to discourage us. After all it is a part of Bold Mission Thrust and anything bold is a challenging venture.

AN APOLOGY

Please accept our apology for the appearance of the annual Cooperative Program report in last week's issue. Having new printers we worked harder than usual to make it legible and attractive but failed miserably. We think this report is important and promise every effort to present it more attractively from now on.

Please Write Now

It's very rare for the same appeal to be made in two successive Western Recorder editorials but in this case it is being done with urgency.

I have been asked by many if I really believed there was much change to succeed in stopping or slowing the streams of moral pollution coming into American homes by television. Frankly, efforts like this usually make only a temporary impact. When the efforts slow down, the immoral forces resume their evil ways generally with acceleration.

In this instance the impact has been stronger than ever before and the television industry has had to take note. The fact that 17 ABC outlets are not running Soap and at least 11 advertisers have withdrawn sponsorship is hurting

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President, ABC-TV
1330 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019

Mr. John Miles, Vice President
Lee Filter Division
191 Talmadge Road
Edison, N. J. 08817

Mr. Gay A. Mayer, President
MEM Company (English Leather)
Union Street Extension
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875 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

Mr. George DeMott, Vice President
Whitehall Laboratories
685 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Mr. Russell H. Post, President
Vlastic Foods Inc.
33200 W. Fourteen Mile Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48033

ABC. The revelation that ABC is giving away thousands of dollars of advertising in connection with this sleazy show is further indication of their hurt. (See page 3).

Now is the time to intensify our efforts. By far the most effective device is to write the sponsors of Soap protesting their sponsorship and promising a boycott of their products.

Soap is not the only television show deserving an X rating but we have to start somewhere and this is one we can zero in on. If you have already written these sponsors, write again. If you have been intending to write but haven't, please take a few minutes right now and do it.

For your convenience the sponsors of the first two episodes are listed below along with the address of the ABC network.

Mr. Howard Weinstein, President
Manischewitz Wine Company
of Georgia
451 Sawtell Avenue, S.E.
Atlanta, GA 30315

Mr. Jean Caste, President
Cosmair Inc.
530 Fifth Avenue
New York, N Y 10036

Mr. Samuel Kalish, President
Max Factor
Executive Office
1622 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, CA 90028

Baptist Forum

OUR FACES ARE RED!

Honestly now, must Western Recorder depend upon advertising dollars from such an organization of charlatans as the American Bible Search Foundation (Western Recorder, Sept. 21, 1977, page 13)?

I think a more responsible use of printing space might be better than to allow such advertising in Western Recorder.

Jerry Summers
Louisville

Answer: The point is well taken. Neither this nor similar ads will appear again in Western Recorder.—Editor

A CARELESS EDITORIAL

This letter is in prayerful response to the Sept. 14 editorial, "Carelessness in Evangelism and Church Nurture."

It is my opinion that the adjective careless best describes the editorial.

The headline and the first paragraph carry quite an impact regardless of the smoothing down in following paragraphs.

Neither you nor I have any way of knowing what private instruction was given to David Berkowitz concerning Bible truths. We also have not authority to state that his "Christian experience" was "another example of superficial evangelistic methods and the lax

and irresponsible attitude some churches take toward people once they have joined a Baptist church."

There have been many people who loved and walked with Christ, who have for some mental or physical malfunction lost their mind and reasoning and committed sinful acts.

We can not judge the souls of men. We must plant the seeds, instruct, pray and trust.

Carol Stallings
Guston

Miss Anna Starkey

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS

by K. Maynard Head

Why would a young school teacher leave the plains of Kansas to come to the mountains of Kentucky?

Miss Anna Starkey, English professor and dean of women at Clear Creek Baptist School, said, "The Lord led me here. I always wanted to come to Kentucky even though I didn't know one person here."

After spending two years at State Teachers' College, Pittsburg, Kans. and teaching in one-room schools in that state, she decided to blaze a trail to Kentucky. However, she found no demand for school teachers in Kentucky and in the summer of 1938 went to Perry County to visit some missionaries. Miss Starkey was so impressed she stayed two months, teaching Sunday school and working as a summer missionary.

That fall she obtained a position as a children's worker at the Christian Friendship Center near San Francisco, Calif. While there she received a bachelor's degree from San Francisco State College.

Miss Starkey recalls with a smile, "I have been on the stage of the San Francisco Opera House! Due to a lack of facilities at the college, our graduation was held in the Opera House."

In 1943 she wrote the superintendents of schools in several eastern Kentucky counties and was hired as a teacher by the Pulaski County School Board. Miss Starkey recalls the trip to her first teaching position in Kentucky.

"I caught the milk truck out of Nancy very early in the morning. We drove through the beautiful countryside and I just couldn't believe God wanted me to serve here. We reached the two-room school, and I must admit it was a bit dilapidated, but I got the keys from a neighbor across the field and went in to investigate. Since it was late afternoon I made arrangements to stay with a young family."

She taught the upper grades that term, but the call of the mountains was very strong.

"I felt that God had a place for me in the mountains. It was 1943 and teachers were not as numerous as they were before the war (World War II)."

After some correspondence, she was offered a teaching position at Magoffin Baptist Institute, a boarding school for mountain teenagers, near Jackson, Ky.

A cold, snowy day in January 1944 found her in Jackson. She had to wait from Saturday to Monday morning to catch the mail truck part of the way to Magoffin. She rode a wagon the last five miles to the school. She recalls carrying water to wash clothes and heating it in the back yard of a school which had no inside plumbing. And she remembers with much amusement that one of the most exciting things that happened was having a pump installed in the well and running water in the kitchen.

Miss Starkey stayed at Magoffin 15 years as the school's principal, junior high school teacher and dorm mother.

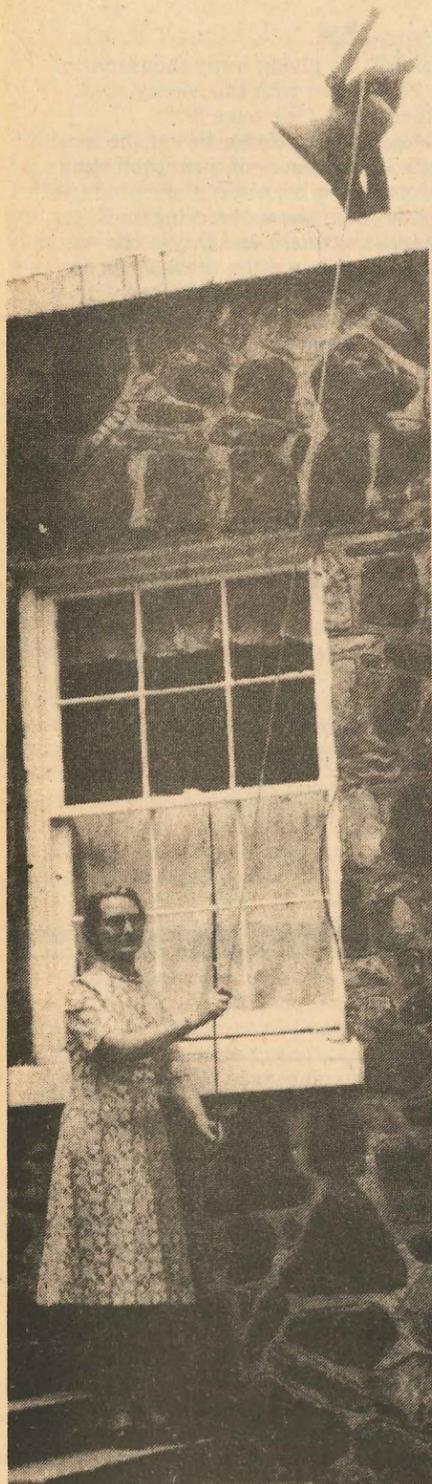
"While at Magoffin I walked three miles to teach Sunday school and vacation Bible school. I taught vacation Bible school in one community for 13 consecutive summers," she said.

In 1958 Miss Starkey left Magoffin to join the faculty of Clear Creek as English teacher, dean of women and kitchen supervisor, the positions she now holds.

In the late 1960's Carl Mullins, one of the boys she taught at Magoffin, enrolled in her English class at Clear Creek.

Miss Starkey makes regular pilgrimages back to Kansas to visit her mother, Mrs. Nellie Starkey, who at 89 is active in Baptist work in Kansas.

On weekends Miss Starkey teaches Sunday school at Whipple Baptist Mission, Balkan, Ky. She concluded, "My work is very fulfilling and I am happy that I have been able to spend 33 years in the mountains of Kentucky."



Miss Anna Starkey tolls the dinner bell calling Clear Creek students to chow.

A Way to Share, Love, Serve

WANTED: Southern Baptist youth group to participate in mission effort in the Four Corners area of southern Utah. Must be willing to pay own expenses, work 18 hours a day, sleep in tents, endure 100-plus degree weather every day, show love and concern for local residents (even if they are hostile and suspicious) and, most importantly, share Jesus Christ the entire time.

This ad never appeared in any publication, but it is an accurate description of what 51 young people and eight adults from Louisville's Ninth and O Baptist Church encountered during a nine-day mission adventure to Blanding, Utah.

The Ninth and O group was one of 19 from Kentucky participating in witnessing activities in pioneer mission areas under auspices of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Most of the Kentucky groups went to more well known places like Washington, D. C., Chicago and Philadelphia. How did the Ninth and O group wind up in the seemingly forsaken area of Blanding, Utah (pop. 1900)?

They asked for it! And they got it! "Our youth wanted to participate in a mission project," explained David Butler, assistant pastor at Ninth and O. "We contacted the Home Mission Board and they sent us a pamphlet outlining the responsibilities and listing the places of service.

"It's hard for them (the HMB) to get people to go west because of the cost involved," he continued. "We took the project of Blanding because we were able to raise the money and we knew the work was needed."

Butler noted that each of the 51 young people had to furnish only \$28 for the 11-day trip. Most of the cost was paid through money raised by youth projects and special donations. To cut corners financially the group traveled in the church's tour bus, spent a couple of nights as guests of churches along the way and showered (for 50 cents each) at the Colorado Springs, Col. YMCA.

But for all their financial economizing, the group didn't cut corners spiritually. From the moment the youth arrived in Blanding until they left nine days later they did little but share Jesus Christ.

The group actually worked in two different churches. Half of the youth ministered in Blanding (where the group camped) in conjunction with the Blanding Baptist Church, a three-member congregation. The other half labored in Monticello, about 20 miles from Blanding. The Monticello church has about 80 members.

While church size wasn't an obstacle for Ninth and O's, religious attitude was.

"The population of Blanding was about 98 percent Mormon," Butler observed. "And in Monticello it was even higher. Some of the people were not too happy to see us come."

Butler also noted that there is a large Indian population in that area, mostly Navaho and Ute. That's where the Ninth and O's had their biggest impact.

"Some of our older boys were like pied pipers to the Indian children," Nina Baker, music coordinator and chief cook for the group, said. "In fact, two Indian boys came and lived with us for a couple of days."

The group witnessed in about every way imaginable. It held vacation Bible schools, backyard Bible studies, puppet shows, outdoor concerts and witnessed door to door in both cities. In spare time the young people painted the Blanding church building.

In coordination with the youth witnessing Butler led a revival effort in Monticello on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights revival services were held in Blanding.

"I only preached for about 10 minutes during the revival services," Butler recalled. "The youth did most of the witnessing through their music and puppets."

From all this work 12 public decisions were made. The impact goes much deeper, however. Butler and Mrs.

Baker believe that Blanding and Monticello will never be the same.

"We sowed a lot of seed," Mrs. Baker observed.

"Both pastors have written me telling of the positive change that resulted from our visit," Butler said. "Troy Richardson, the Monticello pastor, said attendance was up greatly and they were building on the momentum and morale of our tour."

But for all the positive influence on these two Utah communities and their Baptist congregations perhaps the greatest impact was on these 51 young people and eight adults from Ninth and O who gave their time, talents and energy to minister in this strange land.

"The kids loved it," Mrs. Baker related. "They almost all felt that 'The Lord really used me and I can't think of anything I'd rather have happen.'"

"We learned so much," Butler agreed. "Most of all we learned the joy that comes from sharing God with others."

"Every youth group ought to experience a mission tour. It was great!"

by Nick Nixon, Staff Writer

Here's How to Apply

Your church can get a mission youth group assignment from the Home Mission Board. Here's how:

1. Request an application from the HMB by writing: Joel T. Land, Special Mission Ministries, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30309. Also ask for the accompanying manual entitled "As You Go."

2. Once this manual has been received and reviewed, fill out the application. Important areas are location preference, date preference, group size, age range of the group and type of ministry work desired.

3. The Home Mission Board will process the church's application and match it as closely as possible with the requests on hand. Once a decision is made the HMB will notify the church.

4. The church then has the option of accepting or rejecting the assignment. If accepted the HMB will give the church the name of a contact person (usually the director of missions) in the area of service. From that point on the church will work directly with the area contact person.

Kentucky Baptists at Work

Executive Board Recommendations to the Convention

The Executive Board is under a mandate by the constitution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in article VIII to make a report to the annual session of the convention. The article reads, "The Executive Board shall make a report to the annual convention. At least 30 days prior to this meeting the board shall publish in the Western Recorder its recommendations except in an emergency that may arise thereafter."

I. COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GOALS FOR 1978-79

The annual Cooperative Program goals, as well as the percentages for the division of Cooperative Program funds between Kentucky Baptist Convention causes and Southern Baptist Convention causes, are determined by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session. These should now be recommended for 1978-79.

The following recommendation, approved by the Convention at Lexington, Ky., Nov. 9-11, 1976 set the 1977-78 Cooperative Program goals and percentages as follows:

	1977-78 Budget	1978-79 Budget
A. Cooperative Program Goal		
1. Operational Budget	7,200,000	8,000,000
a. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	2,448,000 34%***	2,720,000 34%***
b. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	4,752,000 66%***	5,280,000 66%***
2. Challenge Budget		
a. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	272,000 34%***	280,000 35%****
b. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	528,000 66%***	520,000 65%****
Total Cooperative Program Goal	8,000,000	8,800,000
B. Other Estimated Income	640,150	700,000
C. Total Budget Goal	8,640,150	9,500,000

- * The distribution of these items is voted by the Southern Baptist Convention.
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- *** These percentages will be used provided the \$6,000,000 1976-77 Operational Goal is exceeded.
- **** These percentages will be used provided the \$8,000,000 1978-79 Operational Goal is exceeded.

II. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE 1978-79 BUDGET

1. We heartily recommend that all our churches seriously consider increasing their support to the Cooperative Program in their new budgets.
2. That Cooperative Program Day be observed on April 29, 1979, or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches which do not regularly include the Cooperative Program in their budgets are urged to take a special offering on this Sunday. We hope all churches will consider the possible appropriateness of observing this additional offering.
3. We further recommend that the vacation Bible school offerings be given to worldwide missions through the Cooperative Program.
4. That we approve the annual Thanksgiving offering for our Child Care Program.
5. That we approve the Mother's Day Offering for charity work in our hospitals.
6. That we give approval to the annual offerings of the WMU.—Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, and the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions in September.
7. We look with favor on the request of the American Bible Society for church contributions to print and distribute the sacred scriptures.
8. The Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offerings aside from these mentioned above. We request single institutions not to make appeals to be included in local church budgets. We also disapprove of any financial campaign through our churches, organizations in the churches, or lists of members from the churches by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts except campaigns that are approved by the convention. This recommendation does not preclude personal appeals for support from individual friends in any amount.
9. That we ask the Sunday schools to observe State Missions Emphasis Day for its institutional and educational value.
10. That we instruct all our institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish before Jan. 1 of each year, a summary of their receipts and disbursements for the past year for publication in our annual; and a copy of their latest annual audits, made by a certified public accountant, to the office of our treasurer on or before Nov. 1 of each year. The treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in these reports by the dates indicated.

Convention Preview

PROGRAM

Kentucky Baptist Convention

Florence Baptist Church
Florence, Ky.

November 15-17, 1977

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Pianist Albin Whitworth
Professor, Asbury College, Wilmore

Host Pastor J. William Jones
Pastor, Florence Baptist Church, Florence

Convention Theme: "Let the Church Reach Out"

TUESDAY MORNING — NOV. 15, 1977

Music Leader William B. Williams
 Minister of Music, Immanuel, Lexington

10:40 Prayer and Convening of 1977
 Kentucky Baptist Convention Ted Sisk
 President, Kentucky Baptist Convention

Hymn
 Welcome and Worship J. William Jones
 Pastor, Florence Baptist Church, Florence

11:00 Organization of 140th Annual Convention A. W. Walker
 Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

Appointment of Committees Ted Sisk
 Report of Credentials Committee Rollin S. Burhans
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green

Report of Committee on Order of Business Lee Hopkins
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bellevue

11:05 Special Music "O Divine Redeemer"
 Mrs. Philip Wilson, Soloist
 Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington

11:10 Fraternal Greetings

11:20 Special Music Kentucky Baptist Chorale
 Eugene Sutherland, Director

11:30 President's Address Ted Sisk

12:00 Benediction R. Dwayne Conner
 Pastor, Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger

TUESDAY AFTERNOON — NOV. 15, 1977

Music Leader William B. Williams

1:45 Hymn Singing

1:55 Worship and Greetings H. W. Jones
 Pastor, Consolidated Baptist Church, Lexington

2:20 Highlights of Executive Board Report Franklin Owen
 Executive Secretary-Treasurer

2:55 Hymn No. 9 — "All Creatures of Our God and King"

3:00 Recognition of New Leadership Franklin Owen

3:30 Report of Business Division Departments Barry G. Allen
 Coordinator, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Annuity Byrd R. Ison
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Business Barry G. Allen
 Foundation Grady L. Randolph
 Executive Secretary,
 Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Middletown

4:00 Business Session and Resolutions

4:30 Election of President

4:45 Benediction Jesse Bell
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dawson Springs

TUESDAY NIGHT — NOV. 15, 1977

Music Leader William B. Williams

6:45 Concert Georgetown College A Cappella Choir
 W. Wayne Johnson, Director, Georgetown

7:00 Worship George Munro
 Pastor, Ft. Thomas Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas

7:10 Report of Committee on Home Missions Gerard Howell
 Pastor, Buck Run Baptist Church, Frankfort

7:20 Report of Missions Division Departments A. B. Colvin
 Coordinator, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Direct Missions Robert C. Jones
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Cooperative Ministries; Christian Life William H. Rogers
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Evangelism Jay Brown
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Stewardship Jesse C. Stricker
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

7:50 Special Music Georgetown College Choir

8:00 Foreign Mission Report Wilson Lofland
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Central City

8:10 Message William W. Marshall
 Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

8:40 Benediction Tom Jenkins
 Pastor, Berea Baptist Church, Berea

WEDNESDAY MORNING — NOV. 16, 1977

Music Leader William B. Williams

8:55 Hymn No. 268 — "Rise Up, O Men of God"

9:00 Worship Bill Cubine
 Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Paris

9:10 Christian Life Committee Report William (Bill) Turner
 Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Lexington

9:20 Report of Church Services

Division Departments James H. Whaley
 Coordinator, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Baptist Student Union Don Blaylock
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Brotherhood Forrest R. Sawyer
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Cedarmore Assembly Frank Heberlein
 Manager, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad

Church Music Eugene F. Quinn
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Church Training Vernon C. Cole
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Sunday School Fred E. Halbrooks Jr.
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

9:55 Report of Western Recorder C. R. Daley
 Editor, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

10:05 Hymn No. 353 — "Jesus Is Lord of All"

10:10 Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business

10:50 Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report Gary Sharp
 Pastor, Northview Baptist Church, Lexington

10:55 Public Affairs Committee Report Henry Huff
 Layman, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville

11:05 Special Music "Fill My Cup, Lord"
 Mrs. L. T. Grant, Soloist
 Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington

11:10 Conventionwide Education Report Malcolm Lunceford
 Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort

11:15 Message Randall Lolley
 President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary,
 Wake Forest, N. C.

11:45 Benediction Jim Smith
 Pastor, Ralph Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON — NOV. 16, 1977

Music Leader William B. Williams

2:15 Hymn No. 269 — "Stir Thy Church, O God, Our Father"

2:20 Worship

2:30 WMU Report Kathryn Jasper
 Executive Director, Middletown

2:40 Report of Temperance League Delbert L. Butts
 Executive Director,
 Temperance League of Kentucky, Louisville

2:50 Recognition of Chaplains in Kentucky

2:55 Hymn No. 369 — "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

3:05 Report of Board of Child Care William E. Amos
 Executive Director, Board of Child Care, Middletown

3:15 Report of Committee to
 Study Child Care Program William Austin Roberts
 Pastor, Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville

3:20 Report of Resolutions Committee David A. Nelson
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Owensboro

3:35 Miscellaneous Business Session

3:45 Special Music "The King Is Coming"
 Lynn Mitchell, Soloist
 Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington

3:50 Report of Christian Education Committee Jim Highland
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville

3:55 Message James M. Boswell
 President, Cumberland College, Williamsburg

4:15 Benediction Jesse C. Stricker
 Director, Stewardship Department,
 Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

WEDNESDAY NIGHT — NOV. 16, 1977

Music Leader Bob Hickman
 Minister of Music, Florence Baptist Church, Florence

6:45 Concert Sanctuary Choir
 Florence Baptist Church, Florence

7:00 Worship R. T. Daugherty
 Pastor, Williamstown Baptist Church, Williamstown

7:10 Historical Commission Leo T. Crismon
 President, Historical Commission, Louisville

7:20 American Bible Society Robert G. Bratcher

7:45 Report of Cooperative Program Committee Bob Norman
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Belfry

7:55 Special Music Sanctuary Choir
 Florence Baptist Church, Florence

8:05 Scripture Reading Eldred Taylor
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Somerset

8:10 Convention Sermon Richard Oldham
 Pastor, Glendale Baptist Church, Bowling Green

8:40 Benediction Samuel B. Jordan
 Pastor, South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Lexington

THURSDAY MORNING — NOV. 17, 1977

Music Leader William B. Williams

Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference

Florence Baptist Church
 Florence, Ky.
 November 14-15, 1977

OFFICERS

(President Jerry Oakley, resigned
 now Springfield, Tenn.)

Vice President Wm. A. (Bill) Hartung
 Pastor, Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort

Secretary Wm. J. (Bill) Sullivan
 Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville

Theme: Let the Church Reach Out

MONDAY AFTERNOON

2:30 Hymn John Dean
 Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia

2:35 Devotional Thoughts from Psalms J. J. Owens
 Professor of Old Testament
 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville

2:50 Special Music "Truth"
 Mobile, Ala.

3:05 Message
 "Let the Church Reach Out Through Proclamation"
 Jim Highland
 First Baptist Church, Shelbyville

3:35 Hymn John Dean

3:40 Testimony
 "The Church Reaching Out
 Through Associational Missions" Harold Greenfield
 Director of Missions, Caldwell-Lyon Association

3:55 Offering Wm. J. (Bill) Sullivan
 Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville

9:00 Hymn No. 151 — "Morning Has Broken"

9:05 Worship

9:15 Report of Committee on Nominations Billie Wright
 Pastor, Stanton Baptist Church, Stanton

9:25 Report of Baptist Hospitals Inc. Lynwood Schrader
 Chairman of the Board of Directors, Louisville

9:35 Report of Radio and Television Committee Robert Kersey
 Minister of Music/Education,
 First Baptist Church, Paducah

9:45 Hymn No. 53 — "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

9:50 Report of Committee on Arrangements J. William Jones
 Pastor, Florence Baptist Church, Florence

10:00 Report of Committee on Committees W. D. Jaggars
 Pastor, Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, Prestonsburg

10:10 Report of Obituary Committee Roy Puckett
 Minister of Evangelism,
 Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville

10:20 Unfinished Business and Appointments

10:30 Recognition of Convention Officers Franklin Owen
 Presentation to President
 Appreciation of Outgoing Officers
 Presentation of New Officers

10:45 Special Music Medley — "There Is A Name,"
 "My Savior First of All" and "Without Him"
 Kenneth H. Rollins, Soloist
 Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington

10:55 Message Glendon McCullough
 Executive Director, Brotherhood Commission,
 Memphis, Tenn.

Benediction Newly Elected President

MONDAY EVENING

6:45 Hymn Bill Funderburk
 Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville

6:50 Devotional Thoughts from Psalms J. J. Owens
 Professor of Old Testament
 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville

7:05 Special Music "Joint Heirs"
 Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville

7:20 Message
 "Let the Church Reach Out
 Through Community Concern" Wm. R. (Bill) Turner
 Central Baptist Church, Lexington

7:50 Offering Wm. J. (Bill) Sullivan
 Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville

7:55 Election of Officers

8:05 Hymn Bill Funderburk

8:10 Special Music Choir
 Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger

8:20 Message
 "Let the Church Reach Out
 Through Missions" Bill Marshall
 Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

8:50 Benediction Gary Sharp
Northview Baptist Church, Lexington

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00 Hymn Eugene F. Quinn
Director, Church Music Department
Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

9:05 Devotional Thoughts from Psalms J. J. Owens
Professor of Old Testament
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville

9:20 Message
"Let the Church Reach Out
Through Creative Ministry" Puppet Group
Thornhill Baptist Church, Frankfort

9:40 Special Music Kentucky Baptist Chorale

9:50 Message
"Let the Church Reach Out
Through God Given Vision" Ray E. Roberts
Executive Secretary
Ohio Baptist Convention, Columbus

10:20 Benediction New President

Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association

Greenview Baptist Church

Florence, Ky.

November 14, 1977

OFFICERS

President L. Harold Lee
Minister of Education,
Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville

Vice-President Wallace E. Miller
Director of Religious Education,
Northern Kentucky Baptist Association, Newport

Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Helen Smith
Director, Pre-School and Children,
Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 Registration and Fellowship Mrs. Helen Smith

2:00 Welcome and Introductions L. Harold Lee

2:05 Worship in Song and Devotional Wallace E. Miller

2:25 "Your Boss Image" Bill B. Bailey
Chaplain, Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington

4:00 Business Session: Minutes, Treasurer's Report

4:15 Adjourn

5:30 Banquet featuring Gary Griesser, Educator-Soloist

7:00 Worship in Song

7:15 Business

7:30-9:00 "Personal Growth Challenge" Bill Bailey

Kentucky Baptist Music Association

Erlanger Baptist Church

Erlanger, Ky.

November 15-17, 1977

OFFICERS

President Jerry Douglas
Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville

Vice President Jim Cordell
First Baptist Church, Somerset

Secretary-Treasurer Bill Hart
South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Lexington

Pastor-Advisor David Gardner
First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville

4:00 Concert Campbellsville College Choir
Larry Reed, Director

5:00 Business Session

1. Constitutional Amendment, Jerry Douglas, presiding
2. Chorale Plans, Jim Cordell, presiding
3. Election of Officers, Jerry Douglas, presiding

6:00 K.B.M.A. Banquet at Erlanger Church

1. Tenure Recognition by Eugene F. Quinn
2. Entertainment by "Pop Singers"
from Georgetown College, Dan Tilford, directing
3. Message of Inspiration by David Gardner,
First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville

8:00 Rehearsal of Kentucky Baptist Chorale,
Eugene Sutherland, Walnut Street Baptist Church,
Louisville, directing and Albin Whitworth,
Asbury College, Wilmore, accompanying

TUESDAY MORNING, NOV. 16

MONDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 15

12:30 Exhibit of Music Publishers by Baptist Book Store
Hosted by Linda Feddern

1:00 Choral Reading Session sponsored by Word Music
and Kentucky Music Department
Led by Mack M. Moore
Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

3:00 Refreshment Break
hosted by Erlanger Baptist Church Exhibit Open
Music by Northern Kentucky Music Ministers' Quartet

3:30 Concert Recorder Group
Mt. Washington Baptist Church
Betty Porter, Director

8:00 Rehearsal of Kentucky Baptist Chorale at Florence
Baptist Church — coffee and doughnuts provided
Albin Whitworth, accompanying

9:00 Chorale Message at Pastors' Conference

10:40 Chorale Message at Kentucky Baptist Convention
opening session

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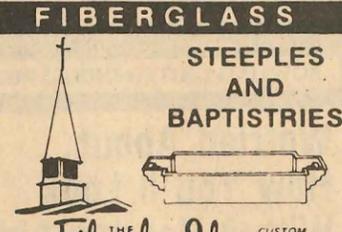
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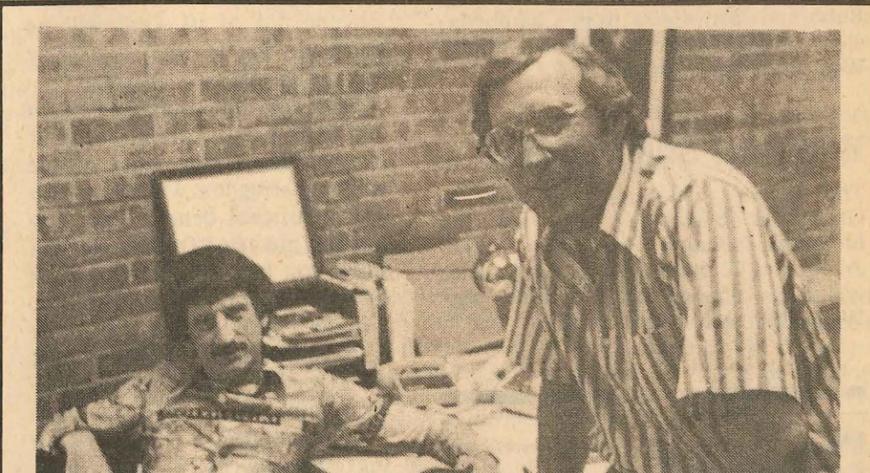


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Revivals

10 Conversions Reported

John Wood, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paducah, was evangelist for a recent revival at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville. Lexington Avenue pastor Austin Roberts reports the best response to a revival in many years. Visible results were 18 decisions including 10 profession of faith for baptism.

A Child Shall Lead Them

Ashby Lane Baptist Church, Valley Station, recently conducted a youth revival. Among the five professions of faith which resulted was 86-year-old Amanda Colby. She came hand-in-hand with 10-year-old Lonnie Logsdon who also made a profession of faith. Larry Bubb and Don Jones from Campbellsville College led the revival effort. Wesley G. Clark is pastor.

Blessings Still Flowing

The revival meetings are over at Greenbriar Baptist Church, but the blessings continue. Pastor Ray Wilson Jr. reports 36 commitments were made, including 10 professions of faith. Ray Wilson Sr. served as evangelist.

Deaths

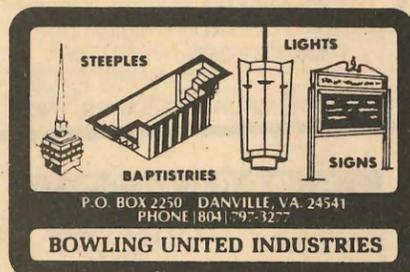
Christian Educator Dies

More than 700 former students, co-workers and friends attended funeral services for Mary Nancy Wilson, 68, who died of a heart attack Sept. 9.

Miss Wilson had served as a teacher and counselor at Oneida Baptist Institute for the past 11 years. She previously taught in McComb, Miss., Owensboro and Bardstown. She also ministered for five years as a houseparent at Glen Dale Children's Home and had taught Sunday school for 50 years.

Funeral services were held at the Oneida school Sept. 11 and at Fordsville Baptist Church Sept. 12.

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ABUSE AND LOSE

We recently wrote of the Kentucky Department of Revenue's effort to discriminate against our denomination on the basis of our system of church polity and take from us the standard sales tax exemption accorded other religious denominations in our state. It is argued that since we see the local congregation (rather than the convention) as "church," that our denomination is not eligible for sales tax exemption.

The Revenue Department apparently ignores that our convention office is the "pooled" mission-gift treasury, straight from the offering plates of the churches; and that these church funds are entirely expended from this operational center on religious, charitable and educational institutions and programs, which are led and directed by our convention staff personnel, usually in and with and through the churches. Thus our convention organization is our larger operational expression of "church" in cooperative mission giving and activity. Our churches thus support six Baptist schools in Kentucky; a two-institution, child care program; we thus raise and disburse funds for tornado disaster, flood relief (check our record). How many examples shall I name? Yet, the Department of Revenue declares that we are not religious or charitable or educational—it's amazing.

Let us here admit that there is such thing as the abuse of tax privilege. Possible abuses by para church groups and free lance operations, or by established churches (Baptists included), tend to cause such inaccurate judgment as we have suffered. We can only plead with revenue authorities, that in trying to separate among church and other groups (which we hope is the limit of their purpose) that they avoid "throwing the baby out with the bath."

We tend to lose whatever we abuse. There is an oft-quoted law of nature; namely, "use or lose." I believe there is another natural law that is equally true and we all need to hear its warning. I don't remember ever hearing or reading it. Yet, it seems too trite to be original, but here it is—"abuse and lose."

Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for October 16, 1977

International Series

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

The Found Become Finders

John 1:38-49

When two disciples of John the Baptist left him to follow Christ there was not the slightest evidence of jealousy on the part of the forerunner. When they revealed their desire to become better acquainted to Christ, he asked "What seek ye?" to test their motives.

They, in turn, inquired as to the place of his abode. Understanding they were anxious to follow him and to know more about him, Christ invited them to his abiding place. They gladly accepted his invitation. Their interview convinced them that he was the Messiah and they became ardent disciples.

One of the two who followed Christ was Andrew. His great joy was attested when he immediately became concerned that his brother, Simon Peter, would come to know the Lord also. Upon finding his brother Andrew shared what he knew about Christ.

Andrew was a splendid example for all soul-winners. Being a very humble man he kept in the background and never focused attention upon himself. His conduct was consistent. His method was simple. He evidently had a special gift for effective personal work.

When Andrew brought his brother to Christ, the Master

Life and Work Series

Luke 10:25-37

The Lawyer's Questions — 10:25-29

A certain man who was versed in the law of Moses tested Christ with a catch question, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" The query revealed his assumption that eternal life could be secured by work. His question revealed that he did not possess eternal life.

Man thinks he must work for everything he gets including entrance into heaven. Multitudes are trying to work their way into heaven when the scriptures teach this is an impossibility (Eph. 2:8-9).

Christ inquired, "What is written in the law?" The lawyer responded by giving a summary. Then Christ said, "Thou has answered right: this do, and thou shalt live." It was necessary that he do it and not just talk about it. It was necessary to keep the whole law "for whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all." Thus, he was brought to see that works cannot buy eternal life.

He sought to justify himself by raising a question concerning the meaning of a word. "Who is my neighbor?" Christ did not tell him. Instead, he told a beautiful and immortal story.

The Saviour's Reply — 10:30-35

The scene was the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. A man was traveling there when thieves seized him, beat and stripped him, robbed him and left him near death.

A priest was going from Jerusalem to Jericho. Interest and sympathy for humanity had dried up in the heart of

said, "Thou art Simon," thus describing his nature—a sinner. When he said, "Thou shalt be called Cephas," Christ described what Peter would become—a saint.

The next day Christ went into Galilee, found Philip and spoke that constraining invitation, "Follow me."

Thoroughly convinced of the messiahship of Christ, Philip quickly left all and followed Christ faithfully. Philip displayed his enthusiasm by finding Nathaniel and blurted out "We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Reluctant to believe, Nathaniel questioned that the Messiah could come from Nazareth, Philip insisted that he meet Christ to see for himself. This method of "come and see" is essential to the Christian faith.

As Christ saw Nathaniel approaching, he said "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." There was no trickery about him. Can it be said of us that we are without guile? Nathaniel had that sincerity which enabled him to recognize the truth, even when it contradicted his preconceived ideas.

Christ saw qualities in Nathaniel which others did not recognize. His honest doubts vanished in the presence of Christ and were replaced by amazement.

Love Overcomes Barriers

this professional religious leader. Upon seeing the wounded man, the priest did not go near him. With indifference toward the unfortunate fellow "he passed by on the other side." He, like multitudes today, was an expert at passing personal obligations to others.

A Levite arrived near the wounded man. He gazed at the helpless soul and passed on down the road. He was the type who wanted to see and know but not to help.

Both the priest and the Levite "passed by on the other side" because it was easiest and least expensive. People who do not have a willingness to help the less fortunate always have an excuse.

Then a Samaritan approached the wounded man. As soon as the Samaritan saw him "he had compassion on him." He treated his wounds by "pouring in oil and wine." He lifted the man into his own saddle and walked until they reached an inn. He made provision for his future care and promised to pay upon his return.

When love finds a need it seeks to supply it. Love ministers to the needy, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, gives drink to the thirsty, visits the sick, entertains the lonely and comforts the sorrowing. With brotherly love, service becomes a source of joy.

The Lord's Command — 10:36-37

Christ asked the lawyer which man acted like a neighbor to the wounded man—the priest, the Levite or the Samaritan. He answered, "He that shewed mercy on him." Then Christ said, "Go, and do thou likewise." Thus, he taught that the cultivation of a neighborly spirit is the duty of all.

Shop Talk at W/R

When It Comes To Issues, Recorder Covers A Lot

Readers of Western Recorder, for the most part, take for granted an assumption not altogether accurate.

Pardon us for using poetic license to suggest that "all readers are not created equal."

We do not refer to educational backgrounds or economic levels or even racial differences. Rather, subscribers to Western Recorder read not one but many editions every week. In fact, the one you read may be enjoyed by families of only a few hundred subscribers or by those of more than 30,000 subscribers.

To be accurate, there are 14 different editions of Western Recorder produced every week. Why so many?

Years ago several associational missionaries across Kentucky saw multiple editions of the state Baptist paper as an answer to prayer.

Going into the homes every week, 50 weeks a year, the paper is the single communications medium linking Baptists around the world with those of the local community. And it does it with a very short "lead" or "preparation" time.

The frequency of issue and the state paper's ability to cut overhead costs substantially for associations (including personnel, postage, printing, paper, maintenance, etc.) make it an excellent means of communicating local news.

Thus the associational editions were born, most of which now appear every week.

Associations presently participating in these editions include: Allen-Monroe, Bell County, Bracken, Elkhorn, Little

Bethel, Little River, Long Run, Northern Kentucky, Ohio River, Russell County, Severns Valley and Simpson.

The front cover of these editions is reserved for news of associational missions. It is the responsibility of the local missionary to gather, write, edit, lay out and submit copy for "his" page by a weekly deadline. He may elect to skip a week now and then due to a shortage of local news. When his copy does not arrive in Recorder offices by the deadline his readers receive the regular edition, usually bearing a cover photo.

As there are 80 Baptist associations in Kentucky and only a few using associational editions more than half of the Recorder's 59,000 subscribing families receive this regular edition with the cover photo each week. The feature, Double Exposure, appearing on page two of each issue, has a twofold purpose: 1) to provide additional information about the cover; and 2) to share the cover of the regular edition with readers of associational papers.

The Recorder's editorial staff does not read or edit missionary-submitted copy for their special cover pages. The inside pages, however, and the cover of the regular edition, are selected, written, edited and tailored to fit space by the editorial staff.

What all of this complexity means, of course, is that you may visit a Baptist in another part of the state and—upon first glance at the Recorder on his coffee table—think he has received this week's copy before you. Or, that he keeps old issues around. Neither may be the case. He may live in an area using a different cover. Confusing? Take it one step further.

Walnut Street Sets Standard

Until recently only associational editions of Western Recorder differed from the regular one. But effective with the Sept. 7 issue Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church became the first congregation to provide a church edition exclusively for its own members.

Here's how it works. A four-page "wrap-around" cover is printed and stapled into the binding on the outside of the Recorder. These four standard size pages bear news of interest to Walnut Street members only.

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

The edition goes to every family of the Walnut Street congregation weekly, eliminating the need for a weekly mailout bulletin to members. Spiraling postage, printing and paper costs are substantially reduced for the church by piggybacking church news with the state paper. Greater efficiency in church staff personnel time results. Another important advantage is all Walnut Street members receive state and worldwide Baptist news each week, making a better informed congregation than ever.

There is yet another bonus to Walnut Street people. Its' members reside in an association (Long Run) publishing an associational edition. Thus, a typical weekly issue of the Walnut Street edition includes a fairly comprehensive package of Baptist news—four pages of church news, the inside cover given to Long Run information and 15 more pages of the Recorder's regular news and features.

Recorder officials welcome the opportunity to talk with other churches about a similar arrangement, hoping to expand this medium of Baptist communications in Kentucky. Inquiries should be directed to Paul Whitler Jr., business and circulation manager. He will explore this possibility with churches of any size whose mailing and production costs have skyrocketed and who believe an informed congregation is a better congregation.

Presently, regular edition subscribers through the church budget plan receive the Recorder for five cents weekly. This is approximately 50% of the actual production cost which is supplemented by the Cooperative Program and advertising.

A church does not have to provide the paper for all of its members to be included in this low rate. Only those members desiring it may sign up, being billed individually or collectively through the church budget. For a nickle, it would seem to be Kentucky's biggest bargain in journalism.

If you see a Recorder whose cover doesn't match yours, don't despair: "All readers aren't created equal." At Western Recorder, the news is tailored to meet needs of individual subscribers.