

# Baptist News in Brief

## Louisianans Pick Lady

The 130th session of the Louisiana Baptist Convention elected its first layman as president in 17 years, picked its first woman officer in recent memory and passed resolutions dealing with homosexuality, abortion, television programming and child abuse.

G. O. McGuffee of Harrisonburg, La., tax assessor for Catahoula Parish, was elected president, and Sarah Frances Anders, head of the sociology department at Louisiana College, Baptist institution which hosted the convention, was named second vice president.

## Denominational Servants Only Human: Georgians

A "sister state" relationship with New York Baptists and ordination of women were some of the key issues discussed by the Georgia Baptist Convention.

The Georgia convention approved a "sister state" relationship with the Baptist State Convention of New York whereby Georgia Baptist churches and agencies will give help wherever possible to churches and agencies in New York.

Ordination of women came up when

messengers from northwest Georgia asked the convention to speak out against ordination of women and to forbid its employes from taking part in such ordinations. A woman was ordained at First Baptist Church in Rockmart, Ga. in August with several state denominational employes participating.

The resolutions committee's report reaffirmed that ordination "to the ministry or the deaconship is a function of the local church." And it resolved that "denominational servants should not be called upon to give up freedoms exercised by other members of Baptist churches."

The convention gave one of its two junior colleges, Brewton-Parker Junior College at Mt. Vernon, permission to make a feasibility study about moving to four year status.

William L. Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, host church for the convention, was re-elected president. The 1978 convention was set Nov. 13-15 at Jeckyll Island, Ga.

## A Juicy Bit of News

The Baptist Convention of Maryland in annual session defeated a resolution to endorse Anita Bryant's campaign on

homosexuality by seven votes but endorsed a vote on the issue of homosexuality without debate.

The debate came after the resolutions committee refused to report out a resolution by Gardner Koch, a Baltimore pastor, which urged endorsement of her campaign and the writing of letters to Florida citrus growers urging them to retain her in advertising campaigns.

## Missions Yes, Gays No!

The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana emphasized Bold Mission Thrust, voted a record \$1.3 million budget and passed resolutions opposing homosexual lifestyles and condemning trends in television programming.

"The resolution on homosexuality was meaningful to this convention," a spokesman in Indiana said, "because of recent television coverage of a pastor of the Metropolis Church, an Indianapolis gay church, who claims Southern Baptist ordination."

In other actions, the convention re-elected Don Moore, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Evansville, as president and adopted a plan of finance for its Highland Lakes Campground in Monrovia, Ind.

## Double Exposure

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it; for his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand (Ps. 95:1-7 RSV).



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## Colorado Baptists Tackle Energy, TV, Bold Mission

The Colorado Baptist General Convention, in its 22nd annual session, adopted a \$1.3 million budget, passed resolutions on energy, television awareness and pornography and laid major emphasis on Southern Baptist' worldwide Bold Mission Thrust effort.

Speakers through the three-day event spotlighted the need for a renewed, aggressive and "bold" proclaiming of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need for bold giving of time, talents and money of both clergy and laity. The 12.9 million-member Southern Baptist Convention is involved in a worldwide effort to evangelize the world by the year 2000.

## D. C. Supports Equality For Males and Females

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention proposed a name change to be voted on next year and passed resolutions on men and women in the church, terrorism and torture and taxation of churches. A resolution on forced busing was tabled.

The proposed name for the D. C. Convention is the Baptist Convention of Greater Washington. Churches affiliated with the D. C. Convention are located in suburban Maryland and Virginia, as well as D. C.

Following up on a resolution passed by the convention in 1974 the convention passed a resolution to "encourage men and women to share as co-equals in church leadership and in all the tasks of facilitating the ministry of the church, including roles that formerly may have been assumed to be exclusively male or female responsibilities."

The resolution on taxation and the churches called on the D. C. Baptist Convention and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington to "seek the withdrawal of regulations or statutory revision of the federal tax laws which would involve the possibility of government intervention in church affairs." The Baptist Joint Committee was also commended for its recent conference on "taxation and the free exercise of religion."

## Mission Efforts Pushed At Northwest Convention

With repeated calls to "Bold Mission" as the background the Northwest Baptist Convention responded by adopting its first \$1 million Cooperative Program budget, reelected Canadian pastor Allen Schmidt of Vancouver as president and made commitments of personal involvement in the Southern Baptist Bold Mission Thrust and Mission Service Corps efforts.

In other action messengers voted resolutions protesting network television programming "for its portrayal of illicit sex and inhuman physical violence" and failed in an attempt to change the convention's statement of faith.

## Michigan Baptists Admit Canadian Baptist Church

The Baptist State Convention of Michigan, celebrating its 20th anniversary, became the second Southern Baptist-related state convention to admit a Canadian church, passed a resolution against homosexuality and discussed ambitious growth plans for the future.

The convention admitted Evangelical Baptist Church, Amhurstberg, Ontario, Canada, just across the river from Detroit, which had affiliated with Michigan's Macomb Baptist Association in October. Orville Bell, a former Michigan Baptist pastor, serves as pastor. The Northwest Baptist Conven-

tion, which covers Baptist work in Oregon and Washington, has admitted some 35 churches in Canada's four western provinces to affiliation over the years.

The resolution on homosexuality called for "compassion for persons trapped by the homosexual lifestyle, while at the same time believing that redemption (for homosexuals) is available through Jesus Christ." The convention also resolved to "stand against any movements that support the homosexual lifestyle."

## Arkansas Baptists Point Finger at HMB for Suzanne Coyle Ordination

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention voted to set up an office for crisis ministry, expressed support of Anita Bryant and her opposition to the gay rights movement and voted opposition to support of an ordained woman by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The resolution involving the Home Mission Board, passed in a sparsely attended closing session of the convention, went on record "as looking with disfavor toward . . . (the) practice" of the board giving financial support to an ordained woman. Some 450 messengers

out of about 1100 registered for the convention voted about three to one against tabling the resolution and then approved it by the same margin.

The resolution referred to the board's partial support of Suzanne Coyle, under Home Mission Board appointment as a church extension specialist in Philadelphia.

In response to the resolution, William Tanner, the board's executive director-treasurer, told Baptist Press: "Ordination was not a prerequisite for Miss Coyle's service and is not a requirement for her continued service."

He said that Miss Coyle, who was first appointed by the board and the Penn-Jersey Convention in 1974, "was ordained by her home church (Beech Fork Baptist Church, Gravel Switch, Ky.) upon her initiative in 1977" and that she continues to be supported jointly.

"The Home Mission Board did not request ordination for Miss Coyle and does not require ordination for women missionaries," Tanner declared. "She is the only ordained woman assisted by the Home Mission Board as far as our record shows."

## Western Recorder

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

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## The 1977 Convention in Florence

Messengers to the 1977 Kentucky Baptist Convention sessions were provided 12 ballots and used only one of them. This reflects the harmony and unity of this year's meeting. Only one divisive issue got the attention of the messengers and five of the six convention officers were elected by acclamation which means there was but one nominee for each of these officers. The convention business was routine if adopting a record \$8 million Cooperative Program goal and a strong commitment to a worldwide missionary and evangelistic outreach for the rest of this century can be called routine.



Though one of the quieter and controversy-free meetings for Kentucky Baptists, the convention had no dull moments. Rather it was one of the most inspiring conventions of recent years. It began with a clarion call to Bold Mission Thrust by president Sisk. It ended on the same note from Southern Baptist men's leader, Glendon McCullough, and the same sound was heard in almost every report and address in Florence.

The only spirited discussion in the convention came from an effort to put the messengers on record against

ordination of women. And even in this discussion more time was spent deciding how to handle this sensitive matter than in debating the substance of the issue. In fact, the messengers not only chose not to hear prolonged debate but also chose not to express themselves on ordination of women at this time.

Baptists not present for the discussion and action at Florence could get the wrong impression. To conclude that the refusal of the messengers to go on record as opposed to women ordination was an endorsement of women ordination would be a gross misinterpretation. The majority of Baptists in Kentucky doubtlessly do not now favor ordination of women but those in Florence were not willing to risk the fragmentation of Kentucky Baptists by choosing up sides on this question.

The messengers were in no mood to let a divisive issue distract them from their united commitment to the world

## Convention Superlatives

Every Baptist convention has its superlatives and the 1977 meeting had its share. Among those deserving recognition were:

- The hospitality of Florence Baptists which knew no bounds.
- The helpfulness of Florence Baptist men who braved rain and sometimes uncooperative Baptist drivers to make an extremely difficult parking situation not only

outreach challenge for the rest of this century. So far as doctrine is concerned the messengers affirmed that ordination is strictly the prerogative of a local church and they decided a historic Baptist distinctive is more important than taking a stand now on ordination of women. Thus they confirmed belief in the local church as completely autonomous and left the convention as a voluntary association of churches with no ecclesiastical authority whatsoever over the cooperating congregations.

The ordination of women is not a pressing problem for Baptists at this time. It may be in the future when more women now in college and seminaries preparing for some kind of ministry begin seeking a place to serve. Historically formal ordination has been considered by Baptists as necessary only for pastors. This leaves the vast fields of religious education, church music and multiple types of social ministry wide open for women. Very few Baptist women are pressing for pastorates now and it's a rare thing to find a Baptist congregation that would consider a woman pastor.

No particular significance should be attached to the election of a woman as second vice president. This office confers no special leadership role upon its holder. Mrs. McSwain was the only nominee for the office and messengers apparently considered it an opportunity to express appreciation for the major contribution of women to the life of Kentucky Baptist Convention. Mrs. McSwain has no denominational political ambitions and she does not favor ordination of women. She is a recognized and respected leader of Baptist women but considers her most important role to be the wife of a preacher and the mother of three sons, two of whom are ministers.

The 1977 convention was one to enjoy. It had a calm, unhurried and relaxed atmosphere though none-the-less serious and sincere. Sessions were shorter and recesses were longer which is something long needed. Messengers went home happy and more deeply determined to translate inspiration into action. It will be remembered as a good convention though hardly a great one.

Oh yes, messengers at Florence learned a new punctuation mark—the interrobang. Ask your messengers what an interrobang is and you determine whether they attended the meeting or were goofing off.

bearable but easy.

- The planning of the sessions by the Committee on Order.
- The excellent presiding of president Sisk.
- The overall high quality of addresses, sermons and reports.
- The restraint and becoming behavior of the messengers.
- The music directing, soloists and choirs.

## A New Look for Western Recorder

Western Recorder will have a new look next week. The format will be changed from magazine type to tabloid. It will have more of a newspaper appearance than the present magazine appearance. It will have eight pages instead of 16 but the pages will be twice the size of the present pages thus providing as much or more space. The size of the paper will be about halfway between the size of a magazine page and a regular newspaper page.

Why the change? The first reason is economics. It will cost \$10,000 a year less than the way we are doing it now. With the spiraling costs of printing, paper and postage economy has to be a major consideration.

But this is not the only reason. We believe a tabloid size page offers more originality and versatility. Fellow editors have told us this many times but we have been reluctant to change because there is always some resistance to any kind of change.

This is not a new idea for state papers. In recent years the papers in Georgia, Maryland, Louisiana and Missouri

have gone to tabloid from magazine for economy sake. Alabama, Mississippi, Indiana and Illinois made the change earlier. All these editors are satisfied with the change.

The idea is not even new for Kentucky. Western Recorder started and continued many years as a tabloid. In this respect we are going back to an earlier practice instead of starting something new.

The first reaction of many Western Recorder readers will be negative. That was my first reaction to other state papers which made the change. But in a little while the feeling will be different. At least that's the way it was with me.

So let me ask a favor. Try the new format for three months before coming to a final conclusion. And when you read it remember it has the same amount of news, the same quality newsprint and costs \$10,000 less per year. Good stewardship of Baptist funds dictates the change.

## Baptist Forum

### MISUNDERSTOOD TEARS

I simply don't understand all the "tears of sadness" over the actions of South District Association. I think the tears should be over the actions of Beech Fork Baptist Church. But most of the letters I've read in the Recorder (and I don't think they reflect the majority of Baptists, just those willing to write and sign their names) seem to be so saddened and dismayed.

However, I don't see any way that the autonomy of the Beech Fork congregation had been encroached upon. The church had the autonomous right to ordain a woman. (Although I find no scriptural evidence for it. The reference to Gal. 3 is obviously concerned with salvation in the same manner for all; men, women, Jew, Greek, bond or free and has nothing to do with a woman's being called to preach.)

Beech Fork church exercised her rights as an autonomous body and did ordain a woman. She was asked to revoke that ordination, but no one but that same church could do that and she would not.

No, I can't see that South District Association took away or "denied" the priesthood of the believers of Beech Fork Baptist Church.

As for the "ugly deed" of the association in showing "ecclesiastical authority"; that is a ridiculous charge. Is not an association nothing more than a group of churches, each one autonomous, yet bound together by that "rope of sand?"

To put it bluntly, to say that the association of churches had no right to withdraw fellowship from a church which practiced something in which they did not believe is, truthfully, to deny the autonomy and priesthood of the believers in those churches! What is being said is that Beech Fork Baptist Church has the right to do whatever she chooses but the other churches, composing the association, did not have equal rights to do as they pleased.

If anyone is violating and denying the priesthood of believers, it seems to me that those who are crying over South District's actions and calling them "wrong and unjust" are the

guilty ones.

J. Duane Holland,  
Eddyville

### HOW LONG, O HOW LONG?

I was interested in the article, "How Long Should a Preacher Preach?"

In our case, it isn't the length of the sermon, it's the time consumed before the actual preaching starts. I mean such things as overly long, flowery prayers, overemphasis on announcements and recognition of visitors and the return of sick people and the sick and many other things.

These things are important but say it and get through with it. Don't keep on and on. And when the sermon is over, don't ruin it by too much talking.

Preachers are noted for being lax with time saying, "Isn't the salvation of a soul worth a little extra time?" Yes, of course, but that isn't the point. Prepare for it.

Many people have commitments soon after services and the result is they don't stay for church.

Name Withheld

# Convention Reports

## Local Congregations Must Decide on Ordination Say Kentucky Baptists at Florence Convention

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

Kentucky Baptists reaffirmed their historic position in the authority of the local church at their 140th annual session at Florence Baptist Church last week.

A resolution introduced by messenger Bob Winstead, pastor of First Baptist Church, Prospect, opposed the ordination of women. But when the messengers had their say the autonomy of each local church was clearly underscored.

The resolution draft by the convention's resolutions committee was titled "Resolution on Ordination of Women." It was amended by the body, however, and retitled "Resolution on Ordination" without references to any sex or ministerial role.

Winstead then offered a substitute resolution specifically opposing women for ordination in Baptist churches. Following considerable debate his alternate suggestion was defeated by the body.

The adopted version reads:

### CONVENTION ISSUE

Western Recorder acknowledges appreciation to three persons for news coverage in preparing this convention issue: staff writers Nick Nixon and Laurie Taylor and photo editor Greg Hancock, pastor of Stanford Baptist Church.

*Recognizing the historic position of Baptists [1] that Baptist ecclesiastical bodies do not exercise authority over the local church and [2] that individual churches exercise differing practices and beliefs about ordination for ministry;*

### BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the place of authority for ordination is centered in the authority of the local church under the authority of scripture. Churches ordain. Conventions do not.

2. That the recognition of the ordination and the utilization of those thus ordained is also the prerogative of the local church.

### First Woman Officer

Messengers earlier elected the first woman in history to a convention office.

Mrs. T. L. (Betty) McSwain, wife of the pastor of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, was elected second vice president by acclamation. There were several dissenting votes, however. She ran unopposed.

John Kruschwitz, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, defeated T. Hicks Shelton, Paducah, retired state director of evangelism for the convention's presidency. Kruschwitz was nominated by Harold Wainscott, Covington; Shelton by Forrest Sawyer, Middletown.

John Dunaway, pastor of First Baptist Church, Corbin, was elected first vice president of the convention also by acclamation. He, too, ran unopposed.

Reelected secretary and assistant secretary, respectively, were A. W. Walker, Anchorage, and Leo Crismon, Louisville.

Other resolutions which came before the convention pertained to appreciation to local hosts, favoring the work of the American Bible Society and underscoring messengers' beliefs in the sanctity of the Christian home.

### \$9.5 Million for 78-79

The convention adopted a record 1978-79 budget of \$9.5 million. The budget for the year 1977-78, which began last Sept. 1, is \$8,640,150.

The new budget projects an \$8 million operational goal expending 34% for Southern Baptist causes and 66% in Kentucky Baptist work. A challenge budget on top of that basic figure projects \$800,000 to be divided 35% for SBC and 65% KBC. Additional estimated income brings the total to \$9.5 million.

A committee charged with responsibility of studying the convention's child care program raised several questions in its next-to-last year of a three-year in-depth study.

"Is the work of the Board of Child Care the type of program Kentucky Baptists want to continue?" set the tone as the initial question.

The committee's report at least hinted at the possibility of dissolving the present trustee relationship for the child care agency some time in the future. Operations might then be placed directly under the executive board. No action was required by the convention this year. The committee is expected to bring its final report to the convention in 1978.

Harold Greenfield, messenger from Southside Baptist Church, Princeton, brought a motion requesting sufficient allocation of KBC funds to Western Recorder to send the publication to every Baptist pastor in the state without charge. The motion passed without opposition.

Future meeting dates of Kentucky Baptist Convention sessions include: 1978—Nov. 14-16, First Baptist Church, Owensboro.

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

1980—Nov. 11-13, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green

## Middletown Headquarters Facelift Approved By Executive Board; Search For New Executive Secretary Begins

Renovation of existing facilities and an addition to the present structure of the Baptist Building in Middletown highlighted the executive board's pre-convention session in Florence last week. The construction and renovation program is in excess of \$900,000.

President Ted Sisk also announced a 15-member panel to recommend a successor to Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer. Owen retires at the end of 1978.

Named to the panel which is expected to present a candidate to the executive board when it meets next May are:

Verlin C. Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown, chairman; John M. Sykes, Ashland; David Nelson, Owensboro; W. D. Jaggers, Cynthiana; Bill F. Mackey, Whitesburg; Bob C. Jones, Lawrenceburg; Ron Stone, Winchester; Mrs. Horace T. Hambrick, Georgetown; Mrs. Bryant Hicks, Louisville; Mrs. Ben Cox, Versailles; Mrs. Jack Cook, Louisville; Mrs. Allen Baugh, Elizabethtown; Norman Cabbage, Leitchfield; A. B. Harmon, Louisville; and H. H. Thomas, Lexington.

### Smooth Sailing

The motion to improve the present Middletown headquarters facilities of the executive board met no opposition in the board meeting. Speaking for the motion, executive secretary-treasurer Owen commented, "We have badly needed more room at the Baptist Building since long before I went there." He stressed needs for increased office, storage and conference space.

The unanimous action paves the way for a \$600,000 addition to the present building to be located in front of the existing facility. Another \$175,000 will be applied to renovation of present space. This includes conversion of the recently vacated Western Recorder printing building to new offices for the Woman's Missionary Union and Western Recorder.

Furnishings, architect's fees and miscellaneous would push the total cost in excess of \$900,000.

Approximately \$400,000 now exists in a fund for improvements to the 20-year-old Middletown facilities.

A chapel seating about 200 persons would be the focal point of the new addition at the front. Office space for the executive secretary-treasurer and his staff and more conference facilities would also be provided.

Three members were named from the board to the building committee: Henry Huff, Louisville; Glenn Armstrong, Beaver Dam; and Eldred Taylor, Somerset. Three more members are to be added after the new board is organized next month.

### Church Site Purchased

In other action in Florence the executive board approved purchase of a 10-year-old Christian church building at Radcliff at a price of \$47,000. The purpose is to establish a permanent meeting place for a congregation principally including Korean wives of American soldiers stationed at Ft. Knox.

The board also took action on several matters related to Baptist student center properties.

At Bowling Green, the board gave executive secretary-treasurer Owen authority to sell a piece of land being held for a new center. At Murray, \$50,000 will be appropriated to purchase one of two sites under consideration for a new BSU facility.

State student director Don Blaylock brought a progress report on a new center nearing completion at the University of Kentucky. He anticipates moving into the facility in early December. KBC business manager Barry Allen announced that it appears this project will be completed at about \$73,000 under the original projected budget.

Regarding a Christian education re-

port it adopted one year ago, the board voted to revise a projected timetable for its implementation. It also questioned the establishment of a Christian Education Department on the executive board staff. The department was called for in the earlier report to begin functioning by Sept. 1, 1978.

### New Staffer Named

The board approved employment of Michael L. King as associate in the Church Training Department effective Jan. 2, 1978. He is currently minister of education at Louisville's Ralph Avenue Baptist Church and completing a degree at Southern Seminary.

Cooperative Program receipts for the first two months of the current fiscal year were \$1,005,903.61, up from last year's goal of \$1.2 million for two months by \$194,096.39. The increase over the same point last year is six percent.

Nominating committee members for the executive board, named by president Ted Sisk, include: Charles F. Jones, Pineville; Glenn Armstrong, Beaver Dam; Jane Kent, Louisville; Jack Doom, Hickory; Clyde Voyles, Bowling Green; Allen Bell, Radcliff; James E. Heard, Lexington; Marshall Phillips, Middletown; and Allen Newton, Sebree.

The executive board's next meeting is slated Dec. 12-13 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad.

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

# Convention Reports



## Speakers Urge Pastors to 'Let the Church Reach Out'

by Nick Nixon, Staff Writer

Kentucky Baptist pastors were challenged by several speakers to "let the church reach out" during the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference at Florence Baptist Church Nov. 14.

The conference, held annually in conjunction with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, also elected officers for the coming year with R. D. Baker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Morehead, being named president. Other officers elected include Calvin Wilkins, Elm Grove Baptist Church, vice president; and Guy Lawson, First Baptist Church, Calvert City, secretary-treasurer.

A near capacity crowd at the evening session heard Bill Turner, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Lexington, challenge Kentucky pastors to "let the church reach out through community concern."

Turner dispelled some of the myths given for the church "staying out of the marketplace." He then listed two reasons for church involvement: "God is committed to the redemption of life in its totality"; and "personal involvement is the method of service."

Turner stated that the task of each

church is to call men to their real nature by calling them to God. "The church ought to stick to its own business," Turner stated. "I couldn't agree more. Its business is life."

Bill Marshall, a Kentucky native now serving on the Foreign Mission Board, was the evening's other speaker. Marshall urged the pastors to view missionaries overseas as their "pastor brothers," and decried the fact that 95 percent of the world only had five percent of the preachers.

He offered two solutions—the pastors could go themselves or, more preferably, the pastors could ask God to use them "to call out other preachers who could go."

Music on the evening program was provided by the "Joint Heirs," a group from Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, and the Erlanger Baptist Church choir.

Three speakers addressed the afternoon session—Jim Highland, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shelbyville; Harold Greenfield, director of missions, Caldwell-Lyon Association; and Robert Bratcher, of the American Bible Society.

Highland, speaking on outreach through proclamation, observed that "most of our ministries are spent getting people to do the possible." He challenged the pastors to "dare to tempt people to do the impossible."

Greenfield discussed the traditional functions of the Baptist association and appealed for support and cooperation with the local association.

Bratcher, speaking on "the church reaching out through God's word," urged Kentucky pastors to view God's word as the written record, the proclaimed message and the incarnate life.

John Dean, Columbia Baptist Church, led the congregational singing and also sang a solo. "Truth," a musical group from Mobile, Ala., presented a brief concert.

Perhaps the most rousing "amens" of the day were reserved for J. J. Owens, professor of Old Testament at Southern Seminary. Owens opened each session with devotional thoughts from Psalms which effectively set the tone for the worship experience which followed.

## Musicians Elect Cordell, Discuss European Tour

Kentucky Baptist Music Association elected officers for the coming year and approved preliminary plans for holding a European mission tour in action at the group's annual meeting Nov. 14 at Erlanger Baptist Church.

Over 50 music directors from throughout the state attended the one-day meeting held each year in conjunction with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Jim Cordell, music minister at First Baptist Church, Somerset, was named to head the music association for the coming year.

Other officers elected are: vice president, Lee Webb, First Baptist Church, Richmond; secretary-treasurer, Bill Hart, South Elkhorn Baptist Church, Lexington; and pastor-advisor, J. Altus Newell, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.

The mission tour to Europe is tentatively slated for spring 1979 with the final date and locations to be determined after coordination with the Foreign Mission Board.

In other action, the association voted to accept an invitation to sing at the world conference of Baptist men which will be held in April 1978 in Indianapolis, Ind. The invitation to the men's chorale was extended by Owen Cooper, a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and one of the organizers of the conference.

The musicians also accepted a change in the group's constitution to allow the retiring president to continue to serve on the executive committee for the year following his term of office.

Conference attenders heard concerts by a recorder group from Mt. Washington Baptist Church and the Campbellsville College choir. A banquet was held in the evening.

## Annuitants Eat, Meet

Some 136 persons attended the annual Kentucky Baptist annuitants' luncheon during the convention week in Florence.

H. C. Chiles of Louisville presided. B. J. Chenault represented the Annuity Board, Dallas. J. D. Herndon officiated



KBC officers for 1977-78 are [l to r]: John Kruschwitz, pastor, Highland Hills Church, Ft. Thomas, president; John Dunaway, pastor, First Church, Corbin, first vice president; and Mrs. Betty McSwain, homemaker, Louisville, second vice president.

over a memorial service for 10 members of the group who died in the last year.

Recognized as newly retired annuitants in the state were Claude E. Butler, William G. Crawford, Mrs. Mildred L. Farrar, Mrs. Lena R. Hamon, Freeda Juanita Harris, Jesse D. Herndon, Charles W. Holland Jr., Roy W. Machen, Audrey L. Meacham, W. O. Mers, Dan Cecil Moore.

Also, Laurence H. Prewitt, Wanda Ruth Richardson, Herman E. Rowlett Sr., Henry B. Sadler, Leslie Earl Sanders, Hubert Sanderson, T. Hicks Shelton, James T. Smith, Simpson Smothernon, James T. Stivers, Mrs. Florence Thornton and Lillian Vaughn.

The annuitants' program committee for 1978 includes Leo T. Crismon, J. D. Herndon, Garnett Morton and T. H. Shelton.

## At Mealtimes, Schools Put the Bite on Grads

At least seven educational institutions—five within Kentucky—made their pitches for increased giving by graduates at alumni meal functions Wednesday, Nov. 16, in Florence.

Holding breakfast conclaves were Campbellsville, Cumberland and Georgetown colleges and Clear Creek Baptist School, all institutions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

At noon that day alumni of New Orleans, Southern and Southwestern seminaries heard pleas for increased funding of their alma maters.

Progress reports from the institutions and in some cases entertainment was part of the agendas. An official from the institution being recognized addressed alums at each function.

## KBREA Elects Miller

Religious educators meeting at Greenview Baptist Church, Florence, Nov. 14 chose a local man to head the Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association.

Wally Miller, director of religious education for Northern Kentucky Baptist Association, is the group's 1977-78 president.

Elected vice president is Bill Caudle, minister of education, Third Baptist Church, Owensboro.

Sharla Stone, minister of education, Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, was named secretary-treasurer.

Bill Bailey, chaplain at Lexington's Central Baptist Hospital, was speaker for the occasion, addressing the organization on "Your Boss Image." Educators dialogued on leadership styles and their effects on people.

During the pre-convention session the Kentucky educators voted to raise the membership fee and to open membership to those who are unable to attend the convention each year. A committee will be appointed to study possible avenues of communication and membership drives.

# Convention Reports

## From a 275-Member Congregation to KBC Presidency— John Kruschwitz Is a Most Interesting Phenomenon

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

"Ordination of anybody is strictly a local church matter," the new president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention said in Florence last week.

"I'm glad we haven't gotten into the business of telling a church what it can and can not do," John Kruschwitz, of Ft. Thomas' Highland Hills Baptist Church declared. "Evangelism and missions are what unifies us, and we can't afford to be divisive."

On another matter, Kruschwitz discussed the convention's concerns in recent years over its child care ministry.

"I believe we have people studying this who will come up with a program which will enable us to minister in even greater ways both to children and to families. Certainly we should not be afraid of study and change as it becomes necessary," he confirmed.

He addressed himself to this important year of transition when a new executive secretary-treasurer will be elected. "I see my role as one who works with and assists the executive secretary-treasurer," he stated.

Interestingly, it is John Kruschwitz' older brother, Verlin, who was named chairman of the search committee prior to the nomination of John for convention president. The elder Kruschwitz is pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

The committee he heads will seek a successor to retiring executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen.

### Who Is He?

Who is John Kruschwitz anyway? Untypical of those usually elected president of the 700,000 plus Baptists in this state for sure.

As the son of German Methodist immigrants he was born 55 years ago in Edgerton, Ohio. Educated in the public schools of Marine City, Mich., John Kruschwitz earned the B.A. degree from Taylor University, Upland,

Ind., in 1945 and three years later the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

He jokingly says it took three years to earn his first theological degree, and 28 more to get his second one! (He received the D.Min. degree from Southern in 1976.)

Thirty-three years ago next month he married the former Betty Jean Weed of Marietta, Ohio. They are proud parents twice and grandparents once. Karen is a math teacher at Highlands High School, Ft. Thomas, while Sara (Mrs. Bennie League) is a Frankfort homemaker and mother of son John born last June.

Kruschwitz' first pastorate was an American Baptist congregation, Lilly Creek Church, in Alexandria, Ind., in 1944. A year later he served two part time churches near Elizabethtown, Ky., White Mills and East View.

From 1946-49 he was pastor of May's Lick (Ky.) Baptist Church; from 1949-55, Sand Springs, Lawrenceburg; and from 1955-71, Versailles.

### An Unusual Church

Since then he's been at Ft. Thomas serving a church that is phenomenal by any measure.

Its 275 members are extremely proud of their pastor, their only full time staff



John Kruschwitz [r] receives the gavel from outgoing president Ted Sisk Jr.

member, being elected president of a body of 2200 churches. (Kruschwitz does have a lot of volunteer help, however. Charles Tharp, for instance won't take pay for serving in music leadership. He's just one of Kruschwitz' many "right arms.")

Kruschwitz himself beams over the giving record of the little congregation.

"They've always been a mission-minded people," he exclaims. "You'll find they usually rank within the top 25% of churches in the state in per capita giving to missions each year."

He says the bylaws of the church actually state that at least 20% of the budget must go annually to missions. More than 20% of the current \$67,000 goal is being channeled to missions.

### Leadership Roles

Kruschwitz has been a prominent fixture in Kentucky Baptist affairs for years, having held several distinguished posts in the past. Presently he is secretary of the board of Baptist Convalescent Center, owned and operated by Northern Kentucky Baptist Association.

He has been a director of Western Recorder for several years, also.

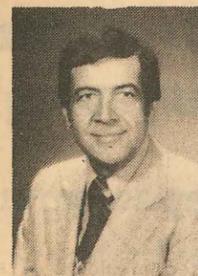
"I've never had a full time church without Western Recorder in the budget, sent into all the family homes," he declares. "I believe in it. I believe every church should put it in its budget. How else will our members be together and informed and committed to Bold Mission Thrust otherwise?"

He is particularly excited these days planning for a Jan. 3 departure to the Holy Land for 11 days, his first visit.

John Kruschwitz likes to tell you why he's a Baptist, too.

"Not by heredity," he smiles. "By choice. I believe Baptists are more like the New Testament church than any other denomination I know."

It would seem Kentucky Baptists made a good choice last week, too.



Sisk



Marshall



Lolley



Boswell



Oldham



McCullough

### Principal Speakers

## What They Said Before Messengers To the Kentucky Baptist Convention

### Ted Sisk Jr.

President, Kentucky Baptist Convention; Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington

Southern Baptists are the last major mainline denomination to keep growing. On any given Sunday Southern Baptists baptize about three times the number Jesus baptized at Pentecost. We now have the three largest seminaries in the world. Isn't it fantastic that God has given us such an opportunity?

What can we do in Kentucky? Three things: recommit ourselves as individual Christians and all it entails; make Bold Mission Thrust first in all we do for the next four years; never rest until every one of us is enlisted and involved in Bold Mission Thrust.

### William W. Marshall

Secretary, Department of Furlough Ministries, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

My greatest concern is in the lifestyles we are living. To do what God wants us to do will require a radical change in lifestyle. To do more on less—to spend less in order to give more.

There is no way to dramatic and worthy goals without dramatic and worthy sacrifice. We can dream all our dreams, but only a repentant commit-

ment can make it happen, and even in that, the greatest result might, after all, be repentance.

### Randall Lolley

President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

A growing faith is a faith with questions and exclamations correctly blended—an interrobang kind of faith?!

Jesus was interrobang. He was a questioner. But also he was an exclaimer.

A growing faith for Bold Missions is a requirement for our time.

The only thing about "Bold" that isn't "old" is the "B." And the "B" just may be "Baptists."

### J. M. Boswell

President, Cumberland College, Williamsburg

If a church related institution of learning is going to meaningfully survive, going to make a contribution to the body with which it is allied, it must have a goal, meet a need, have purpose, a mission.

There has never been a greater need for Christian education as fostered by our Kentucky Baptist institutions of learning. As we seek to meet the challenges and responsibilities that are

ours let us pray for insight and perception, for vision, for imaginative solutions of the problems we face.

### Richard Oldham

Pastor, Glendale Baptist Church, Bowling Green [Convention Sermon]

Tonight in our world there are 956 million Christians. That's fantastic!

But there are 1.5 billion Hindus, Moslems, Shintos and similar practicing religious groups. Twenty-four percent of the world professes Christianity today. I'm told at the present rate by the end of this century there will be less than 2% of the world's population practicing Christianity. That's why Bold Missions must succeed.

Communism is winning with a lie, while Baptists are losing with the truth.

### Glendon McCullough

Executive Director, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

We have gradually perverted mission into missions. Some of us have lost our sense of mission. I want to call us back to mission boldly.

There are many of us in this day who are still shortsighted enough to compromise on the will of the Lord. Blow out your little candle, friend; today's world is lit by lightning. It's going to take more than we're used to to accomplish a bold mission.

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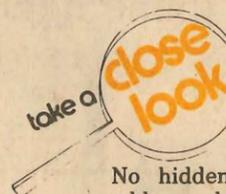


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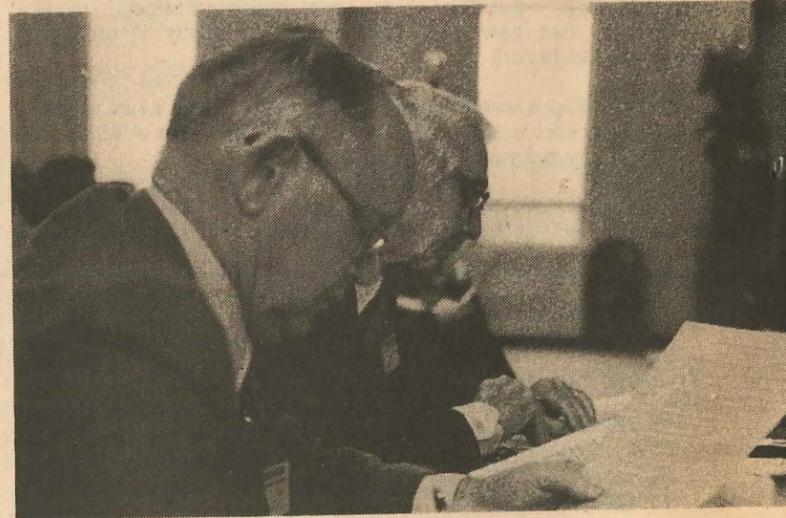
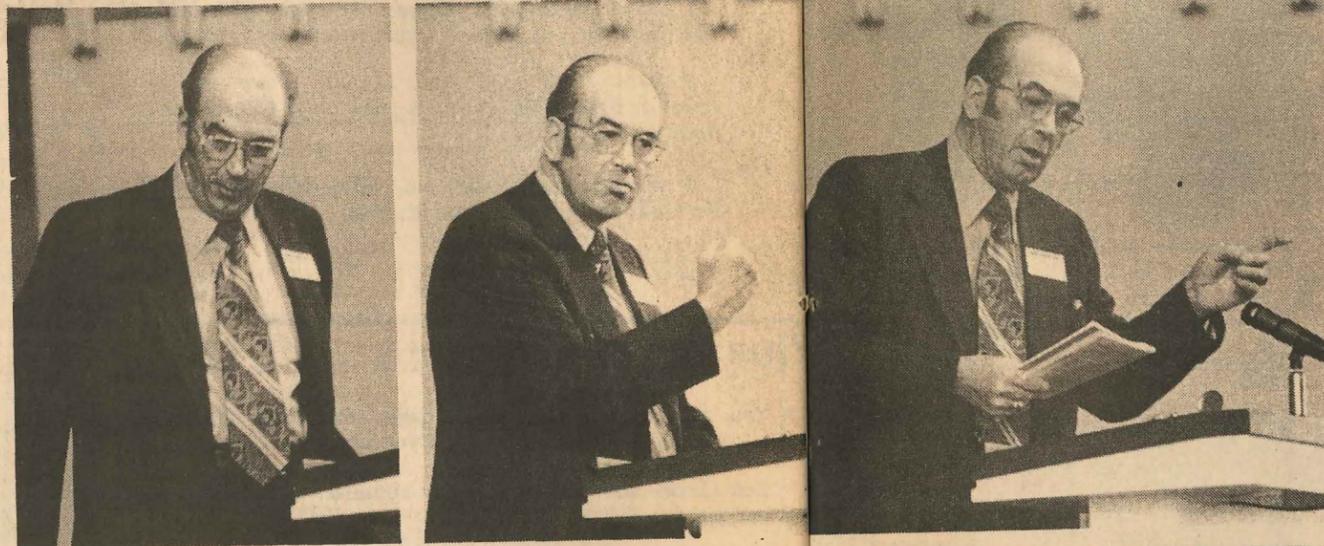
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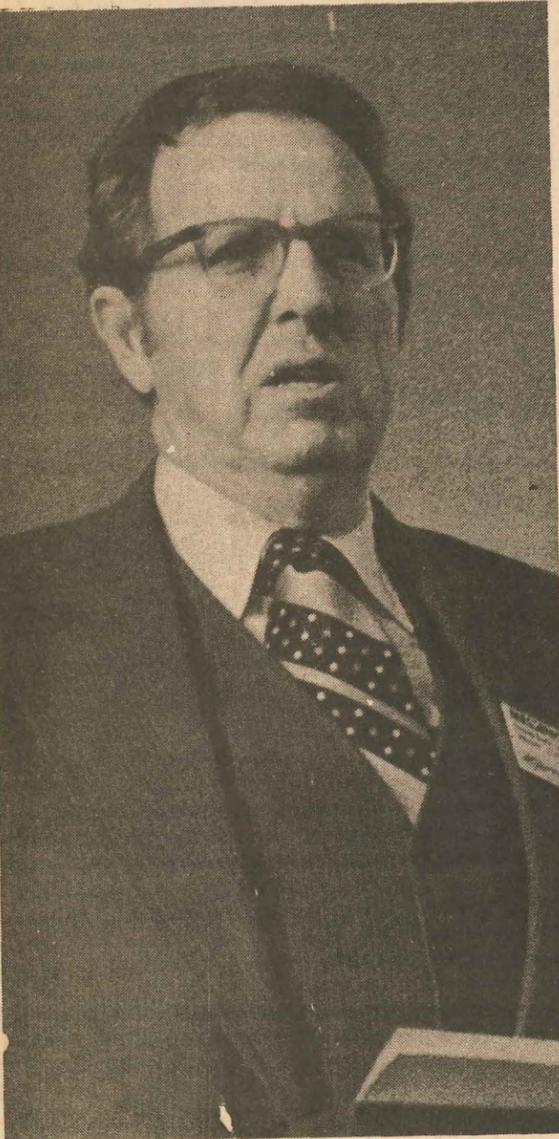
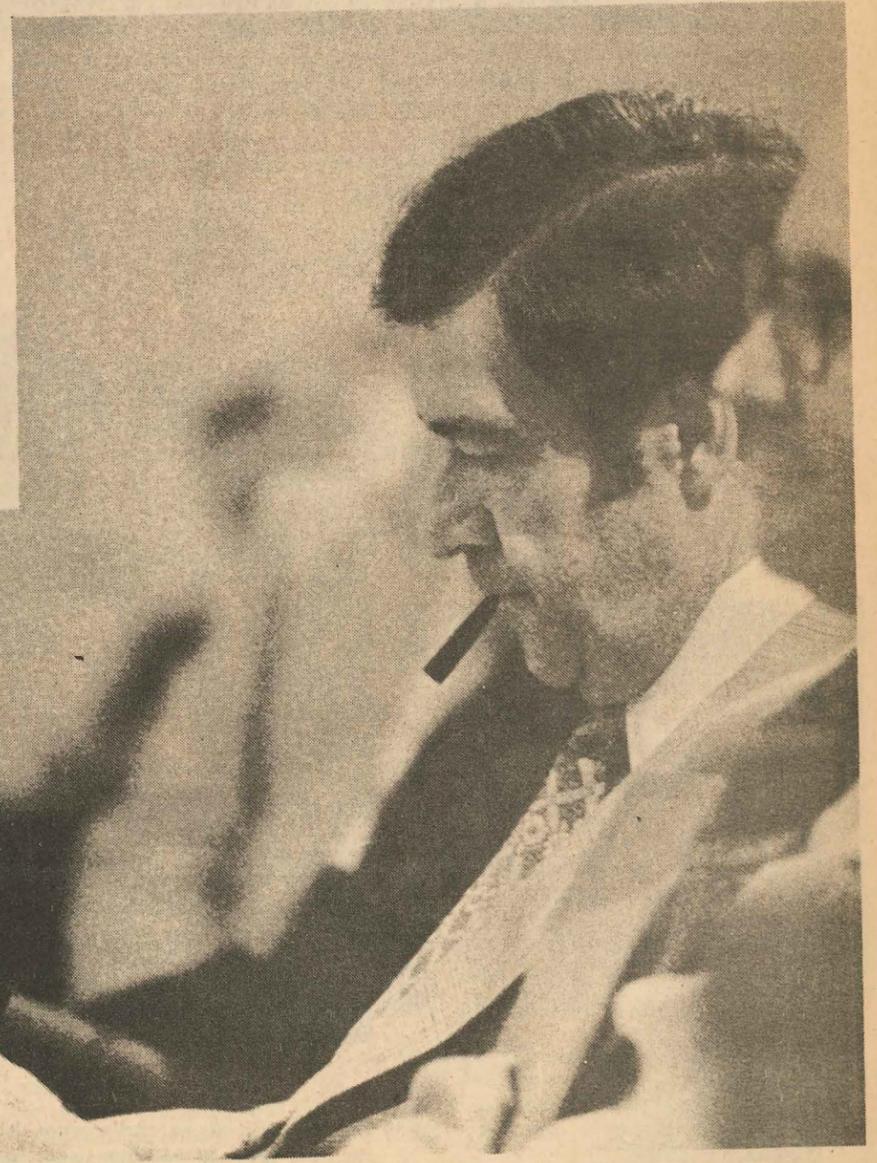
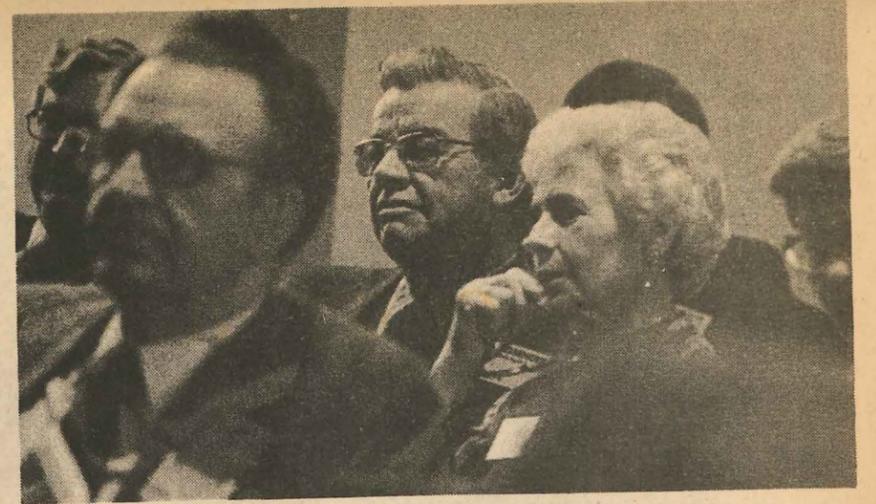
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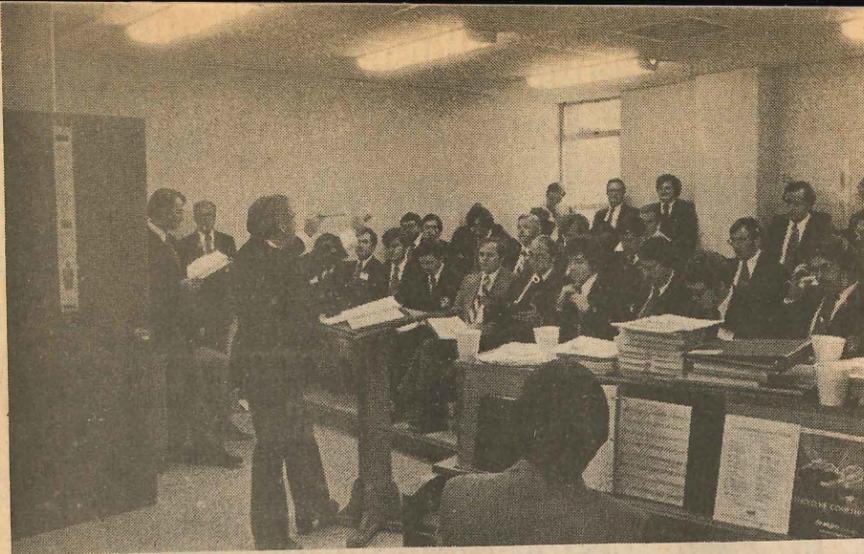
Franklin Owen garnishes the executive board report with a pastoral tale or two.



Regular business brings pastors like Wayne Dehoney, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, to the speaker's stand [l]. Leo Crismon and A. W. Walker [above] keep their usual careful record of convention proceedings while Convention president Ted Sisk [r] notes details for the chair.

Robert L. Mills, president of Georgetown College, sits with wife, Millie to hear convention reports.





Gene Sutherland of Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church, rehearses the Kentucky Baptist Chorale.



Convention Sunday school director Fred Halbrooks and Herb Jukes, pastor of First Church, Hazard, meet for a traditional hallway conference.



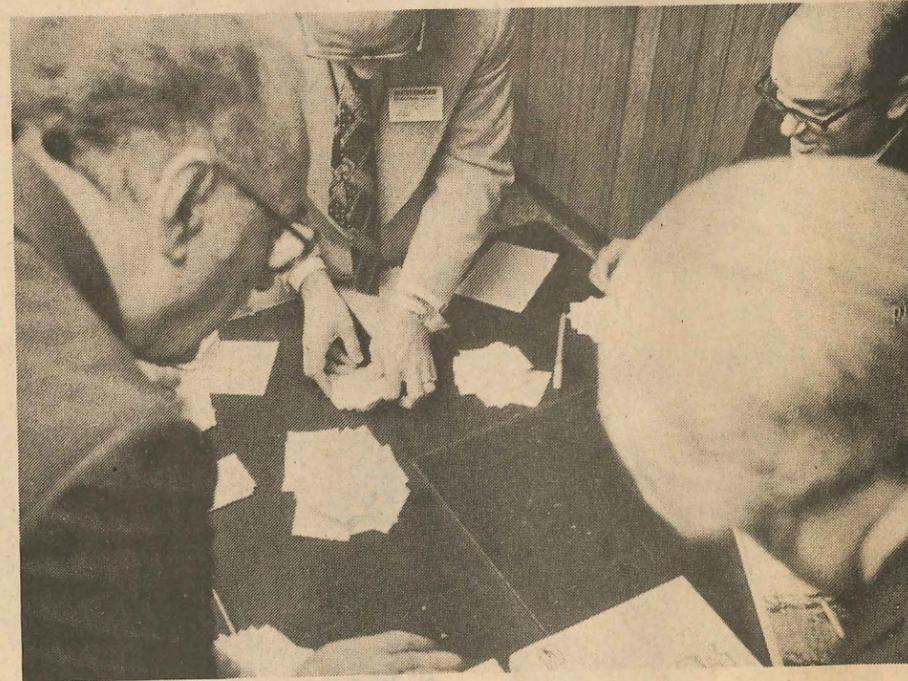
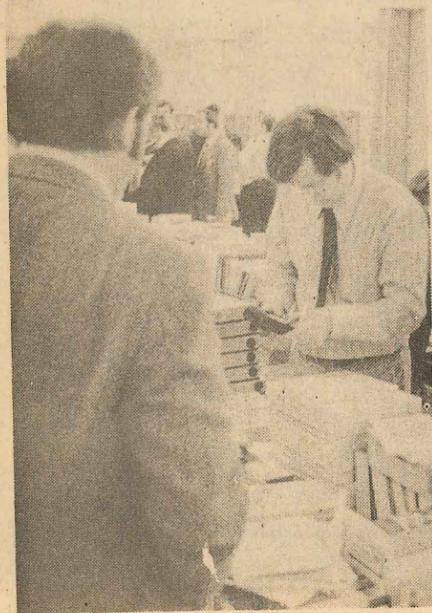
John Dunaway of First Baptist, Corbin, leaves an addendum to his committee's report in the convention office for mimeographing.



Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley shows WR board members Ken Forman [back to camera] and Glenn Durham an example of how the Kentucky Baptist journal might look in the future.

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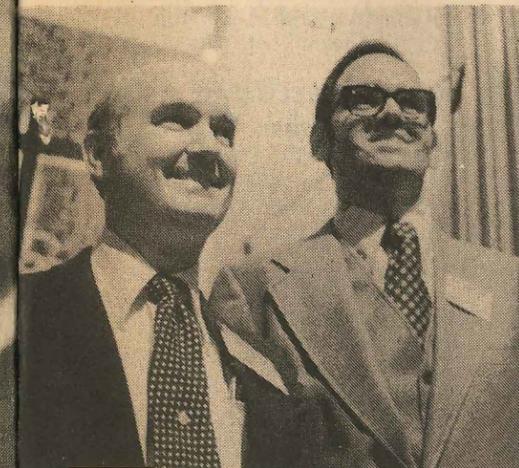
Baptist Book Store employees help introduce pastors to new materials for ministry. Hand held calculators keep bookkeeping simple.



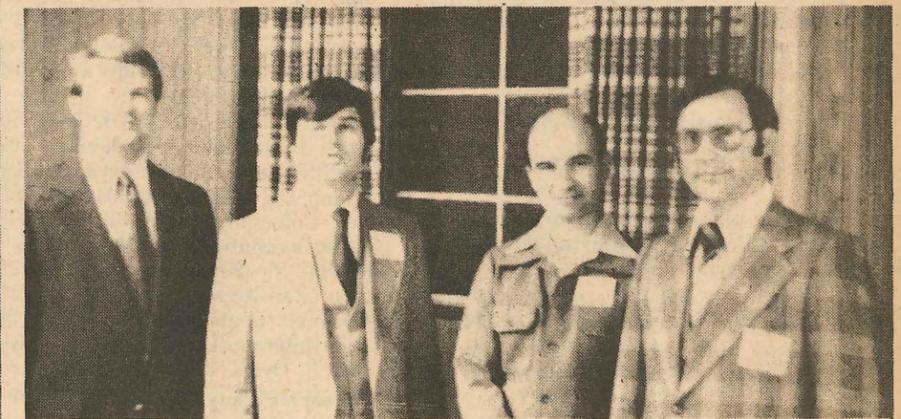
Election officials carefully count the votes that will determine convention officers for next year. In addition to the convention officers at large [listed elsewhere in this issue] KBC religious educators elected . . .



New pastors' officers are [l-r]: Calvin Wilkins, vice president, Elm Grove, Murray; R. D. Baker, president, First, Morehead; and Guy Lawson, secretary-treasurer, First, Calvert City.



Wally Miller of Northern Kentucky Baptist Association, president and Bill Caudle, Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, vice president. Not present when this picture was taken was Sharlla Stone, Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, who was elected secretary-treasurer.



Church musicians elected [l to r] J. Altus Newell, pastor, St. Matthews Church, Louisville, pastor-advisor; Jim Cordell, minister of music, First Church, Somerset, president; Bill Hart, minister of music, South Elkhorn Church, Lexington, secretary; and Lee Webb, minister of music, First Church, Richmond, vice president.

# Convention Reports

## Presidential Appointments

The following chairmen of committees of the convention were named by newly-elected KBC president John Kruschwitz:

- Committee on Committees—Willis Henson, Paducah
- Committee on Order of Business—V. C. Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown
- Committee on Credentials — Elroy Lamb, Louisville
- Committee on Arrangements—David Drummel, Owensboro
- Committee on Public Affairs—Harold Wainscott, Covington
- Committee on Obituaries — Charles Mitchell, Silver Grove
- Committee on Resolutions — Altus Newell, Louisville
- Committee on Constitution and By-Laws — Carson Bevil, Owensboro
- Committee on Nominations — Buron Richerson, Trenton

The following chairmen of committees to report in 1978 were named:

- Committee on Cooperative Program — J. Chester Badgett, Campbellsville
- Committee on Foreign Missions — Mrs. Roy Mullendore, Bowling Green
- Committee on Home Missions — T. L. McSwain, Louisville
- Committee on Radio and Television — John Wood, Paducah
- Committee on Conventionwide Education—Leon Simpson, Williamsburg

## Committee on Nominations

- Preacher of Annual Sermon for 1978 — David Bratcher, First Baptist Church, Henderson
- Alternate Preacher — John Wallace, Parkway Baptist Church, Lexington

### STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Association; Nominee; Term Ends
- Allen; \*Norval Simpson, Alvaton; 1980
- Anderson; Tyree Denny, Lawrenceburg; 1980
- Bell; Herbert Jones, Middlesboro; 1980
- Bethel; Darrell Hartley, Russellville; 1980

- Blackford; Dan Hughes Jr., Hawesville; 1980
- Blood River; Bill Whittaker, Murray; 1980; Jerrell G. White, Murray; 1980
- Boones Creek; W. B. Casey, Lexington; 1980; \*Harold Rogers, Winchester; 1980
- Booneville; Maurice Barnes, Manchester; 1979
- Bracken; Cleon Webb, Aberdeen, Ohio; 1978
- Caldwell-Lyon; Franklin Skaggs, Eddyville; 1980
- Central; Earl Pike, Lebanon; 1980
- Christian County; Ray Gilliland, Crofton; 1980
- Crittenden; David Abernathy, Corinth; 1980
- Daviess-McLean; W. O. Spencer, Owensboro; 1980
- East Union; John Copeland, Williamsburg; 1980
- Elkhorn; J. R. Tackett, Lexington; 1978; James K. Pierce, Lexington; 1980; \*Edgar Heathman, Nicholasville; 1980; \*T. H. Dunn, Lexington; 1979
- Enterprise; Charles Milam Jr., Paintsville; 1978
- Grayson; James R. Hayes, Leitchfield; 1980
- Greenup; Harold Cathey, Ashland; 1980; James McKinzie, Russell; 1980; \*Charles Cooper, Catlettsburg; 1980
- Laurel River; Clyde Shackelford, London; 1978; Ben A. Baird, London; 1980
- Little Bethel; Jesse S. Bell, Dawson Springs; 1978; Harold J. Purdy, Madisonville; 1980
- Long Run; Edward R. Boyd, Louisville; 1978; Dell Hames, Louisville; 1979; Ferrill Gardner, Louisville; 1980; Robert O. Williams, Louisville; 1980; Don Coleman, Valley Station; 1980; Leon Larimore, Louisville; 1980; Edwin F. Perry, Louisville; 1980; Don Randolph, Louisville; 1980; \*Bennett Bratcher, Louisville; 1980; Don Zuberer, Louisville; 1980; \*Mrs. Bird S. Owen, Louisville; 1980
- McCreary County; \*M. A. Winchester, Whitley City; 1980
- Monroe; Garnett R. Martin, Glasgow; 1980
- Muhlenberg; Ernest Bean Jr., Central City; 1980; John F. Brandon Jr., Beechmont; 1979
- North Concord; M. A. Reese, Barbour-

- ville; 1980
- Northern Kentucky; Larry E. Petty, Covington; 1980; Truett Cocanougher, Florence; 1980; George A. Jones, Newport; 1980; George Munro, Ft. Thomas; 1980
- Ohio County; I. L. Baughn, Hartford; 1980
- Owen County; \*O. D. Hawkins, Owenton; 1980
- Pike; Curtis Warf, Pikeville; 1979
- Pulaski County; Sammie Adkins, Somerset; 1980
- Pine Mountain; Glen Noe, Jenkins; 1978
- Russell Creek; Gilbert Larimore, Greensburg; 1979
- Severns Valley; Raymond Ward, Rineyville; 1980
- South District; Wm. G. Humphrey, Lancaster; 1980
- Tates Creek; Fred A. Livingood, Waco; 1980
- Three Forks; Herbert Jukes, Hazard; 1980
- West Kentucky; Albert Judson Lambert, Bardwell; 1980
- West Union; Fred E. Richardson, Paducah; 1980
- Whites Run; J. W. Farmer, Carrollton; 1979

### BAPTIST FOUNDATION

- Terms Ending 1980
- \*Wm. A. Lamkin Jr., Louisville
- \*Kenneth Littrell, Lexington
- \*P. A. Stevens, Louisville

### WESTERN RECORDER BOARD

- Terms Ending 1980:
- \*Garnett Hulette, Frankfort
- Billy D. Marcum, Brandenburg
- Donald J. LaBelle, London
- Gilbert Sapp, Russell Springs

### BOARD OF CHILD CARE

- Terms Ending 1981:
- Henry Hobson, Russellville
- Charles F. Jones, Pineville
- Isaac B. McDonald, Hodgenville
- Eldred M. Taylor, Somerset
- Bill D. Whittaker, Murray
- Term Ending 1978:
- Donald R. Garrison, Henderson

### GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

- Term Ending 1980:
- \*Mrs. Lloyd Woods, Paint Lick

### Terms Ending 1981:

- \*James D. Boyd, Lawrenceburg
- \*Mrs. Wayne Cisney, Greenville
- \*Kenneth Denton, Ashland
- \*Randy Fox, Louisville
- \*Ted Gilbert, Lexington
- \*George E. Hays Jr., Louisville
- \*Wally O. Montgomery, Paducah
- \*Frank O. Steely, Ft. Thomas
- Joe Priest Williams, Louisville

### CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE

- Term Ending 1978:
- LaVerne Butler, Louisville
- Term Ending 1979:
- \*Gene A. Smith, Ft. Mitchell

### Terms Ending 1981:

- \*James T. Pace, Glasgow
- \*Richard Ammon, Burlington
- \*Henry Huff, Louisville
- \*W. R. Mann, Campbellsville
- George R. Gaddie, Campbellsville
- Hobert Reynolds, Inez
- \*Norman Cabbage, Leitchfield
- \*George Patmor, Marion
- \*Howard Worley, Mayfield

### CUMBERLAND COLLEGE

- Terms Ending 1981:
- \*James E. Croley Jr., Harlan
- \*George W. Griffin, East Bernstadt
- \*James D. Roland, Williamsburg
- Carl Sears, Falmouth

### CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST SCHOOL

- Terms Ending 1980:
- \*Ben A. Baird, London
- \*Raymond Long, Harrodsburg
- \*Mary Louise Foust, Shelbyville
- \*J. C. Helton, Pineville
- Calvin Perry, Alexandria
- \*Paul Parker, Pineville

### ONEIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE

- Term Ending 1979:
- \*D. C. Anderson, Versailles
- Terms Ending 1981:
- \*Mrs. J. Everett Bach, Jackson
- \*Bige Hensley, Manchester
- \*S. Earl Rippetoe, Russell Springs
- \*Cecil E. Yearly, London

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

- Term Ending 1978:
- Larry D. Smith, Louisville

### Terms Ending 1980:

- Howard Matthews, Utica
- George A. Jones, Newport
- \*John David Broome, Williamsburg

### BAPTIST HOSPITALS, INC.

#### Terms Ending 1981:

- \*A. B. Clarke, Louisville
- Don Burke, Louisville
- \*Howard Z. Gray, Paducah
- Willis W. Henson, Paducah
- \*Kelley G. Rogers, Lexington
- Austin Roberts, Danville

### TEMPERANCE LEAGUE

- Term Ending 1978:
- The newly appointed chairman of the executive board's Christian Life Committee
- Term Ending 1979:
- J. T. Miller, Whitesville
- Terms Ending 1980:
- Henry D. Johns, Versailles
- W. D. Jagers, Cynthiana
- Ernest Martin, Danville
- Wm. Y. Sanders, Frankfort
- A. W. Walker, Anchorage

## Committee on Committees

### COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

- North Central Region:
- Henry Johns, Versailles
- \*Frank Steeley, Ft. Thomas
- Northeastern Region:
- Charles L. Milam, Paintsville
- Southeastern Region:
- Bill Mackey, Whitesburg
- Southern Region:
- James L. Britt, Bowling Green
- Curtis Erwin, Glasgow
- South Central Region:
- Wm. G. Humphrey, Lancaster
- Doug Strader, Somerset
- Southwestern Region:
- Judson Lambert, Bardwell
- Earl Shoemaker, Paducah
- Rodney Travis, Benton
- Western Region:
- Harold Purdy, Madisonville
- Central Region:
- Isaac B. McDonald, Hodgenville

### COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Terms Ending 1979:
- Curtis Warf, Pikeville
- Jerrell White, Murray

### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

- Terms Ending 1979:
- Edwin Perry, Louisville
- Wm. L. Tichenor, Princeton

### COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

- Terms Ending 1979:
- David Drummel, Owensboro
- James Lewis, Louisville

### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- Terms Ending 1979:
- George A. Jones, Newport
- Carl Fields, Georgetown

### COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

- Terms Ending 1979:
- E. Keevil Judy, Henderson
- C. David Lyons, Fleming

### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

- Term Ending 1978:
- Sid Maddox, Paducah
- Terms Ending 1979:
- David Bratcher, Henderson
- \*Henry Huff, Louisville

### COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

- Terms Ending 1980:
- Bob Wallace, Paris
- J. S. Bell, Hindman
- R. Dwayne Conner, Erlanger

### COMMITTEES TO REPORT 1978

- Committee on Cooperative Program:
- J. Chester Badgett, Campbellsville
- James K. Pierce, Lexington
- S. Clelland Gash, Harrodsburg
- Committee on Home Missions:
- \*George D. Cook Sr., Mayfield
- Bill Turner, Lexington
- T. L. McSwain, Louisville
- Committee on Foreign Missions:
- \*Mrs. Ray Mullendore, Bowling Green
- Rollin Burhans, Bowling Green
- \*Mrs. David Jester, Georgetown
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- H. C. Chiles, Louisville

# Convention Reports

## Georgia Laywoman Pleads for Ministers' Wives to be Themselves!

by Laurie Taylor, Staff Writer

"I've quit fooling around. Money won't do it. Clothes won't do it. Children won't do it. A handsome, loving husband won't do it. Only God will fill the void in my life," declared petite Ruth Miller as she spoke to the women at the Ministers' Wives Conference during the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The mother of two teenagers, Mrs. Miller is the wife of a Marietta, Ga. layman. She is well known for her column in Royal Service entitled "Reborn Free."

Over 100 ministers' wives sat on the edges of their seats as Mrs. Miller challenged them to "be real."

"Don't wear a mask," urged the laywoman. "Be yourself—not a 'pastor's wife.' Find your own self-identity. When you accomplish this you can't help but be a good minister's wife."

Mrs. Miller shared that she believes God expects her to be just as organized and efficient as her husband. Being a good steward of time is the mark of a mature woman of God. A woman must decide what her purpose in life will be.

"I have purposed to be chalk in God's hand to leave his mark on those I meet," she glowed.

A woman of God must set priorities or other people will make choices for her. She must get her relationship to God straightened out and then fulfill her role as part of the family of God.

"My physical family comes first and then the body of Christ. My physical family drains me, but my family in God gives it all back," she explained.

Priorities are translated in reality by setting goals and striving to reach them. Goals must be attainable to be realistic. They must be measurable.

"Don't get uptight if you don't reach your goal. Keep moving purposefully," warned Mrs. Miller.

"I have a hunger for God. That's the direction I'm going. I hope you'll go with me," she concluded.

The message Mrs. Miller shared made a great impact on the women who attended. Several ladies shared

the deep effect the stirring presentation made on their lives.

Phyllis Taylor, wife of Tommy Taylor, pastor, Shively Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, remarked, "It's a tremendous challenge to me to be a better pastor's wife. I especially was impressed with the idea of complementing our husbands. This has helped me be more aware of the high calling of pastor."

"This conference has truly made me a stronger Christian and a better pastor's wife," shared Mrs. Oleta Outland, wife of A. J. Outland, pastor, Zion's Cause Baptist Church, Blood River Association.

One lady was especially moved by the challenge laid before her.

"It makes me feel like I'm somebody because I'm part of what we've been talking about. I want to have a bigger goal than I've ever had," declared Mrs. Mary Page Miller, wife of J. T. Miller, pastor, Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Blackford Association.

Among the ladies present was a new mother who gained a deeper insight into her calling as a minister's wife.

"I have a toddler and a four-week-old

baby. My relationship with God has to come first. That impressed me," grinned Mrs. Linda Heacock, wife of Michael Heacock, associate pastor, Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Catlettsburg, Greenup Association.

A veteran of Kentucky Baptist Conventions shared the change she experienced at the Ministers' Wives Conferences through the years.

Mrs. Helen Meacham, wife of A. L. Meacham, director of missions for Henry County and Whites Run Associations, observed that the meeting was "just really great! We've needed this! I've been coming the last 25-30 years and we've really needed the fellowship and sharing time."

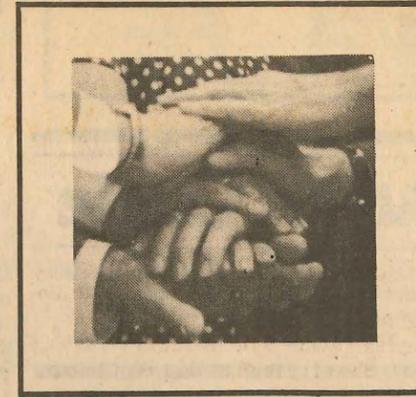
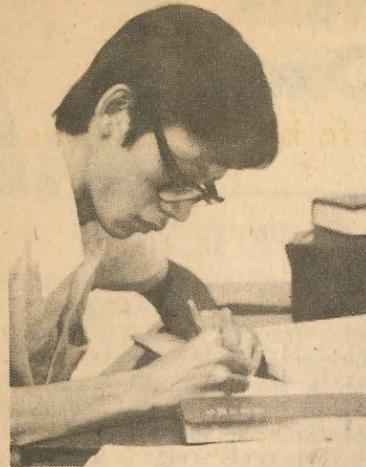
The event was sponsored by the Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union. President Lealice Dehoney summed it all up when she radiantly expressed that "the response is tremendous. There is a very warm feeling among minister's wives. It's a great fellowship!"

The laughs and hugs and renewed friendships captured the feelings that couldn't be expressed in words.



Mrs. Ted Sisk [l] was among those attending the Ministers' Wives Conference.

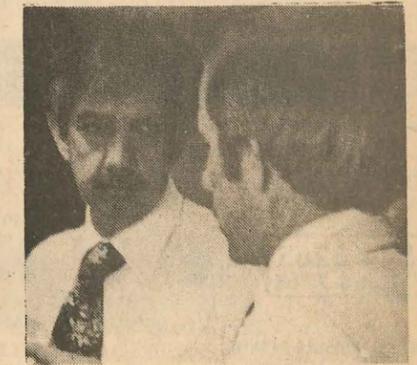
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## Revivals

### Many Decisions at London

Laurel River Baptist Church, London, recently held revival services with Jack Sherman as evangelist and Rick Brewer as music director. Over 20 public decisions were made. Earl Clark, New Testament professor at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, is pastor at Laurel River.

## Ordinations

### Two Tapped at Long Lick

Long Lick Baptist Church, Stamping Ground, recently ordained Robert Wasson Jr. as a deacon. Roger C. Barkley was ordained by Long Lick to the gospel ministry. Barkley has accepted the call to pastor Argenta (Ill.) Baptist Church. Harry Hargis is pastor at Long Lick.

## Frank Owen



### FORGIVENESS, TOO

Ours is a negative age with much focus on each other's faults—especially on leaders' failures. Perhaps it is the continuing reaction to Watergate. You can throw a stone into the center of a placid pool of water and the concentric ripples will continue to spread and the circle gets larger until the waves reach the edge of the pool. Thus the splash gradually affects all the water in the pool. Maybe this is happening to us. At any rate, there seems a more critical than usual attitude abroad in the land and not too much patience with others whose faults aren't easily endured.

Certainly it is our obligation to uphold the highest standards for leaders to fulfill and let us not forget that we, ourselves, likewise, must live to the same standards we expect of others.

Holiness and righteousness are very close kin, but not exactly the same thing. We don't quite fulfill the Christian calling by just being righteous. (This is where the Pharisees erred.) The full measure of Christian holiness requires that we be forgiving. If our sense of righteousness leaves out the obligation to forgive then the flavor of our religious community turns bitter. There is no second chance for the sinner except through forgiveness and all of us are sinners. Our sins may differ in form or degree but "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Righteousness alone can only see judgment, but when one adds forgiveness, then there is the second chance, redemption and the high plane of love and gratitude.

Yes, ours is a critical age. There is much scrutiny and even searching for shortcomings, faults, failures, misdeeds. It is good to uphold the highest standard, but don't forget that part of the very highest standard is forgiveness, too. Remember to include it in your relationships with whomever are the leaders, peers and followers in your orbit of life.

# Sunday School Lessons

Lessons for December 4, 1977

International Series

by H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky.

## Why Serve God?

Job 1:1-3, 8-11; 2:4-6, 9-10

A brief study of the life of Job should teach us why we should serve God.

### Job's Character

Job was a man of sincerity, uprightness, integrity, piety and consistency. He was faithful to the trust reposed in him. Job was not sinless but he feared God, did what was right and turned away from evil. God blessed Job with a large family and great riches.

### Satan's Challenge

God praised Job's character saying, "There is none like him in the earth." What a commendation! Satan challenged God's statement, accused Job of being good and serving God merely because of self-interest and contended that if Job's possessions were removed he would curse God. In response to Satan's accusation God gave the adversary permission to test Job in any manner he desired except taking his life.

### Job's Calamities

Satan did not lose any time in testing Job. All Job's property was swept away from him in one day. Then all 10 of Job's children were killed in a storm. To this great sorrow Job responded: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Life and Work Series

## The Light of the World

John 9:24-38

One autumn sabbath as Christ and his disciples were leaving the temple in Jerusalem, they saw a beggar blind since birth. Daily he sat near the gate and begged for money. Although he was not permitted to solicit alms on the sabbath, his very affliction was a plea for help. His blindness had not been caused by the sin of either member of his family, but it had been permitted in order "that the works of God should be made manifest in him."

Observing the man's need, Christ elicited his faith and obedience, and then gave him sight. Seeing that the man had received a supernatural cure, his neighbors were amazed. In answer to their query as to how he received his sight, the man told them exactly how it took place.

When the Pharisees cross-examined the man, they sought to confuse and intimidate him and discredit his testimony. Fearlessly the man asserted: "Whereas I was blind, now I see." As soon as they expelled him from the synagogue, Christ approached him and inquired, "Dost thou believe on the son of God?" The man answered, "Who is he, Lord,

Job was then smitten with boils from his head to his feet. The "greatest man in the east" was compelled to sit "among the ashes," scraping the terrible sores on his poor body. If any man ever had a reason to think that God had turned against him, Job was that man. Perhaps the hardest blow Job suffered was when his wife urged him to give up his faith in God, and commit suicide.

### Job's Comment

Even though Job was baffled as to why he had to suffer as he did, he realized his afflictions were all due to the permissive will of God. Job reprimanded his wife for her foolish and sinful suggestions, maintained his confidence in God and concluded that God has some good purpose in permitting him to suffer as he did. Fully aware that his blessings outnumbered his adversities, Job remained submissive, loyal and true to God.

### Conclusion

From the example of this man of faith and dedication we learn it's more important to have the right attitude toward our afflictions than to know the reason for them. Instead of adopting an attitude of self-pity or resentment during these these unpleasant experiences, resort to earnest prayer, Christ-like resignation and dedication to greater usefulness in the Lord's service.

that I might believe on him?" The master revealed himself saying, "It is he that talketh with thee." Instantly there came to the soul of that man the light which the Holy Spirit alone gives.

The Pharisees did their utmost to convince the man who had received his sight that the one who had healed him was a sinner because he had wrought this miracle on the sabbath. Their accusation that Christ was a sinner was one of ignorance born out of conceit and animosity. These enemies of Christ refused to admit he was worthy of glory.

From Christ this man, who had been blind all of his life, received physical sight and spiritual light. It was to his credit that he exercised faith in Christ, and as a result of his trust the savior gave him salvation and eternal life.

Faith is the act of the heart by which Christ is welcomed into the soul of an individual. It is that act of the will by which one turns his soul and life over to Christ. When one is truly saved he has a great love for Christ, a strong urge to advance his cause and an intense longing to glorify him.

### Delos Miles to MWBTS

Delos Miles has been elected professor of evangelism at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, the first person to serve in this role.

Miles, 43, is director of the Division of Evangelism and Church Services, South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia. His new position begins Jan. 1.

He is a graduate of Southeastern and San Francisco theological seminaries.

### Nevada Farm Land Turns To Gold at Southwestern

A section of irrigated Nevada farm land valued at \$324,000 has been donated to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary by John and Vida Cooper of Tucumcari, N. M.

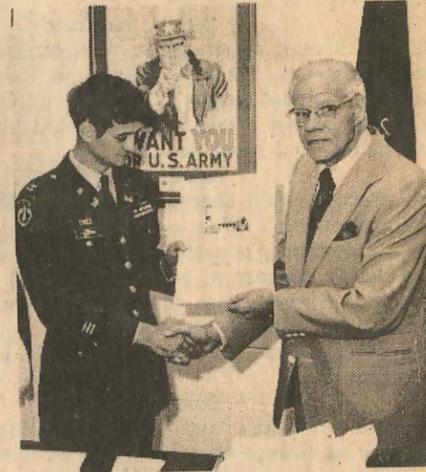
The 640 acres, located in Diamond Valley, Eureka County, Nev., was made through the Baptist Foundation of Texas. Provision of the gift reserves a life estate for the Coopers.

At the end of the life estate, proceeds from the land's sale are expected to become a part of the seminary's permanent endowment with the establishment of an instructional chair.

## Christian Education

### Wilburn Assigned to Math Post in New Mexico

Cumberland College president J. M. Boswell presents a certificate for outstanding service to Capt. Donald L. Wilburn upon Wilburn's departure for his new assignment as mathematics statistician assistant at White Sands Missile Range, N. M. Wilburn, associate professor of military science at Cumberland College since May 1975, is a native of Logansport, Ind. and is married to deputy county clerk for Whitley County, Ginger Lawson Wilburn.



### Georgetown Prof Named To Steering Committee

Carl R. Fields, distinguished professor of history, Georgetown College, has been appointed to serve on the sixth district Congressional Steering Committee of the Governor's pre-White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services.

Scheduled for October 1978, the Kentucky conference will be followed by the President's conference in 1979. Both meetings resulted from requests made by President Jimmy Carter and Governor Julian Carroll.

### C'ville to Get \$500?

The Russell County District Board and Pleasant View Baptist Church have issued a challenge to the churches in their association. The board will give \$400 and Pleasant View will give \$100 to the matching scholarship fund at Campbellsville College to help worthy students.

Five other churches must each give \$100 or raise \$500 for this fund for the challenge to be met.



Two members of a film crew from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission are shown during their recent visit to Georgetown College. The WMU in Kentucky is sponsoring the 30-minute film which looks at Baptist institutions in the state.