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Getting bold mission all together thrust of Nov. 14-16 convention

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Eight prominent men are expected to help Kentucky Baptists get their act together on bold missions Nov. 14-16 when the 141st annual meeting of the state convention convenes at Owensboro's First Baptist Church.

The convention's theme, "Let the Church Reach Out," and worship experiences at the start of each of the seven sessions will keep bold missions in the forefront of the gathering. More than 2000 messengers and visitors from 2200 churches affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention are expected to attend.

The eight men will address the convention at different times throughout the two-day conclave. Scheduled speakers include:

- John Kruschwitz, Ft. Thomas, president, Kentucky Baptist Convention, delivering the presidential address at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.
- David Bunch, director, Mission Service Corps, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

- William A. Kruschwitz, regional personnel representative, Foreign Mission Board, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Tuesday, 8:25 p.m.
- Ben M. Elrod, new president of Georgetown College, Wednesday, 11:15 a.m.
- Don Stewart, executive vice president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Wednesday, 3 p.m.
- David Bratcher, pastor, First Baptist Church, Henderson, preaching the convention sermon Wednesday, 8:25 p.m.
- H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
- Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, closing out the convention with a bold mission thrust challenge, Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

The convention officially opens at 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, following a day of preliminary meetings

including the:

- Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, opening Monday, Nov. 13, at 2:50 p.m. at First Baptist Church
 - Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association, opening Monday at 1 p.m. at Third Baptist Church
 - Kentucky Baptist Music Association, opening Monday at 1 p.m. at Bellevue Baptist Church
 - Kentucky Baptist Executive Board, opening Monday at 1:15 p.m. at Walnut Street Baptist Church.
- The convention itself ends at 12 noon Thursday. For the second consecutive year evening sessions are expected to conclude relatively early. This year the benediction is programmed Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 8:55 p.m.

The convention will offer several unusual features this year.

Departing from tradition, the staff divisions and departments of the KBC Executive Board will not report on their work through formal presentations before the convention. These programs will be viewed by messengers collectively during a 90-minute walk-through departmental fair Tuesday afternoon. Messengers will have the opportunity to see a maze of booths and exhibits and learn from convention personnel what has been accomplished and where their work is headed.

Jay Brown, director of the KBC Evangelism Department, will present convention bold mission thrust plans to the assembled body Wednesday afternoon.

Musicians scheduled to perform for the convention include the Kentucky Baptist Chorale, Eugene Sutherland, director; Campbellsville College Choir, Larry Reed, director; Clear Creek Chorale, David Hale, director; Mrs. John Mathews, First Baptist Church, Owensboro; Church Choir, First Baptist Church, Owensboro; and the Sunshine Singers, Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah.

In business affairs, the convention is expected to hear the final report of a committee to study its child care program, appointed in 1974. Austin Roberts of Danville is chairman.

The election of a new convention president and other officers, approval of nominees for strategic committees, plus the introduction of resolutions will round out business affairs.

Several Western Recorder issues have carried items pertaining to the convention in Owensboro. These include:

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The KBC annuitants' luncheon will be held at 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Gabe's Restaurant, Owensboro.

The annual meeting of the Ministers' Wives Fellowship is set for Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Third Baptist Church.

Meetings of alumni groups will be listed in a later edition of Western Recorder.

Haworth Conference brings Claypool back to Louisville reunion

by Bill Webb, Staff Writer

Program personalities for the fifth annual Haworth Conference at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Oct. 2-3, found it a homecoming of sorts.

John R. Claypool, former Crescent Hill pastor, discovered many old friends among the participants.

Joining Claypool on the program were Swan Haworth, for whom the conference is named, and the husband-wife team of David and Vera Mace.

Haworth is director of pastoral counseling at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C. He was earlier professor of psychology of religion and pastoral care at Southern Seminary.

The Maces are world travelers and lecturers and have collaborated on several books and articles on marriage enrichment. He is director of marriage enrichment training at the School of Pastoral Care, North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

Claypool addressed himself to growth in the "afternoon of life," the mid-adult years. He discussed growing professionally, in relationships and in awareness of one's own individuality.

Haworth lectured on counseling, exploring current trends, particular problems, counselor-counselee relationships and methodology in a counseling session.

The Maces' four presentations dealt with marriage enrichment, including "Better Marriages for Pastors" and "Guiding Couples Through the Critical First Year of Marriage."

The conference is sponsored by the Baptist Board of Child Care and the Department of Cooperative Ministries-Christian Life of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Cassette tapes, at \$1.25 each, are available on each presentation from the KBC department.



Claypool



Bingham

General Association taps Lincoln Bingham

Lincoln Bingham, director of Louisville's Baptist Fellowship Center, will become superintendent of missions for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky Nov. 1. He will succeed J. B. Porterfield.

The Baptist Fellowship Center, which Bingham headed for three years, is a Kentucky Baptist Convention cooperative ministry with the Central District and Long Run Association. Well known among Kentucky Baptists, Bingham has addressed the state evangelism conference and spoken to numerous other state and associational groups.

The General Association of Baptists in Kentucky includes about 600 churches and 160,000 Baptists.

BSU off to Owensboro

Owensboro's Third Baptist Church will host the 51st annual Kentucky Baptist Student Convention Oct. 13-15 with the theme "Following Christ's Way."

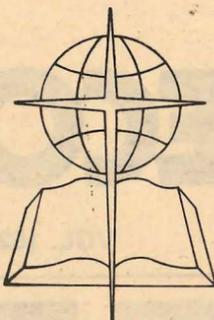
According to Don Blaylock, director of the KBC Student Department, Middletown, sessions begin at 7 p.m. Friday. The convention ends Sunday at noon.

Addresses, chalk talks, 11 seminars, special music, Bible study and campus prayer and share periods are included in the weekend schedule.

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

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C. R. Daley

Daley Observations

A questionable use of denominational funds

In more than 20 years of careful observations of Baptist affairs on the state and national level I have seen only a few examples of unwise expenditure of denominational funds. This is the way it should be and, if it is ever otherwise, we could see a contributors' rebellion to match the current taxpayers' rebellion. If unhappy with the way their contributions are being used, Baptists in the pews will reduce their giving or will designate their contributions around the Cooperative Program which is the source for nearly all the funds used by denominational agencies.

While there is little to question about how denominational funds are used, there is one practice which seems to be developing which disturbs me. This is the practice of providing additional lifetime pensions to retiring denominational executives who already have some of the highest retirement incomes to be found among Baptist preachers and denominational workers.

So far only several Southern Baptist Convention retiring executives have been provided such benefits but once the practice starts it will surely spread throughout the denomination. And if it is done on the Southern Baptist Convention level, the state conventions will follow suit. Some states may already be doing this but not to my knowledge.

The most recent example is the provision made by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for Executive Secretary Porter Routh who retires next year. In addition to his retirement income built up through the years, he will receive \$500 a month for life with a \$250 monthly benefit for Mrs. Routh if she survives him. This will be adjusted for cost of living increases. In addition he will be provided secretarial help after retirement and his expenses for attending annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention will be paid by the convention.

To question such an arrangement may reveal a petty and penny-pinching attitude on my part. If so, I am guilty. I believe such use of denominational funds is detrimental to the future welfare of Southern Baptists and, if continued and expanded, could adversely affect Cooperative Program giving.

Let me hasten to say my concern is based on principle and not on personalities. If any Baptist executive deserves special recognition and reward, Porter Routh does. He has performed magnificently for many years in one of the most demanding ministries in Baptist life. He has stuck to a philosophy of limiting the Executive Committee staff to a minimum for efficient operation and this has probably saved Southern Baptists many dollars.

Furthermore, Porter Routh did not ask for nor likely expect such a provision. It was made by grateful Executive Committee members in recognition of an outstanding ministry.

But such use of denominational funds will hardly set well with many small churches sharing their limited incomes each week with the denomination. Nor will it seem quite fair to some pastors who plead Sunday after Sunday for the Cooperative Program knowing they face retirement without a place of their own to live and with only the basic Southern Baptist annuity plan which will scarcely pay utility bills today. A better case can be made for using denominational funds to help retired preachers who are really up against it than for those who are relatively well off.

Those serving on Southern Baptist Convention boards and committees must be careful in all their decisions and especially in appropriating funds most of which come through the Cooperative Program. They should remember every dollar they handle is holy having been placed on offering plates in more than 30,000 churches by people who visualize their gifts making possible gospel proclamation around the world instead of providing a lifetime pension for retired denominational executives. It is somewhat ironic that in the same meeting in which the lifetime pension was approved the state conventions were requested to share more of each Cooperative Program dollar for Southern Baptist Convention use.

This matter of honoring and rewarding with money is of our own making. It is not based on the New Testament and especially not on the views of the Apostle Paul in chapter 3 of 1st Corinthians. When the Corinthian Christians were honoring and elevating Paul and other leaders, the apostle corrected them by reminding them that he and Apollos were but servants doing what God had assigned them. Neither he who planted nor Apollos who watered deserved credit, said Paul, but all credit goes to God who gives the increase. Furthermore, the one planting and the one watering are equal, according to Paul, and God, not man, will pass out the rewards.

In God's vineyard some workers are more gifted and have more responsibility than others but in God's sight the pastor of the smallest Southern Baptist church is as important as the head of the largest denominational agency. And each will be rewarded in the end not upon the basis of the position he held but upon the faithfulness with which he served wherever he was.

Gaines S. Dobbins: an example of eternal youth

The beloved Gaines S. Dobbins in many ways was as young the day he died as the day he was born. He found the secret of eternal youth like few persons who ever lived and was always ready to share this secret and many other wonderful discoveries with everyone.

I was among the thousands who were privileged to sit in his seminary classes. For many years he was the complete religious education department at Southern Seminary. His classes in religious education and church administration were not taken quite as seriously as heavy content courses in New Testament and theology but they turned out for many to be the most valuable of all courses for leading a successful church.

Dr. Dobbins was an unforgettable character. He was as strong as a lion and as gentle as a lamb. He smiled as naturally as he breathed and I never remember any harshness in him. He was a fascinating teacher often spicing his lectures with anecdotes and cute stories. When he gave the punch line to a story he would shake his head from side to side and smile sheepishly as if the story were risqué which it never was.

In a day before Baptists were inundated with printed materials, Dr. Dobbins was known affectionately as "Mr. Mimeograph Machine," pouring out "Mr. Mimeographs of Machine" which many of his students still use with success.

He was the father of the School of Religious Education at Southern and, upon retiring from Southern, went to Golden Gate Seminary to perform the same service. He wrote as naturally as most of us eat and everything he put in print made sense. He kept abreast of everything being said and done by Southern Baptists and some of my most treasured mail through the years came from him in response to Western Recorder material.

The ministry of Dr. Dobbins spanned at least two and maybe three generations of Southern Baptist leadership. At 90 he identified as easily with the young as with the old.

Of all who have contributed to the life and growth of Southern Baptists, Dr. Dobbins stands at or near the head.

If any worker on earth ever deserved heaven's rest, Dr. Dobbins does, but the oft seen epitaph, "At Rest," would never fit his grave marker. Chances are in heaven he'll find a mimeograph machine, organize a class and teach its members how to make heaven a more efficient operation.

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS GIVING

Recommendations to the Kentucky Baptist Convention

The constitution of the convention in Article VIII provides for an annual report to the convention from the executive board as follows:

"The executive board shall make a report to the annual convention. At least 30 days prior to this meeting the board shall publish in Western Recorder its recommendations except in an emergency that may arise thereafter."

A. Recommendations on Cooperative Program Goals and Percentages for 1979-80:

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 1979-80.

The Convention at Florence, Ky., Nov. 15-17, 1977, set the 1978-79 Cooperative Program goals and percentages. The following recommendation was approved by the executive board May 8-9, 1978, as follows:

	For Comparison		Recommendation
	1977-78 Budget	1978-79 Budget	1979-80 Budget
I. Cooperative Program Goal	7,200,000	8,000,000	8,800,000
A. Operational Budget		Approved 1977	
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	2,448,000 (34%)§	2,720,000 (34%)§	3,080,000 (35%)‡
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes†	4,752,000 (66%)§	5,280,000 (66%)§	5,720,000 (65%)‡
B. Bold Mission Challenge	800,000	800,000	1,200,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	272,000 34%§	280,000 (35%)‡	420,000 (35%)‡
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes†	528,000 (66%)§	520,000 (65%)‡	780,000 (65%)‡
Total Cooperative Program Goal	8,000,000	8,800,000	10,000,000
II. Other Estimated Income	640,150	688,049	700,000
III. Total Budget Goal	8,640,150	9,488,049	10,700,000

* The distribution of these items is voted by the Southern Baptist Convention.
† The distribution of these items is voted by the executive board, Kentucky Baptist Convention.
§ 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.

B. General recommendations to the convention for the 1979-80 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 Apr. 20, 1980, 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.

C. Special recommendation:

We, the Kentucky Baptist Convention in session Nov. 13, 1978, acknowledge and pledge our best effort for Kentucky's part in the Southern Baptist Convention Bold Mission Thrust listed below:

- a. That the Southern Baptist Convention set a goal of doubling the total Cooperative Program gifts from \$50,000,000 in 1977 to \$300,000,000 in 1982, and double at least two more times by the year 2000.
 - b. That every Southern Baptist be encouraged to reflect bold commitment to the financial support of Bold Mission through giving an increased percentage of his/her income to his/her church.
 - c. That every church be encouraged to place the Cooperative Program in its budget on a percentage basis and to increase its gifts.
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention's effort to meet the Bold Mission Challenge: that every Kentucky Baptist church be encouraged to place the Cooperative Program in its budget on a percentage basis and to increase its gifts in a ratio in accordance with this table.

	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81*	1981-82*
Operating	6,000,000	7,200,000	8,000,000	8,800,000	10,000,000	12,000,000
Challenge	1,200,000	800,000	800,000	1,200,000	2,000,000	2,400,000
TOTAL	7,200,000	8,000,000	8,800,000	10,000,000	12,000,000	14,400,000

* These figures are presented only as projections and not for action.

Long Run publishes new history

The first narrative history of Long Run Association will be published Oct. 16, 1978. The book, *Gathered By The River*, tells the story of Baptist beginnings and development in the Louisville area from 1803 till the present.

Ira V. (Jack) Birdwhistell, the author, has given a sensitive and balanced account of the association. Organized with 24 churches in the meeting house of Long Run Baptist Church, whence its name, the association has been marked by evangelism, church growth and missionary zeal.

The chapter titles are descriptive of the periods of history through which it has come: "Bound for the Promised Land," "How Firm a Foundation," "The Campbells Are Coming," "We've a Story to Tell," "When the Battle's Over," "Bring Them In," "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "Through Many Dangers, Toils and Snares," and an epilogue, "Grant Us Wisdom, Grant Us Courage."

Long Run grew out of the Salem Association which had been organized in 1785, just three months after the Elkhorn Association in the Lexington area was

organized. It has contributed to the organization of many of Kentucky's associations, as well as to Indiana's Southeast Association as recently as 1958-59, when 27 of its churches helped form the work in that state.

Birdwhistell is the pastor of the Drakesboro Baptist Church in Drakesboro, Ky. He is a native of Lawrenceburg, received the BA degree from Georgetown College and the MDiv and PhD degrees from Southern Seminary.

The History Committee, assigned the responsibility for producing the history, was made up of persons well-known to Kentucky Baptists. Leo Crismon served as chairman. Other committee members included John M. Houchens, Mrs. John M. Houchens, Mrs. George Ferguson and G. Allen West.

The book will be sold and distributed from and by the association's office. The paper back edition of 144 pages is being sold for \$3.00 per copy. It may be obtained by calling or writing the Long Run Office, 400 E. Chestnut St., Louisville, KY 40202. Telephone (502) 587-6735. Mailing charge will be 50 cents.



Veteran missionary, pastor dies

R. A. Slinker, veteran Kentucky Baptist pastor and missionary, died Oct. 6 at the age of 79. Funeral services were on Oct. 8 in Murray, Ky. Slinker was born in Green County and attended Campbellsville College and Western Kentucky University.

His early ministry was spent in Russell Creek and Liberty associations where he served as pastor of 11 different churches. His later ministry was spent as an associational and district missionary. He served from 1933 to 1946 in Russell Creek, Russell County, Casey and Liberty associations and from 1946 to 1959 as general field worker in western Kentucky. He returned to central Kentucky in 1959 and served in Central, East Lynn and Russell Creek associations until retirement in 1965.

He is survived by his wife, Vallie Strader Slinker, and two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Mitchell and Mrs. Mildred Robertson.

Convention Preview

Child Care Committee submits final report

Editor's note: Upon recommendation of its Executive Board the Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting in Paducah, Nov. 12-16, 1974, authorized the appointment of a committee to do an in-depth study of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care and reports its findings to the convention. This committee, known as the In-Depth Child Care Study Committee, reported to the convention in its annual session in Elizabethtown, Nov. 11-13, 1975. Following the report a motion was adopted to make the study committee a standing committee for three years for further study and reports. The committee made progress reports in 1976 and 1977 and now submits its final report.

The Child Care Study Committee has worked diligently trying to evaluate the complaints about the Child Care Program and make the necessary recommendations toward the improvement of the situation.

We feel we have been open with the convention and fair with the Board of Child Care in our approach. Following are several matters which we want to report on:

First, the question of the influence of a "secular social" approach in our Child Care Program.

The very nature of the program and type of professional people involved in the program of child care will demand professional social workers. There is no question but that a professional social worker's approach will have a definite influence on the ministry to the child.

The effect of this could be to avoid any compulsory religious training and seek solutions to problem children on the basis of psychological and sociological evaluation.

While these steps are important it is apparent that as Baptists we feel that more must be involved in our approach, namely the Christian witness. That is, in addition to the professional approach, we expect the children to attend Bible studies, prayer periods, and worship service. This is probably the hardest question to find an answer for because this is an intangible or unseen thing.

It is apparent that in the past the pendulum has swung to the other extreme—one not in accord with Baptist thinking. However, it is our opinion, based on our studies, that the pendulum is swinging back in the direction more consistent with our thinking.

The children are expected to attend one of the local churches. There is a time for devotional life provided in the cottages. The social workers are expected to be Christians and to give an unashamed and positive witness to the children about Jesus Christ. There have been children won to Christ this past year.

The results of evangelism are now being reported. The real question which must be dealt with is this, "Is the work of the Board of Child Care the type of program Kentucky Baptists want to continue?"

The kind of program we want is one that ministers to the child, enabling the child to come to know Christ and become an involved Christian in both his church and his world.

The kind of child we are now ministering to is different from those of the past. He is out of a problem home that has produced problems in his life.

The Board of Child Care is providing for this, both through temporary shelter and long term care.

They can now take a child immediately for 30 days and then evaluate the need of the child for further care.

The Department of Human Resources apparently feels we offer this kind of total ministry since 50 percent of the referrals are from them. They send the children to our care under our terms.

The following illustrations will allow us to see if this is the kind of care we want to be involved in:

• A 12 year old boy was admitted to temporary shelter care because his mother abused and neglected her children. She suffered from mental illness. The boy felt guilty because he could not help his mother get well and keep the family together. His behavior included cursing and hitting staff, trying to run away and acting like a "know-it-all." Through the help of Baptist Child Care staff the boy calmed down; he

began to feel accepted and of worth as a person. He then was admitted to Caldwell Cottage on Spring Meadows where he continued to receive the ministry of the staff. He learned that he was not responsible for his mother's sickness, to understand himself better, and to see his family situation for what it was. He continues to live at Spring Meadows and is doing very well.

• A 14 year old boy came to temporary shelter care as an alternative to detention in a juvenile center because of his involvement in burning down a barn in a central Kentucky county. He felt unsafe in that area because he had given evidence on the others involved in the burning. The son of a pastor, he was considered the family "black sheep." Temporary shelter staff had to cope with this boy's sniffing vaporous substance, brief runaways and becoming drunk on alcohol which he had shoplifted on a run from the temporary shelter cottage. His behavior changed as a result of the individual and group counseling he received and through a renewed commitment to his Christian faith.

We believe that while not perfect by any means the ministry of the Board of Child Care is moving in the direction of ministry to the whole person. We feel this is what our convention would want.

The committee would recommend that the Board of Child Care continually strive to provide emergency care for children and to utilize the professional skills of a trained staff of committed Christians to both witness to the spiritual needs of these youth and through love and understanding minister to the physical and emotional needs of these children.

We further recommend that the Board of Child Care continue providing, upon request, care for children referred to them by either the courts or the Department of Human Resources; and that the Board enter an agreement with the Department of Human Resources to be paid at the going rate for the services rendered.

The second question relates to the change of relationship from Trustees to a Department of the Executive Board of Kentucky Baptist Convention. The purpose of such a change would be to involve the Board of Child Care in a feeling of a Baptist family relationship. If there has been a weakness in the past it has been the feeling that the Board of Child Care is out of touch with the attitudes of Kentucky Baptists and members of the Board of Child Care felt they were without a voice. This new re-organization of the Executive Board of Kentucky Baptist Convention will change this so that all the agencies and institutions will meet and this should provide a sense of a Baptist family relationship as well as serving as a balance and check system with one another.

Then too, we have functioned under the Trustee relationship for so long that the change may be difficult and create accreditation problems.

The third question we have considered is an evaluation of itself in an inviting and adoption service.

The home it unswayed is in an inviting environment and the work with the girls is impressive. In two years there have been 38 girls ministered to in the maternity home and 30 babies put out for adoption through the adoption service.

This is a significant ministry in the name of Christ to these girls:

1. There is a ministry to girls in need.
2. Home parents are provided who are Christian and are genuinely concerned about these girls.
3. Formal religious training is provided as well as a vital witness from the influence of the house parents.
4. Services are provided in the following ways: physiologically, psychologically and continual educational training.
5. The churches of the area are involved on a one-on-one basis of concern for these girls.

Therefore, our conclusion is that this is one of the most valuable ministries we can provide.

The fourth question considered deals with the use of funds for operating expenses.

During the past few years reserve money has been

placed in the operating account for current expenses. This has raised several questions among Kentucky Baptists.

There are two problems relating to the use of ministry reserve funds (previously known as Quasi Endowment). First, many Kentucky Baptists feel this to be money intended as endowment and therefore they feel any use of this money other than as endowment violates the intent of the donor. It needs to be stated that these funds are unrestricted in wills; therefore, legally, the Board of Child Care does have the right to use these funds as necessary for operating expenses.

The second problem relates to large use of these funds in operating expenses. The continual use of these funds as presently spent will deplete the account in seven or eight years.

We commend the Board of Child Care for recognizing this danger and committing themselves to maintain \$2,000,000 as the base in this account and reduce their spending by \$25,000 per year from these funds.

We would suggest to the Board of Child Care the following:

1. That they both, by reduced expenditures and soliciting bequests attempt to reduce by an additional \$25,000 per year expenditures from these funds.
2. That the Kentucky Baptist Convention in session be asked to ratify any expenditures that would reduce the ministry reserve fund from below the \$2,000,000 level.
3. That funds received by the Board of Child Care, which are unrestricted by the donor after the date of this report be recorded as revenue of current funds in the period in which they are received and used as directed by the Board of Child Care.

The fifth area of consideration had to do with the use of funds designated to a particular institution. Some questions had been raised by churches and individuals about how their designated monies had been used and if a home had been penalized of the additional allocation they should have received. There is no question but that there had been problems pertaining to this. However, this problem has been eliminated because under the new accounting procedures each home has a separate account and all monies received are applied to their account.

We suggest that all money designated to a particular home be considered as a bonus to that home and never used as a tool to limit the allocation to that home.

The committee recognizes that many of the problems seen by the convention with the Board of Child Care came from a lack of good public relations. They are making a determined effort to keep the convention informed and in turn need to keep the channels open to hear clearly the concerns of the convention.

We feel, too, that the committee has had the opportunity to point out some matters which need to be looked at and they have been given serious consideration. The Child Care Board has demonstrated a concern to comply with the will of Kentucky Baptists. We do feel that the Nominating Committee does need to provide their Board with strong leaders to set policy and give over-all direction to this area of our program.

We call upon our Kentucky Baptist Convention to hold up in prayer this very vital phase of our over-all program. This is our final report as your special committee of the In-Depth Study of the Child Care Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Austin Roberts, chairman
Jewell Barnett
John Dunaway
Mrs. William Ellis
John Huffman
Mrs. J. T. Miller
James B. Sawyer
Joseph Stopher
Bill Tichenor

Cooperative Program: Channel for worldwide witnessing

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Mountains to the Mississippi

Ordinations

Robert Morris ordained a deacon
Robert Morris was ordained a deacon in Buck Grove Baptist Church, Ekron, Sept. 24.

Dallas Vincent, pastor of Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, preached the sermon and Roger Dowell, senior deacon at Buck Grove, prayed the ordination prayer.

Donald O. Withers, Buck Grove pastor, led the examination before a council of pastors and deacons from Salem Association and other churches.

Park City ordains Doyle a deacon
Park City Baptist Church, Liberty Baptist Association, ordained Ronald D. Doyle as a deacon.

Joining pastor Barry Bellue in the ordination were former pastor B. A. Houchens; Elmer Borden, Doyle's father-in-law; and George Madison, his uncle.

The church's new minister of music, Terry Hale, provided special music.

Personnel

Jennings to East Jellico Church
Lewis Jennings was called as pastor of East Jellico Baptist Church, Tinsley.

A native of Newnan, Ga., Jennings is a former moderator in Bell County Association and is presently head of the printing operation at Clear Creek School.

His wife is the former Carolyn Beckom. They have three children: Tommy, Mary Ellen and Leslie.

Mrs. Jennings is also on the Clear Creek staff.

Mike Fuhrman to Waddy
Mike Fuhrman was called as pastor of Waddy (Ky.) Baptist Church.

He is a native of Missouri. He earned an AA degree from Moberly Junior College; a BA from Southwest Baptist College; and the MDiv from Southern Seminary.

Before coming to Waddy, Fuhrman was pastor of Markland Baptist Church, Vevay, Ind.

He recently married the former

Brenda Dina Stansifer of Georgia. Both are Southern Seminary students. He is working on a doctorate and she is studying social work.

Mark Clay to Munfordville
Mark Clay was called as minister of music and youth to Munfordville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

A graduate of Campbellsville College, he attends Southern Seminary.

Revivals

FBC, Tompkinsville, has revival
First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, reported eight additions by baptism and one by letter in revival services Sept. 13-17.

Various pastors in Monroe Association were evangelists. The revival concluded with homecoming services.

Jack Rinks is pastor at Tompkinsville.

Deaths

Mrs. Wendell Ferrell dies in fall
Mrs. Wendell Ferrell, daughter of E. C. Dockery, missionary in Gasper River Association, was fatally injured when falling in the bathroom and striking her head.

Mrs. Ferrell worked at night and had come home, gotten her family off to church but decided she did not feel like going.

Funeral services were held in Hartford Sept. 26.

Congregations

Clifton anniversary Oct. 15
Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, will celebrate its 85th anniversary with homecoming services Oct. 15.

Guest speaker will be Ray Frank Robbins, former associate pastor at Clifton and now professor at New Orleans Seminary.

A special music program is planned for 7 p.m.

On Oct. 22, Temple Dunn will give an organ concert. He is a former organist



An evangelistic team composed of Jack Sherman, evangelist, and Rick Brewer, music director, both of London, Ky., spent the summer in revivals in 11 Alaska Baptist churches. Pictured above is Jack Sherman with a group of young people after a revival service in the Kenai (Alas.) Baptist Church.

at Clifton and presently organist and choir director of Briggs Memorial Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.

Upper Cumberland honors three Messengers to the 87th annual session of Upper Cumberland Association adopted a resolution in memory of the leadership of the late Harold Noe, Roscoe Douglas and Glenn Crider.

The resolution said in part, "... that their faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ, the local church, Upper Cumberland Association of Baptists and the cause of Christ shall be a challenge to we who are left behind to do more for our Lord than we have ever done before."

One down and one to go
A new Baptist Student Center was dedicated at the University of Kentucky Sept. 24 and ground was broken for a BSC a week later at Murray State University.

Participants at the UK dedication and open house were Richard Wilkins, Baptist campus minister; David Gregory, BSU president; James Whaley, coordinator of the KBC Church Services Division; UK BSU choir; Robert Zumwinkle, UK vice president for student affairs.

Ron Tilford, UK student; Wilson Bond, architect; J. Bill Jones, chairman, Campus Ministries Committee; Franklin Owen, KBC executive secretary-treasurer; and John Kruschwitz, KBC president.

The new facility at Murray State will be located at the corner of Waldrop Drive and Chestnut Street.

"Newsy" program for Big Creek men
Baptist men of Big Creek Baptist Church, Hazard, utilized the September World Mission Journal in presenting a "newsy" monthly program.

The presentation was a take off on a network news program. Pastor Drew Martin played the role of the anchor man of a morning television program.

Men of the church were "roving reporters," reporting on what Baptist churches throughout the country are doing in drug education, prevention and rehabilitation. Their reports were articles from the World Mission Journal.

A news room and four backstage TV monitors were provided. Exhibits were displayed and marijuana was burned outside to familiarize the audience with its smell.

The anchor man was flanked by a high school principal, a nursing home administrator and a high school graduate, a former drug user.

More than 100 people were present.

Spottsville celebrates anniversary
Spottsville Baptist Church celebrated its 125th anniversary Sept. 10.

The celebration included morning worship service followed by basket

lunch and a special afternoon program.

Speaker in the morning service was Edwin E. Deusner, Spottsville pastor 1934-38. Claude Fox, another former pastor, was the visiting speaker for the afternoon service.

Pastor Larry Birkhead presented historical highlights of the church.

An anniversary revival followed the celebration. Evangelist for the revival was Dallas Sugg, Spottsville pastor 1961-64. Music director for the revival was Billie Wright, son of a former pastor.

Another part of the observance was the preparation of the history of the church by Beatrice Green.

Fire damages Cuba Baptist Church
One wing of Cuba Baptist Church was heavily damaged by fire Sept. 18.

The fire apparently started from a ceiling light fixture and was discovered by a passerby who saw smoke coming out of the building.

Damage to the wing includes ruined carpet, damaged pews, burned books, and smoke and water damage.

Pastor Charles Nelson estimates the damage to be \$15,000 or more. The damaged wing has been shut off and services will be continued in the rest of the building.

St. Matthews catches the spirit
The members of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, voted in business session for a year-long Bold Mission project.

The strategy is to prepare through ministry training to take 30-35 youth and 10-15 adults into an area of new Baptist work next summer.

One of three mission areas will be chosen: Detroit, Mich.; Amherstburg, Canada; or Lake Placid, N. Y.

Teams will be formed to minister through music, puppets, drama, evangelistic teams, backyard Bible clubs and survey.

Each participant will be asked to contribute \$100 toward his expenses, some to be raised through group projects.

In addition, \$5,000 is proposed to come from the church budget.

"Hallelujah Day" at Cave Spring
Cave Spring Baptist Church, Logan Association, planned a "Hallelujah Day" Sept. 10.

The church had just finished revival and aimed for 200 in Sunday school and a \$9,700 special offering for a church van and garage for it and the pastor's cars.

They reached both goals, recording 211 in Sunday school and raising \$9,700 in cash and pledges.

Superintendent of missions Jack Palmer said a feature of the giving was a "wave offering." As the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus," some came down the aisle waving their offering and dropping it in a bucket down front.



First Baptist Church, Loyall, held a musical carnival during registration for the children's choirs. The carnival featured games, fun, food and cartoons. Fifty-one children registered for the three children's choirs: preschool choir, Music Makers (grades 1-3) and Young Musicians (grades 4-6).

Christian Education

Union University honors Byrd

David Q. Byrd, director of Boyce Bible School in Louisville, was presented the honorary doctor of divinity degree recently by Union University.

Byrd has been a close associate of the college and has served on numerous college committees, including the board of trustees.

The degree was presented to Byrd during Union's recent opening convocation.

Three Kentuckians receive scholarships

Three students from Kentucky are recipients of 1978-79 scholarships at Southern Seminary.

They are Carol Reese, Ken Bastin and Donald Bryant.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Reese, of Paducah, Miss Reese is a graduate of Georgetown College. She received a C. Littlejohn Scholarship.

Bastin is a graduate of Georgetown College and was chosen for a Scobee Scholarship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arland M. Bastin of Lexington.

Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryant of Rockhold, is a graduate of Cumberland College and received a Scobee Scholarship.

The three were among 68 seminary students chosen from approximately 250 applicants to receive scholarships.

Wake Forest asks to elect trustees

Wake Forest University has requested charter changes which, if approved, would take away the North Carolina Baptist Convention's power to elect trustees or to remove them from office.

Under the plan, Wake Forest trustees would elect their own successors.

The Baptist school's proposal would provide that a majority of trustees be members of churches cooperating with the Baptist state convention but would permit out-of-state and possibly non-Baptists to serve. Now, all of the trus-

tees are North Carolina Baptists.

The request to the convention's general board came from Wake Forest's president, James Ralph Scales, and trustee chairman, James Mason. Both said the proposed changed relationship would help remove tension between the school and the convention, which has cropped up over the years.

North Carolina Baptists' general board approved executive committee recommendation to refer the proposal to the state convention's Council on Christian Higher Education for study.

In presenting the recommendation for charter changes, Scales said that Wake Forest wishes to change from an agency to an affiliate status. While Scales and Mason both insisted that they were not asking to sever ties with the Baptist state convention, convention leaders said that according to the constitution and by-laws they interpreted the request as severance as an agency.

The proposal made no reference to ending the Baptist state convention's financial support through the Cooperative Program to the school. But, several

observers said that possible changes may come about if the convention approves charter changes.

Southern Seminary has record enrolment

Fall semester's opening enrolment topped 2,000 students for the first time at Southern Seminary.

On-campus students for the new semester total 2,120, compared with 1,946 last fall—an increase of almost nine percent.

The master of divinity and master of church music degrees were each up by more than five percent. The MDiv degree jumped by 47 students, from 880 to 927. The MCM was up by 14, from 238 to 252 students. Of the basic degree programs, only the master of religious education showed a fall semester decline, from 260 to 233 students in the MRE program.

The current semester marks the 17th consecutive year in which an increase in degree students has been recorded at Southern.

Sunday School Lessons H. C. Chiles

Lessons for Oct. 22, 1978

International Series

Matthew 5:27-30

Marriage is God's plan for the union of one man and one woman whereby the two become one in the sight of God.

Christ taught that adulterous thoughts and desires are sinful, and God will neither overlook nor excuse them. Sin originates with a thought and culminates in a deed. To avert a sinful deed one must be careful not to think evil or desire to do wrong.

Christ emphasized the fact that this despicable sin originates in the mind or heart. When the thought life is not controlled by the Holy Spirit, it will be influenced by Satan.

Exodus 20:14

When God established the institution of marriage, he intended that there should be one man for one woman. Faithfulness to each other is one of the foundation stones of a true home.

This commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," strikes at an evil which is growing with frightful rapidity in these days. The seriousness of this sin is seen when it is noted that death by stoning was the penalty for it in the Old Testament era (Deut. 22:22).

Life and Work Series

Requests for laborers—Matt. 20:1-7

Time having arrived for the harvesting of the ripe grapes, the owner of the vineyard found it necessary to go to the marketplace, where it was customary for laborers to gather to await employment. The laborers entered into an oral contract with the their employer and proceeded to the vineyard and went to work.

The employer entered the marketplace again, found other laborers who were willing and anxious to be employed and assured them that he would pay them the proper amount. The men took the owner of the vineyard at his word, and went forth to work and performed their duties satisfactorily. Later, he hired additional men and assured them that he would do the right thing by them. He observed that others were standing in the marketplace idle, so he told them to go into his vineyard and get busy. They did so without any stipulation as to the amount of their remuneration.

Remuneration of laborers—Matt. 20:8-12

At quitting time, the employer instructed his stew-

Moral purity

John 8:1-11

While Christ was teaching in the area of the temple in Jerusalem, the scribes and Pharisees brazenly barged into his presence, bringing to him a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They asked Christ if the law of Moses (stoning to death) should be administered in this case, or would he propose another rule by which they should go?

Acting as if he were ignoring their question, he merely stooped and began writing with his finger in the sandy soil. When his questioners pressed for an immediate answer, he confounded them by saying, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

The humiliated critics withdrew themselves with the least notice possible from others. Christ said, "Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?" She replied, "No man, Lord." Then the Saviour refused to condemn her, but urged her to repent of her sin and commanded her not to repeat her sin. The way in which Christ dealt with this woman caused her accusers to drop the case lest they incriminate themselves. Christ proved that she was a subject for his compassion, mercy and forgiveness.

All of grace

ard to call in all of the workmen from the vineyard and to pay them. Doubtless those who came to work late were surprised, delighted and grateful when they received a full day's wages.

Those who had worked all day expected to receive a bonus, but they were paid the amount upon which they had agreed; therefore, they had not been cheated. They complained to their employer that he had discriminated against them in paying the latecomers an equal amount.

Rebuke of laborers—Matt. 20:13-16

The employer selected one of the grumbling laborers, took him aside and quietly rebuked him and his fellow-laborers for their attitude. If he, the owner of the vineyard, had chosen to pay the others a like amount, it was certainly not any business of the murmurers.

In this parable the owner represents God, the vineyard represents the kingdom, and the laborers represent Christians. Our Lord needs laborers in his vineyard today and there is much work to be done for him.

Frank Owen

Dubious compliment

Some people give up church attendance first of all as ill health, old age or infirmity slow life down. Not so with Edna Claus. She was present at the hour of worship long after she had to quit everything else.

I can still see Mrs. Claus just down to my right on the end of the second pew in Calvary church's beautiful sanctuary. She sat calmly, listened attentively, sometimes falling asleep.

Edna was a victim of advanced emphysema, so bad that the very slightest exertion or excitement made her desperately short of breath. She confided one day that she was often near panic in her fight for breath.

Edna paid me a dubious compliment in the above connection. "Brother Owen," she whispered, "this is the only place left where I can completely relax. I can sit right here in this pew when you are preaching and my spirit, mind and body find peace. It's about the only occasion left when I don't need more oxygen than I can get." Her eyes twinkled as she added, "it is about to become the only place where I can go to sleep."

I did count it a compliment. Not to my preaching, as such, but to the church, a sanctuary of peace and the Body of Christ through which the Master again said to her "peace be still."

It is said that a good minister ought to "comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." Not the minister, the gospel does it and the church should.

Edna Claus, a worshipper, in her last earthly days, sat in the hearing of the songs and declarations and prayers of faith. It calmed her frightened soul after nothing else could. She finally went to sleep "in Christ" and that is our Lord's wish for all of us who must leave this world before he comes again.

MISSION SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

People sometimes ask if Mission Service Volunteers may be supported out of local church Cooperative Program funds. The answer is please don't take from full career missions to support short term volunteers. Over and above giving alone will produce mission growth.



Baptist News in Brief

A Haste decision

Stan L. Haste has been appointed chief of the Washington bureau of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, succeeding W. Barry Garrett, who will take early retirement Nov. 1.

Haste was also elected by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to succeed Garrett as director of information services for the agency.

Haste, 34, holds master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Seminary.

Big Mac attacked

Unfounded rumors that McDonald's Corp founder and chief executive officer Ray Kroc contributes 20 percent of his income to the Church of Satan continue to plague the international hamburger franchise.

Kroc, worth about \$350 million, said in a letter to the Texas Baptist Standard, "I was absolutely appalled to learn of the false allegation that my personal funds, and those of McDonald's Corp., had been donated to the Church of Satan. Such a donation would be contrary to the corporate contributions policy of McDonald's and to my personal beliefs."

Turkey is tough, too

James F. Leeper, an English language pastor in Ankara for more than 12 years, has been forced to leave Turkey after being arrested following revocation of his residence permit.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has appealed the action to the Turkish ambassador to the U. S., Melih Esenbel.

Leeper has gone to Germany pending outcome of the case, but his wife Jean and their four children, who have separate passports and residence permits, remain in Ankara. The Leepers are the only Southern Baptist representatives in the country.

Leeper is a native of Houston, Tex., but grew up in Dayton, Ky. Mrs. Leeper is the former Jean Davis of Battle Creek, Mich.

Gifts top \$100 million

Total giving by Southern Baptists has topped \$100 million for the first time in the convention's 133-year history.

The \$105,330,123 includes both undesignated and designated giving. Undesignated contributions totaled \$57,418,384, a \$5,477,924 or 10.55 percent increase over the 1976-77 fiscal year.

118 music ministers serving in Kentucky

There are 118 Kentucky Baptist churches with full time ministers of music currently in service, a report just released by the KBC Church Music Department indicates.

Twenty-five of these music ministers serve churches in Louisville, the largest number concentrated in any one city.

Owensboro is second in number with nine. Lexington follows with seven, then Paducah with five and Ashland, Frankfort and Mayfield with three each.

There are two full time ministers of music serving churches in Corbin, Covington, Greenville, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Nicholasville and Somerset. Forty-nine additional Kentucky cities have one full time minister of music each.

Thirty-four of the 118 churches bear the name "First Baptist Church" in the communities they serve, the most common name on the list.

The list does not include churches which have a full time minister of music position currently vacant on their staffs, nor churches with combination workers, such as full time minister of music and education.

The report was recently mailed to all full time ministers of music throughout the state by the Church Music Department in Middletown.

BSU director dies

Mark Tassie, 29, Baptist Student Union director at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, died Oct. 1 in a two-car accident in Chattanooga.

Tassie was born in Hawaii and raised in Kentucky. He was returning a BSU member to her home when the driver of an approaching car apparently lost control, veered into Tassie's lane and hit his car. Tassie was killed instantly and the passenger, Susan Bowman, was injured.

Tassie was graduated from the University of Louisville and earned the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary in 1974. After graduation, he assumed the University of Tennessee post.

Funeral services were held Oct. 3 in Chattanooga. Lester Hall, pastor of Oakwood Baptist Church there, preached the funeral with Glenn Yarbrough, Tennessee Baptist Convention Student Department director, assisting.

Tassie is survived by his wife, Dianne Mount Tassie; three daughters, Melissa, Laura and Lisa Caren; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tassie, Louisville.

