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Missourians confront doctrinal matters

Doctrinal issues took center stage during the 144th annual session of the Missouri Baptist Convention as messengers exhorted Baptist colleges to uphold biblical inerrancy but refused to take a position on ordination of women.

Ron Moseley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Macon, Mo., introduced a resolution to "exhort" trustees of the four Baptist colleges affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention to "preserve doctrinal integrity" by employing professors who believe in "the inspiration of the whole Bible, the inerrancy of the original manuscripts, the existence of a personal devil and a literal hell, the actual existence of a primeval couple named Adam and Eve, the literal occurrence of the miracles as recorded in the Bible, the virgin birth and bodily resurrection and personal return of the Lord Jesus."

The convention's resolutions committee attempted to refer the matter to the various boards of trustees, pointing out that the resolution violated the convention's constitution and smacked of credalism.

However, the messengers refused. Moseley declared the resolution only "exhorted" the trustees and did not demand anything. About 60 percent of the messengers present and voting supported his position and the original resolution carried.

The New Madrid Baptist Association in southeast Missouri asked the convention to condemn ordination of women as "unscriptural" and "erroneous." However, the messengers supported the resolutions committee position that the request violated the convention's constitution concerning local church autonomy and was out of order.

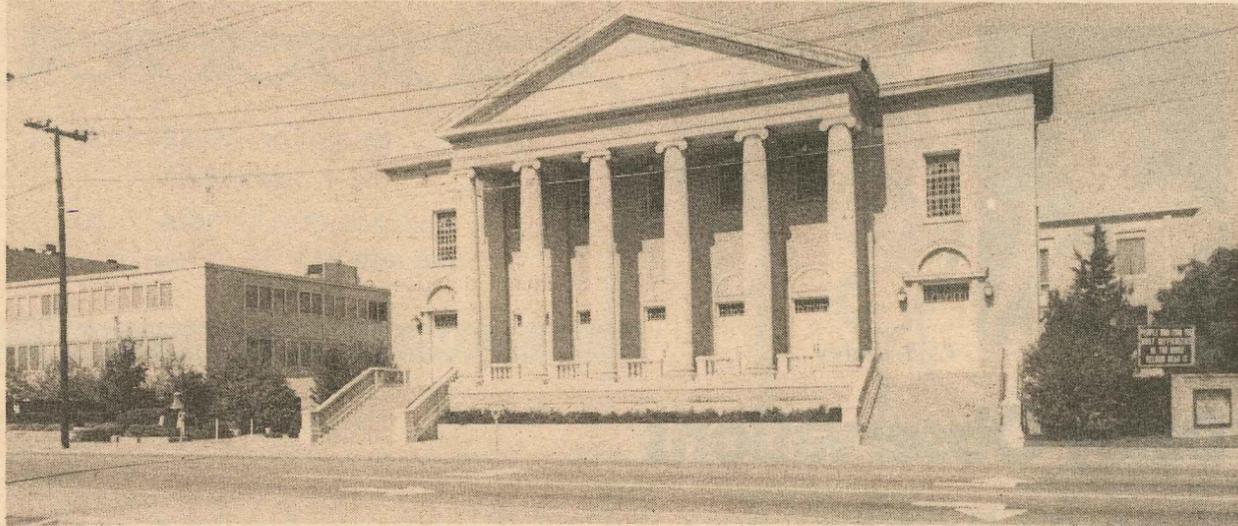
In other action the 1197 messengers approved a convention budget of \$8.1 million, directed a study of a possible statewide counseling ministry under the direction of the state convention and elected Homer DeLozier president. DeLozier is retired director of missions for the St. Louis Baptist mission board.

You asked for KJV, you got it!—BSSB

The Baptist Sunday School Board will return to the use of two versions of scripture—including the King James—in four periodicals of the "Life and Work Series" beginning next October.

The decision to return the parallel columns of scripture was made following a substantial number of letters and calls from many areas of the country expressing concern when the King James Version was deleted in the October 1978 issues of "Adult Bible Teacher," "Young Adult Bible Study," "Adult Bible Study" and "Senior Adult Bible Study."

October 1979 is the earliest possible date to make the change in the quarterlies because of the printing schedule for the periodicals. The January through September periodicals of 1979 are now in production.



First Church, Owensboro—next week's home away from home

28 MSC volunteers go abroad as 79 serve in United States

Mission Service Corps volunteers serving overseas numbered 28 at the end of October and represented a total support commitment of almost \$200,000.

The need exists for many more says Lewis I. Myers Jr., who coordinates the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's part of Mission Service Corps, a plan under which persons may volunteer for one to two years' service on Baptist mission fields to supplement career missionaries at home and abroad.

Myers said more than 50 MSC volunteers are in the screening process. Twenty-six of these have full or partial support.

An earlier report from the Home Mission Board in Atlanta indicated that the board has assigned 79 MSC volunteers, has 20 in process and 132 available without funding.

Mission Service Corps volunteers serve through the financial support of Southern Baptists, either individually or as congregations or groups. Others provide their own support. Gifts are over and above regular contributions to the SBC Cooperative Program and special missions offerings.

The Foreign Mission Board has some sponsorship funds awaiting the approval of volunteers, but these total only \$80,000—approximately the amount required for 10 volunteers to serve for one year.

Mission Service Corps is only one of the Foreign Mission Board's volunteer service opportunities for persons wishing to serve one- to two-year terms.

Additionally, short-term volunteers, serving from two weeks to a year, go out by the hundreds each year through the board's offices of laymen overseas, evangelism and church development and the medical consultant. Baptist families moving overseas for secular reasons are also enlisted for active participa-

tion in overseas congregations. All of these programs are being stepped up to reach the Southern Baptist Convention's Bold Mission Thrust goal of 10,000 volunteers on the foreign field annually by the year 2000.

'13' lucky for annuitants

More than 11,000 annuitants who participate in retirement programs with the Southern Baptist Annuity Board will receive a full month's extra benefit amounting cumulatively to \$1 million.

The 13th check, amounting to one extra full month's benefit, will go to annuitants who participate in plans which qualify for the extra payment and who were drawing a benefit as of Sept. 30, 1978, according to Darold H. Morgan, president.

The issuance of the "13th check" has been a policy of the board since 1967. Last year, a permanent increase of 8.33 percent was given to annuitants in lieu of the extra check.

Miss Rothwell joins WR

Gail Lynn Rothwell, 24, of Tilden, Ill., has joined the staff of Western Recorder as a journalism intern.

An MRE student at Southern Seminary, Miss Rothwell is a 1977 journalism graduate of Southern Illinois University. She specialized in advertising and marketing while pursuing the BS degree.

Her career goals include an editorial, public relations or communications position with an SBC institution or agency.

Convention activities . . . what they'll be doing in Owensboro

Monday, Nov. 13

Executive Board luncheon, 12:15 p.m., Walnut Street Baptist Church
KBREA, 1:00 p.m., Third Baptist Church
Executive Board, 1:15 p.m., Walnut Street Baptist Church
Kentucky Baptist Music Association, 2 p.m., Bellevue Baptist Church
Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, 2:50 p.m., First Baptist Church

Tuesday, Nov. 14

Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference, 8:50 a.m., First Baptist Church
Kentucky Baptist Convention convenes, 10:40 a.m., First Baptist Church
Annuitants' luncheon, 12:15 p.m., Gabe's Restaurant
Ministers' Wives Fellowship banquet, 5:30 p.m., Third Baptist Church
Campbellsville College reception, 9-11 p.m., Third Baptist Church

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Cumberland College breakfast, 7 a.m., Executive Inn Rivermont
Georgetown College breakfast, 7 a.m., Cornell's Restaurant
Kentucky Baptist Child Care Breakfast, 7 a.m., Cornell's Restaurant
New Orleans Seminary luncheon, 12 noon, Executive Inn Rivermont
Southwestern Seminary luncheon, 12 noon, Owensboro Motor Inn
Southern Seminary luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Third Baptist Church
Chaplains' dinner, 5 p.m., Owensboro Motor Inn

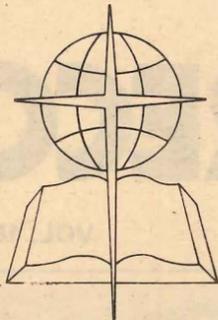
Thursday, Nov. 16

Kentucky Baptist Convention session, 9 a.m., First Baptist Church
(convention ends at 12 noon)

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

Kentucky Baptists in Owensboro

There is little similarity between the ways of worship and the religious activities of the Hebrews in the Old Testament and Kentucky Baptists in our day except when it comes to getting together in annual meetings. The annual conventions of Kentucky Baptists have always seemed to me to be much like the annual festivals of the Jews described in the Old Testament. They are characterized by keen anticipation, by happy fellowship, by joyful worship, by serious attention to holy matters and by sincere rededication to God and his will.

Next week in Owensboro the motels, the streets and the churches will be ringing with laughter and happy conversations. A stranger might never guess these merry makers were attending a religious meeting but this is the Baptist way and few would want to change it. We enjoy our religion and especially when we get together. We believe God wants it that way even as he expected the Hebrews periodically to gather happily with him and with one another in Jerusalem.

A spirit of thanksgiving and ease will characterize Baptists in Owensboro next week—thanksgiving for manifold blessings during the past year and ease because no divisive issues threaten the happy harmony of Kentucky Baptists.

There will be high moments of inspiration and serious moments of business. The greatest challenge will be universal commitment to Bold Mission Thrust whose objectives will require bolder growing, going and giving than found among us today.

Since convention presidents serve only one year there is always speculation as to who will be the new president. Interest could be higher than usual this year with the possibility of as many as two or three strong candidates.

No place in Kentucky will offer warmer hospitality to visiting Baptists than Owensboro. Not only are there many strong Baptist churches in the city and the surrounding countryside but newspapers, radio and television stations and civic leadership in Owensboro always treat their guests royally.

We are making preparations to have full Western Recorder coverage and reporting of the convention and its many related activities but reading about it is never like experiencing it. So meet us in Owensboro Nov. 13 for a memorable time.

Christians and the economy

The economy is our number one national problem today according to a majority of Americans. Growing inflation and dollar devaluation pose a problem for every American family and unless they are checked we could have a complete breakdown in the American economy.

There is a tendency to regard business and economic matters as outside the realm of Christian concern. We tend to say "stick to the gospel and leave business and politics out of religion." But this is wrong! Today's inflation and currency devaluation constitute a moral as well as an economic problem and Christians should be in the forefront of efforts to restore stability to the American economy.

President Carter is aware of the gravity of the situation and recently announced his latest plans to control inflation and stabilize the economy. He has chosen a voluntary approach instead of price and wage controls. This is admirable but so far is not so encouraging. The president's recommendations have generated little if any enthusiasm. On the contrary a number of political leaders as well as representatives of both industry and labor have criticized his proposals and some have already said they will ignore them.

Two actions reported in the news this very day are illustrations of the intention to ignore the president's guideline. The Interstate Commerce Commission has granted the Louisville & Nashville Railroad a 22% raise in freight charges for hauling coal and state highway workers in Kentucky are being given a 10 to 20% increase in wages. Mentioning these is not to make a judgment on whether they are justified or not justified but only to illustrate disregard for the president's recommended guidelines.

Such rejection of a plea for voluntary restraint brings us to the fundamental question facing Americans today. Do we have the moral fiber and integrity to practice the self-restraint necessary for voluntary guidelines? It does not appear so. All of us agree that sacrifices are necessary but we also expect others and not us to make the sacrifices.

Wage earners point to the high cost of living

and the profits of industry and demand higher wages and more benefits. Industry reluctantly agrees to pay higher wages and immediately passes on the increase to the consumers. Workers then have to ask for more wages. And so it is a merry-go-round which goes higher and higher every time it goes around. The prospect is that it will go on until it reaches such dizzy heights that it crashes.

How should sincere Christians behave in such a situation? One thing is certain. If we take the example of Jesus and the New Testament seriously, we cannot follow the prevailing spirit of our times, "Every man for himself and let the devil take the hindmost." Since someone has to make a sacrifice, why not let the followers of Jesus who made the supreme sacrifice and who always considered others first make the first sacrifice? If Christianity does not affect the way one acts whether it be in setting the price of steel or voting on a strike, it is not worth having.

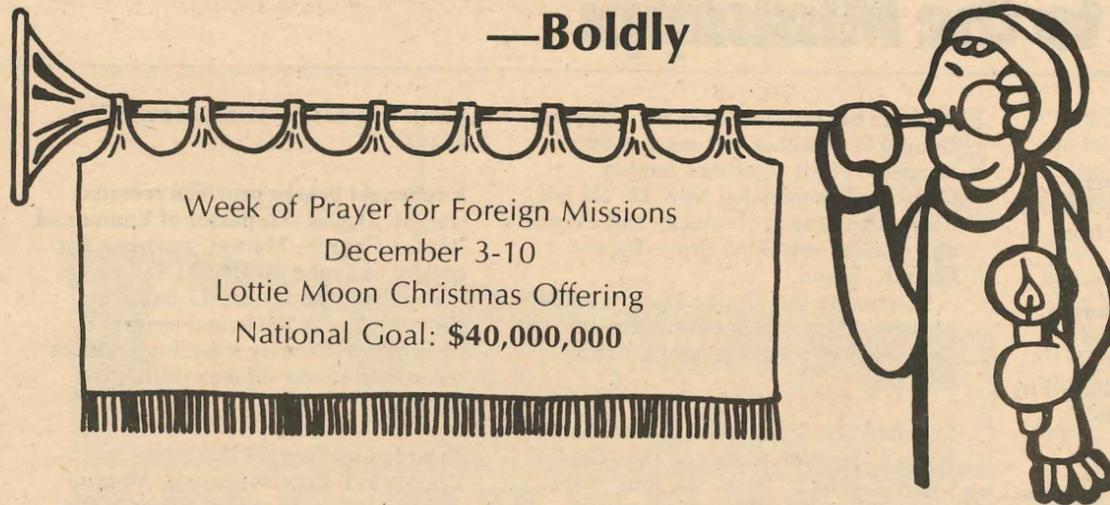
In addition to individuals surely churches and all Baptist agencies and institutions will observe the letter and the spirit of the president's recommendations for a sounder economy. It is not only the patriotic thing to do, it is the Christian way to behave.

We made a blunder

Almost every issue of Western Recorder has some blunder journalistically in spite of sincere efforts for perfection. Some of these are understandable and many are not even noticeable to most readers. There are some, however, that are not understandable and should never be. They can be explained but not justified.

One of these was the ad in the Oct. 4 issue which listed beer cans among other items for sale. Buying and selling beer cans will send no one to hell but such advertising has no place in Western Recorder and its appearance was a blunder. Those responsible for screening advertising copy have been properly alerted and hopefully no such blunder will be made again. We ask the forgiveness of our readers.

Tell It Out with Gladness —Boldly



WMU sets boldest foreign mission goal in history—\$40 million

It all began when a dedicated missionary to China urged the newly founded Woman's Missionary Union to undertake its first big project—a Christmas offering to raise funds to support additional missionaries.

Now 90 years later the Lottie Moon Christmas offering has raised more than \$369,000,000 for foreign missions.

In 1873 the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board sent Miss Moon, then 33, to China. She began there as a teacher, then moved into field work and evangelism among Chinese women. This work led her into the remote village of Pingtu. It was her correspondence from this outpost to the U. S. that led to the organizing of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Fourteen years after answering God's call to go to China the first WMU Christmas offering made it possible for Lottie Moon to take her first furlough.

As she aged she became more dedicated to her work and more confined to the city base of Tengchow. Here she taught school for girls and women and became the unofficial trainer for new missionaries.

"Miss Moon was like a warrior in emphasizing the teachings of God's word to women. Of course, the men got the message all the way through," reminisced Mrs. Jewell Daniel, now 94. Mrs. Daniel was a missionary to China for 17 years.

Her first assignment came in 1909 when she and a friend were sent to China to help Miss Moon in Tengchow. Mrs. Daniel continued, "She (Lottie Moon) made friends with the Chinese and what she was doing was getting the door open for the rest of us. She was gentle and sweet and always a lady and the Chinese could recognize that."

Mrs. Daniel rocked for awhile, then started again. "Miss Moon's home was always the center for all new missionaries, and she immediately began to train them in Chinese customs so they would not have to offend the Chinese to win them."

As Lottie continued to work harder she grew more alone. Unknown to her, people were pushing her and her ministry onto a pedestal.

When famine hit Pingtu, Lottie's old home field, she imagined her friends were starving and decided she would not eat either. By the time others found out and tried to dissuade her it was too late. In the harbor of Kobe, Japan, on Christmas eve 1912 Lottie died of malnutrition enroute to the States.

"The most outstanding feature about Lottie Moon was that she wasn't afraid of anything or anybody, but she didn't have enemies. She could be hard spoken, but she could be . . . so Chinese, that she could win her way."

In 1918 the WMU named the annual Christmas offering and week of prayer after Lottie Moon.

Today people are still interested in Lottie Moon. The Woman's Missionary Union and Broadman Press, with the help of the Foreign Mission Board, are joining forces to bring out the truth about Lottie Moon. It has been over 50 years since a well researched book has been written about Lottie Moon.

Catherine Allen has been asked to research and write a new book which will be published in the spring of 1980. Filmstrips and other resources will be available along with the book.

"Tell It Out with Gladness"

The week of prayer is set aside during the Christmas season to learn about missions, pray and gather an offering for missions. It serves to teach all church members current needs on the mission field. Through the learning and prayer experiences church members can begin to identify with missionaries and their needs in a more personal way.

At present there are 2800 Southern Baptist missionaries who serve in 92 countries. The Christmas offering usually provides at least one-half of the expenses of the foreign mission enterprise. If this year's goal of \$40,000,000 is reached foreign missions programs can advance beyond normal growth into Bold Mission Thrust.

This year's theme "Tell It Out with Gladness" is based on Matt. 39:19-20: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and the son and of the holy ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

"The thrust of Bold Missions comes from each Southern Baptist; each person is a vital ingredient in the pull for powering Bold Mission Thrust," stated Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the SBC WMU.

Miss Weatherford emphasized that only through awareness of need and through personal involvement can Southern Baptists be motivated to give in the boldest of ways. That is the purpose behind the churchwide observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

Editor's Note:

Quotes from Mrs. Daniel are taken from "I Remember Lottie Moon" by John Rutledge which appeared in the Dec. 5, 1973 issue of the Baptist Standard.

Many times Jesus asked his disciples to tell others the things they had heard and felt and seen. He then gave them the task of going into all the world to tell people the good news.

Today, nearly 2000 years later, the challenge Jesus gave to the disciples is still the same for us. We are to go and tell the world about Jesus.

Through the foreign missions offering the Woman's Missionary Union hopes that every person may have an opportunity to hear the gospel by the end of this century.

The \$40,000,000 goal is the boldest ever. It is nearly \$8,000,000 more than the goal given to foreign missions last year. If the Foreign Mission Board is to keep pace with world inflation this goal will need to be met.

To meet this year's goal churches need to involve 29 percent more people in prayer for foreign missions. Broken down this means that if every church member gave \$1.00 more than last year this year's goal could be met.

From this goal \$408,782.86 is needed to support missionary journeymen. These are college graduates who give two years of their lives to work with career missionaries in foreign countries.

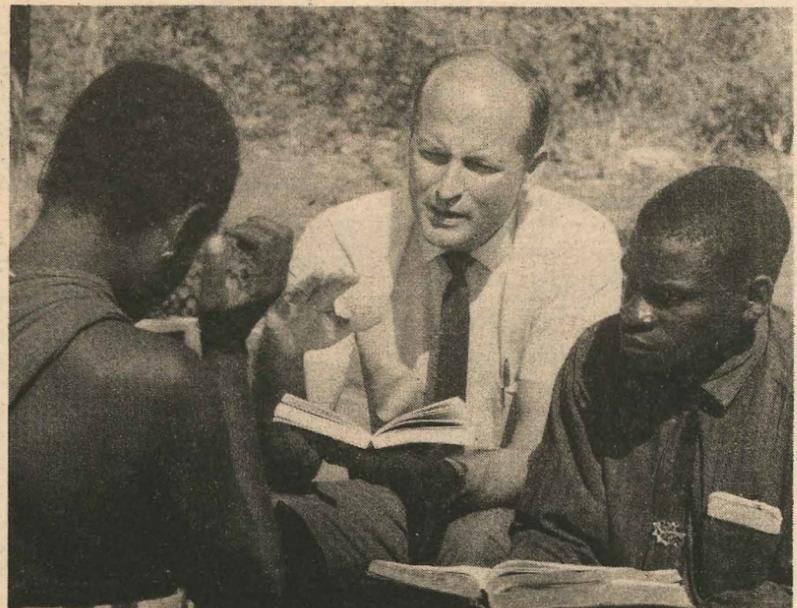
Approximately \$144,448 has been allocated for beginning new work in 23 countries where Southern Baptists now serve.

For every missionary request filled, five requests for missionary personnel are left unfilled.

Individuals and churches need to consider that in some states there are more Southern Baptist pastors than there are foreign missionaries in 90 countries.

Two-thirds of the world's people still have not heard the gospel. Seventy percent of these people will never be reached unless missionaries are willing "to tell it out with gladness."

We must remember that missionaries cannot go to these people unless we are willing to be actively involved in giving.



Tanzanian pastor Petro Mtaka (r) and Southern Baptist missionary David H. Whitson spend time together interviewing a baptismal candidate near the city of Lindi.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Personnel

Keith Sheath to Big Willard
Big Willard Baptist Church, Three Forks Baptist Association, called Keith Sheath as pastor. Sheath came from Jeff, Ky.

Patton accepts Confluence pastorate
Confluence Baptist Church called Henry Patton of Booneville as its pastor. Patton was recently ordained by First Baptist Church, Booneville.

Kelley Harris moves to Plano
Plano Baptist Church, Warren Association, called Kelley Harris as pastor. He came from Woodbury Baptist Church near Morgantown. He began his new work Oct. 1.

Glenn Noe to the land o' Goshen
Glenn Noe was called by Goshen Church, Sulphur Fork Baptist Association, as pastor. He recently resigned First Baptist Church, Jenkins, to move with his wife and two children to Louisville to attend Southern Seminary.

Caldwell-Lyons names interims
Three men are serving as interim pastors in Caldwell-Lyon Baptist Association churches.

Cecil Shelton is at White Sulphur Church; Edgar Taylor is at Pleasant Grove; and Carlos McWorthy at Calvary.

Larry Mulberry to New Bethel
Larry Mulberry resigned as associate minister of East Baptist Church, Paducah, to accept the pastorate of New Bethel Baptist Church, Eddyville.

Railroad man called to Huff
Huff Settlement Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, called Earl J. Hopkins as pastor.

Hopkins, a former Louisville pastor, lives with his wife in Loyall where he is also employed by L&N Railroad.

Resignations listed for pastorates
The following resignations occurred recently among Kentucky Baptist pastorates:

Vernon Talley, from Mt. Zion Baptist Church, West Union Association

Prince Hatchett, from Washington Street Baptist Church, West Union Association

Dale Etheridge, from Liggett Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association

Larry Parker, from North Everts Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association

Joe Thomas called by Philpot
Joe M. Thomas was called as pastor of Dawson Baptist Church, Philpot, effective Nov. 1. He came from Highland Park Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn.

A native Mississippian and graduate of Louisiana State University and Southern Seminary, Thomas is currently enrolled in the seminary's DMin program.

He is married to Mississippi native Emily Mayhall. They have two daughters, Sharon, 16, and Karen, 13.

Acton calls Campbellsville student
William Dillon Jr. of Ashland has been called to Acton (Ky.) Baptist Mission as pastor.

A Campbellsville College junior, Dillon is married to the former Dolly Gilbert of Westwood, Ky. They have two sons, Michael, 12, and Jerry, 10.

Withers begins Sunday at Mt. Pleasant
Donald O. Withers will assume duties as pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Nicholasville, Nov. 12. He has held pastorates in Kentucky and Florida and comes from Buck Grove Baptist Church, Ekron.

Married to the former Mary Weddle of Nancy, Ky., Withers is a graduate of Campbellsville College and Southern Seminary.

Lebanon taps Tennessee pastor
Allen F. Harrod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jellico, Tenn., for four years resigned effective Oct. 2 to become pastor of Lebanon (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Miss Wright Stearns interim
Frances Elaine Wright is interim associate to the pastor of First Baptist Church, Stearns. Miss Wright is the daughter of Billy Wright, superintendent of missions for Laurel County Baptist Association.

Deaths

R. B. Moyers, father-in-law of Don Blaylock, state student director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, died Oct. 29 at Middlesboro. Funeral services were held the following day at East Cumberland Baptist Church in that city. Burial was at LaFollette, Tenn.

Moyers, a pastor, had served the East Cumberland Church at one time.

Blaylock is married to the former Phyllis Moyers.

Ordinations

Three ordained by Cedar Bluff
Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Baptist Association, ordained three men as deacons Sept. 10—Wayne Bell, Clarence Peek and Gerold Capps.

Revivals

Kentuckians crusade in England
Two Kentuckians were among 112 Americans participating in a successful Thames Valley Crusade Oct. 8-15 at London, England.

Mrs. Dorothy Shoulders of Corydon and Ronald Wilburn, minister of music at Grace Baptist Church, Lexington, worked among the 12 English churches which reported a total of 178 decisions for Christ.

Blue Spring adds 12 in services
Caldwell Blue Spring Missionary Baptist Church, Princeton, held revival Oct. 16-22 with Billy Walker of Arkansas as evangelist. David Ezell, of Southside Baptist Church, Princeton, was revival music leader.

Ten additions by baptism, two by letter and 25 additional commitments resulted. Harold J. Dunaway is pastor.

McVeigh succeeds with laymen
James Gooch, pastor of McVeigh Baptist Church, Pike County Association, reports a successful lay led revival.

The lay team represented the Kentucky Brotherhood Department with John Meeks, Louisville layman, as coordinator. Results included 17 professions of faith, two additions by letter and a large number of rededications.

Churches desiring lay led revivals may contact the Brotherhood Depart-

ment, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Emmanuel breaks previous records
Guy M. Deane Jr., pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, reports a successful revival with Harold Tallant as evangelist. There were 11 baptisms, one addition by letter and several rededications. Sunday school attendance records were also broken during the revival.

25 added by Temple Hill
Temple Hill Baptist Church, Monroe Association, held revival services Oct. 16-22. Four professions of faith and four additions by baptism and four additions by letter were recorded.

Jack Rinks, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tompkinsville, was evangelist. James S. Jones is pastor at Temple Hill.

Shortly before the revival Temple Hill added five by baptism and eight by letter.

Gabhart returns to Williamsburg
Herbert C. Gabhart, president of Belmont College, Nashville, and former pastor of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, led the church in revival Sept. 10-15. Homecoming was observed Sept. 10.

The revival saw one profession of faith, 13 come by letter or statement, 11 come under student watchcare, 19 rededications and three commitments to church related vocations.

David Perkins is pastor of the church now.

16 additions at Whitesville
Whitesville Baptist Church conducted services Oct. 8-13 with Carson Bevil of Owensboro's Walnut Street Baptist Church as evangelist.

Ten professions of faith, six additions by letter and many rededications resulted.

Kenneth L. Abbott is pastor.

New Zion weekend nets four decisions
Ellis S. Abner was evangelist at a weekend revival at New Zion Baptist Church, Irvine Association. Two rededications and two baptisms resulted.

Kenneth Isaacs is pastor.

Swiss Colony converts seven
Swiss Colony Baptist Church, London, concluded revival Oct. 21 with Esau Huff of Indianapolis, Ind., as evangelist. Seven were baptized the following day by pastor James E. Casey Jr.

The church is in several special events currently. It honored its pastor's first anniversary Nov. 5. On Youth Sunday Nov. 12 Gary Kirby of Lily, Ky. will preach and Brian Shoemaker, Cumberland College student, will direct music.

The following Sunday, Nov. 19, men of the church will be in charge for Laymen's Day. Bible study and enrichment is scheduled Jan. 7-10 with Thomas E. Halsell, director of evangelism for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, as teacher.

Holland experiences revival
One profession of faith and five additions by baptism resulted when Marvin Nickols, pastor of Monroe Baptist Church, led Holland Baptist Church, Allen Association, in revival Oct. 1-9. Ralph Garmon is pastor at Holland.

Congregations

Eastwood says 'thanks' to staffer
An appreciation dinner for Rick and Kay Carpenter was held recently by Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green. Carpenter is minister of youth and education at the church.

Hopewell dedicates \$170,000 addition
Hopewell Baptist Church, Jefferson-town, dedicated its \$170,000 educational addition Sunday, Oct. 29. G. Allen West, Long Run Baptist Association superintendent of missions, was dedicatory speaker.

Floyd Price, Hardinsburg pastor who served the Hopewell Church 1972-77, returned to have part on the program. Dinner on the ground preceded the dedication.

The new building includes a fellowship hall, future recreation space and 17 classrooms. Building committee members were Mrs. Eileen Tindall, chairman; Roy Ernsperger, Bill Johnson, Pat Flowers, Carey Winters, William Hall and Dave Ashby.

Grant O'Dell is pastor of the 700-member Hopewell congregation.



Outside Hopewell Church's new educational unit (l-r): Grant O'Dell, pastor; Mrs. Eileen Tindall, building committee chairman; Floyd Price, former Hopewell pastor, now at Hardinsburg; and G. Allen West, Long Run missionary.

150th birthday noted at Liberty
Liberty Baptist Association, Logan County Association, celebrated its 150th anniversary Sept. 17.

Grider McKay, the church's oldest member, was presented a check for \$150 which was forwarded to state missions in his honor. Total offering to state missions from the church was \$2,653.31.

Marion T. Duncan, former pastor, conducted morning services. Lunch on the ground followed with afternoon services led by Foster E. Howard, former interim pastor.

Hopewell honors Josephine Knoth
Hopewell Baptist Church, Caldwell-Lyon Association, observed "Josephine Knoth Day" Oct. 1, honoring a faithful member who has been pianist for many years.

Charleston to dedicate Sunday
Sunday, Nov. 12, Charleston Baptist Church, Little Bethel Association, will dedicate its new building at 2 p.m. The public is invited.

Good things happen at Andrew
Andrew Baptist Church, Warren Association, has purchased a second van, paved the parking lot and had the largest VBS in its history with an enrollment of 143. The church's fifth anniversary was observed Aug. 20 with Harold D. Tallant of Louisville as guest speaker. Sheldon Hale is pastor at Andrew.

Burkley fetes V. R. Scott
Burkley Baptist Church, Arlington, honored pastor V. R. Scott at a surprise "This is Your Life" service Aug. 6.

A pastor for nearly 30 years, Scott has served churches in Hickman County (Pleasant Valley and Spring Hill), Oak Grove Church in Graves County and Burkley since November 1972. Many of his friends and family members showed up for the surprise celebration.

St. Matthews hosts Cumberland
St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, will present the Cumberland College Chorale in concert Sunday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Joe Tarry is the director. The group will be on its way to the Kentucky Baptist Music Association meeting in Owensboro Nov. 13.

Musicians feted at Kirksville
Mrs. Russell Croutcher Sr., organist, and Mrs. Russell Hurt, pianist, were honored Oct. 22 at Kirksville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

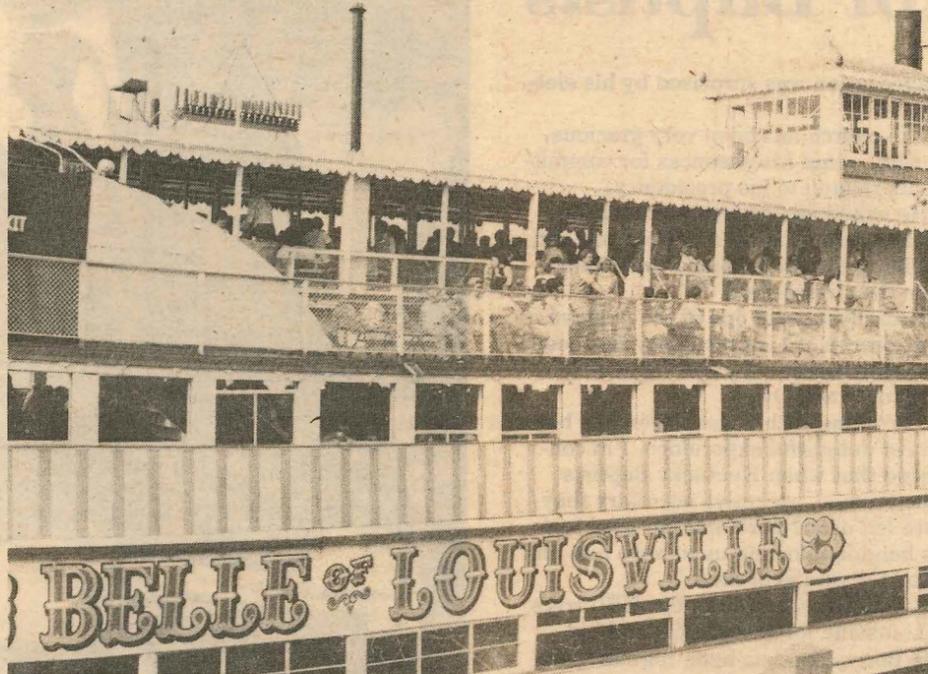
Mrs. Croutcher began playing in 1943 when the church had a pump organ. Mrs. Hurt has played for 21 years.

Both ladies were presented corsages of fall flowers and antique bowls on behalf of the church. In appreciation for their years of faithfulness, the two ladies were honored at a pie supper after Sunday evening services.

Owen Edwards is pastor and Edward Johns is song leader at Kirksville.



Mrs. Croutcher (l) and Mrs. Hurt



When Baptists get together they make a big splash! Some 758 of them from Long Run Baptist Association (Louisville area) churches with Sunday school attendances 150 or less recently chartered the Belle of Louisville for a three-hour cruise up the Ohio River. Marshall Phillips, pastor of Woodland Church, Middletown, conducted a prayer service on board during the cruise.

Can you top Mrs. Ballard's record?
Central Baptist Church, Corbin, may claim an unsurpassed longevity record for a member with perfect Sunday school attendance.

Mrs. Roberta Ballard, who has been a Central member for 33 years, has never missed Sunday school once in 32 years! Seven pastors have served the church in that time.

George Hensley, minister of education and youth, says, "My prayer is to have more Christians as committed to their church and its organizations."

Ray E. Cummins is her pastor.



Mrs. Ballard



A. M. Taylor

Taylor retires after 20 years

A. M. "Happy" Taylor resigned as treasurer of Pike Baptist Association Sept. 7 during the annual meeting of the association, ending 20 years of service. The association was organized in 1958 at Forest Hills Baptist Church near Williamson, W. Va. "Happy" Taylor was elected treasurer and is the only person to hold that office until now.

20th observed at Hillvue Heights
Hillvue Heights Baptist Church, Bowling Green, celebrated its 20th anniversary Oct. 29.

Guest speakers included Bob Jones, former pastor and now director, Direct Missions Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention; and William Rogers, director, Cooperative Ministries/Christian Life Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention. Rogers was pastor of Bowling Green's Eastwood Church at the time Hillvue Heights was organized.

Gary Watkins is current pastor of Hillvue Heights.

East Pittsburg holds homecoming
East Pittsburg Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, observed homecoming Oct. 1 with Raymond Roaden, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, as guest speaker.

Trayner celebrates 15th anniversary
Morris Trayner was honored on his 15th anniversary as pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Owenton, Oct. 15.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall during the afternoon, and a love gift was presented. Old Cedar Baptist Church choir presented a gospel concert and the Peace Makers of Owenton First Christian Church sang that night.

Welches are washing more now
Pastor and Mrs. Paul Welch of Forest Park Baptist Church, Warren Association, were recipients of a new dishwasher recently. The gift from the church's Sunday school was presented to assist with an 'expanded' family—due to the arrival of twins.

Corinth dedicates new building
Corinth Baptist Church, Laurel River Association, dedicated a new building Oct. 1. Sunday school attendance that day was 251 and offering received was more than \$8000.



New Caldwell-Lyon Baptist Center

Earl Clark, former pastor, brought the morning message. Lunch followed in the new fellowship hall. Open house continued in the afternoon.

South Fork helps Home Board
South Fork Baptist Church, Hodgenville, send a Bold Mission Thrust team of 30 men, women and young people to Warsaw, Mo. June 10-18 under auspices of the Home Mission Board.

The team worked with Cliff Wrisinger, HMB missionary appointed to the resort area surrounding the Lake of the Ozarks.

South Fork men built an outdoor shelter for worship services while there. Ladies and young people conducted surveys, backyard Bible clubs on the lake front and vacation Bible school for a new mission.

This is the second such mission trip which South Fork members have experienced.

Henderson Memorial to mark 15 years
Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, will celebrate its 15th anniversary Sunday, Dec. 3.

Garlon Sills and Norris Smith, first and second pastors of the church, will be speakers at services to be held in the morning and afternoon. Laurence Culbreath, former minister of music and youth, will lead the singing at both services. A luncheon is also scheduled.

The church hopes many of its former members may be able to attend. Doyle Eddings is pastor.

Georgetown recalls John Weldon

The Baraca Sunday school class of Georgetown (Ky.) Baptist Church passed a resolution remembering the late John Elmer Weldon. For 40 years Weldon was teacher of this class. A plaque was engraved bearing the resolution.

Buckner signifies 20 years
Buckner Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with appropriate services. Gene Force is pastor.

Caldwell-Lyon dedicates new center
Caldwell-Lyon Baptist Association observed dedication services of its new Baptist center Sunday, Sept. 24. The center is located on Hwy. 62 west between Princeton and Eddyville.

The new facility includes an assembly room seating 125 persons, kitchen, guest room, lobby, library, conference room and offices in its 3200 square feet of floor space.

A. B. Colvin, assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention, was guest speaker at the dedication.

Kruschwitz has greater appreciation for Baptists

by Bill Webb, Staff Writer

A year as president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention has given John Kruschwitz "a greater appreciation of Baptists and Baptist work."

Kruschwitz, pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, completes his term when a new president is elected next week at the state convention in Owensboro.

"A lot of times we have the idea that a few people are running the show but that's not true," he asserted in an interview last week. The system of committees and messengers to the state convention is really working, he added.

During the past year, Kruschwitz has gone to various clinics and meetings around the state and has had a good chance to look at Kentucky Baptist life.

"I think Kentucky Baptists are beginning to catch the spirit of Bold Mission Thrust," he noted. "But there is still an awful lot we're going to have to do if we're going to accomplish it."

"We just had a world missions conference in our association (Northern Kentucky). It helped us to get a vision; the missionaries challenged us to get involved."

Kruschwitz said he did not seek the KBC presidency and his Ft. Thomas

congregation was surprised by his election.

The church has been very gracious, he said, about his absences for commitments related to his presidency.

He would advise future presidents, "Make sure your church loves you and is willing for you to spend time away from the church field."

Kruschwitz said one of the positive experiences of his presidency has been his involvement with KBC executive director Frank Owen.

"Working with Frank Owen has been a most delightful experience. I'm convinced that when Kentucky Baptists called him as executive secretary they were led of the Lord and the Lord had his hand in allowing us to have him an extended period of time."

A side benefit of frequent KBC trips to Louisville for Kruschwitz and his wife Betty Jean has been regular visits to 17-month-old grandson John, daughter Sara and son-in-law Bennie League in Frankfort.

Kruschwitz often dropped his wife off at Frankfort on the way to Louisville, let her enjoy grandson John all day, then picked her up on his way back to Ft. Thomas.

And "Grandpa" Kruschwitz admitted he liked the visits, too.



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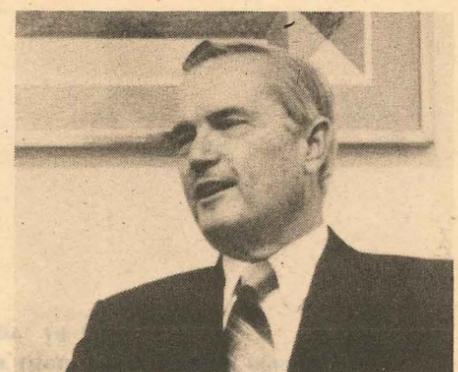
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Christian Education



Clear Creek School hosts cancer clinic

The McDowell Cancer Network of Hazard, in conjunction with the local hospitals and Clear Creek Baptist School, recently conducted its first cancer clinic. The clinic was held on the campus of Clear Creek School.

The goal of the workshop was to provide members of the clergy an opportunity to examine the cause, treatment, management and problems of cancer patients and their families.

The workshop was coordinated by Peggy Burch of Hazard and Dudley Pomeroy of Clear Creek. Participants included O. Leighton Culler, Middlesboro physician, chaplain William Bailey of Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Maureen Donovan of McDowell Cancer Network, Lexington; Talmadge Hays, Pineville physician; Loren Titcher, Morehead; Vera Richey, McDowell Network, Ashland; and Charles Wilcox, McDowell Network, Hazard.

The clinic was also attended by the pastoral care classes of Clear Creek and several area pastors.

UK-BSU alumni to hold brunch

On Nov. 11 alumni from the University of Kentucky Baptist Student Union will meet for a brunch and meeting. The brunch will be held at the center on 429 Columbia Ave. from 10:00-12:30.

Clavin Zongker, a former BSU director, will be the speaker.

Bill Minor receives appreciation certificate

Bill Minor of Hazard was recently presented a certificate of appreciation from the Clear Creek School board of trustees.

Minor, who owns People's Lumber Co., has been on the board for six years.

Seminary Oratorio Chorus presents Handel's "Saul"

The Southern Seminary Oratorio Chorus will present Handel's "Saul" at 8 p.m. Nov. 14 in Alumni Memorial Chapel.

The concert is free.

The Oratorio Chorus is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

Cumberland College sends several teams

Cumberland College BSU sent two youth teams to Ohio the weekend of Oct. 13-15. Bennie Bush led the team to Northside Baptist Church in Bethel. The team to Harrison Baptist Church was led by Larry Duff.

The weekend of Oct. 20-22 Jeff Houghton led a revival team at First Baptist Church, Andersonville, Tenn.

McCall has surgery for coronary bypass

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is recovering satisfactorily following a coronary bypass operation Nov. 4.

Physicians say a full recovery is assured and McCall should be back at full strength within 90 days. The physicians also say his general health may even be better following surgery. This is the first hospitalization for McCall during his 27 years as president of the seminary.

The need for surgery was discovered during routine physical examinations following McCall's extended visit to China and meetings of Baptist World Alliance officials during the summer.

According to seminary bylaws the provost and dean of the School of Theology, Roy L. Honeycutt, will serve as acting president until McCall returns.

Sunday School Lessons *H. C. Chiles*

Lessons for Nov. 19, 1978

Life and Work Series

Faith that risks

Luke 19:12-13, 15-26

Christ told about a nobleman who was about to go on a long journey to receive a kingdom, so he called together his servants, and gave each a small sum of money with instructions to see what he could do with it by trading. Months later, he returned and called his servants for an accounting. One had gained a thousand percent and another five hundred, but a third one had not traded with the money. He placed the successful servants in places of authority, took the trust money from the negligent servant and had the rebellious citizens executed.

Each servant was to take the capital entrusted to him and do his best with it. Likewise, every man is to take that with which God has entrusted him and use it in his service, for his glory and the benefit of others. God never leaves the accomplishment of his work to human ingenuity, but by his grace puts at the disposal of his own that which they will need.

The man who did his best received the highest

reward. The second was rewarded in proportion to his faithfulness. The unfaithful servant did not receive a reward.

The nobleman had lifted stewardship out of the realm of choice and made it an obligation. He had a perfect right to tell each what he must do, and then in due time to call him to an accountability.

When we trusted Christ as our saviour and surrendered to him as our lord he was entitled to tell us what to do and how to do it, and then to call us to render an account to him when he so desires. He expects us to make the very best use possible of what he has given us, whether it be little or much. Every steward is required to be faithful to his trust. Faithfulness is a requisite for any service, but especially for one involving such a responsible trust as the care of that which belongs to another. It is possible for each of us to be faithful, and, if so, we shall receive the commendation of our master at the end of the way.

International Series

Setting life's priorities

Exodus 20:15

This eighth commandment involves man's relationship to God as well as to men. God has a right to our obedience and service, but frequently people withhold them from him. They defraud God of time, money and life which rightfully belong to him. It is bad to steal from men, but it is worse to steal from God. "Thou shalt not steal" is a command against stealing in every form.

Exodus 20:17

This tenth commandment has to do with the regulation of the thoughts and inner desires. God has said, "Thou shalt not covet." Covetousness is an intense, unwarranted and inordinate desire for that which belongs to another, to which one does not have any right. This commandment forbids coveting anything, anywhere and at any time. God concluded this commandment by saying, "nor anything that is thy neighbors."

Luke 12:15-23

The shrewd farmer knew how to select soil and seed, and how to take advantage of shower and sunshine. His ground brought forth plentifully and soon his barns were full to overflowing. He also fancied that he was to keep all of his accumulations and not distribute or share them with others. He thought he had more time than he did, and that he had made a great success, but God called him a fool.

He did not put first things first. He made the wrong disposition of his goods, and ignored the needs of others and their claims for help. He left God out of his life. Unfortunately, he never consulted God in his decisions. A fourth folly was in making the wrong calculation of time. Apparently he lived as if he never expected to die. His fifth folly was that he failed to make any preparation for eternity. Anybody who follows his example and fails to prepare for eternity is a fool.

Frank Owen

Love and demand

It seems to me that the Christian religion tends to boil down to a mixture of two rather antithetical elements I am going to call love and demand.

It all begins with the fact that God first loved us "while we were yet sinners" (Rom. 5:8). Christ revealed the extent of God's love in his coming and in dying for sinners. "Greater love hath no man than this . . ." (John 15:13). "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son . . ." (John 3:16).

Our discipleship is a response to his call of love. He loved us and called us and we love him in return and follow him. We love him enough to obey him . . . enough to heed his command.

There it is, the word "command." It includes "demand." This same Christ who loved us enough to die for us, whom we love enough to serve and obey now becomes the one whose power of command we have recognized; to whom we have pledged ourselves. The continuing relationship is still loving, but it also is demanding.

The Christ we serve demands that a man "deny himself and take up his cross, and follow . . ." (Matt. 16:24). "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). ". . . Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33). "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord . . ." (II Cor. 16:17).

We could go on and on with statements of startling demand and other expressions of direct command.

The Christian religion is love all right, but it is also living up to the demands of Christ in a loving relationship; like living up to the demands of a fair, yet firm parent.

We are in an era that puts nearly all the emphasis on love. You don't hear much about demand; less and less about personal purity and the paying of a price. We could get love sick.

The world has to be loved and the call of love must be loud and clear but we must remember that the Christ who calls in love also makes strong demands. People of character and courage just may be as inspired to respond to a proper emphasis on demand as on love.

Baptist Forum

Hungry for action

I read with eager anticipation Glenn Hinson's article, "The Issue Behind World Hunger," in a recent edition of Western Recorder. It was very informative and challenging. As one among many Southern Baptists concerned about this issue, I share the same interests as Dr. Hinson about the conference on world hunger that will be held at Ridgecrest this month. Will we get to the root of the problem or continue to treat it superficially?

In the past four years I have participated in several seminars and conferences on hunger. In college I heard speakers address the issue, giving a multitude of statistics but very few recommendations on what could be done. The Foreign Mission Board film "Arabati" dug deeply into my being and forced me to consider my responsibilities. All of these experiences have contributed to my concern about world hunger. They have refused to let me shrug it off as "not my problem."

Each time I participated in an event relating to world hunger, my concern was heightened and I felt challenged. But I found myself, as I'm sure many have, coming away with the same questions: What can I do about so great a problem? Even if I do something, will it not be so small that it will not matter?

Dr. Hinson answered these questions. He provided concrete suggestions for some things we can do, not as Southern Baptists, although I believe these attitudes and actions are not foreign to our tradition, but as Christians.

As Dr. Hinson suggests, we can confront our political leaders with issues basic to the problem. We can personally become good stewards of what God has given us. We can become involved in further study and encourage our denomination to do the same.

As Christians, we must count the cost and accept responsibility for problems in our world. We can be assured that no matter what we do, "no good effort is lost."

Jimmy Hester, Louisville

Power at work in Blood River

A testimony to the unifying power of the love of Christ was manifested in a recent historical event in the life of Kentucky Baptists. On Oct. 16, 1978, at the 109th annual meeting of the Blood River Baptist Association, the First Baptist Church of Benton requested admission back into the association and was unanimously received.

The significance of this event may not be readily understood by most Kentucky Baptists. In 1933, the First Baptist Church split, mostly over mission support, giving birth to the First Missionary Baptist Church. The First Baptist Church left the Blood River Association and those forming the First Missionary Baptist Church remained as the cooperating church in

the Blood River Association. Some years later the First Baptist Church requested admission back into the Blood River Association but because feelings were still strong, she was refused. Whereupon, she requested admission into the West Union Association and was received.

Now, 45 years later, at the 109th annual meeting of the Blood River Association, held at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Benton, she requested admission again and was unanimously received. This first session was the best attended in recent years of the association. The motion for the First Baptist Church to be received was made by Rodney H. Travis, pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Benton.

I'm sure Kentucky Baptists join these two churches in praising God for his love, "which is the perfect bond of unity" (Col. 3:4). Today both churches fellowship with each other and cooperate in ministry to the people of Benton and Marshall County. The total mission gifts of the First Baptist Church last year were \$24,766.00 and the First Missionary Baptist Church, \$19,698.00, expressing also a worldwide concern. Yes, we praise God for what he has done and is doing in the lives of these two great churches.

Hershal Morgan is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rodney H. Travis is pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church and Earl Warford is the director of missions of Blood River Association.

Rodney H. Travis, Benton

A cup of cold water

I am writing with regards to the Thanksgiving offering for the child care program of Kentucky Baptists. Churches throughout our state are being asked to increase their giving to this most worthy cause.

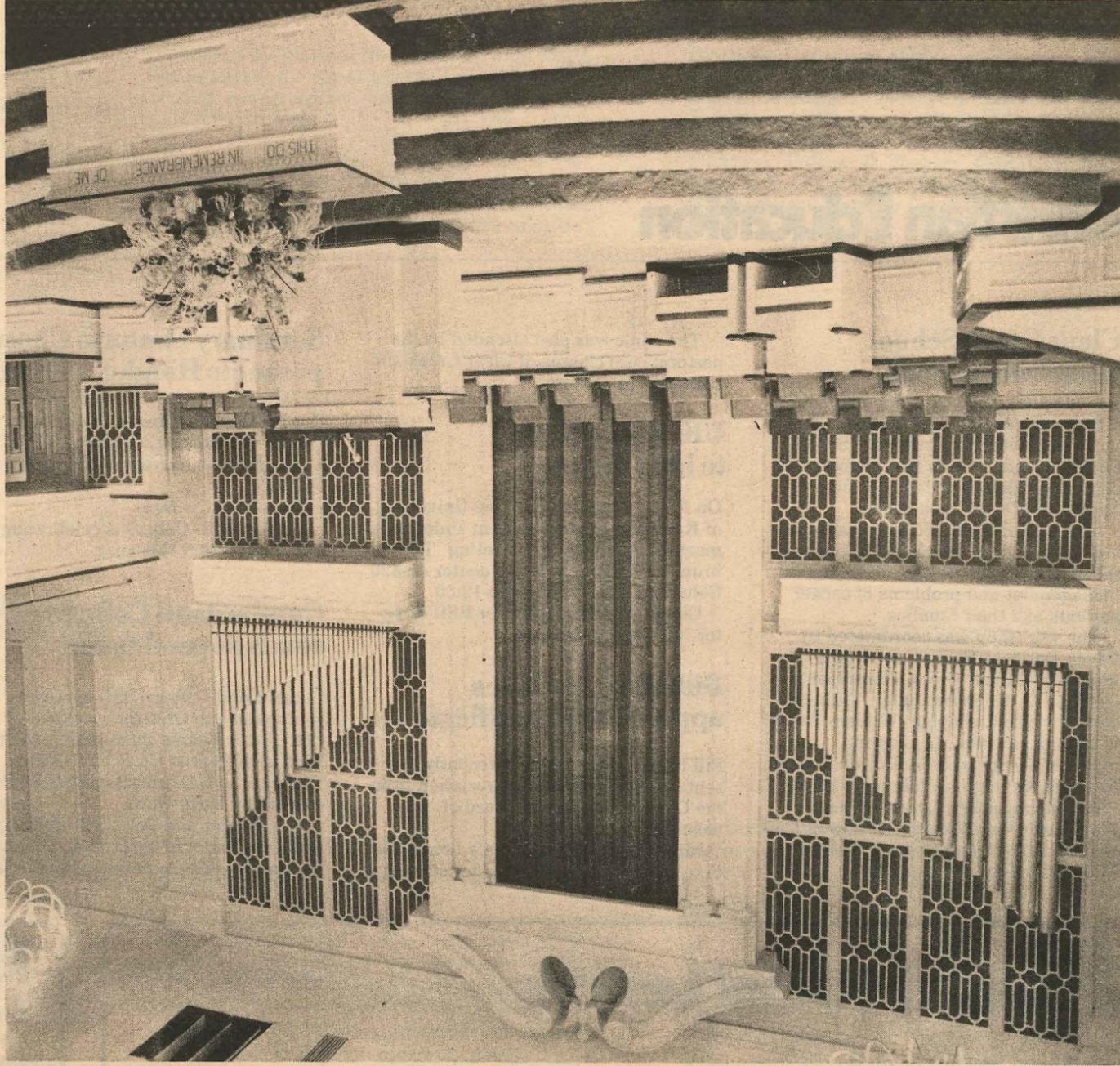
My heart was saddened when I learned that the 1977 offering was below the amount received for the year 1976. It's time that Kentucky Baptists realize just how much of an investment they are making in these young people's lives when they contribute to this Thanksgiving offering.

I was adopted at a very early age. I thank God for my parents and for not having to live in an orphanage. But I truly can relate to the plight of many of these children and young people who live in a world of loneliness and confusion so often.

We as Kentucky Baptists should be proud of our child care program. At the same time we should humbly seek to do more this year than in any previous year. Therefore, I am challenging every Baptist church in this state to raise its goals substantially and then to exceed those goals.

When we do this we are doing what Christ commands — giving a cup of cold water in the savior's name.

Tommy Smith, Shepherdsville



First Baptist Church, Owensboro where Kentucky Baptists convene for their 141st annual session Nov. 14-16

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