



## Election, world hunger, campaigns top business agenda at Louisville

The election of a president, adoption of a resolution on world hunger and approval of a five-year series of simultaneous fund-raising campaigns among its educational institutions were the most eventful transactions by Kentucky Baptists last week. Their 142nd annual session was held at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church.

The presidential contention included a five-man contest between John Dunaway, pastor, First Church, Corbin; Harold Barnes, superintendent of missions, Liberty Association; Guy Gordon, pastor, First Church, Earlington; LaVerne Butler, pastor, Ninth and O Church, Louisville; and Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

In the initial balloting Barnes, Gordon and Butler were eliminated. Dunaway was elected over Dehoney in the runoff.

J. Altus Newell, pastor of Louisville's St. Matthews Church, was unopposed for first vice president. Bill Whittaker, pastor of Murray's First Church, was the only nominee for second vice president. Both were elected by acclamation.

The convention routinely reelected A. W. Walker, Anchorage, secretary, and Leo T. Crismon, Louisville, assistant secretary.

Seven resolutions were adopted by the 1215 messengers attending this year's convention. They dealt with such subjects as appreciation for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the educational institutions of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, concern over the developing Iranian crisis, reaffirming the SALT II treaty (although this resolution received a number of negative votes), on proposed tax laws binding missionaries and in appreciation of the host church.

In a resolution dealing with world hunger churches were urged to be as generous as possible and send gifts to the Foreign Mission Board. The convention called on President Carter and Congress to do all in their power to bring changed attitudes in the countries of Indochina "in order that they might let us help the malnourished and starving" of the world.

The convention also commended Mrs. Jimmy Carter in her call for prayer and help for the people of the world and especially Cambodia.

As a result of the resolution the convention spent time in prayer for world hunger and collected an offering of \$2,248.83 for this purpose.

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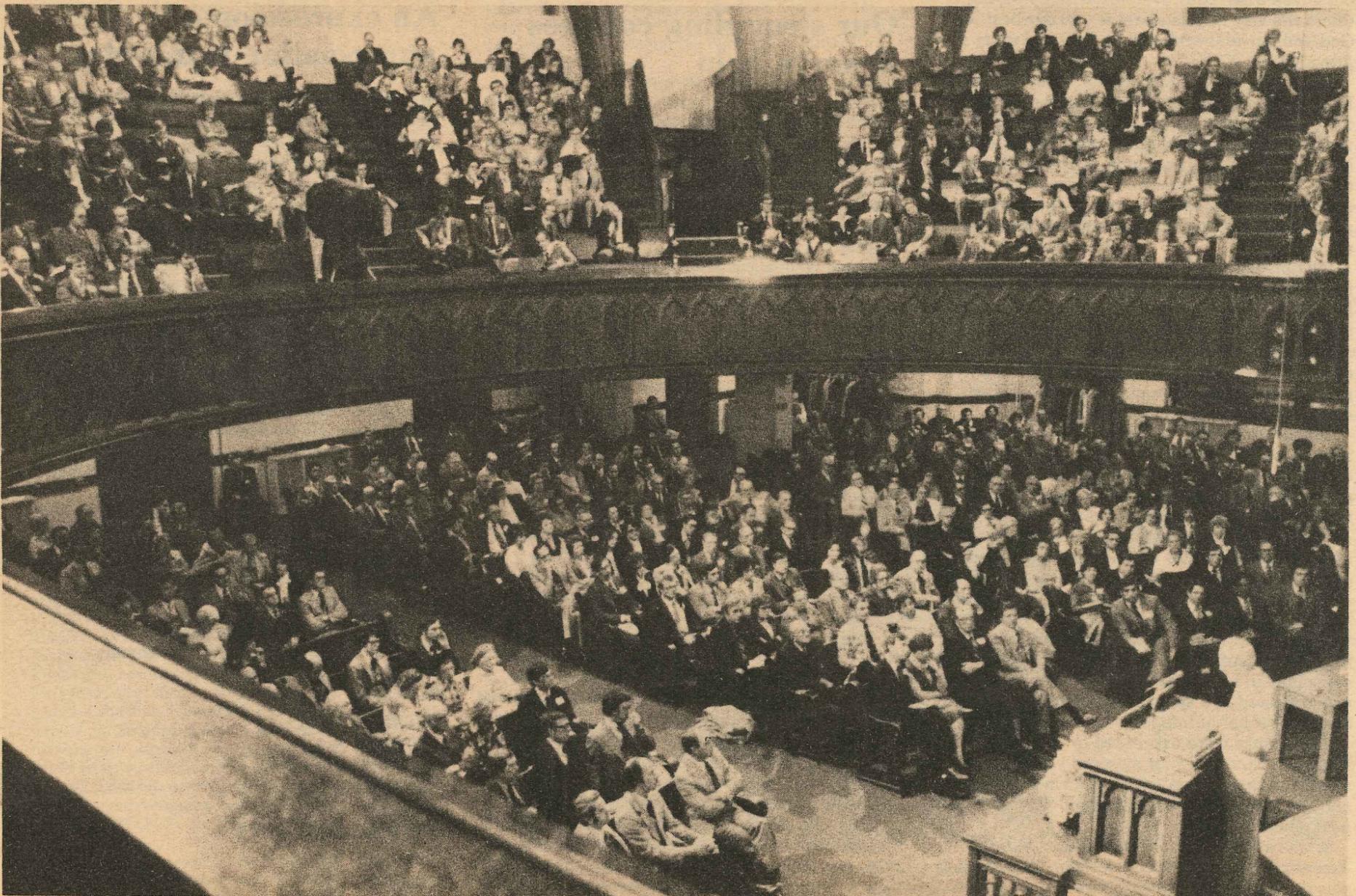
tucky Baptist Convention were authorized to launch individual financial campaigns. They may seek church pledges not to exceed one year and individual pledges not to exceed five years between 1980-84. Clear Creek Baptist School and Oneida Baptist Institute were also authorized to conduct similar campaigns if they desire.

The convention adopted a \$9 million basic budget for 1980-81, to be divided 35 percent for SBC causes and 65 percent for KBC causes. A \$3 million Bold Mission Thrust challenge fund and income from other sources brings the total budget to \$12.7 million for the year.

The convention will meet in 1980 at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Nov. 11-13.

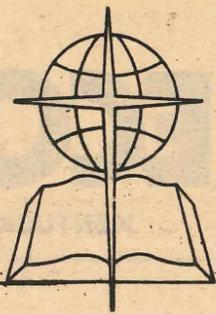
A recommendation to change the 1981 location from Lexington to Elizabethtown was approved by the messengers. The convention will help Severns Valley Church, E'town, celebrate its 200th anniversary year Nov. 10-12, 1981.

The 1982 meeting will be held Nov. 9-11 at Lexington's Immanuel Church.



*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

### How good and pleasant

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!" (Ps. 133:1-2)

The beard of Aaron was well lubricated by the 142nd annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the collar of his robes was saturated with the sweet fragrance of unity.

The sweet spirit of the meeting was not surprising because no divisive issues trouble Kentucky Baptists these days. It was no less gratifying, however, because, though we console ourselves when controversies arise by saying that's the way Baptists are, we do our best for God and our fellowmen when love and unity prevail.

Such a spirit is not accidental. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit and the reward of sincere efforts on the part of many. No convention president ever prayed more earnestly and worked more sincerely for a smooth and harmonious convention than did Hicks Shelton. And no president was ever more abundantly rewarded for his labors and prayers. There was not one negative moment in any session.

Factionalism and sectionalism which are rearing their ugly heads in some states and which have in some eras plagued Kentucky Baptists are simply nonexistent in this era. Denominational politics are at an all time low. So few aspire to high office that it's hard to generate a good race. The election of a convention president was interesting but not spirited.

Nominees for the two vice presidencies were slow in coming and there was only nominee for each one. Messengers upon registering were given 12 ballots but were called upon to use only two of them in the whole convention.

The 1979 convention had a relaxed atmosphere but there was nothing light-hearted or whimsical about it. It was permeated with a serious concern about the overwhelming task Baptists face today in Kentucky and throughout the world and with a genuine compassion for hungry and suffering humanity in the world and especially in southeast Asia. This compassion was reflected in a spontaneous offering of nearly \$2500 for relief of hunger.

Due thanks were expressed to God and to Baptists in the pews for a record year in sharing resources for mission enterprises in Kentucky and the rest of the world and bold new goals for next year were set.

It was a well attended convention with the exception of one afternoon session. Registration was the highest in several years and was handled very efficiently.

Walnut Street proved again to be a grand host. Pastor Wayne Dehoney and his members left nothing undone for the convenience of messengers. Kentucky Baptists always feel at home in this church and it qualifies in many ways to be the home church for the convention.

In this lovely sanctuary where so much of our history has been made it was easy to sense the presence of the spirits of our predecessors who left such a rich heritage. These spirits must have watched this good and pleasant convention with approval.

### Our struggling colleges deserve help

Probably the most significant and far reaching action of the 1979 Kentucky Baptist Convention was the approval of fund raising campaigns for our three Baptist colleges. The future of these institutions and the future of Baptists in Kentucky will be greatly affected by these efforts.

These campaigns are not optional or extra efforts to fatten well-heeled institutions. They are more like life and death struggles. Costs of buildings and operation are rising faster than income and this cannot continue long without severe curtailment or death.

Baptist colleges face stiffer and stiffer competition from tax supported schools every year. This competition promises to be even more severe with declining college enrolments in the 1980s as a result of declining birth rates in recent years.

Necessary increases in charges for tuition, rent and board have put our Baptist schools out of reach of many families unless generous scholarships and other financial aid are offered. This means more and more funds have to be found for this purpose.

Fund raising for Baptist schools is not easy. Our people have never been taught how to be generous. We respond more readily to more visible and tangible causes like foreign missions and local church building projects. But from our beginnings as a denomination Baptist leaders like Luther Rice have seen that without schools to train our young people the supply of ministers, missionaries and lay leaders will dry up.

One fact should encourage our prayers and efforts for raising needed funds for our schools. The resources are in the hands of Baptists. We are no longer poor people. What we lack is the realization that all we possess beyond our basic

needs is due the Lord for those things that advance his cause and Baptist colleges are among these things.

For all three of our colleges to be in fund raising campaigns at the same time is something new but this method has its advantages and the simultaneous efforts should help one another.

Not many Western Recorder readers will be able to make large contributions to these colleges but some can and should. The rest of us should give what money we can and also our good will and prayer support.

### An expression of appreciation is in order

Members of the Kentucky Racing Commission deserve the gratitude of morally minded Kentuckians for their second refusal to approve Sunday dates for thoroughbred horse racing in Kentucky. The thousands of expressions from Kentucky citizens impressed the commission members according to press reports.

One commission member brought a one inch thick file of protest letters to the meeting and another reported he must have heard from most of the preachers in Kentucky. Such groups are not always responsive to the voice of the people but this one was and commendation is in order.

Why not express appreciation to these commission members for their courage in going against the desires of race track officials? Doubtless, they will be faced with the same or similar requests in the future. Our expressed appreciation now will make our voices more effective then.

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# Executive board meeting: week of tranquility opens auspiciously

A casual observer of Kentucky Baptist executive board meetings for many years said of the one in Middletown preceding last week's Kentucky Baptist Convention it was definitely "the most tranquil in years."

There was an obvious tone of unity throughout the less than two-hour session, an indication in itself of the harmony present. Previous pre-convention sessions have often continued for three hours or longer.

A generous portion of last week's meeting was spent in prayer for the upcoming convention meeting. Business items which on other occasions would have evoked heavy discussion were presented and adopted with little or no debate.

Principal items considered by the executive board included:

- Recommending to the convention proper that its three senior coeducational liberal arts colleges—Campbellsville, Cumberland and Georgetown—be allowed to engage in individual financial campaigns to seek church pledges not to exceed one year and individual pledges not to exceed five years between 1980-84; and that Clear Creek Baptist School and Oneida Baptist Institute be allowed to conduct similar campaigns if they wish. A committee to coordinate the campaigns was named, including the presidents and board chairmen of each institution; and from the executive board, the executive secretary-treasurer, business manager, coordinator of Christian education promotion and chairman of the board's agencies committee.

- Going on record as being unanimously opposed to attempts by the city of Douglass Hills in Jefferson

County to annex the property on which the Baptist Building is situated.

- Increasing travel expense for executive board employes and elected convention officers from 17 cents to 18.5 cents per mile retroactive to Jan. 1, 1979.

- Adopting a housing and utility allowance package plan for professional staff persons considered ministers of the gospel.

- Establishing a plan to determine the desires of churches requesting exemptions in designations to the Cooperative Program.

- Naming the new meeting place in the Baptist Building, being used for the first time last week, the Franklin Owen Chapel, to be designated by a plaque.

- Ratifying a poll of the executive board in August authorizing a contract with Crouch Construction Co. of Mayfield on a bid of \$575,744 for construction of a Baptist Student Center on convention property at Murray.

- Approving the purchase of two acres of property with an appraised value of \$110,000 adjacent to the western boundary of the Baptist Building in Middletown for future parking space.

- Adopting a \$9 million budget for 1980-81 for recommendation to the convention, to be divided 35% for SBC causes and 65% for KBC causes. In addition, a \$3 million Bold Mission challenge goal similarly divided plus additional estimated income totaled a projected \$12.7 million budget for that year, as compared to \$10,693,199 for the current year. The new year begins Sept. 1, 1980.

The next meeting of the KBC executive board will be held in the Baptist Building at Middletown Dec. 10-11.

## What's a meeting without resolutions?

Resolutions which is one of the items on the convention agenda that generally sparks debate failed to arouse messengers to the 1979 Kentucky Baptist Convention. One reason is that controversial issues such as ordination of women and inerrancy of original manuscripts of the Bible were not addressed in resolutions.

All resolutions presented by the messengers and recommended by the resolutions committee were approved routinely and none were debated. The resolution calling for peacemaking and approval of the SALT II treaty drew some disapproving votes.

Other resolutions pertained to appreciation to the host church, the news media and the convention officers, appreciation for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, world hunger and especially in Cambodia, the Unites States tax law requiring missionaries living outside the country to pay Unites States income tax, Baptist colleges and schools, and American hostages held in Iran and President Carter's efforts for their release.

## KBC departments let figures do their talking

"Things are getting better," declared Fred Halbrooks, Sunday school director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. His statement summarized department reports at this year's convention.

Halbrooks reported the top two churches in four divisions in Sunday school attendance and growth. Leading the state in numerical growth was Highview Church, Long Run Association, with 633. Lexington Porter Memorial was second with 564. The church with the largest percentage growth was Manly Memorial, Long Run Association, at 91%. Second was Antioch Church, Mt. Zion Association, at 83%. Leading the state in numerical increase in attendance was Ninth & O Church, Long Run Association, with 98 per week. Second was Immanuel Church, Pike Association, with 41 per week. The church with the largest percentage increase in attendance was Flat Creek Church, Mt. Zion Association, at 167%. Second was Immanuel Church, Pike Association, at 91%.

Jay Brown, Evangelism Department director, reported the total number of baptisms for 1979 was 1930 more than 1978. The total was 17,840.

Grady Randolph, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation, reported total assets for last year were \$9,282,033, a 15.7% increase. The income from foundation investments was \$555,864, a 19.8% increase.

Byrd Ison, annuity director, said over 1300 of Kentucky's 2260 churches are now in some type of annuity program.

Robert C. Jones, director of the Direct Missions department, reported the Louisville Korean church called a full time pastor and the Radcliff congregation moved into a new building.

Don Blaylock, director of student work, reported 14,721 students involved in BSU programs on 42 Kentucky college campuses.

If figures speak, "Things are getting better."

## Agencies marching toward Bold Mission goals

Reports from agencies within the Kentucky Baptist Convention offered inspiration in some areas and concern in others as Kentucky Baptists move toward reaching Bold Mission Thrust goals.

### Board of Child Care

Eldred Taylor, chairman of the board of directors of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, reported the last year was one of the best financially for the board. As a result the board will be able to replace some funds in its Ministry Reserve Fund. The Thanksgiving offering for last year exceeded expectations, reaching a total of \$473,525.58. As money is available the board is planning to replace buildings on the various campuses.

### Baptist Hospitals Inc.

As reported by Lynwood Schrader, chairman of the board of directors of Baptist Hospitals Inc., dedicated leadership has kept this agency in good financial condition. There is, however, a growing concern for what inflation and high interest rates could do to this vital ministry. The report stated the average cost per patient per day last year was \$196.14.

### Baptist schools of Kentucky

Jesse C. Stricker's report set forth the goals of the Baptist colleges and schools of Kentucky toward Bold Mission Thrust—Bold Growing, Bold Going and Bold Giving. Many of these objectives will be fulfilled as thousands of students are trained to become professionals in the near future.

Stricker reported Oneida Baptist Institute has enrolled the largest class in its 80-year history. Clear Creek Baptist School has expanded its student housing to accommodate a growing student body. This year, to assist more students, the colleges have granted children of Kentucky Baptist pastors an equivalent amount of Matching Funds Scholarship, opening the possibility for other students to share in funds from this limited program.

J. M. Boswell, outgoing president of Cumberland College, was recognized during the Wednesday evening session for his years of service to Kentucky Baptists.

Ben Elrod, president of Georgetown College, presented print number one of a painting of Georgetown's campus in the 1840s to Hicks Shelton. The print will be hung in the new convention offices.

### Western Recorder

Editor C. R. Daley reported Western Recorder has been hit hard by inflation to the point a large postal increase last July might put Western Recorder "in the red" for the year.

He also noted the staff was given a seven percent adjustment in salaries although inflation had climbed above 12 percent. This had the effect of decreasing salaries substantially.

At the beginning of the summer Western Recorder moved its offices into its newly remodeled quarters.

### Woman's Missionary Union

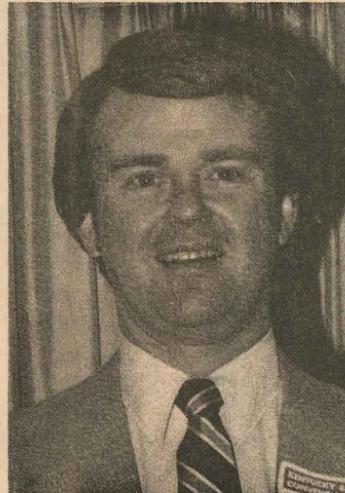
Executive director Kathryn Jasper reported a new scholarship in the amount of \$500 for eligible Acteens completing Queen Regent in Studiact. The scholarship is for an Acteen in each of the eight areas of Kentucky.

Ten weeks of WMU-sponsored GA and Acteen camps registered a total of 1474.

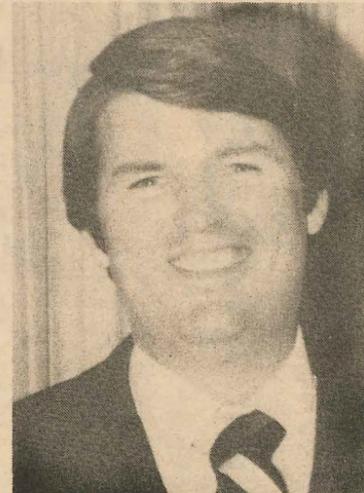
## New convention officers



**John Dunaway**  
President  
Corbin



**J. Altus Newell**  
First Vice President  
Louisville



**Bill Whittaker**  
Second Vice President  
Murray

# Inerrancy, women, laymen and bold missions: John Thomas Dunaway looks at current issues

The election of the president is, characteristically, the highlight of the convention's annual meeting. For the past three years, in particular, no single candidate has entered the election an odds-on favorite.

T. H. Shelton, last year's president, was elected by a narrow margin in a runoff vote. Two years ago Shelton was defeated—also by a narrow margin—by John Kruschwitz of Ft. Thomas. In both of those elections, John Dunaway was a heavy challenger.

Some considered this year's election a test of factional strength: a pitting of theological conservatism against liberalism with the prime issue being the "inerrancy" of biblical scripture. Candidates for the election, however, uniformly rejected such speculation, stressing instead the importance of worldwide Baptist unity behind "Bold Mission Thrust."

First round voting narrowed the field of presidential hopefuls to Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, and Dunaway, pastor of Corbin's First Church.

In the runoff Dehoney, a late entrant, found it impossible to overcome the momentum of the Dunaway groundswell.

Since last year's election the many Baptists have considered John Dunaway the most obvious presidential candidate to usher in the eighties. A mission-minded pastor, a veteran political figure, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee and a trusted advisor to a decade of convention leadership, Dunaway has an enviable record of service.

In this interview he talked with Western Recorder about issues in Baptist life today: about lay involvement in ministry; about women in the church; about the authority of scripture; and about personal missions work which, he believes, is the key to unity for Southern Baptists.

**WR:** John, you follow most distinctive personalities in Hicks Shelton and, before him, John Kruschwitz. How would you compare your projected style of leadership with theirs?

**DUNAWAY:** My style of leadership will be in much the same line as theirs. I believe in trying to work together—to walk together—in what we do and I know this has been their goal.

The president of the convention is limited in the degree of leadership he can exercise by virtue of the way the denomination operates. Nevertheless, those ideas and those programs and those things that you would like to lend leadership to—and even be creative

in, if you can—must be done out of relationships with others.

My own philosophy is that we need to search together for solutions to problems and avoid being part of the problems. There is no problem that, under God, does not have a solution; and there is no group of people who seek a solution under divine leadership who cannot find doors opening for them.

**WR:** This year one of the biggest issues entering into the preelection consideration of candidates is what many have called the 'one word controversy.' What is your stance on the 'inerrancy' issue?

**DUNAWAY:** I believe as most Baptists I know—all that I know—in the authority of the scriptures. I believe the scripture is given by inspiration of God. The divisions that may occur are on lesser matters, in my estimation. We agree the Bible is inspired of God, that it is the authoritative word we preach.

**WR:** The 'popular' issues are not always the most crucial. One of the biggest issues for Kentucky Baptist churches are concerned, what do you feel is most important to our people today?

**DUNAWAY:** I think there is a deep concern for missions. I feel we are mission-minded people and our churches believe this is where the emphasis must be. I feel people feel we need an involvement where we are. We must try to minister to human need where it is; using that ministry because of our experience with the grace of God, to enable a person to know that we're not only talking to him about bread but the bread of life as well.

Human ministry in the name of Christ; ministry to aged people; ministry to youth. When you come to the real heart thinking of the people, they are concerned about people.

When you go beyond this I think there is a concern for our mission money—not in how it's spent because it's spent the best money can be spent, in my estimation—but in the devaluation of the dollar and what is happening overseas. Spiraling inflation makes it more difficult to get what we need even in our mission program at home.

We've had a record (Cooperative Program) figure this year because our people believe the greatest need is to get the message out and they know they're going to have to pay for it.

**WR:** Turning to that more specifically, Baker Caithen stressed the importance of increased Christian involvement abroad when he addressed the convention Tuesday night. The avenue for this involvement is, in his opinion, the Foreign Mission Board. Of

course the work of the Foreign Mission Board relies on the support of the Cooperative Program and the Cooperative Program relies on individual church support. What are your feelings regarding the Cooperative Program? How would you suggest our local churches participate?

**DUNAWAY:** I believe in the Cooperative Program. The first church I pastored, in Lincoln County, was Harris Creek. It did not belong to the association or give to the Cooperative Program or anything.

I had the joy of leading that church, first, into the association and immediately into giving to the Cooperative Program. Through the Cooperative Program we are able to do as a body what one church or a dozen churches could not do. It is the arm by which our church extends itself around the world.

**WR:** So you would encourage pastors to encourage their churches to give?

**DUNAWAY:** Yes, on a percentage basis.

**WR:** Hicks Shelton was the bannered year as convention president with the SBC theme, Bold Mission Thrust. Last year he stated, just following the election, that it was time for Kentucky Baptists to stop talking missions and start doing missions. What do you feel we, as a convention, need to focus on this year in order to carry that idea through?

**DUNAWAY:** I agree fully with what Hicks said. I think he presented one of the outstanding convention sermons in which he put into focus our need for mission involvement.

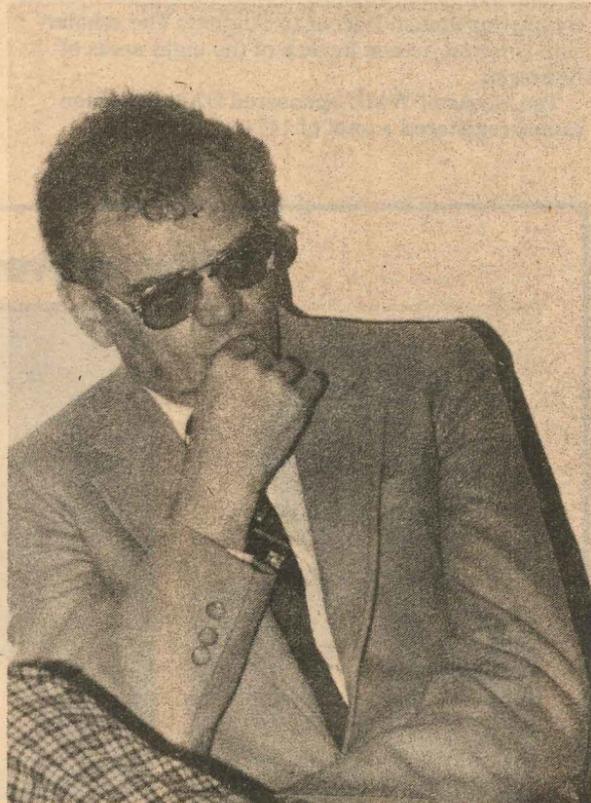
I believe in the lay involvement of our people. I would hope we could continue that and urge, through our Brotherhood and WMU, that more and more churches lend a hand in mission support. This may be done through their people going and sharing and taking upon themselves, as a church, a mission service.

**WR:** Probably the two most burning issues in Baptist life, with regard to possibility for crisis and controversy, are those dealing with seminary education and the use of women in churches. Particularly since June the seminaries have been under fire generally—and some specifically. How do you feel about the present leadership of our six Southern Baptist affiliated seminaries and their contributions, past, present and future?

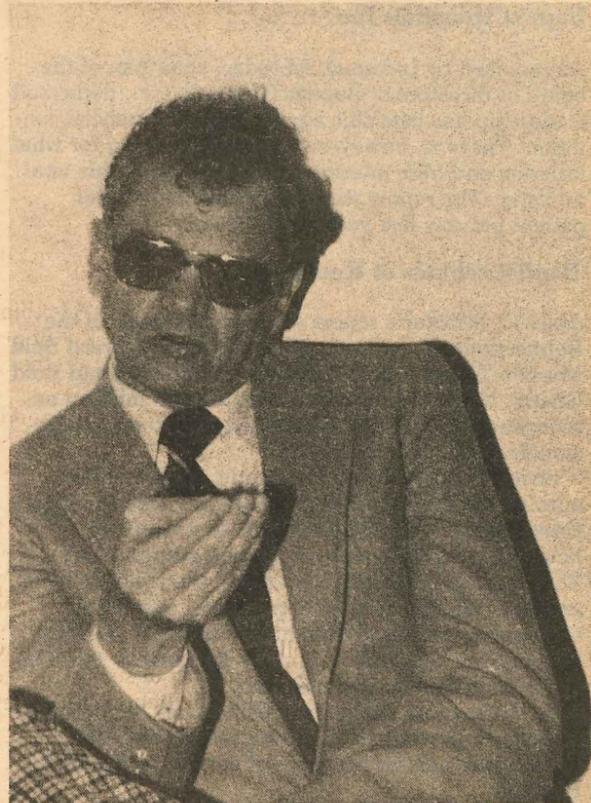
**DUNAWAY:** I would say there may be, in some areas, a trouble spot or two. Let me say this. I know the presidents of our seminaries. I think they stand extremely tall in the life of our denomination. I think they stand as extremely tall men spiritually. I think



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they realize we cannot afford to take an approach to theological education that would leave the students unable to cope with the "intellectual minds" out there. We have to give our seminaries the freedom to train to the highest intellectual academic standards we know today.

I have not found in my relationships with seminary professors—and I have a close relationship with several and a working relationship with more—one person who does not believe in the authority of the Bible. But I think we have to give them, as we would give ourselves, the freedom to interpret the scripture on the basis of the direction of the spirit of God. I require that right. You require that right. I respect your right to interpret and I expect from you the same freedom.

I am a product of Baptist education of Georgetown College; of Southern Seminary. What I am I owe to some men who expanded my mind by challenging it.

WR: How do you feel about the present outlook for leadership of SBC agencies and institutions?

DUNAWAY: For every man that passes from the scene God has a mantle to lay upon another. I think we have tall men standing in the wings upon whom God will lay hands. I believe God gives us the man that we need for the time.

WR: One of the big questions in Southern Baptist life is the place of women in the church and in our denomination in general. What has been the position of the churches you have served and the one you are now serving? Have you ordained women to the deaconship? How do you feel the denomination will make use of the considerable number of women in theological training today?

DUNAWAY: We have not ordained any women. We have never even considered any. But I believe our denomination has to look very carefully at this matter. God calls women as well as he does men. I'm not sure, though, that a change in general thinking is just around the corner.

I believe the recruiting people in our seminaries and colleges need to counsel their women students that there are not as many places available for women as there are for men.

WR: There are growing signs of some rather divisive contrasts among Southern Baptists. Do you feel we are close to a split or do you feel we can mend our differences and maintain our unity?

DUNAWAY: I think there must be ways to deal with the differences we are having. The basis of unity for Southern Baptists has always been evangelism with missions at the very heart of it. I am convinced it will continue to be. As long as this emphasis is at the heart of what we're doing we can be flexible and still focus on the direction God has for us.

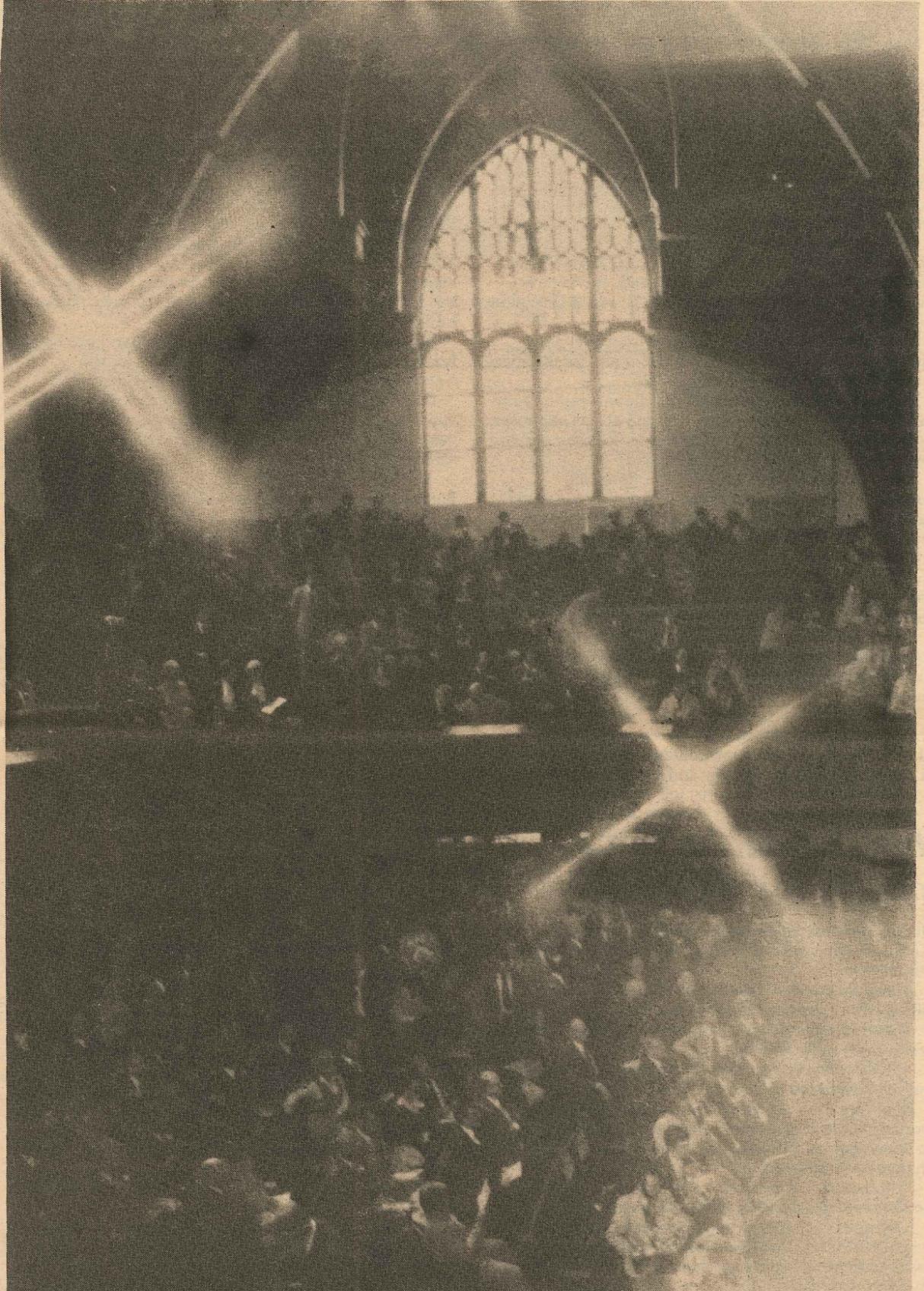
We have the right of interpretation under the direction of God—this is the very heart of Baptist belief. On occasion those do arise who would like to put us in a creedal form and we have said over and over—and will continue to say over and over—Baptists are not a creedal body, we are a believing body, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

WR: When you finish your term of office you will be remembered for something. What would you like that something to be?

DUNAWAY: If I could be remembered for one thing I would like it to be my emphasis for Kentucky Baptists, with all of our divergencies, to walk together in the bold mission effort.

WR: The people will be wanting to know: will you be available for speaking engagements, conferences, associational meetings or revivals? How can we get in touch with you?

DUNAWAY: Let me just say I serve one of the great churches of Kentucky. They will make it possible for me to be available to Kentucky Baptists to do whatever they want me to do. I want to do what is asked of me because I owe something to Kentucky Baptists. They educated me in college and at seminary. They made possible for me opportunities of service in the association, in the state and in the Southern Baptist Convention. The least I can do is to be available to them.



# Convention sidelights: it wasn't all business

*"If someone had taught me about missions . . ."*

"If someone had taught me about missions when I was a little boy, I might be a foreign missionary today."

This profoundly tragic statement was made by David Davis, a stone mason and member of Buckner (Ky.) Baptist Church, when he told the Tuesday evening session of the convention about his involvement in Bold Mission Thrust.

Six years ago Davis surrendered his life to Christ in total commitment. Much to his dismay, however, he found himself frustrated and confused. Davis now realizes his attitude robbed him of the joy of Christian service.

"Let the foreign missionaries pay for their own buildings," he growled. "We have to pay for our own and they can take care of themselves."

It was in this frame of mind that he refused to go to Guatemala in February 1976. Though all his expenses were to be paid, Davis wouldn't even consider serving two weeks in a bold mission endeavor.

Before too long he began to have financial problems. He realized he wasn't spending his money as God would have him to, but he continued to attack the Cooperative Program and the expenditures of his own church.

Meanwhile, Kentucky Brotherhood sent out a plea for Christian laymen to give two weeks to a bold mission effort in Guatemala to build churches.

"This time God was asking more of me—he wanted me to write a personal check for \$400 to cover my own expenses. I would have to pay my own way this time!"

Sitting in the bass section on the back row of the choir Davis struggled with his second call to Bold Mission Thrust. Finally, he couldn't resist the leading of the Holy Spirit any longer and he confronted his

## *Doc Keele: he ran a car lot for messengers*

Doctor Broadus Keele spent many hours at the Kentucky Baptist Convention this year . . . parking automobiles.

A member of the Walnut Street church, Keele—called "Doc" by his friends—was named for Dr. John R. Broadus, president of Southern Seminary when it was moved to Louisville.

"Most everybody thinks I have a doctor's degree, but my real name is Doctor," Keele stated.

Keele was "in the oil business" for 40 years, working most of the time in California. He came back to Louisville in 1973 because he missed the seasonal changes in California.

"I'm practically retired," Keele stated, "so I am flexible enough to really help the church."

Last week he supervised 10 persons from high schoolers to Baptist Towers residents who have assisted drivers in parking their automobiles while attending the convention.

"Parking has been beautiful," Keele said. "This has been one of the nicest groups I have ever seen."

## **Meals served on time**

When Walnut Street Baptist Church chef Eddy Ford's mother passed away suddenly just before the convention began the staff in the kitchen was left in a bind. Hundreds of persons had reservations for breakfasts, lunches and dinners while attending the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Doctor Broadus Keele and his wife Jeanette, members at Walnut Street, stepped in and supervised the kitchen staff consisting of five persons who prepared 570 meals for various agencies and groups.

"Parking is not all we do here," Keele stated. "We get to Walnut Street early to answer the telephone, distribute Western Recorder and drive buses whenever there is a need."

Keele also leads singing in the Agoga Sunday school class when he is not busy elsewhere.

wife about the possibility of taking \$400 from their savings to make the trip.

"I've been praying that you would decide to go!" she exclaimed. "In fact, all the choir members have been praying that you'd make this decision, too!"

Davis packed his bags and made his first Bold Mission trip to Guatemala along with 16 other men between the ages of 18 and 65.

"We'd run out of building material daily, but we'd all fall on our knees and pray that the Lord would supply more so we could work the next day. Then on the fifth day we stood and looked at the new church building God had provided."

My love for missions began here. When I got back home I had a change of heart. I was all for the Cooperative Program. I was all for missionaries.

I saw missionaries drive 100-150 miles a day for supplies. I saw 16 guys share five gallons of water each day in 105-degree weather. I saw Bold Mission Thrust first hand."

After his stay in Guatemala Davis went on another bold mission trip—this time only 450 miles away from home. But, there in Buffalo, N. Y., he met children who had never heard of Jesus. It was then he committed his life to mission work. Since then, he has attended three world mission conference, returned to Buffalo to rebuild a burned down church and lead lay renewal revivals.

No one told David Davis about missions when he was a little boy, but thanks to Bold Mission Thrust he is a volunteer missionary today.

## **'Festival of Praise' theme of Ministers' Wives dinner**

'Festival of Praise' was theme of the Ministers' Wives Fellowship held at Walnut Street Baptist Church.

The event is held each year during the convention to provide the wives a way for support and encouragement from each other.

Sue Owen, wife of KBC executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen, performed a version of "Sweet Little Alice Blue Gown" in honor of the gown given her last year. The fellowship presented a "blue gown" to Mrs. Owen after a fall at last year's convention resulted in hospital confinement.

"JoySong" from Paducah First Baptist, directed by Robert Kersey, presented the theme in song.

Shirley Douglas and Gail Butler, both of Louisville, were door prize winners.

Door prizes, an electric fry pan and a two night stay at Cumberland Falls, and some decorations were provided by merchants and churches in Williamsburg and by Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

New officers for next year are: Doris Jean Sullivan, Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville, president; Delma Burhans, Bowling Green First Baptist Church, vice-president; Peggy Rinks, Tompkinsville First Baptist Church, secretary-treasurer; and Gloria Palmer, Russellville, program chairman.

*"If I can pull one visa for a missionary . . ."*

Dean French, University of Louisville student, told Tuesday evening convention-goers of his involvement in summer missions through Kentucky campus ministries.

French, who spent a summer in Singapore and another in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, is convinced "people all over the world need to hear of God's love."

While ministering in Singapore French saw Christians giving up 40-50 percent of their income to the church. He counseled new converts who had been rejected by their families because of their faith and jailed for witnessing in the Islamic country.

Surprisingly, the average age of Christian converts



Hicks Shelton, outgoing KBC president, accepts a print of an 1814 painting of the Georgetown College campus from Ben Elrod, president of the school. The print, which is given to the people of Kentucky, is the first of the series.

## *What did you think of the convention? 'Harmonious,' they said*

Robert F. Trent, pastor, Second Creek Baptist Church, Three Forks Association: "It was a very good convention. The speakers were good and there was a lot of warmth and unity between messengers. I pray we can use the inspiration we've found here to go out and help others."

Kathryn Jasper, executive director, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union: "The atmosphere has been great and harmonious. Carolyn Weatherford did an exceptionally good job. I was glad to hear several men say they wish she could have 'preached' on."

Polly Dillard, preschool and children's consultant, Church Services Division, Kentucky Baptist Convention: "I feel very good about it. There's been a good spirit here."

Henry Hobson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Russellville: "There was a sense of unity—of corporateness. This was very pronounced at the convention. The glue that held us together was emphasis on reaching people in Kentucky, our country and around the world. This was more pronounced than in past years."

Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville: "This was one of the most positive and inspiring conventions in my memory. It was obvious from the start the messengers wanted to get on with the business of Bold Mission Thrust and refused to be sidetracked by wasting time and energy examining each other's orthodoxy."

Barry Allen, business manager, Kentucky Baptist Convention: "There was a great spirit of confidence and cooperation."

in Singapore is 25, but some accept Christ earlier. Such is the case of one young boy who had to lie to his parents in order to attend church. He had to hide his Bible in his geography book to study the scripture.

Because of strained relations in Singapore French will return there next summer by appointment of the Foreign Mission Board not as a religious worker but as a student.

Though not called into missions vocationally, French strongly feels the lead of God to pursue a career as a foreign diplomat.

"If I can be that one person on a consulate who can pull a visa for a missionary," French explained, "God might be able to use me to reach others."

## Alums decry 'crunch'

Alumni of Baptist colleges and seminaries met during the Kentucky Baptist Convention with a common theme being the effect of the energy crisis and spiraling inflation on the academic community. Campus expenses are on the upswing with the inevitable result being a general decline in enrolment and a general increase in the need for operating capital.

J. M. Boswell, retiring president of Cumberland College, voiced the opinion the future of private colleges is dim. He emphasized the need for alumni support and understanding in order to train our students to meet the problems life is going to present them.

Boswell's concern was echoed by D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School. In the annual Clear Creek breakfast meeting Aldridge said the increase in the cost of gasoline, high interest rates on housing and students' wives being forced to work has resulted in a decrease in enrolment at the theological school for adults. For the first time in many years Clear Creek can accept students at this point in the school year.

Some campuses are dealing with the crunch in aggressive new ways. Georgetown College president Ben Elrod used his school's alumni breakfast to announce Georgetown is making increased amounts of financial aid available to Baptist young people.

Campbellsville College put special emphasis on what it calls the Diamond Jubilee campaign—a major thrust designed to supply funds for 10 areas of campus need, including scholarships, renovations and an increase in campus facilities.

While colleges bemoaned their need for resources, seminaries focused more on building programs and theological issues. At their luncheon meeting Midwestern alums heard alumni president Ron Stone report on the progress of the new child development center on the campus. The center will serve as a training ground for MRE students and also provide space for the seminary's family life seminars.

Southern Seminary had officer election at the center of its activities. Bill Whittaker, pastor of First Church, Murray, is the new president and Gerald Lord, pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, is president-elect.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will receive a projected \$6000 in alumni gifts during the coming year if alums have their way. Their hopes were spurred by professor George Harrison who told them, "There's a great sense of coherence at New Orleans at the present time."

Harrison's statement was in obvious reference to the issue of scriptural inerrancy which has tended to divide Baptists on other campuses. Although the issue was in everyone's mind, only William Tolar, a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, made direct reference to it. Speaking to his school's alumni dinner, Tolar stated, "I do not know of a faculty member at Southwestern who would not stand in support of the Bible. They believe it, they teach it, they profess it. The problem in the convention on inerrancy is semantic in nature. There is no consistency in a definition of the word 'inerrancy'."

## Baptist Building holds open house, dedication

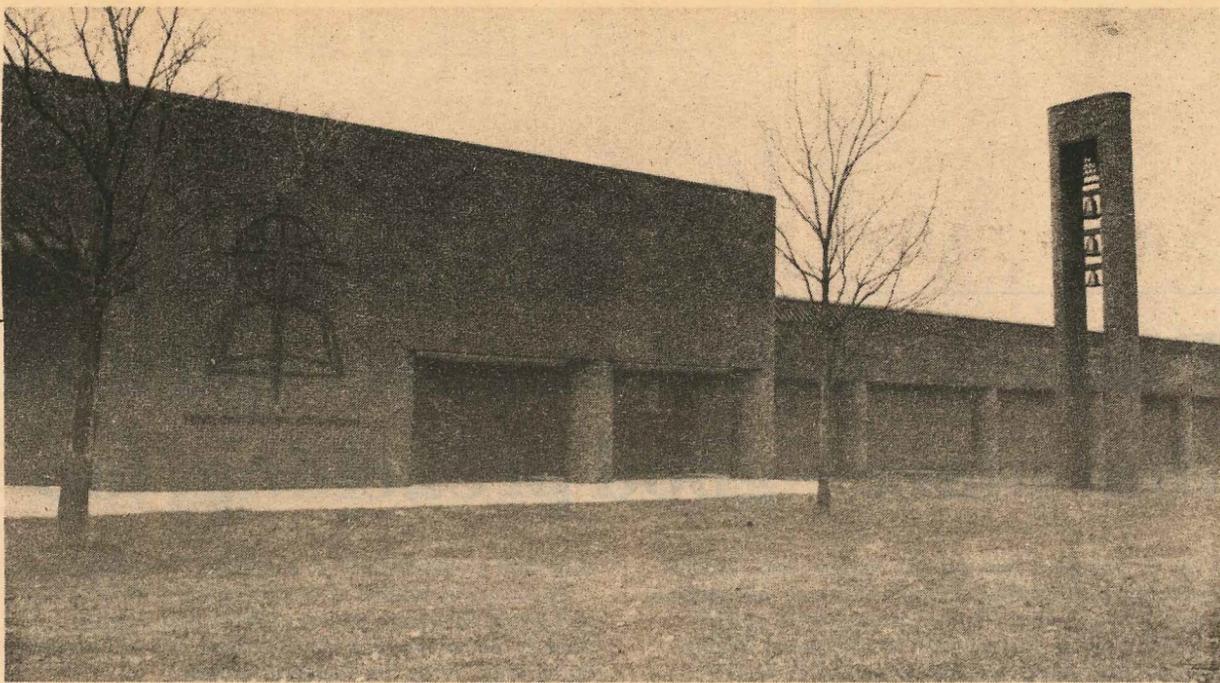
Open house and dedication of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Building in Middletown was held at the close of the convention Nov. 15.

Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer, presided over the dedication service which began with the chiming of the new carillons.

The dedication was led by Thomas H. Shelton, past KBC president.

Other program participants included Eugene Quinn, state music director; John W. Kruschwitz, Ft. Thomas; Ted Sisk Jr., Lexington; and John Dunaway, Corbin.

The building contractor and architect were also recognized.



## The Baptist Building: messengers 'loved' it

At open house and dedication of the new addition to the Baptist Building in Middletown following the close of the convention last week, these comments were overheard:

Johnny Taylor, Whitesburg: It's a much needed improvement and I'm glad we've got it. Our public image has been improved 100 times over. We're portraying Christ and that's great.

Earl Goins, Hustonville: A beautiful building. I think it's a real good addition to the facility and will add a greater service for Kentucky Baptists.

Mike McCool, Beaver Dam: I think it's really nice. This is a super building. It's very versatile. The conference rooms seem well equipped.

Mrs. Ora Fields, Louisville: I think it's wonderful. I was out here this summer and saw the construction. I hope many Christians will come to live a better life because of the influence of Kentucky Baptists.

Mark Hamm, Lexington: I'm impressed with it. Very lovely. A fellow earlier told me that it was a good testimony for Kentucky Baptists going into the eighties.

Paul Lee, Louisville: It's very nice and comfortable. A good design.

Mrs. Virginia Wiley, Manchester: I think it's great. The Lord has really blessed us and I hope we use it to his glory.

Elmer Wiley, Manchester: I don't know of anything they could have done better. I'm real happy that it's here. I was on the board several years ago when we were working on the plans for it. I'm glad it materialized. I thank God for it.

Mrs. Eldred M. Taylor, Somerset: I think it's very lovely and I feel happy that we have it for Kentucky Baptist use. I remember when Kentucky Baptists were down in the building on Broadway, and when we first got out here everybody thought it was too inconvenient to come out here. It is wonderful to see it added to and is an edification to the Lord.

Mrs. Joann Toole, Nicholasville: It is very nice.

Todd Toole (age 19), Nicholasville: It's very impressive, a big improvement. I'm glad they took the bars off the windows.

## 13th check, \$25 million plan announced at annuitants' luncheon

The annual fellowship luncheon for Kentucky Baptist annuitants was held Nov. 13 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

With 174 attending, J. D. Herndon of Louisville presided. He recommended that a letter of appreciation and thanks be sent to the Southern Baptist Annuity Board for its continuing assistance to retirees from church staffs and denominational positions.

Twenty-seven persons who retired within the year were recognized. Charles Holland of Louisville led a memorial for 26 members who died within the year.

Byrd Ison, director of the KBC Annuity Department, said annuitants would receive a 13th check this year before Christmas. Ison announced a goal of \$25 million to be raised by the Annuity Board within the next 10 years to supplement retirees' benefits.

Members of the Kentucky Baptist annuitants' committee for 1980 are: Roy Puckett, Claude Butler, Hugh Widick and Peyton Thurman.

Gayle Toole, Nicholasville: I'm very impressed with the building and glad that we as Kentucky Baptists have such a beautiful edifice. I'm really impressed.

George Stack, Owenton: I've been over it. It's a beautiful building. It's a compliment to Baptists in Kentucky to upgrade their facilities. It is excellent to improve because of what we are and who we represent.

## It took lots of folks to make the convention go

A lot of folks worked behind the scenes at the convention last week. A cruise around the church caught many of them at work.

Betty Cook, WMU director at Walnut Street, coordinated registration. "It ran very smoothly. There were no lines and the people knew what to do," she declared.

Three weeks before the convention the state office informed Mrs. Cook about the number of workers she would need to man the registration tables. A week before Miss Doris Yeiser and A. W. Walker came for a one hour training session with the registrars. Forty ladies were involved in the process.

"Registration was very well organized. The state prepared the books and also checked the records. Everything ran smoothly," she concluded.

The oldest person to register this year was 92-year-old O. W. Yates, former pastor of Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington. The youngest visitor at the convention was two-and-a-half month old, Amber Otey, daughter of Trevis and Amy Otey. Otey is pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Mrs. Jeanette Keele manned the information booth during the week.

"I had 6950 men to ask me directions to the rest room. The funny thing was they had to stand in front of the sign that said 'Men's Room' when they asked me," she grinned.

Among Mrs. Keele's more curious experiences as information desk attendant were her encounters with two Kentucky pastors. One asked her to babysit with a bag of popcorn while he attended an afternoon session. "I promise to return for it," he said sheepishly.

Another pastor inherited a bag of peanuts when he visited one of the exhibit hall booths downstairs. "Where can I put these peanuts?" he inquired. "I don't know why I took them. I don't even like peanuts."

Miss Mary Johnson, director of preschool ministries at Walnut Street, coordinated the nursery for each session. Twenty-five preschoolers were cared for while parents attended the convention. Six workers manned the nursery during the week. This service allowed busy mothers a chance to participate in convention activities. "The nursery workers were so kind," one mother reported. "I knew my child was in the best of care and I didn't have to worry about her at all."

As a matter of interest, Western Recorder surveyed 70 messengers at random and asked how they became messengers to the convention. Fifty-five of those surveyed were elected by their churches, five were appointed by their pastor and 10 admitted coming to the convention as messengers without being elected or appointed by anyone.

# Pastors find sweet, sweet spirit in that place—good preaching, too

What do you get when you mix inspirational, biblical preaching with stirring anthems of praise and sprinkle it with hearty 'amens' and a 'sweet, sweet spirit'?

You get the picture of what the Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference was like last week at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville.

Over 500 pastors, their wives and other guests attended the annual pre-convention gathering. The scriptural theme for the three meetings was taken from 2 Tim. 1:6, "Stir up the gift of God which is in thee."

The Monday afternoon session was highlighted by the first of three looks at "Preaching Themes in Ephesians" and three messages. Clyde T. Francisco, a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, dealt with "The Mystery of God" in the first lesson from Ephesians.

Francisco showed the only way to comprehend the mystery of Christ's love is to be rooted and grounded in love.

"When you comprehend how far Christ's love goes, it will lead you to the point where no sacrifice is too great. As you share this love, you are assured love will ultimately triumph," Francisco pointed out.

J. Altus Newell, pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, delivered the first sermon of the afternoon. His message, "Growing Hearts In A Groping World" challenged the pastors to see the world's greatest need is "compassion that took Jesus to the cross."

"The Double Honor Due the Pastor" was the theme for the message by Bob Norman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Belfry. He took his sermon from 1 Tim. 5:17-19 and pointed out that the pastor should be respected and remunerated.

"The pastor is to be a man of God, a man of the Word of God, a man of work, a man of availability and a man of longevity," Norman stressed.

"He's also supposed to be taken care of by his church. The Bible makes that very plain and a flock

## KBMA hears Turner and plans overseas tour

William Turner, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Lexington, addressed the Kentucky Baptist Music Association (KBMA) on the subject of discipler burnout.

Turner stated everyone will experience a time of general discouragement and dryness in his life. "There will be times when we will know valleys of despair," he suggested.

"As ministers we spend a lot of time ministering to others when we need to take care of ourselves." According to Turner a support community inside or outside the church will help overcome discipler burnout. "We need some good friends who will let us come down from our pedestals and join the human race."

Another reason for a support community is feedback. "There is a lot you'll never know about yourself until you get feedback from someone else. You can't confess to God what you don't know or won't admit about yourself," Turner explained.

The KBMA, which met at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, traditionally performs at the convention. Preparation for this performance is a part of the KBMA meeting.

KBMA plans for next year include preparation for an overseas tour for the KBC Chorale.

New officers of KBMA for next year include Kenneth Hale, minister of music, Lawrenceburg First Baptist Church, president; Larry Cook, minister of music, Frankfort First Baptist Church, vice-president; Sheila Albritton, minister of music, Ashland First Baptist Church; and Willis Henson, pastor, Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, pastor-advisor.

does well to take care of its shepherd," he added.

The liveliest sermon of the afternoon was delivered by Lincoln Bingham, pastor of West End Baptist Church, Louisville. His text was Rom. 1:14-17 and his theme was "Why I'm Ready to Preach."

"I'm ready to preach because I'm a debtor to Christ and because I'm not ashamed of the gospel," Bingham stated.

"I didn't use to feel that way but the power of Christ is able to make a difference. It doesn't matter where you're from; it matters where you're going," he noted.

The evening session included more singing, another lesson from Ephesians and two sermons.

The meaning of "heavenly places" and "principalities" comprised Francisco's second in-depth look at Ephesians. He dealt particularly with the working of Satan and how "there are forces among us today trying to divide us."

"The trouble is we don't put God's armor on. All Christ wants is for us to be submissive and to wear God's armor," he challenged the audience.

Bill Tichenor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Princeton, brought the first message of the evening. He preached from 2 Cor. 5:19 and admonished the pastors to "Preach the Word of Reconciliation."

The major point of Tichenor's message was the gospel "must be personally possessed before being powerfully proclaimed."

The session ended with a message by Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville. He emphasized the "bold ministry must" of a pastor. He also dealt with the compelling power of the cross.

"The cross compels us to act in others' personal



Jesse Stricker, director, Stewardship Promotion Department, recently moved into his new office at the Baptist Building. The building was dedicated Thursday following the convention.

lives, in our community, to service with a servant's spirit and to love supremely," he said.

Tuesday's morning session was a grand climax to the nearly eight hours of preaching and singing during the conference. The Kentucky Baptist Chorale and Southern Seminary Brass Choir greeted the messengers and guests.

The third lesson from Ephesians centered on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Francisco stressed the fact the Holy Spirit is the believer's source of strength and is the one who binds us to God.

Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., preached the final sermon. "How to Get What God Has to Give" was his topic and was taken from 2 Kings 3.

The crowd responded favorably to Smith when he began and warmed up continually throughout the message with repeated 'amens.'

Smith preached "most of us never do enough to need God." He said most live in a calculated manner rather than by faith.

The pastors voiced much approval when Smith made a veiled reference to the current issue of debate between conservatives and liberals concerning the Bible.

"The worst preacher is the lazy, lethargic, liberal preacher who says the Bible is not true," Smith proclaimed.

He concluded by challenging the pastors to claim the victories God is offering them and to see that today's victories lead to tomorrow's triumphs.

In the only business meeting of the conference, the delegates approved bylaws and elected officers for next year.

Bill Tichenor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Princeton, was elected president. The vice president is Wayne Padgett, pastor, Plum Creek Baptist Church, Taylorsville, while Arnold Moon, pastor of Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, was selected secretary-treasurer.

## Not all can reach the top, Faulkner tells religious educators in Kentucky

"Motivation for Our Mission" was the theme of this year's meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association.

Fifty-five religious educators and guests met at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to hear Brooks Faulkner discuss motivation. Faulkner is supervisor of the career guidance section of the Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Faulkner suggested "we think the only way to make it is to be on top. But not all can be there and not all remain there. So, we face the reality it is important to pace ourselves in our mission."

"Justice, integrity, redemption and grace are not themes that will burn out a mission," Faulkner declared.

The religious educators were encouraged to reestablish old truths and methods, updating them to fit current situations. "Some of the old philosophies are still applicable today if we will adapt them and use them," Faulkner suggested.

In the evening session Faulkner presented the basis for being a strong motivator: "One of the things that becomes important for people trying to convince people is thinking highly of yourself."

Terry Hamrick, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Somerset, presided over the meeting. Officers elected to serve in 1979-80 include: William R. Cromer Jr., associate professor of religious education, Southern Seminary, president; Mike King, associate in Church Training Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, vice president/president elect; Mike James, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Danville, secretary-treasurer; and Johnny Taylor, minister of education and youth, First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, secretary-elect.

Allen Graves, dean of the School of Religious Education at Southern, greeted the educators and presented a brief history of the school.

## Convention Messages



Smith



Cauthen



Tolar



Morgan

### Bailey E. Smith

Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church  
Del City, Okla.

I want to tell you, I want you to see, the problem of the people, I want you to see the place of the preacher. In Joshua 13:3 it talks about the priests bearing the ark of the Lord. Joshua put the priests in the middle of the Jordan River, holding the Ark of the Covenant. What does the ark stand for? The ark represented the presence of God among his people.

I want you to see not only the place of the preacher and the problem of the people, but I want you to notice the person of the picture. The ark was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is our manna; Jesus is our strength. Jesus is my high priest that represents me to God. I'm telling you when he died on the cross and shed his precious blood, he paid the price of my atonement. I have been redeemed by the blood of the lamb.

I want you to see the promise of the passport. The whole idea of Canaan was to get across. The most important thing in the world is getting to heaven. The second most important thing is getting someone else there. Can't you see a priest standing out there holding the ark; the waters have abated on each side. If the priest moved as much as six inches the water of Jordan would have come upon the people. Stand firm! Stand firm! Stand firm! A preacher has no place to move away from the word of God; for every time we do, somebody doesn't make it to Jordan.

### Baker J. Cauthen

Executive Director, FMB, Richmond

Young men, starting your ministry, into every phase of your ministry, measure your opportunities well. You have never laid hand to the ministry in such a day of responsibility and challenge as now is before you. Don't dabble your time. Don't give it your second best. Don't cheat yourself by some little, narrow, temporal measurement of your ministry. Don't be a professional; be a servant of the living God.

Everywhere throughout the world there is a voice of a false prophet. It is silent in its winsome propaganda. It is vicious in its objectives. I'm talking about a voice characterized by a hammer and a sickle! If Lenin and Stalin and Mao Tse-Tung have a representative in every city, in every land, at every university, in every crowd of young people, in every labor union . . . and if we as God's people are like dumb dogs, then we can't even bark.

The Lord has never given a condition that says 'Go into all the world and talk it over.'

There has to be a warm, dynamic evangelism. There's just no substitute for that.

There are other ways to preach the gospel besides verbalizing. God wants us to preach verbally and in action.

It's time to pray for missions. We need more and more. It's time to give to missions. We need more and more. It's time to study missions. We need more and more. But it's time to become involved in missions.

What we do about this matter will largely determine our destiny as people called 'Baptists.'

### William B. Tolar

Professor of biblical backgrounds  
Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth

Ever since Jesus called his first disciples and commissioned them to go into all the world to 'make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them,' Christianity has had the privilege and duty of engaging in Christian education. Our commitment to missions and evangelism as Southern Baptists indicates we have

taken this commission seriously. If Bold Mission Thrust is to be more than a mere slogan we must take it even more seriously!

The teachings of the Bible, the conditions of our world, the needs of our nation and the value of human life combine to lay on us the imperative of training leaders who will be able to give spiritual guidance during the difficult days that lie ahead. You and I as Baptists believe God must call people into ministry, but we also believe God calls us to share in the process whereby those called can prepare for more effective ministry. We believe the call to serve is the call to prepare to serve!

The Bible is filled with passages of scripture which tell of God's calling and commissioning people to service. I choose but one of many which could serve as our text for this occasion. It is Ex. 3:5-10. The setting is the 'burning bush' encounter between God and Moses. God is calling Moses to leave the desert and return to Egypt to lead the Israelites out of bondage.

God has never called people to do his work in their strength alone. In giving the commission to go into all the world Jesus said 'and lo, I am with you alway.' Those of us who serve Southern Baptists in theological education know we are not in ourselves wise enough or strong enough to train his servants. We are dependent upon his wisdom and strength. We know we need God's grace and guidance. I would not walk into another classroom to teach if I did not believe God's presence would go with me.

We ask for the prayers of God's people that we might truly be his instruments. We know that not only can we not serve him by human cleverness but neither can our students. We all together are seeking to say honestly before God that we are not able to do the task in and by ourselves, but we are seeking to say sincerely and humbly with Paul that we 'can do all things through him who strengthens' us. In

theological education we are trying to recognize our inabilities, improve our limited abilities, and so dedicate both to God in sincere prayer that he may choose to empower and use us in his work in the world!

### Darold H. Morgan

President, Annuity Board, Dallas

In my work with the Annuity Board I have the privilege of meeting ministers all across the land, a privilege I deeply relish and appreciate. Inevitably in these encounters I have discovered an unbelievable need for encouragement among our brethren.

You and I are ministering in a time when pressures upon the ministry are as pronounced as any conceivable and articulate period of history. We know from experience what Jesus meant when he said to those graduating from his school of theology, 'I send you as lambs among wolves.'

We at the Annuity Board work often with those in the mid-career or late career crisis which is personally related to the disillusionment of those who find their skills honed to the finest point in their mid-careers, yet feel they are unappreciated by an age that deifies youth.

The widely accepted doctor of ministry program has helped retool and excite many of our brethren in their mid-career reappraisals. Many of our state conventions are to be commended for their new probes in the pastoral support centers.

Encouragement in the midst of discouraging trends—it is possible personally and collectively through caring, praying friends—through a caring, perceptive, sensitive, supportive denomination—through a basic, beautiful theological perception grounded in biblical authority.



## Shutterbugs and scribes: Western Recorder's eyes and ears seemed everywhere last week

Western Recorder's diverse news team put it in reach of almost every action related to the Kentucky Baptist Convention last week in Louisville. Those who put together the news package you are reading are pictured. They include competent newsmen and women and volunteers from all over the state.

The 1979 WR press staff included Kathy Blankenship, minister of youth, Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington; James H. Cox, associate editor, Western Recorder; Mrs. Sharon Cox, homemaker and former news writer, Middletown; C. R. Daley, editor, Western Recorder; Mrs. Virginia Flanagan, director

of public relations, Campbellsville College; Gregory L. Hancock, pastor, Stanford Baptist Church; K. Maynard Head, pastor, East Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church, Middlesboro; Jimmy Hester, staff writer, Western Recorder; Steve Higdon, editor, Towers, Southern Seminary, Louisville; John Hughes, staff writer, The Louisville Times; Robin Oldham, coordinator of communications, Georgetown College; Gail Rothwell, staff writer, Western Recorder; Tommy Smith, pastor, Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Shepherdsville; and Mrs. Laurie Taylor, minister of childhood education, First Baptist Church, Whitesburg.

# Convention Statistics

## Presidential Appointments

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

- Committee on Committees**—David Gardner, Hopkinsville  
**Committee on Order of Business**—Rollins Burhans, Bowling Green  
**Committee on Credentials**—Verlin C. Kruschwitz, Elizabethtown  
**Committee on Arrangements**—Francis Tallant, Bowling Green  
**Committee on Resolutions**—John W. Kruschwitz, Ft. Thomas  
**Committee on Public Affairs**—Billy G. Hurt, Frankfort  
**Committee on Obituaries**—Hobert Reynolds, Inez  
**Committee on Constitution and Bylaws**—Sidney Maddox, Paducah  
**Committee on Nominations**—Glenn Armstrong, Beaver Dam  
**Committee on Nominations and Program Evaluation**—Malcom G. Luncford, Frankfort

## Committee on Nominations

Preacher of Annual Sermon for 1980—Edwin Perry, Louisville  
Alternate Preacher for Annual Sermon for 1980—David Gardner, First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville

## Executive Board

Association; Nominee; Term Ends

- Bell; Lewis Jennings, Pineville; 1982  
Bethel; Charles Jackson, Olmstead; 1982  
Blood River; Guy Lawson, Calvert City; 1982  
Booneville; Dennis Rush, Manchester; 1982  
Caldwell-Lyon; Larry G. Mulberry, Eddyville; 1982  
Casey County; Harry A. Dooley, Liberty; 1982  
Christian County; David Gardner, Hopkinsville; 1982  
Crittenden; Thomas L. Williams, Falmouth; 1980  
Davies-McLean; Donald P. Bratcher, Owensboro; 1982  
Carson Bevil, Owensboro; 1982  
William S. Roberts, Owensboro; 1982  
Elkhorn; Samuel B. Jordan Jr., Versailles; 1982  
Henry C. Thompson, Nicholasville; 1982  
Jerry B. Hopkins, Wilmore; 1982  
Green Valley; W. Truman Cochran, Robards; 1982  
Liberty; Randall Nunn, Hardyville; 1982  
Little River; Duane Holland, Cadiz; 1982  
Long Run; Mrs. Jack (Betty) Cook, Louisville; 1982  
Dell Hames, Louisville; 1982  
Donald J. Burke, Louisville; 1982  
David L. Cobb, Louisville; 1982  
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Bruce Hodge, Louisville; 1982  
Lynn; Howard M. Srygler, Munfordville; 1982  
Mercer; Bobby R. Slagle, Harrodsburg; 1982  
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Northern Kentucky; Paul Godsey, Burlington; 1982  
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Rockcastle; Raymond Roaden, Mt. Vernon; 1982  
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Simpson; Richard F. Hale, Franklin; 1982  
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Gary Watkins, Bowling Green; 1982  
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# Frank Owen

Courage

A great many people today in an atmosphere of lessening popularity of the church are finding they didn't realize what they were joining back when they presumably committed themselves. They didn't realize that they were joining an organization, an institution whose definition of membership was of people who were committed to the Lordship of Christ; who recognized his authority over all their lives and his rightful authority, as God's revelation over the world.

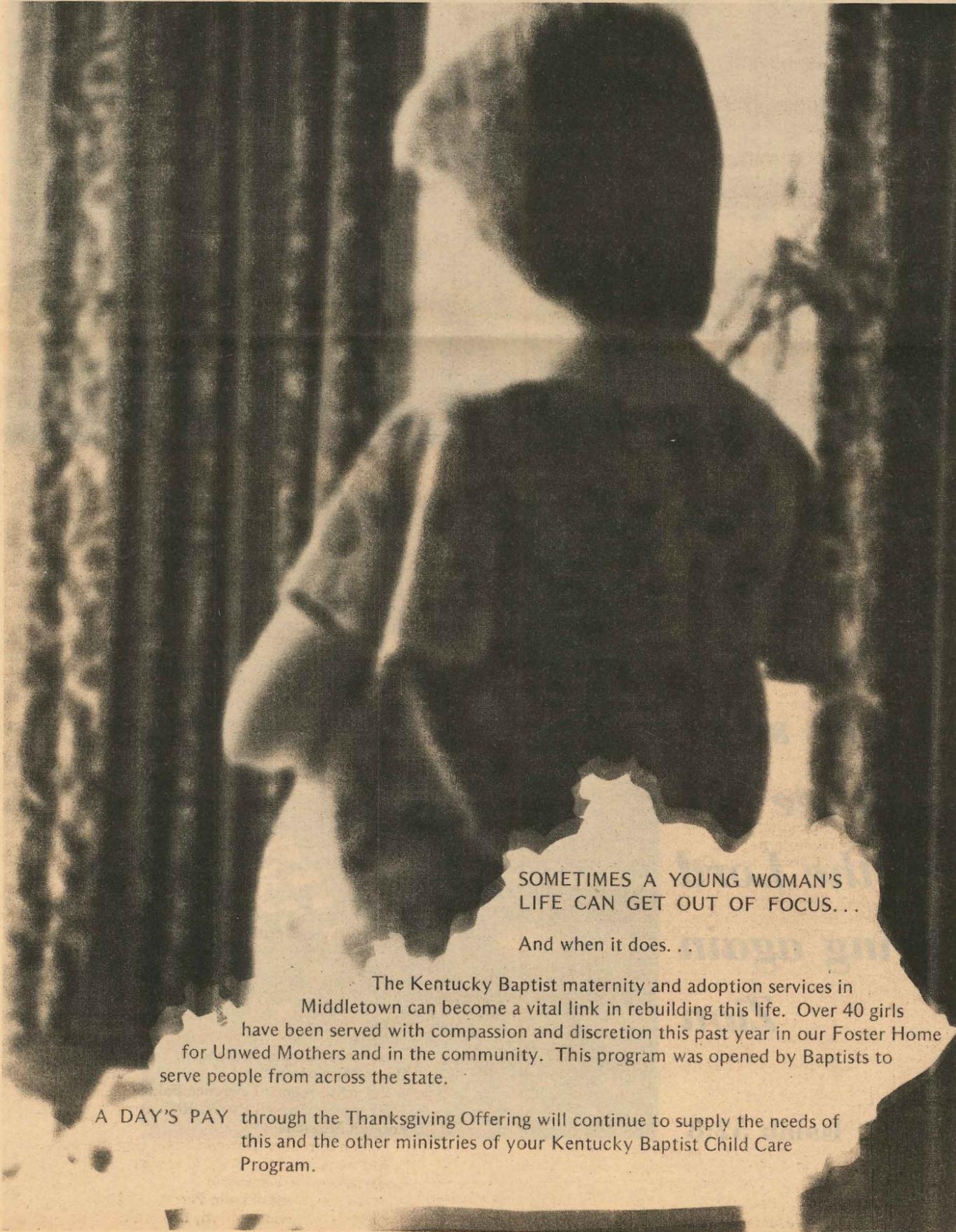
A few years ago with nearly 65% of the population members of churches and a great many more regularly attached to church worship habits, to join a church was the taking of a step that was popular. Sometimes it was coming from outside, from the minority to the in group of better social identification. This was especially true in the "Bible belt" south. Many people perhaps without having thought on it and without intending to be hypocrite were simply doing what nice people do and becoming good members of society.

Now with the church under criticism and the authority of

Christ being popularly questioned people like this are fading fast and sometimes even lending their negative voices to the world as it says, "Why, Jesus?"

Today's atmosphere demands the professing Christian search his soul. Is Jesus Lord? Is he your Lord? My Lord? Are we going to stick? Can we testify in this atmosphere? Can we testify if the atmosphere gets worse? Jesus has authority over his disciples. All his words add up to the conclusion whoever will not acknowledge and declare his lordship cannot be his disciple.

We are coming back toward an atmosphere more nearly like that in which the early Christians chose Christ at the risk of their lives and laid down their lives later rather than deny Christ. Not many years ago it was easy, yea popular, to acknowledge Christ and join the church. Now it is getting so it takes courage. It may get more so. "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matt. 10:22).



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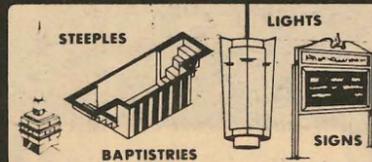
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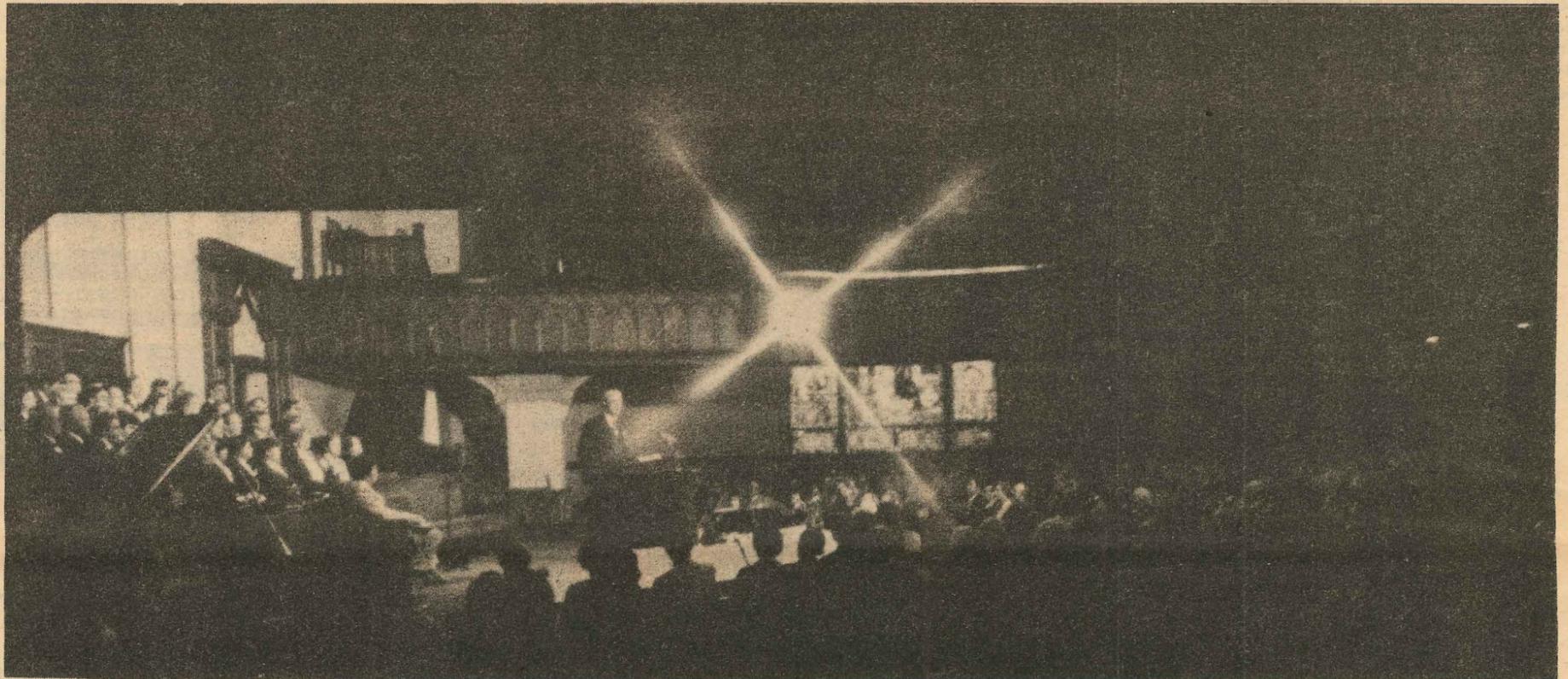
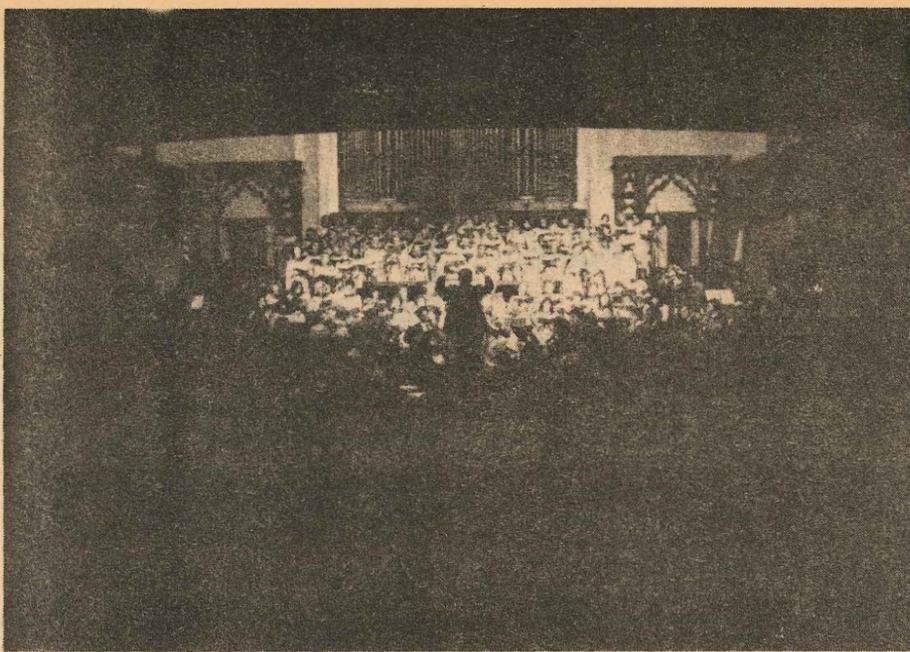
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shall bring again  
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Isaiah 52:8

