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Convention issue

Smooth sailing prevails as Baptists clearly favor mainstream thinking



Bold mission rally starts with RAs' parade of flags

Divisive issues. Spirited debates. Political campaigns. Controversial resolutions.

All of them were missing from the 143rd annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention last week in Bowling Green.

About the only thing out of the ordinary seemed to be the size of the crowd and the crowd's obvious support of mainstream Southern Baptist thinking.

Resolutions passed by the convention attested to this belief: Kentucky Baptists are not yet ready to be sidetracked by any who would be bold enough to attempt a takeover of their institutions and programs.

Numerous references to this fact were made, including remarks by KBC executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen in a report of the executive board. Referring to "a partisan movement . . . organized and identified . . . as a party among us," Owen warned of the danger of Southern Baptists becoming a two party convention.

"Let us look straight ahead and stay with the task," he admonished, "refusing to turn aside to anybody's angry voice . . . that might divide our attention from that to which we are committed."

The resolutions unanimously passed by the convention lauded Western Recorder and its editor for its forthrightness in keeping Kentucky Baptists informed. Another resolution expressed concern over reports of a planned takeover of the Southern Baptist Convention by an ultraconservative element. It called for prayer.

Though 1089 messengers registered, perhaps 6500 persons went to Diddle Arena at Western Kentucky University Wednesday night for a Bold Mission Thrust rally.

The convention elected Bill Whittaker, pastor of Murray's First Baptist Church, president. He was second vice president last year.

New vice presidents elected in Bowling Green include Francis R. Tallant, director of missions, Warren Association (first) and Harold S. Mauney, pastor, First Church, Taylorsville (second).

After eight terms as convention secretary, A. W. Walker of Anchorage declined reelection. He was succeeded by Leo T. Crismon of Louisville, the convention's assistant secretary for 22 years.

Austin Roberts, pastor of Lexington Avenue Church, Danville, was elected assistant secretary; and Franklin Owen, Middletown, was reelected executive secretary-treasurer.

The convention adopted a record \$15.2 million budget for 1981-82, effective Sept. 1, 1981. This compares with a current budget of \$12,782,752.

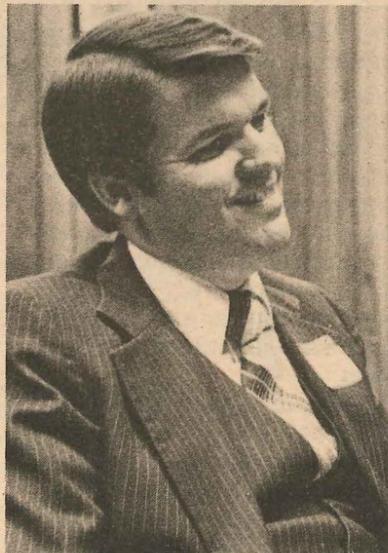
Messengers heard speeches by denominational and governmental leaders, in addition to the president's address by John Dunaway of Corbin and convention sermon by Edwin F. Perry of Louisville. Other major speakers included Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; James H. Smith, executive secretary, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.; Morris Norfleet, president, Morehead (Ky.) State University; Mrs. Martha Layne Collins, Lieutenant Governor, State of Kentucky, Frankfort; R. Keith Parks, president, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; and Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville.

Additionally, the convention heard reports of progress from its agencies, institutions, executive board departments, commissions and committees.

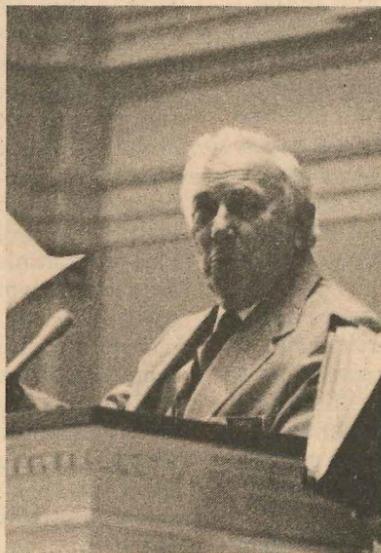
The convention voted to hold its 1983 session at First Baptist Church, Paducah, Nov. 15-17.

In previous conventions the body voted to hold the 1981 session Nov. 10-12 at Elizabethtown's Severns Valley Baptist Church and 1982 session Nov. 9-11 at Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church.

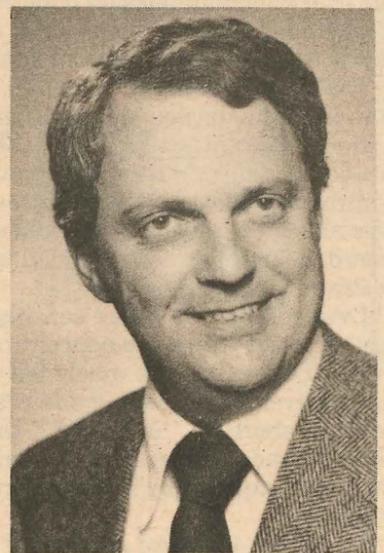
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Murray
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Bowling Green
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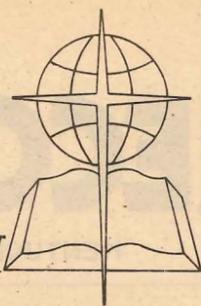


Harold S. Mauney
Taylorsville
Second VP

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

1980—Year of tranquility for Kentucky Baptists

Those looking for the sensational and controversial in the 1980 Kentucky Baptist Convention sessions in Bowling Green looked in vain. The fact is this year's meeting was one of the quietest and most uplifting in many years.

Only one proposal sparked any debate and only three written ballots were used during the entire convention. The ballots, used in electing officers, were required by the constitution and the inconsequential matter debated was whether to report the actual number of votes rather than merely announcing the outcome in election of officers and other ballot votes. The motion to report the numerical outcome was passed.

While not considered sensational, convention messengers were concerned with the biggest of all business for Kentucky Baptists these days. This is world outreach through Bold Mission Thrust. In this connection a 1980-81 Cooperative Program of \$12,000,000 was approved and 6500 Baptists from the Bowling Green area and elsewhere in Kentucky participated in a world mission rally in Diddle Arena on the Western Kentucky University campus.

The mission rally was the first of its kind for Kentucky Baptists. It was first suggested by convention president John Dunaway but quickly captured the imagination of other leaders. Convention staff members were heavily involved in the planning and presentation in which more people learned more about Kentuckians on mission for Jesus Christ than ever before in one service. They also heard a ringing challenge on the overwhelming mission opportunities in the world today. The excellent script for the presentation was mostly the work of James Whaley.

The 1980 Kentucky convention was noticeably free from the tension characterizing the last two national conventions and some 1980 state Baptist conventions. The current controversy over control of Southern Baptist offices and agencies was alluded to by several speakers but mostly in guarded language accompanied by a plea for restraint and unity.

Even resolutions where sensitive issues are usually dealt with were noncontroversial this year. The messengers wisely felt no constraint to haggle over Bible reading and prayer in public schools, abortion, "inerrancy" and other controversial issues. The resolution committee contributed to tranquility by framing carefully worded resolutions.

Five able men were nominated for convention president. The final outcome was so close that only 10 votes separated the winner and runnerup.

The messengers genuinely appreciated the

sincerity, zeal and extra effort of president John Dunaway. No leader could have invested more of himself in the office. He was spared of the parliamentary snarls that sometimes beset Baptist meetings.

First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, has always been one of the favorite meeting places for Kentucky Baptists. This year Warren Association churches were cohosts with First Baptist and their joint efforts left nothing to be desired in the way of accommodations. Everywhere and in every circumstance were friendly faces and helping hands.

Names of particularly helpful hosts are legion but their contributions demand mention of First Baptist pastor Rollin Burhans and his extremely able associate, Richard Bridges, Warren Association executive director Francis Tallant and Warren Association moderator Bob Browning.

May the Lord give us more conventions like the 143rd in Bowling Green!

Inspiration from Southern Baptists in New York

Southern Baptists in New York know they have a long way to go but they know where they are going and they are on the way. Their 1980 convention sessions convinced observers they will get there. The opportunity to lead the Bible studies in five sessions of this year's New York Convention was one of the truly inspiring experiences of my ministry.

It was the 12th annual convention for Southern Baptists in New York though the first effort to meet the mind boggling challenge in the empire state began some years earlier. Many of us remember when the beloved Paul James left a thriving ministry in Atlanta to begin the first Southern Baptist witness in Manhattan. It was from one church, to one association and finally to the convention 12 years ago which now includes all the Southern Baptist congregations in New York and several in southern Connecticut and northern New Jersey.

Southern Baptists did not come to New York to minister to transplanted southerners. They came to reach New Yorkers and are making significant progress though they are still handicapped by a name which tends to repel natives. Appropriately they chose for this year's convention the theme, "We belong." It was their way of saying the Lord has planted us here and we are here to stay, to plant, to cultivate and to reap.

New York Southern Baptists are changing the Southern Baptist image of ministering chiefly to middle class, white Anglo-Saxons. Their convention reflects the ethnic makeup of the area. Their churches and missions in the New York City area minister to the Hispanic, Chinese, Arabic, German, Rumanian, Japanese, Korean and others. Each session of the convention was opened and closed by ministers praying in languages from all over the world. I understood very few words of any of these prayers but never experienced clearer communication through the universal language of the spirit.

Kentucky has a strong investment in the New York convention. Jack Lowndes, former pastor of Erlanger Baptist Church, is the executive director. Chip Lockwood, a second generation Kentucky Baptist minister, has been directing Baptist student work in metropolitan New York. As of next year he will lead student work for the entire New York convention.

Wallace Williams, pastor of Wilton Baptist Church, completed two years of service as New

York Convention president and was given a standing ovation for his outstanding service. Wallace is a former Georgetown College staff member and was earlier pastor of the Finchville congregation in Shelby County. His mate, Judith, is remembered as a valuable and greatly loved part of the Kentucky Baptist Convention staff. Dean Kaufman, remembered by many Kentuckians, is associate pastor of this year's host church in Greenwich, Conn. and his excellent handling of every need endeared him to all messengers. It was also heart warming to find some former Kentucky pastors who have responded to God's call to New York.

New York Baptist work, however, is not for the weak and faint hearted. It's a mind challenging, soul trying and back breaking experience. A typical example is the Baptist Book Store arrangement for the 1980 convention messengers. Jack and Doris Lowndes with the help of their two daughters literally moved the only Baptist Book Store in New York from Syracuse to Greenwich, Conn. for this convention. The four of them loaded a rented van with books and other convention supplies, transported them 250 miles, tended store for three days, reloaded the leftovers and hauled them back to Syracuse. This is typical of Southern Baptist denominational workers, pastors and laypeople in New York.

Kentucky Baptists have another investment in Southern Baptist work in New York. New York Southern Baptists finance much of their program but the mission division of their budget receives major funding from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. This means from every dollar of Cooperative Program funds Kentuckians contribute a fraction helps proclaim the gospel in New York. Such a realization should set our heart to singing and lead us to increase our Cooperative Program contributions for 1981.

Baptist Forum

Fervent disagreement though loving

I wish to make an apology.

Most Baptists have no doubt been aware of the increasing amount of discord in our ranks. More and more we are forming factions around issues which appear to have no soothing middle ground.

I personally am a member of the Baptist 'camp' that tends to embrace such buzz-words as inerrancy, pro-life, anti-homosexuality, etc. I therefore tend to agree more than I disagree with such well known Baptists as Adrian Rogers, Bailey Smith, Paige Patterson, W. A. Criswell, etc.

My camp has in recent years been successfully opposing some of those in the other camp who are currently in control of many SBC agencies and subunits. However, in the clash between these two groups there is one real sense in which both have suffered a loss.

We have stopped loving each other as much as we should.

It is my opinion that as long as both sides continue to use TV broadcasts, radio programs, newspaper editorials and pulpit oratory that impugn rather than implore, we will find ourselves trying to administer a cure which will eventually be worse than any disease we have in the convention.

Do not get me wrong—I still disagree as much as ever with those in the other camp and will continue to plead for some changes in our great convention's directions, but I am sincerely sorry that in my fervor I sometimes have given in to the temptation to love my Christian brothers less than I should. I have looked upon them as the enemy instead of as well meaning, but misdirected, allies in the struggle against evil.

Gary Crum, Washington, D. C.

KBC reports

\$15.2 million projected by KBC executive board

The executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention adopted a \$15.2 million budget for 1981-82 to be recommended to the convention. It will be divided 35% for SBC causes and 65% for KBC causes.

The projected budget, effective Sept. 1, 1981, includes a basic operating goal of \$10,340,000, another \$4,060,000 in bold mission challenge funds and \$800,000 in other estimated income.

The current year's budget, which was effective Sept. 1, 1980, is \$12,782,752.

In other actions in Bowling Green the executive board:

- Authorized the executive secretary to dispose of two tracts of land in the Andrew Featherstone estate, totaling 304 acres, for a sale price of approximately \$272,000. The property is owned by the convention's executive board in Carlisle County, near Arlington.

- Authorized the sale or trade of property originally purchased in Bowling Green as a projected Baptist student center site. A more suitable location has been found than one purchased by the executive board last year.

- Learned that a new Baptist student center is nearing completion at Murray State University, to be occupied in early 1981. The cost of between \$500,000 and \$600,000 is expected to be paid in full upon completion.

- Adopted a plan to allow the executive board to fill its own vacancies rather than by a convention committee when they occur.

- Heard encouraging reports from the three senior Baptist college presidents—Ben Elrod, of Georgetown; James H. Taylor, of Cumberland; and Randy Davenport, of Campbellsville.

Alums share pride and optimism

In keeping with the theme of the importance of Christian education at this convention alumni gatherings demonstrated feelings of pride and optimism about their schools.

Campbellsville College hosted a reception Tuesday night at First Baptist Church. Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Davenport along with many faculty and staff members greeted friends and alumni. The positive progress of the college's Diamond Jubilee Campaign was presented.

"To give them tools to work with—that's why it's there." That quote by an alum of Clear Creek sums up the purpose of the institution which breakfasted with its alumni and friends Wednesday at Greenwood Baptist Church.

With great pride, D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek, announced the 1000th student would graduate in the spring. Two exciting new programs were also discussed which pertain to its expanding educational program.

One allows a student to attend the school one month in the summer free. The second encourages alumni to return to Clear Creek for one week per year to continue their education by participating in the program of their choice.

Clear Creek is also enthusiastic about its recently expanded facilities which include a new library and music building along with a 10% enrolment in-

crease.

Optimism also pervaded the Cumberland College alumni breakfast held Wednesday at Red Carpet Inn. Their reason for pride centered in the large number of students who are pursuing graduate degrees and returning to their home area to serve their communities.

"We are alive with great progress and programs," announced James Taylor, president of the largest Kentucky Baptist college.

"First, we are a Kentucky Baptist institution, and then, we are serving the Appalachian area. We are not a bit bashful about being Baptist," he said.

Some 60 friends and alumni were encouraged by the progress of the college along with Taylor's pledge to carry on the tradition of J. M. Boswell of continued personal interest in every student.

The excitement of the Georgetown breakfast centered around its Decade of Progress campaign. The 21st annual gathering at Midtown Holiday Inn Wednesday also recognized Mr. and Mrs. George Hays, hosts of the annual breakfast since its inception. They were presented a silver bowl in appreciation for their support of the college and in memory of Mr. Hays' father.

The atmosphere was happily optimistic at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's alumni luncheon at Red Carpet Inn Wednesday. Bill Whittaker, alum president, greeted friends and dignitaries and Inman Johnson amused the group with anecdotes about his 14-year "interim" pastorate in Virginia. Featured speaker president Duke K. McCall reported the enthusiasm on the seminary campus. He also asked for prayer for the seminary and its purpose of training ministers for the glory of God. Gerald Lord, pastor of Eastwood Church in Bowling Green, new president of the alumni group, closed with prayer.

Thirty-seven alumni and other friends of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary met at Calvary Baptist Church for a luncheon meeting Wednesday.

L. Harold Lee, minister of education at Campbellsville Baptist Church, presided. Mrs. Earl Shoemaker, Paducah, succeeds Lee as alumni president.

James Leo Garrett, professor of religion at Southwestern, was the program's featured speaker.



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The information desk at the back entrance of the church helped people find their way about all week.

Pointing out rooms and directions to messengers was a full time job. Some folks had problems with going in the front of the sanctuary with everyone facing that way and sought out the "back" of the church.

But the messenger who probably appreciated the information desk most was the one who left his black shoes at home and had to find a store in Bowling Green to buy another pair.

A deal you can't refuse

The hottest selling item at the Baptist Book Store this year was "bargains," according to Ruth Ouzts, book store manager. Also, January Bible Study materials were in demand.

Miss Ouzts said Bibles were selling better this year than in past years. All versions seemed to be in demand, the King James as well as the modern translations.

Book store personnel were pleased with the display area and the room they had for their materials.

Traffic at the crossroads

The church office at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, was a beehive of activity during the convention meet-

ing the needs of requests for everything from making copies of materials to delivering messages to pastors. The office gave out information on bus schedules, nursery schedules and program schedules.

The office is headed by Mrs. Frank Hill who has been church secretary for almost 30 years. Mrs. Hill said she really enjoys the convention and getting to see lots of old friends.

Registration smooth as a whistle, busy

Registration was very smooth as reported by Sue Theis, registration chairman and a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

Mrs. Theis was responsible for a volunteer force of 30 ladies from Warren Association who took care of registration at this year's convention.

Monday afternoon and Tuesday were the busiest days for registration. The only real problem was some delegations filled up before all the messengers from the particular church were registered.



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Pastors share commitments to motivate missions endeavors

The Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference is known for its good fellowship, biblical preaching and portraying a burden for missions. This year was no different for the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Pastor's Conference.

The theme was bold growing and the pastors took it seriously.

Harold Maoney began the conference messages with a sermon titled "Bold Growing: What every growing pastor must be." Maoney, pastor of First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, contended all pastors are on a spiritual pilgrimage just as their congrega-

tion is on a pilgrimage.

"Every pastor must be captivated by God's call. We cannot be captivated by ourselves." He also averred a pastor must be grounded in God's grace. "We are nothing without God's loving mercy . . . it gives us humility and helps us live an exemplary life."

Maoney closed his address by urging pastors to be announcers of the gospel. "Preaching is a privilege, an honor and an awesome responsibility."

Bruce Grubbs, consultant in pastoral ministries for the Baptist Sunday School Board, led a series of mes-

sages on church growth. He contended a pastor could not lead a church to grow unless he had a dream of the kingdom of God. "A pastor needs to have a dream of redemption, a dream of God's rule and a sense of new humanity."

"You must have a dream in your heart to give you direction and intent in your ministry," said Grubbs.

"However," he declared, "You cannot lead a church if you have the wrong dream and you cannot lead a church if your dream is dead."

"Sometimes," he stated, "we pastors get so busy in the works of ministry we forget the purpose of ministry."

Grubbs also alluded that too many secular models are used to lead the church.

"We need to use the model of church authority found in the New Testament." He concluded, "Pastors are to be authoritative, not authoritarians." Grubbs claimed "there is more division in churches over power than doctrine."

"It is wrong when we engineer authoritarian positions over other church members. Jesus commanded us to be mutually submissive to one another."

"One greater than Moses has come," he noted, "and at Pentecost the wind of the spirit blew and the power and the presence of that spirit indwells every believer."

Ferrill Gardner, pastor of Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, said, "I am thankful we as Southern Baptists are involved in feeding hungry people in the world but there are also billions of people suffering from spiritual malnutrition."

"We have a challenge of bold missions and we have a command from our Lord Jesus to feed the flock." Gardner reasoned, "We cannot feed the flock unless we as ministers are prepared." Prayer is a key to this preparation, he suggested. "We must take a message to the lost that is warmed and compassionate by the soul of God."

William L. Bennett, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ft. Smith, Ark., brought messages urging the pastor to prepare himself to lead the church in evangelism. "We as ministers must be careful not to explain away our own sin," declared Bennett. Pastors must establish a relationship in lowliness to the almighty God.

"We cannot by our own graces back into the graces of God. Rather, the sacrifice of God is a broken spirit and contrite heart. A pastor must be a man who is after the heart of God."

Bennett urged all pastors to be the example to the church which God has called them to be.

David Gardner, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, preached, "We misplace our faith when we take our eyes off of Jesus." Gardner exhorted, "When Christians take their eyes off Jesus they become self conscious and resentful. We become cause conscious and not people conscious."

He reminded his colleagues "programs do not win people to Jesus but rather people win people." He concluded, "The key to bold missions is to keep your eyes on Jesus."

In a business session the delegates elected officers for next year.

Wayne Padgett, pastor of Plum Creek Baptist Church, Taylorsville, was elected president. The vice president is Bob Durham, pastor of Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro. Glen Armstrong, pastor of Beaver Dam Baptist Church, was elected secretary-treasurer.

KBREA evokes visions of leadership

The Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association (KBREA) met at Western Kentucky University's Downing University Center for its annual meeting Monday, Nov. 10.

As students hustled to and from classes Kentucky religious educators convened to discuss such topics as "The Cost of Leadership," "A Minister's Relationship with His Family," "Your Relationship with Other Church Staff," "Rewards of Leadership" and "My Relationship with Church Members."

Bill Cromer, 1980-81 KBREA president, gave the welcome and introductions. Following this Jack McEwen, dean of the School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary, led a Bible study based on Prov. 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

McEwen said the five characteristics of good leadership include the ability to make decisions, experience, direction, character and vision. Vision is the most important aspect, he said. The leader must "see the difference between what is and what ought to be."

Later in the day McEwen led a Bible study based on Gen. 32:22-32. After a series of impromptu jokes, McEwen related the story of Jacob, the "go-getter." Concluding, he said, "This world will reward you with all the secular goods, but the only thing it can't give is peace, joy and love." This, he said, must come

from God.

Harley Dixon, chaplain at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, dealt with "A Minister's Relationship with His Family." Ministers must "treat symptoms rather than problems."

Dixon projected that symptoms must be detected. Some symptoms of family rifts include hostility, anger, frustration, negativism and depression.

Once the symptoms are seen, Dixon said the problems behind them must be found. Generally these problems include the lack of communication, affirmation and honesty, to mention a few. Honest communications, openness to problems, confession, forgiveness and reconciliation are all possible solutions to solving relational problems, Dixon added.

Chip Miller, administrative pastor, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, led "Your Relationship with Other Church Staff."

"When staff members leave churches it often has something to do with poor staff relationships," he said. Some forewarning symptoms of staff "dis-ease" are unresolved conflict, insufficient planning and lack of close supportive relationships.

"The style of staff that Jesus developed was a team concept rather than just a super-leader with a group of go-fors around him," Miller claimed. This is a model contemporary church leaders should follow to solve "dis-ease," Miller suggested.

The final speaker, Bill Simmons, is minister of education, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington. In speaking on "My Relationship with Church Members" Simmons said leaders can "love Baptists into attempting almost anything, but not drive them into anything." Leadership, he said, is a two-way street, "if you love the people, let them love you." Above all else, Simmons suggested "being there is the heart of the Christian ministry."

Newly elected 1981-82 KBREA officers include Mike King, associate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention Church Training Department, president; R. Wayne Jones, associate pastor of director of religious education, Erlanger Baptist Church, president elect; and Desmond R. Hargis, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, secretary-treasurer.

Henson gives musicians a refreshing note

Willis Henson, pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church, Lexington, addressed nearly 70 ministers of music during the meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Music Association (KBMA) at First Baptist Church, Franklin.

Henson, the KBMA pastor-advisor for the past year, led the association's personal growth session with a message titled "The Christian Classics in the Devotional Life."

He emphasized church staff members often spend all of their time in only one field. He encouraged his listeners to draw devotions from Christian classics and other areas, as well as from music, in order to gain "fresh springs of water."

"The classics will be a challenge and a help if used in devotional life," Henson promised. He explained that many Christian classics consist of "writings of great Christian men that express universal themes in simple language."

Henson stated one should be relaxed, should underline things of value and should read critically what is presented in the classics.

Prior to the personal growth session, Bill Williams, minister of music at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, led in a time of worship. Don Phillips, minister of music at the host church, presented a piano and organ concert.

During the KBMA business session Larry Cook, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Frankfort, was elected president. Bruce Richardson, minister of music at Versailles Baptist Church, was elected vice president and Don Phillips, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Franklin, was elected secretary-treasurer. Danny Arterburn, minister of music at Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church, and Wayne Halley, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Murray, were elected members at large.

Cook summarized the purpose of KBMA as a means to "provide materials and programs to enhance the ministry of individual music leaders in the churches." The organization provides an opportunity for fellowship and inspiration, he observed.

Missions directors spread BMT fever

"You don't have to be crazy to work at the Sunday School Board but it sure does help," joked Thurman Allred as he spoke to the Kentucky Fellowship of Directors of Missions (KFDM).

Following several minutes of comical impersonations, complete with a flannel shirt, bow tie and hill-billy hat, the church administration consultant had his amused audience nearly convinced of his earlier statement.

Turning to a more serious vein Allred quelled the laughter with the question, "Has Bold Mission Thrust caught on with you, or are you still just talking about it?"

Allred, who spent 15 years in the pastorate and seven years as an associational missionary before going to the Sunday School Board eight years ago, reminded the 40 directors of missions they are "key leaders in Baptist work."

"We are engaged in the most important business in the world because it's God's business," he proclaimed.

Allred challenged his listeners with the statement, "There ought to be boldness about everything we seek to do in the local associations."

With a sense of urgency Allred encouraged each individual to "be yourself and know yourself as you minister among your people."

He admonished the directors to develop "a real love for people. We need to understand people," he concluded.

Following a verse of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the newly-elected KFDM president, Allen Black, director of missions of Muhlenberg Association, led in the benediction.

After the meeting Black reaffirmed the association's theme, "Missions, Our Task," by remarking, "I would personally like to see more of our associations involved in Bold Missions Thrust in the coming year."

Louis Shepherd, director of missions of Freedom, Russell County and Wayne County Associations, was elected vice president and Ray Cooper, director of missions of Tates Creek Association, was elected secretary-treasurer.

In addition to the election of officers and Allred's message another highlight of the annual KFDM fellowship dinner was the naming of the director of missions of the year. Ross Figart, director of missions of Boones Creek Association, was named recipient of the annual award.

Warren Association, home of immediate past president Francis Tallant, hosted the fellowship dinner. Musical entertainment was provided by Phil and Sheryl Tallant of Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah.

'My door is open,' exclaims Bill Whittaker

Billy Douglas Whittaker is now president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The 37-year-old pastor of Murray's First Baptist Church carried the balloting in a runoff election with Bill Jagers of Cynthiana Church.

Whittaker becomes the youngest KBC president of the century. John Wood bore that distinction until Tuesday. Coincidentally, both men are western Kentucky pastors.

The new president is a native of Bowling Green, and has been in the pastorate since 1964. He is married to the former Rebecca Howard of Bowling Green. The couple has three children: John Mark, 8; Karen Marie, 7; and Mary Kaye, 4.

Whittaker brings a wealth of experience to his new office. He has thrice served on the state executive board, been on the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference and has held numerous associational and state offices. At the time of his election he was second vice president of the convention.

Western Recorder interviewed Whittaker following his election.

WR: Since much is being said today about the level of Cooperative Program support of Southern Baptist officers and their congregations, let me ask you about your support of the Cooperative Program. What percentage does Murray, First, give to the Cooperative Program?

WHITTAKER: In our current budget which started Oct. 1 we give 18 1/4 % through the Cooperative Program. That translates out to \$69,100. I'm quite proud of the fact our church was eighth in the convention during the past year in dollar giving to the Cooperative Program. We ought to be higher per capita but we're working on that. Our projection is to double our Cooperative Program gifts between 1977 and 1982. We're on target for that.

We did a long range study when I came to Murray and it showed our Cooperative Program giving had dropped on a percentage basis because our budget rose dramatically over a couple of years. The church had always given more dollars but when we figured it on a percentage we had dropped from about 21% to 13%. At 18 1/4 % we're back up close to where we were before and giving more dollars than we ever have.

WR: Since we're talking about giving, let's consider Bold Mission Thrust for a moment. Increased giving is one of the foundation stones of the bold mission theme.

Bold Mission Thrust has become something of a cliché phrase over these past few years. We all agree the basic philosophy is a noble one and most pastors' sermons support the cause. Outside the pulpit, though, how do you feel about Bold Mission Thrust?

WHITTAKER: I am committed to it. Our church has adopted goals related to Bold Mission Thrust. I feel like the program, if it is to succeed—if any program that we present to our people and design to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord is to succeed—it is going to have to succeed at the local church level.

Probably, not many have really grabbed hold of Bold Mission Thrust at the local level. It takes so long for something to get from the Southern Baptist Convention down to a local level in actual implementation. By the time it does we've almost become tired of the slogan.

WR: But your church is active in this now. What did you do? As you said, it takes a long time for programs to filter down but some churches seem to get hold of them sooner. Some churches are actually catalysts in getting other churches started.

What would you say is instrumental in getting the bold mission concept moving?

WHITTAKER: The pastor definitely has to be committed to it. He has to preach and to share and to lead his people in missions consciousness.

The people can't do anything unless they are informed. Next, they have to be challenged. I think challenging goals for our churches make a difference.

I think one of the strongest things that has come about in our church is the emphasis of Bold Mission Thrust on volunteers. This is not altogether new for our church. As far back as the early 1900s we were sending out individuals on our own from Murray to the foreign mission field.

Southern Baptists have always maintained the integrity of church-supported missions projects. We had 60 people this past church year that were involved in short term missions projects in Indiana, east Kentucky, Montana, Jamaica and Guatemala. Their involvement has really put a dynamic and excitement about missions into our fellowship. There's nothing like being there and seeing it first hand.

I think a church needs to encourage its pastor—let him be involved in a mission experience once a year. I think a pastor ought to do it.

WR: Do you go with your volunteers?

WHITTAKER: Yes, I do. I went to east Kentucky and I slept on a cot at Marrowbone Center. I've gone to Montana and worked on the Indian reservation. It's a real blessing to me because I get to know some of our people more than I ever could—being with them almost 24 hours a day.

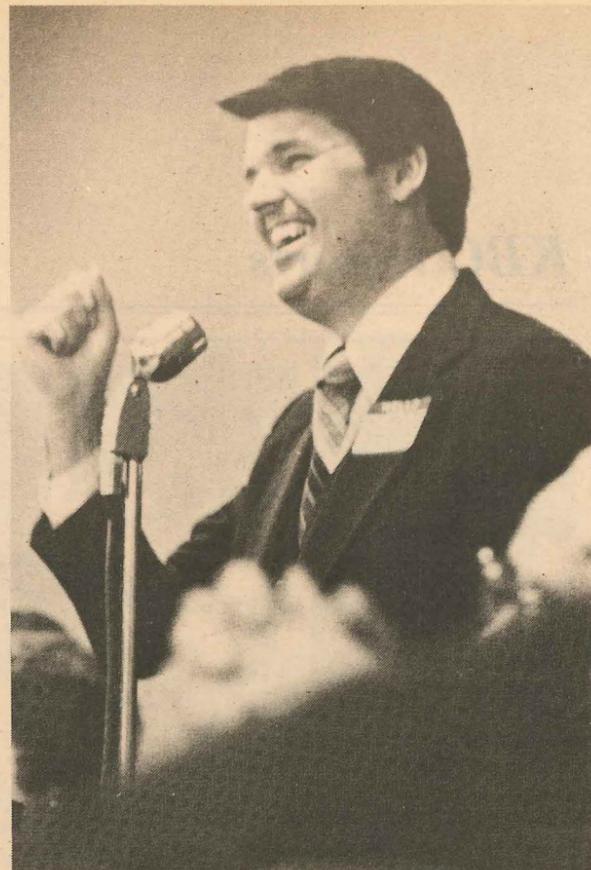
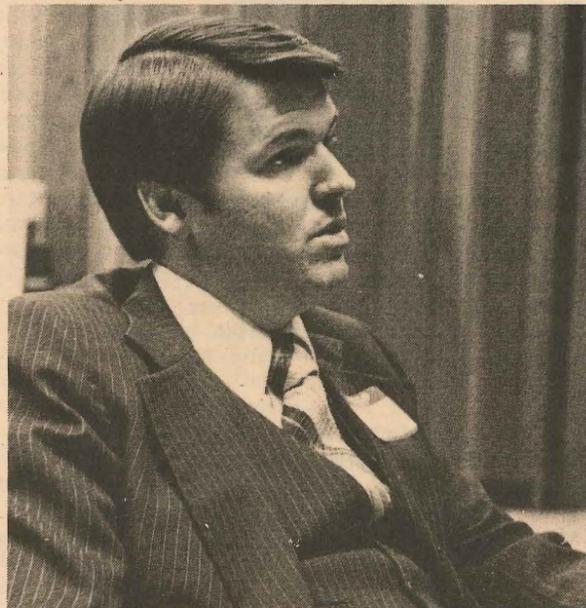
WR: One of the critical issues concerning Baptist denominational life in the eighties is factionalism. Factions have evolved around the right and left wings of the "biblical inerrancy" issue and for the first time in decades seems to be challenging Southern Baptists to conform doctrinally or abdicate the denomination.

Some say these factions represent an awakening of consciousness. Others say they create rifts and destroy fellowship. What are your feelings on the matter?

WHITTAKER: This is not a new phenomenon in Southern Baptist life. We've had factions arise and differences in the past—controversies. No doubt this is a critical issue in our convention now. I feel this is a balancing sort of thing. Maybe a reaction is coming as a result of a few years of (numerical) downturn in evangelism and baptism. It possibly is part of the overall conservative movement in our country.

I am not a part of any movement that has been working to elect any particular candidates to presidential office. I've not been a member of any organization on either side of the inerrancy controversy. I have been invited to take sides but I told the people who asked me I felt like it was getting to the point where the two factions were talking about each other too much when we needed some kind of approach to talk with each other.

WR: A group calling itself Moral Majority and claiming to be a Christian voice in politics has been quite active during this year's presidential campaign. Many Baptist support this group. Others condemn it, saying it breaches the acceptable lines of separation between



church and state. What do you think about the "Moral Majority"?

WHITTAKER: Inherent in the gospel is a word of judgment and, at times, praise and support for the government. The danger in movements such as Moral Majority—and it is but one of several—is that they tend to link churches with certain political candidates, certain political stands. Later when that candidate or that stand's influence begins to wane or when decisions are made that don't suit the church on certain issues, people become disenchanted.

The prophets spoke to the kings very forthrightly in matters of politics. I do not view the Bible as teaching a harsh division between secular and sacred. I believe Christians must live out the gospel in society. We ought to be Christian citizens.

WR: You have in the past been outspoken on issues of denominational propriety. You've had the opportunity to be heard. You've served on the state executive board, been a member of the board of child care and held denominational office.

Your supporters commend your insistence on denominational openness and honesty. Whatever else you are, you are now spokesman for nearly 800,000 Kentucky Baptists.

How and where will you draw the line between Bill Whittaker's opinion and the at-large Kentucky Baptist opinion?

WHITTAKER: I'm going to try to do my job as best I can within the guidelines of the convention constitution.

I'm not as experienced, have not been as involved as some have but at the same time, as a pastor since 1964, I do bring to the job perspective and the sharing of a lot of people across the state.

I am committed to openness and honesty. I am committed to shared leadership. I feel like the Kentucky Baptist Convention belongs to—it is—Kentucky Baptists. It is not my convention. It is not the administrative staff's convention at Middletown. It is the channel through which Kentucky Baptists work.

I would hope Kentucky Baptists would have a freedom to ask any question and to feel like they could get straight answers. I would hope they would feel the freedom to be involved completely.

WR: If factions are not a real problem then can you identify any problems in Kentucky Baptist life that are likely to hamper our collective effort?

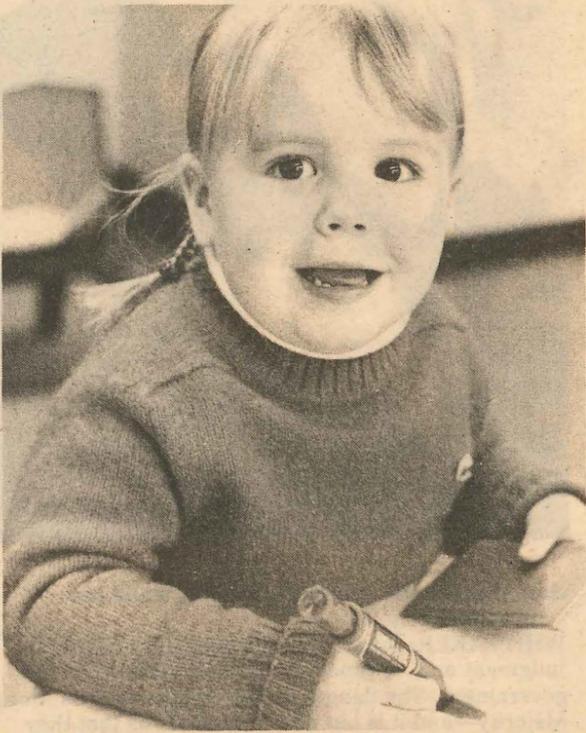
WHITTAKER: Some feel morale is low in some areas. I would like to see the convention raise its trust level. Be willing to let convention personnel do their jobs.

Some feel potential is not being used as it should be. I believe in broadening the base of leadership.

WR: Is there anything in particular you would like to accomplish as convention president?

WHITTAKER: I'd like to see us work some with budget goals. I'd like to see us get more active in bold missions. I'd like the people to realize I am approachable. I'd like people to write me, to call me. I used to feel I could never talk to the president of the convention. I've realized, since, that was just me but I hope others don't feel that way. My door is open.

KBC reports



Hunter Oldham, Georgetown, attended the convention nursery which First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, volunteers operated.



Forrest Sawyer, director of the KBC Brotherhood Department, addressed the Wednesday night BMT Rally crowd.

32 join annuitants as 18 are memorialized

Thirty-two persons swelled the ranks of Kentucky Baptist annuitants in the last year.

The memory of another 18 who died during the year was honored during the annual Kentucky Baptist annuitants' luncheon last week.

Peyton Thurman, director of church relations at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, presided at the occasion. Elected to plan next year's event were annuity director Byrd Ison, Middletown, and Verlin C. Kruschwitz and Edwin F. Perry, both of Louisville.

Roy Boatwright, Louisville, recognized the new annuitants swelling the ranks in the last 365 days. All have retired from active service on a church or denominational agency staff, or have reached retirement age. They include:

Lyman S. Allen, J. Chester Badgett, Hubert Beck, James M. Boswell, Raymond T. Daugherty, Cecil H. Erwin, Rosa V. Fiechter, John Lee Gentry, Ilus M. Hallford, Norman Dell Hames, Taylor Hampton, Henry C. Hedgespath, Fred Hill, Thomas Dean Hill, Verlin C. Kruschwitz, John Robert Lanham, Odus G. Lawless, James A. Lester, William S. Lyons, Kermit A. Lovelace, Harold V. Moore, Von Norris Jr., Hankins F. Parker, Edwin F. Perry, Joseph C. Prater, Harold John Purdy, Henry W. Schafer, Carl Sears, John Earl Warford, Kenneth E. Worchester, Ollie Mae Williams and Eugene W. Young.

Deceased annuitants included Bob W. Brown, Walter E. Bryant, Lerond L. Curry, Glen Newman Curtis, James H. Gold, Frank L. Hacker, H. Kenneth Herren, Thomas H. Hogue, Vernor F. Lipscomb, Linn V. Meador, Randall T. Miller, Horace Otis Nicely, Charles C. Payton, Verner V. Raines, Robert Travis, Reed Woodall, William C. Younce and Jefferson F. Young.

Boswell cited for 41 years' service to state Baptists

James Boswell, president emeritus of Cumberland College, received a plaque and special recognition as part of a report on Christian education during the Nov. 12 afternoon session.

James H. Taylor, Cumberland's current president, voiced his appreciation for Boswell and for the 41 years of service he has given Cumberland.

Franklin Owen, Kentucky Baptist Convention executive secretary-treasurer, expressed thanks to Boswell on behalf of the convention.

Boswell thanked all Kentucky Baptists for the support they have given him and his wife during their years of service at Cumberland.

Ministers' wives meet for fellowship, discussion

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship was held Nov. 11 at Downing Center, Western Kentucky University.

Doris Sullivan of Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville, presided over the meeting which centered around the theme "Relationships." This yearly event helps cement the relationships between ministers' wives around the state while promoting fellowship and support.

Jack Palmer and Steve Cole of Georgetown College presented a program on relationships through the dramatic forms of pantomime, poetry, readings and improvisations.

The Bowling Green ministers' wives made craft items which were given as door prizes along with other donated gifts.

New officers for the coming year were installed. They are president, Mrs. Kay (D. M.) Aldridge, Pineville; vice president, Mrs. Charlene (W. C.) Ray, Elizabethtown; program chairman, Mrs. Glenda (Bill) Tichenor, Princeton; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Brenda (Gary) Watkins, Bowling Green.



1981-82 Elected officers - (top left) Kentucky Fellowship of Directors of Missions officers (l-r) Ray Cooper, Bates Creek Association, secretary-treasurer; Allen Black, Muhlenberg Association, president; Louis Shepherd, Freedom, Russell County and Wayne County associations, vice president.

(top right) Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association officers (l-r) R. Wayne Jones, Erlanger Baptist Church, president elect; Mike King, associate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention Training Department, president; (not pictured) Desmond R. Hargis, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, secretary-treasurer.

(bottom left) Kentucky Baptist Music Association officers (l-r) Bruce Richardson, Versailles Baptist Church, vice president; Don Phillips, First Baptist Church, Franklin, secretary-treasurer; Larry Cook, First Baptist Church, Frankfort, president.

(bottom right) Ministers' Wives Fellowship officers (l-r) Mrs. Brenda Watkins, Bowling Green, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Kay Aldridge, Pineville, president; Mrs. Charlene Ray, Elizabethtown, vice president; Mrs. Glenda Tichenor, Princeton, program chairman.

Hostages, inflation, taxes included in resolutions

Ten resolutions were adopted by messengers to the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Bowling Green.

Subjects covered by the resolutions included providing chaplains in juvenile correction facilities, raising the level of Cooperative Program giving, affirming Western Recorder and its editor, concern for American hostages in Iran, commending retiring convention secretary A. W. Walker, supporting the American Bible Society, encouraging an increase in church staff and denominational salaries at least in keeping with inflation, urging support of legislation to revise tax laws affecting foreign missionaries, expressing concern for the Southern Baptist Convention and the announced takeover by ultraconservatives and appreciation for convention hosts in Warren Association.

State convention nursery treats young 'messengers'

Mrs. Vivian Foe of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, and her squad of volunteer ladies operated a nursery for a very happy group of children at the Kentucky Baptist Convention. There were four different departments for the children: bed babies, creepers and toddlers, two- and three-year-olds; and, although they weren't planned on, four- and five-year-olds.

The nursery was open only during convention sessions and no meals were served, but snacks were provided.

There were many things for the little folk to do such as music, playing with toys, rhythm band and of course the good old standby of coloring and drawing.

Some of the younger "messengers" had their own particular way of spending time during the convention. One engaging young lady with black patent leather shoes enjoyed leading folks around the nursery room and talking at great lengths in very elegant baby talk. Another two-and-a-half-year-old delighted in finishing sentences that were being read to him from story books.

Mrs. Foe said all the ladies keeping the children work in the preschool division at the church.

Convention causes aches

The first aid room was prepared for all types of minor first aid needs.

Mrs. Dorothy Bailey of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, was responsible for first aid care and all nine members of her committee were registered nurses and members of the Bowling Green church.

If necessary, all the nurses would be able to administer CPR while emergency help was on the way to the church. Fortunately, the most common need during the sessions at the church was the request for aspirin.

Kentucky Baptists lack 'global consciousness'

Lonnie and Fran Turner, missionaries to Zambia, are staying in Lawrenceburg on furlough. During the Kentucky Baptist Convention they were at the foreign mission booth in the exhibit hall.

Although they enjoyed the convention the Turners have a great concern for Bold Mission Thrust. Turner sees a lack of "global consciousness" on the part of Kentucky Baptists. He related many do not know on which continent Zambia is located.

The Turners are also worried about meeting the needs of placing missionaries in the future with 95% of Baptist seminary graduates staying in the United States.

In order to meet Bold Mission Thrust goals Turner sees the need for Baptists to "once again come to the point that we are willing to use our great resources around the world."



Mrs. Berry

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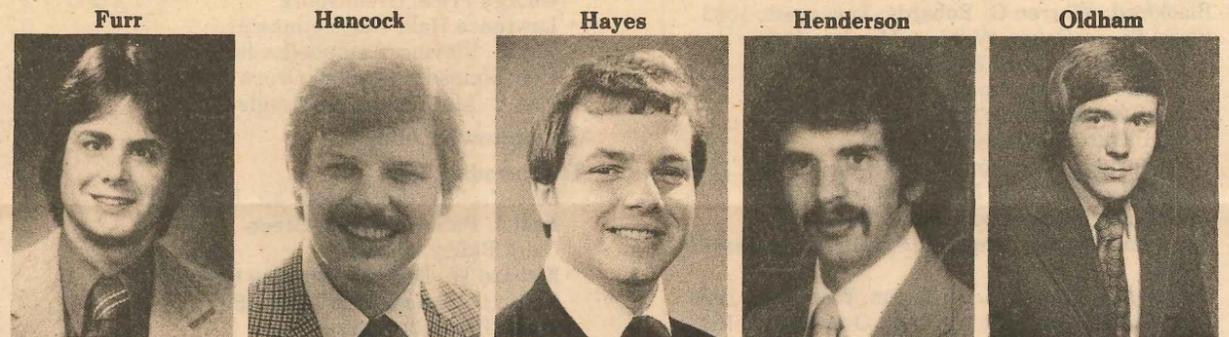
Mrs. Flanagan

Meet the press: Western Recorder's eyes, ears were all over last week's convention

Western Recorder's news team put it in reach of almost every action related to the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Bowling Green last week. Those who put together the news package you are reading are pictured here.

They include: Mrs. Kathy Berry, staff writer; James H. Cox, associate editor; C. R. Daley, editor;

Mrs. Mary-Ann Drumel, freelance writer, Philpot; Mrs. Virginia Flanagan, director of public relations, Campbellsville College; Ray Furr, staff writer; Gregory L. Hancock, pastor, Stanford Baptist Church; Ray Hayes, advertising sales representative; Trennis Henderson, staff writer; and Robin Oldham, assistant to the president, Georgetown College.



Furr

Hancock

Hayes

Henderson

Oldham

State youth ministers hold 1st annual meeting

The first annual meeting of Kentucky Baptist Ministers of Youth was held Nov. 11 at a noon luncheon at Calvary Church, Bowling Green. The group of 60 participants enjoyed a meal prepared by the ladies of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

The program included magic by David Garrard, minister to children at St. Matthews, Louisville; music by Eddie Russell, minister of music and youth, Cadiz;

and a message by Frank Hart "Pogo" Smith, consultant in the Church Recreation Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Included in Smith's message, "Church Recreation: Confronting Youth with the Gospel," was song lyrics which emphasized the need for ministers of youth to get involved with their young people to bring them to God.

Ron Williams, youth minister, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, who organized the gathering, urged the youth ministers in the host area next year to continue the new tradition begun this year. Others attending agreed enthusiastically.

Transportation ready, but riders weren't

At the 1980 Winter Olympics people complained because there wasn't good transportation. The opposite was true at the 1980 Kentucky Baptist Convention. Good transportation suffered because there weren't any people to ride. For the Tuesday evening session the transportation committee for the convention had six buses running between motels and the church and only two messengers took advantage of the service.

Buddy Kirk, chairman of the transportation committee and a member of the Bowling Green Church, said the purpose of the buses was to help the parking squeeze.

Monday's parking was relatively smooth but Tuesday and Wednesday the problem that existed was "we had more cars to park than we had parking spaces to park them," Kirk explained.

There were other close-by parking lots that were used although a few mix-ups did exist resulting in the towing away of six cars.

One messenger had the perfect solution to housing, parking and traffic this year. It was simply to park his recreational vehicle on the side of the church parking lot and set up housekeeping.

Musical presentations play role in Bold Mission Rally

The long-awaited Bold Mission Thrust Rally began with a musical presentation by the instrumental ensemble of Scottsville Baptist Church, directed by Ken Goforth.

Beginning with a parade of flags, music played a major role in the evening's program. A gospel medley presented by the rally choir preceded the message by Wendell Belew, director of the mission ministries division of the Home Mission Board. Later in the program the choir presented a missions medley before an address by R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board.

Others involved in the musical portion of the rally were Gene Sutherland, choir director; Mel Crosson, organist; and Don Phillips, pianist.

Convention statistics

Presidential Appointments

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

- Committee on Committees—William P. (Bill) Cubine, Paducah
- Committee on Order of Business—Bill Tichenor, Princeton
- Committee on Credentials—David Perkins, Williamsburg
- Committee on Arrangements—Bill Ray, Elizabethtown
- Committee on Resolutions—Jack Birdwhistell, Georgetown
- Committee on Public Affairs—John Wood, Paducah
- Committee on Obituaries—Jack Duvall, Russellville
- Committee on Constitution and Bylaws—David Nelson, Owensboro
- Committee on Nominations—Frank Dorris, Gasper River

Committee on Nominations

Preacher of Annual Sermon for 1981: John Christian, Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville
Alternate Preacher: James K. Pierce, Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington

Executive Board

Association; Name; Term Ends

- Allen; Ronald Bradley; Scottsville; 1983
- Anderson; Bill Messer; Lawrenceburg; 1983
- Bethel; Jerry Gray; Guthrie; 1983
- Bell; Truman DeBord; Middlesboro; 1983
- Blackford; Warren G. Robards; Lewisport; 1983
- Blood River; Calvin Wilkins; Murray; 1983
- Herschel Morgan; Bentons; 1983
- Ronnie Gunter; Hardin; 1982
- Boones Creek; Bobby Rose; Irvine; 1983
- Sam Hatton; Winchester; 1983
- Breckenridge; Truman Johnson; Cloverport; 1983
- Caldwell-Lyon; B. B. Boaz; Fredonia; 1983
- Central; David Simpson; Springfield; 1983
- Christian County; James H. Stewart; Hopkinsville; 1983
- Crittenden; Thomas L. Williams; Falmouth; 1983
- Daviess-McLean; Bob Durham; Owensboro; 1983
- East Union; Edgar Maiden; Clairfield, Tenn.; 1983
- Edmonson; Franklin Alexander; Brownsville; 1981
- Elkhorn; Richard Allison; Georgetown; 1983
- T. H. Dunn; Lexington; 1983
- Franklin; Malcolm Lunceford; Frankfort; 1983
- David Jackson; Frankfort; 1983
- Fulton; Ronnie Wilburn; Hickman; 1981
- Graves County; Charles Glenn Simmons; Water Valley; 1982
- C. Ronald Cruise, Water Valley; 1981
- Grayson; George W. Smith; Leitchfield; 1983
- Greenup; Parcel Flannery; South Shore; 1983
- Ernie Music; Ashland; 1983
- John Sykes Jr.; Ashland; 1983
- Jackson County; vacant; 1983
- Laurel River; Charles Cox; East Bernstadt; 1983
- Little Bethel; Cloys Bruce; Mortons Gap; 1983
- Liberty; Ray Branstetter; Horse Cave; 1981
- Long Run; Mrs. Clyde T. Francisco; Louisville; 1982
- Danny Morris; Louisville; 1983
- Robert Langdon; Louisville; 1983
- Harvey L. Richardson; Louisville; 1983
- Lloyd Storment; Louisville; 1983
- James C. Heneisen; Louisville; 1983
- W. Louis Walters; Louisville; 1983
- Barney Ferguson; Louisville; 1983
- Charles Barnes; Louisville; 1983
- J. Altus Newell; Louisville; 1983
- McCreary County; Jerald M. Burgess; Whitley City; 1983
- Middle Fork; vacant; 1983
- Monroe; Jack Rinks; Tompkinsville; 1983
- Muhlenberg; Billy R. Vincent; Greenville; 1983
- Nelson; Bob C. Litton; Chaplin; 1981
- North Concord; Leslie Baker; Barbourville; 1983
- Northern Kentucky; Robert Dunn; Florence; 1983
- C. Wilton Shelton; Newport; 1983
- John R. Holloway; Butler; 1983
- C. Gilbert Tucker; Ft. Mitchell; 1983
- Ohio County; Billy Burton; Utica; 1983
- Ohio River; Ralph L. Benningfield; Salem; 1982
- Owen County; Morris Traynor; Danville; 1983
- Pine Mountain; Ted V. Baumgardner; Jenkins; 1981

- Pulaski County; Lonnie Sheets; Somerset; 1983
- James M. Winters; Somerset; 1981
- Severns Valley; Isaac McDonald; Hodgenville; 1983
- James Royalty; Radcliff; 1983
- South District; Bobby Brooks; Lancaster; 1983
- Tates Creek; Claude K. Smith; Richmond; 1983
- Three Forks; Charles Wilcox; Hazard; 1983
- Warren; Paul Welch; Bowling Green; 1981
- West Kentucky; David Stephenson; Bardwell; 1983
- West Union; James T. Emerson; Paducah; 1983
- Upper Cumberland; Roy Faulkner; Evarts; 1981
- John Lambert; Loyall; 1981

Western Recorder

Terms ending 1983:

- Garnett Hulette, Frankfort
- Gilbert Sapp, Russell Springs
- Sidney Maddox, Paducah
- T. A. Prickett, Owensboro

Kentucky Baptist Foundation

Terms ending 1983:

- Wayne Dehoney, Louisville
- Cy Waddle, Somerset
- John Dunaway, Corbin

Board of Child Care

Terms ending 1984:

- Terrence Freeman, Auburn
- Alma Williams, Corbin
- R. Dwayne Conner, Erlanger
- Harold Skaggs, Cadiz
- Charles Milam, Paintsville
- Mrs. Lillian Brown, Louisville

Campbellsville College

Term ending 1983:

- R. E. Mardis, Campbellsville

Terms ending 1984:

- J. B. Crawley, Campbellsville
- Janet Chambliss, Hardinsburg
- B. G. Dunnington, Monticello
- David A. Nelson, Owensboro
- George Price, Greensburg
- Lawrence Hall, Elizabethtown
- Ray E. Blevins, Campbellsville
- Clay Simpson, Bowling Green
- Dan C. McCubbins, Louisville

Georgetown College

Terms ending 1984:

- Mrs. Jack B. Carrington, Mt. Sterling
- Paul J. Parks, Bowling Green
- Clark Bailey, Harlan
- Richard W. Bridges, Bowling Green
- Verlin C. Kruschwitz, Louisville
- Frank Penn, Lexington
- Mark Scarce, Shelbyville
- Mrs. Lloyd Woods, Paint Lick
- Leroy Highbaugh Jr., Louisville

Cumberland College

Terms ending 1984:

- Don Faulkner, Williamsburg
- Joe Stanford, Williamsburg
- Eugene E. Siler Jr., Williamsburg
- Herman E. Leick, Corbin

Clear Creek Baptist School

Terms ending 1983:

- Don Whitehead, Somerset
- J. C. Helton, Pineville
- Calvin Perry, Alexandria
- Calvin C. Bryant, Berea
- Robert Turpin Sr., Pineville
- Charles D. Dean, Pineville

Term ending 1981:

- John W. Black, Corbin

Oneida Baptist Institute

Terms ending 1984:

- Preston Baker, Oneida
- John R. Holloway, Alexandria
- Denvis Bush, Manchester
- Donald F. Coleman, Louisville

Historical Commission

Terms ending 1983:

- Western Region: Carson Bevil, Owensboro
- North Central Region: George A. Jones, Newport
- Southeastern Region: Charles F. Jones, Pineville

Baptist Hospitals Inc.

Terms ending 1984:

- Gordon Palmer, Ft. Mitchell
- David Bratcher, Henderson
- E. Stanton Marcum, Lexington
- James R. Wieland, Lexington
- James B. Lewis, Louisville
- John E. Cook, Maysfield

Temperance League of Kentucky

Term ending 1981:

The representative from Christian life group of executive board's missions committee (to be determined at the December board meeting)

Terms ending 1983:

- Bob Durham, Owensboro
- Harold Cathey, Ashland
- W. R. Cook, Central City
- Robert E. Phillips, Verona
- Charles Ham, Beaver Dam

Committee on Committees

Committee on Order of Business

Terms ending 1982:

- John McCall, Louisville
- Ted Sisk, Lexington

Committee on Credentials

Terms ending 1982:

- John Kruschwitz, Ft. Thomas
- Mack Harris, Richmond
- Henry Hobson, Russellville

Committee on Arrangements

Terms ending 1982:

- Harold Polk, Lexington
- Robert Kersey, Paducah

Committee on Resolutions

Terms ending 1982:

- Eugene Siler Sr., Williamsburg
- Harold Wainscott, Covington

Committee on Public Affairs

Terms ending 1982:

- Bill Turner, Lexington
- William Austin Roberts, Danville

Committee on Obituaries

Terms ending 1982:

- North Central Region: Ortie Bradshaw, Erlanger
- Northeastern Region: Curtis Warf, Pikeville
- South Central Region: Ernest Martin, Danville
- Southwestern Region: Tom Atwood, Clinton

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

Terms ending 1983:

- Mary Beth Hambrick, Georgetown
- Eddie Brown, Florence
- Rodney Travis, Benton

Committee on Nominations

North Central Region:

- Richard Allison, Georgetown

Northeastern Region:

- Charles Milam, Paintsville
- Richard W. Easterling, Frenchburg

Southeastern Region:

- J. W. Black, Corbin
- J. Bill Jones, London

Southern Region:

- Doris Mullendore, Bowling Green

South Central Region:

- Mike Watts, Columbia
- Roy Alexander, Somerset

Southwestern Region:

- David Gardner, Hopkinsville
- Bruce Wills, Wickliffe

Western Region:

- David Drumel, Owensboro
- Alan Chamness, Henderson

Central Region:

- J. Altus Newell, Louisville
- Isaac McDonald, Hodgenville

Special Reports

Cooperative Program:

- Person to report: Ira McMillen, Florence
- Alternate: Bill Barnard, Alexandria

Home Missions:

- Person to report: Roy Carlton, Harlan
- Alternate: Roy Field, Hopkinsville

Foreign Missions:

- Person to report: Ron Stone, Winchester
- Alternate: John Huffman, Mayfield

Conventionwide Education:

- Person to report: T. A. Prickett, Owensboro
- Alternate: Francis R. Tallant, Bowling Green

Radio and Television:

- Person to report: William E. Williams, Lexington
- Alternate: Laverne Butler, Louisville

Convention messages



McCall



Norfleet



Smith



Mrs. Collins



Parks

Duke K. McCall

President, Southern Seminary,
Louisville

I want to talk about us. There is something happening in our country that is deeper than the shift in political loyalty at the root of our society. Whether it is good or bad is not apparent now.

Our society is committed to the scientific approach of producing more goods and services than ever. We seem to be committed to an antiseptic approach with an amoral framework. We have left out our sense of values and morals. We are rushing into the future without a sense of where our future is.

Scientific knowledge—we've got it! It is letting our society disintegrate. The people are finding their way back to something solid. Only Christian education in our society can put eternal values back in our lives.

Adinoriam Judson said, "If I had \$1000 to give, I would give it to a Christian college to provide the seedcorn for a Christian harvest."

In the burst of information in our time not all state and private colleges have abandoned our morals but secularism pushes society into believing that all things are equally right.

When we come back to the basics and saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in our educational systems, then we will be on the path of growth.

Morris L. Norfleet

President, Morehead State University,
Morehead

Why should a state institution want to form a partnership with the campus ministry located on the periphery of the campus? A holistic education consists of mental, physical, social and spiritual growth.

The campus ministry provides the spiritual growth opportunity. This opportunity maintains the separation of church and state. Yet through coordination of activities and support of campus ministry programs a need of the student can be met that could not be met otherwise. Further, we probably have more Baptist students enrolled at Morehead State University than all the Baptist institutions in Kentucky.

An orientation of the campus ministers to the university is an important link in the chain holding together the partnership. The foundation of the partnership is mutual trust and realizing the university and the center have one mutual goal—serving students.

The Baptist Student Center with the university can be a very vital partner in stimulating the total development of the student. It behooves a university administrator to utilize all resources to aid in student growth and the student center is a vital resource.

James H. Smith

Executive Secretary, Brotherhood
Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

The spirit of God is moving in a dramatic way in the world. Baptists are in step with God's movement.

The doors of China are opening. People are being allowed to meet and worship.

At a recent evangelistic meeting in

Korea over one million people volunteered to give one year to mission service.

The real sign of Jesus' return is when the gospel is preached to the whole world.

Paul made four basic mission appeals. These were for a united people, universal purpose, unlimited power and unceasing prayer.

God is doing something exciting. Let me appeal to you to walk together and to have the mind of Christ to the glory of God.

Martha L. Collins

Lieutenant Governor, State of
Kentucky, Frankfort

Our state is indebted to the private college and the men and women who founded those colleges.

The future of our private colleges has been threatened by inflation, fewer students, loss of support by the community and competition by state schools.

Is there still room for Christian colleges? My answer is yes, but what they must do is maintain their distinctives.

Environment is the key. They must keep their emphasis on Christian growth.

Baptist colleges are as important to the work of our churches as missions, orphanages and seminaries.

As lieutenant governor I want to make sure the state does nothing to undermine our Christian colleges.

I urge you to reaffirm your support of our Baptist colleges.

R. Keith Parks

President, Foreign Mission Board,
Richmond, Va.

We as Southern Baptists have arrived at a time when God has designated a rendezvous with us and we must not be slow in meeting it. We must recognize the urgency of the moment we are living in. It is a day of overwhelming responsiveness. I know you and I are living in a day when there are more winnable people than have ever been faced by any living people in Christianity.

Jesus said truly the harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few.

We as Baptists have been blessed as we have been given an opportunity to witness to these. Three thousand missionaries worked among one-and-a-quarter million people and last year 96,000 people were baptized.

It is a world of growing responsiveness. The only limit in many countries is the limit of the people there to witness.

We need 1900 new missionaries this year. There will go out about 340.

It should write with living fire on our hearts because these responsive people are lost people.

People ask why do you want to force your religion on these people? Then they say you don't believe a loving God will send people who haven't heard to hell?

When he saves one of us why does he do it? Every time an individual is saved God breathes into his heart and says as the Father sends me so send I you.

Will those of us who have been re-

deemed and commanded to go into all the world go into the world and love those in the world enough to bring Jesus to them?

If Baptists have a burning passion to win the world then Bold Mission Thrust will arrive.

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to the gospel while others are more open than ever before. Every missionary on the field feels the urgency while it is still day and before the countries close.

The cost of preaching the gospel to all the world is beyond our imagination. But we can do it. There is no other group in all the world that God has prepared so well. And we must do it because the cost of not doing it is much greater still.

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INTERNATIONAL SERIES GOD'S COVENANT AND THE NEW JERUSALEM Revelation 11:15-19 The Christ of eternity became the Christ of history at Bethlehem and then became the Christ of experience when believers received him as their personal saviour and enthroned him as the Lord of their lives. Fellowship with Christ and with those who love and obey him constitutes one of the greatest and most glorious privileges which God gives to his children. Fellowship means knowing each other intimately, loving each other devotedly and doing things together and for each other.

Rev. 11:15 announces the great and glorious truth of the final triumph of Christ. This declaration from heaven—of the coming of the time when the kingdom of Christ shall conquer the kingdoms of this world, when righteousness shall triumph over sin, and when the victorious Christ whose right it is to rule and reign will take the reins of government and will reign over all the earth forever and ever—should cause us to praise him and to give him our very best in service as long as we live. **Revelation 21:10-14** Using figurative language to describe how God used an angel to transport John from one place to another in the spiritual realm, he remarked, "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem."

Until our arrival in that eternal dwelling place of believers, let us prove to those who know us we firmly believe in the ultimate victory of God, and we are facing the future with great hope, knowing for a certainty we shall not be disappointed.

LIFE AND WORK SERIES THE RADICAL DEMANDS OF AGAPE Luke 6:12-13 In order that he might have a group prepared to carry on his work effectively after his return to the Father, Christ ascended a mountain and spent an entire night in prayer, earnestly seeking the will of God concerning whom should be selected for this important assignment. "When it was day" Christ chose, called and commissioned 12 apostles, whom he trained and sent forth to preach for him, to heal the sick and to cast out demons.

Luke 6:27-38 Love's requirement—6:27-30 Christ loved his enemies and he commands his followers to love theirs. Whereas unsaved people hate their enemies and try to harm them with their words or by their actions, true Christians love their enemies and seek their highest welfare through the strength which their Lord gives them. Real love will express itself in doing good to an enemy, thereby proving that one is a true Christian. For those who abused him Christ prayed: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Love's rule—6:31-34 Very succinctly Christ stated the rule of Christian love, "Do as you would be done by." No higher rule of conduct toward others has ever been given. We should act toward others as we wish they would act towards us. The standard we set up for others must be the measure of our conduct.

Love's reward—6:35-38 What we measure out to others we may rightfully expect to receive in return. For those Christians who love their enemies, do good to those who hate them, bless those who curse them, pray for those who spitefully use them, give to those who ask them, make the golden rule the standard of their lives, show mercy and kindness to others and refrain from impugning the motives of others, they will be rewarded fully in kind in God's good time.

Ministering to the children of the 80's



Wm. E. Amos, Director
Ky. Baptist Board of Child Care

For as long as I can remember I have been curious about how things work. I always enjoyed going to plants and factories so I could get some inside view of the workings of things.

I have carried this curiosity with me along my journey. It has served me well. Sometimes there have been real surprises to discover what is on the inside bears little resemblance to what I thought I would find once inside. This was surely the case with many parts of child care. I recall as vividly when I was talking with the search committee from the Board of Child Care about becoming the executive director. That was over eight years ago now. I was interested especially in the Thanksgiving Offering and exactly how it was put together since it comprised such a large portion of the agency's budget.

From the outside I thought surely it was the larger churches which carried the bulk of the Thanksgiving Offering. While I was aware the Kentucky Baptist Convention was made up of many more smaller churches than larger ones, I just assumed from a distance the bigger ones carried this large offering.

It did not take long to realize this was one I had not read clearly. Contrary to what it might seem from the outside, it is the small and medium sized churches which really make up the bulk of this generous offering. While I am so grateful and pleased for the abundant way our larger churches do give, we all would do well to be reminded it is the addition of many smaller gifts that make up the whole. I would estimate the average church gift is around \$300. That figure is really an amazing one when you consider that last year you gave almost a half million dollars. Herein lies the real genius behind the many ministries of the Kentucky Board of Child Care in general and child care in particular.

As we face yet another Thanksgiving, let us remember that each little bit that each of us does gets rolled together with hundreds of other bits to make this one of the most exceptional offerings we Kentucky Baptists do. And speaking of doing, let's really do it again this year!

*I wonder if
people understand
how much
we
need
their help!*

THANKSGIVING OFFERING
November 23, 1980

Clear Creek Comments

D.M. Aldridge, President
Clear Creek Baptist School
Pineville, Ky. 40977



Oneida Journal

Barkley Moore, President
Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972



Our unusual housing plan

Those of you who have seen stories and articles about Clear Creek Baptist School in Western Recorder and various newspapers and other publications are aware we experienced a shortage of student family housing sometime ago. The shortage was so severe, incidentally, we were forced to turn away qualified, God-called students.

You will be interested to know we have corrected the problem now, but sometime ago I was asked how the housing shortage developed. Well, to understand it, you must realize that, unlike colleges, our students, for the most part, are married and have children. What that means is we must provide houses and apartments instead of dormitory rooms.

Other institutions can build a single structure, composed of several rooms and house two (or more) students in each one. Meals may be taken in the school cafeteria.

Clear Creek School, on the other hand, with a majority of married students, must provide houses or apartments with one or more bedrooms, bath and kitchen.

As you can easily understand, providing this housing arrangement is expensive, time consuming and requires much more space.

Although we are situated on a 700 acre campus it is not always possible to build a student housing facility on some parts of our campus. It must have access to water and electricity and reasonably close to administrative buildings.

One way we have provided some housing is through the use of mobile homes. These come equipped with everything needed to set up housekeeping and utility hookup is simple. One student housing area consists of mobile homes only, and at this time we have space to set up several more units.

A few years ago our alumni led in securing funds for the construction of Alumni Hall, a multiapartment structure located near the historic location of Alice Rains Auditorium. As a result we have corrected the housing shortage and can presently provide adequate housing for our students.

Friends who wish to provide partial assistance to a student may wish to help with his housing expense. Students pay a nominal charge for rent. For example, the fees run from \$30 for a room to \$48 per month for a three bedroom house. You couldn't find that bargain anywhere else.

If you wish to provide a scholarship or housing assistance for one or more of our students, I'd be happy to hear from you. Write to D. M. Aldridge, Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977 and I'll send more details.

Heaven in his grasp

A few minutes ago I received a telephone call from Seattle, Wash. with the news of the death of a 29-year-old brother in the Lord. He was the second son of his family to die in a car wreck in the past two years.

Phil was a special human being. Shortly after returning in 1970 from six-and-one-half years of service as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Iran, I made an address at the University of Washington. After my speech, many came to speak to me. Among them was Phil. I never saw a person more excited by the idea of service.

Two-and-one-half years later, Phil appeared one day on Oneida campus with a cousin. Aside from that earlier conversation I knew nothing of him. However, seeing him again I instantly recalled the excited 21-year-old from among several thousand people I talked with during 15 months of speaking all over the nation.

There was something about Phil that made him stand out.

I was amazed to learn he had joined the Peace Corps shortly after he heard me speak, had served a term in Africa, returned home and called Peace Corps headquarters to speak to me. They told him I was now president of a Baptist boarding school in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. This remarkable young man decided to cross the continent and report to me in person about his years in Africa.

After further service in Latin America, he called and asked if there was any work for him at Oneida. "Yes, Phil, a lot of work but I have no money to pay you." An instant reply, "I'll come and work for nothing!" So he did, and he was a great help with maintenance needs.

At the conclusion of an evening service some months later, he professed Jesus as Lord and savior. Within moments of being accepted into the church, he requested baptism in nearby Goose Creek rather than in the church baptistry. He wished it done then. The entire congregation rose, walked to the river, and Pastor Clyde Shackelford baptized him in the evening twilight. It was an unforgettable moment.

The story does not end there. Phil witnessed to his family of Christian Science background. A younger brother, Tim, became interested and came here to receive our Advanced diploma. He, too, made a profession of faith and was baptized into our fellowship.

Tim then returned to Oneida to do volunteer service as Phil before him. Within months his unusual maturity and an unexpected vacancy made him assistant dean of boys.

My last contact with Phil was a long distance phone call and some cards concerning a deaf mountain boy he became concerned about on his last visit here. He cared so much for people.

So earlier today Phil, with heaven in his grasp, reached out for eternity. I will represent our Oneida family at the service in Seattle. We will celebrate Phil's homegoing to be with the Father whose love he shared with so many others in his 29 years.

KBC Activities

Here and now

NOVEMBER

23 Child Care Day

Looking ahead

30-12/7 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Theme: "My World, My Life, My Witness." Program and promotional materials available from Kentucky WMU state office

DECEMBER

- 7 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday school
- 25 Christmas
- 28 Student Day at Christmas. Materials available from Student Department, KBC

Planning ahead

JANUARY

- 5-9 Bible Study Week
- 11 Soul Winning Commitment Day
- 11 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Louisville, Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church
- 12 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Lexington, Central Baptist Church
- 19 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Owensboro, Hall Street Baptist Church
- 20 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Bowling Green, Eastwood Baptist Church
- 23-24 Deacons, Pastors and Wives Conference. Cedarmore
- 25 Baptist Men's Day
- 26 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Mayfield, Northside Baptist Church
- 27 Area Evangelism Fellowship, Hopkinsville, Second Baptist Church
- 30-31 Deacons, Pastors and Wives Conference. Cedarmore

Frank Owen

God remembers



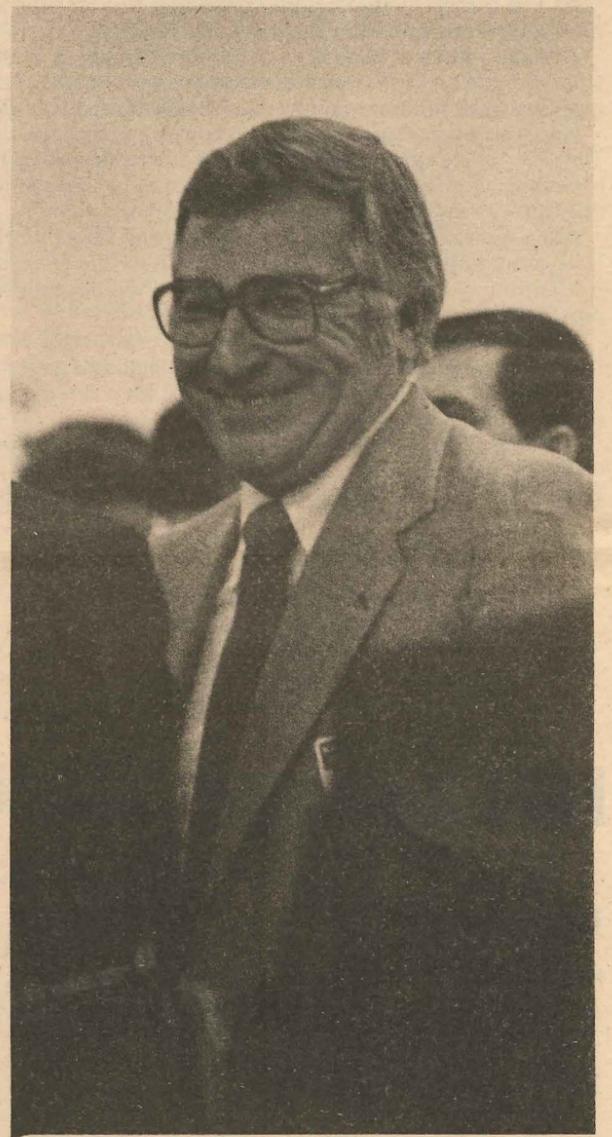
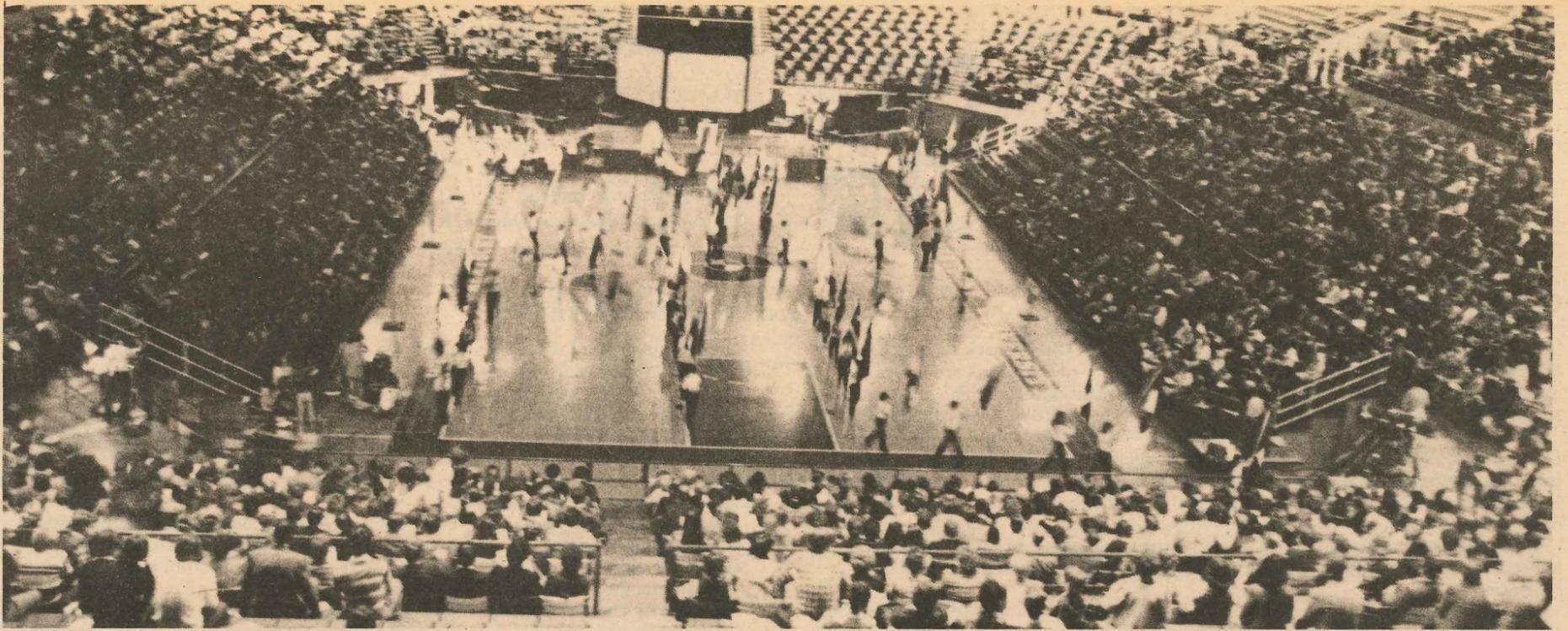
I got a thrill reading anew the background of the life and work of the Prophet Zechariah. The Hebrews had been about 70 years in captivity in Babylon when it was conquered by Cyrus, king of Persia, who promptly inaugurated a plan for the return of these displaced persons to their homeland.

In the first returning deputation was a little child, named Zechariah. By the time he grew up his returned people had fallen into deep despondency as the unforeseen magnitude of the task of rebuilding the Temple had caused the dream to fade in many of their hearts. This first deputation was simply too small a force to achieve what they had hoped in the time anticipated. Multitudes of Jews still remained in Babylon with little interest in returning and adding their needed strength to the effort.

In short, the congregation to whom Zechariah addressed himself was one that had come to regard itself as the "forgotten people," whose weary hands and hearts were carrying on against great odds. Zechariah's ministry was to rechallenge them, to cheer and encourage them. His profound belief that the Temple and the city would be rebuilt and usher in a great Messianic age was undaunted. Even his name, which means "God remembers," was a reminder to the people that God would never forget to bless them in that unto which He had called them. Thus "forgotten people" are reminded that "God remembers."

How encouraging is the meaning of this man's name! It ought to bring cheer to the hearts of all who travel long roads and carry heavy burdens. We can all take heart, "God remembers."

How penetrating this expression to the human sinner who has almost crossed the barrier, almost made his vows, almost committed his life, who has promised to do so, but hasn't. "God remembers."



*Scenes at the convention:
messengers rallied at Diddle,
smiled and greeted friends,
collected ballots for president,
prepared alumni breakfasts
and recorded their proceedings*

