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Kentucky, Ohio partnership would launch new churches

by Theo E. Sommerkamp, *Editor*
Ohio Baptist Messenger

Kentucky and Ohio Southern Baptists have long been fast friends. Now, a new friendship pact between the next door neighbors is being forged during the 104 Miracles program.

Many Ohio Southern Baptists trace their family and church heritage into the hills of Kentucky. Early church growth in southwest Ohio was related to the Kentucky convention.

The new pact is called the Kentucky-Ohio Church Partnership. Both state convention executive boards have now approved the pact; it remains to be brought before the fall meetings of both state conventions, where ratification seems certain.

"The Kentucky-Ohio Church Partnership is a 1982-85 Bold Mission Thrust endeavor to link churches and/or associations in partnerships resulting in the involvement of 180 Kentucky churches in starting 25 new churches and strengthening 125 churches in Ohio," according to the preamble.

Kentucky's state convention was formed in 1837, Ohio's 117 years later. Kentucky has a population of 3.7 million; Ohio has three times that number.



October is Cooperative Program month

Challenge your church to grow in worldwide mission support by boldly increasing the Cooperative Program percentage in your church budget for next year. Reach out to those in need, link arms with those who care and walk boldly into the future as a Cooperative Program partner in mission support.

Kentucky has 2204 affiliated SBC churches, Ohio about one-fifth that number. Comparative combined church membership is 738,126 for Kentucky Baptists, 128,119 for Ohio.

An estimated 1.5 million unsaved in Kentucky is compared with seven million in Ohio in the partnership document.

The goals stated in that paper are for Kentuckians to aid starting 10 new churches in Ohio through partnerships next year. Five more would be started each year thereafter through 1985.

Kentucky associations would be linked with seven Ohio associations in ongoing relationships in 1982, and with three additional associations each year through 1985, it continues.

Fifty Ohio churches would be linked with Kentucky churches in 1982; 25 additional churches would follow each year through 1985 in partnerships to strengthen churches.

Seventy-five Kentucky churches would be involved in partnerships with Ohio churches in 1982 and 35 additional churches each year through 1985.

The two state conventions would assist in forming church and associational partnerships, share information needed in maintaining them, assist churches in the task of strengthening or starting new work, encourage relationships whereby money would pass from church to church, for example, rather than through state organizations.

The states would insist that new work starts involve a sponsoring church and the director of missions in the area affected.

The view of partnerships would be that of personalizing a part of a church's mission program and at the same time stimulating churches to increased giving through the Cooperative Program.

Churches in Kentucky and Ohio could work together in a dozen or more ways, including prayer support, vacation Bible schools, revivals, construction, surveys, pastoral salary aid, choir concerts, witness training, locating prospective pastors and others.

The document points out there should always be a clearly understood written agreement when the sharing of financial resources is involved, and it should be reviewed yearly.

Coordination of shared information would be through the missions departments of both state bodies.

Having a tough time with utility bills? Here's help at Nashville conference on energy and the church

Cutting energy expenses for church facilities is the major topic of an "Energy and Church Buildings" seminar at the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Program Training Center in Nashville Nov. 16-19.

"Some churches are facing a month-to-month crisis in paying utility bills," said Robert N. Lowry, seminar director and a consultant in the board's Church Architecture Department. "Escalating energy costs are draining churches' financial resources, reducing funds for programing, missions, salaries and general operating costs."

Among subjects to be covered in the seminar are retrofitting buildings, adjusting schedules and insti-



Local witness strategies to be set at Ridgecrest

A national Mission in Context (MIC) meeting Sept. 16-19 is "one of the most significant conferences for Baptist associations in the next decade," according to James Nelson, chairman of the MIC steering committee and director of the Home Mission Board's Associational Missions Division.

The Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission are jointly sponsoring Mission in Context to help associational leaders learn to interpret 1980 census data and apply it to missions locally.

"By amassing key mission leaders from across the nation, we can develop some sense of a national missions strategy—a network of churches in fellowship on mission in their setting working together to win our nation to Christ," Nelson concluded.

James Hamblen, MIC coordinator and Nelson's associate, explained, "Mission in Context is too big for just one agency. We're putting associational directors of missions on notice the SBC can't plan mission strategy for the association. It must be done on the local level teaming with other denominational organizations."

The conference will include addresses by William Pinson, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.; Grady C. Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Ed Gilstrap, director of missions for Atlanta (Ga.) Baptist Association; William G. Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Workshops will assist associational leaders in planning programs to carry out 1982-85 Bold Mission Thrust emphases on reaching people, developing believers and strengthening families.

tuting conservation measures. Individual consultation with Church Architecture Department personnel will be available for participants interested in energy conservation, master plans, floor plans for new space and space use studies.

Seminar content is planned for pastors and other church staff members, church trustees, property and space committee members, building committees and architects.

To register, a \$45 fee for each participant should be sent to Church Program Training Center, Box 24001, Nashville, TN 37203.

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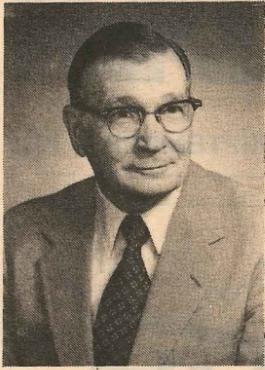
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C. R. Daley

Clyde Francisco lived to teach and preach

Countless lives were enriched by Clyde Francisco, the highly respected and loved Old Testament teacher at Southern Seminary who died suddenly Aug. 21 while preaching in a revival in Georgia. Just as we learned from his life, so ought we to profit from his death.

Francisco died at the age of 65, a relatively young age for one with the energy and endurance he displayed. He had crammed into life in 65 years more than most of us will if we live to be 90, yet his going seemed untimely soon. We could have wished for him more years in which he could have changed pace, taking more time for golf while preaching and teaching, but at a more leisurely rate.

Clyde might have violently disagreed with this wish for him. His manner of going could be an answer to his prayers. He loved to teach and he loved to preach and it was hard for him to turn down any of the many invitations he received. His fame was more as a teacher but those blessed by his preaching knew it was never secondary with him. His heavy schedule might not have contributed at all to his death at 65 but somehow we wish for such busy servants of God a little time to rest before their eternal rest.

He was intensely personal in his preaching and teaching, finding spiritual meaning in all areas of life. His written treatment of the Life and Work Adult Sunday school lesson for the Sunday after his funeral contained two fitting examples from his own family experience. His religion was meaningfully related to the ordinary experiences of life.

Though he had many successes, he never confused human accomplishments with the grace of God. He never tired of telling how God not only saved him by grace and called him by grace into the ministry but also by grace made him an effective speaker in spite of being a severe stammerer in early life.

Francisco's life speaks to all of us not only as to how to rely upon the grace of God to lead a useful life but also how to make every day and every year count for God.

The Bible is full of warnings to those of us who would put off until later the things we intend to do before life's end but we are mostly heedless. We go on with regular duties at a breakneck rate putting off things we should or we want to do, consoled by the thought of retirement at 65 and then time to enjoy life and people.

"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will . . .'; whereas you do not know about tomorrow" (James 4:13,14).

Francisco was a man of "today." He never saw "tomorrow." Neither are we assured of "tomorrow."

Daley Observations

Take time to smell the roses

Sermons are everywhere—some from pulpits and many more from other sources. On a recent Sunday I was blessed by two sermons, one delivered by my pastor and another from a feature article in a Louisville newspaper.

The article described the experiences and outlook of Stanley Frager, a University of Louisville psychologist who recently underwent cancer surgery ending up with a dreaded colostomy. Already an outstanding person giving much time and effort to helping others, his misfortune only served to intensify Frager's commitment to helping others and to making the most of every moment of life.

The writer of the article picked up several classic quotes from Frager. These quotes reveal unusual insights into life and they should inspire all of us to more noble living.

In response to being told he was brave in the way he faced his condition, Frager said, "I don't feel very brave at all, because I'm just trying to do the best I can. If the Lord gives you lemons, you make lemonade. But what people don't tell you is you have to squeeze the lemons."

Reflecting upon the cancer in his body, he said, "It brings home the fragileness of life. I thought I had forever to live but things were not quite that way. It changed my value system. You start thinking about what's important.

"When you have a life threatening disease, it makes you think about your value system. Life takes on more importance, it's more precious, there's more of an urgency. You take time to smell the roses and do things you enjoy doing."

I like that—"take time to smell the roses." Why can't we find time to smell the roses without being stricken with a fatal disease?

Frager's words convict me. I love roses. Our yard has many rose bushes and Christine and I have taken a bouquet of roses to church nearly every Sunday this summer, but seldom do I take time to drink in their incomparable fragrance. Like so many others I make a fetish out of staying busy. There's always something waiting to be done, some place to go, someone to see or some other good reason not to take time to smell the roses of life.

God made this world and all that's in it for his glory and for the enjoyment of mankind. God means for us to take time to smell the roses he made as surely as he expects us to sing his praises and proclaim his gospel.

The world is full of roses. Not everyone has access to a literal rose garden but God supplies many rose-like fragrances for all who have souls to drink them in. Try some of these:

- Playing with little children
- Cheering up lonely old folks
- Listening to the songs of birds
- Matching wits with fish
- Challenging a golf course
- Feasting upon art, music and poetry
- Walking alone through the woods
- Smelling a summer rain upon thirsty soil
- Taking in the sights and sounds of a thunderstorm
- Reading the Psalms and the words of Jesus

Thanks, Mr. Frager. Your words make the roses sweeter and I'll pause more often to smell them.

Guest Editorial

Who are Baptists?

by Tal D. Bonham, Executive Secretary
State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

A few weeks ago, the Saturday church page of one of our local newspapers carried two ads that caught my eye. One advertised a very "special, special service at a Charismatic Baptist Church." It featured the pastor "anointing handkerchiefs and prayer cloths with a very special olive oil that God turned from gold to white."

The ad further claimed, "not only is he going to anoint cloths but they will be pinned to his shirt while he preaches." The clincher to this ad was the statement, "if you are tired of all the fakes and phoney religions, you owe it to yourself to be in this service to see for yourself that there is still a true prophet alive and well."

On the same page, in an adjoining ad, a lifesize picture of the pastor of an Independent Baptist Church in our city proclaimed 12 things that you missed last year if you were not a member of his church. Admittedly, all 12 happenings were exciting and meaningful.

I could have wished that all 12 things had happened in all Southern Baptist churches in Ohio this past year. The impression, however, was that if you had not attended this church, you really didn't know what excitement was, and if you really wanted some excitement in the coming year, you had better join this church.

After reading ads like these, one wonders what the average person must think when he hears the word "Baptist." Baptists have held to some basic principles through the years. When I am asked to summarize these basic principles, I usually share the following:

1. Authority—The only source of authority recognized by the people called Baptists is the Lordship of Christ as revealed in the written Word of God and the indwelling Holy Spirit.
2. Church Membership—Baptists have always believed in a regenerated church membership. While others have counted baptized babies in their membership rolls, Baptists count only baptized believers.
3. Priesthood of Believers—Every individual goes directly to God through Jesus Christ. Each believer is a priest and Jesus Christ is our Great High Priest.
4. Soul Liberty—Every individual has a right to hear the gospel and a right to respond either negatively or positively. Thus, Baptists have always been strong supporters of separation of church and state.
5. Salvation—Salvation is by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Faith without works is dead but good works never produce salvation.
6. The Ordinances—The Lord's Supper and baptism declare but they do not acquire salvation. The ordinances remind us that Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins.
7. Local Church—A local New Testament church is a group of baptized believers banded together to carry out the Great Commission. Baptist churches may have many ministries but they have only one great mission—leading the lost to Christ.

Baptist News in Brief

'Let's chloroform Baptists'

"Chloroform" is the strategy Winona Cobb recommends for involving "ordinary" Southern Baptists more personally in world evangelism.

"I'd like to just chloroform every Southern Baptist and put them on a 747 jet and turn them loose in some foreign country and let them witness," Mrs. Cobb quipped to conferees at a foreign missions conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center. "You'd never have to beg them to go a second time."

Mrs. Cobb and her husband, Morris, until recently a member of the Foreign Mission Board, are members of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex. In 12 years they have jetted to 15 countries through partnership evangelism teams promoted by World Evangelism Foundation.

WEF is phasing out its organization as the Foreign Mission Board accelerates plans for partnership evangelism, which links Southern Baptist churches to churches overseas through an exchange of pastor-led teams of laypersons.

"Today it is possible to get on a jet plane in Amarillo, go to the ends of the earth, which I did a month ago to Singapore, witness two weeks for the Lord and get back in less time than it took the apostle Paul to reach his first preaching point," she said.

"If we can do it, if God has given us first travel, we ought to do it."

"One thing I dream of: What would Lottie Moon do with 747 jets? All she had was a slow boat to China. She wore herself out begging for Southern Baptists to come and witness. I believe today she'd be on wide-screen, on television, speaking over Telstar. She'd be loading people on 747 jets."

State musicians tee off

Kentucky Baptist Music Association members and their guests will participate in the association's golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 24 at 11:30 a.m. at Juniper Hills Golf Course, Frankfort. The event is an individual handicapped tournament.

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Burnett paid \$60,000

A four-year lawsuit between the Baptist Sunday School Board and former employe Don Burnett ended Sept. 1 when the board paid Burnett \$60,000 in damages.

Both the board and Burnett, 42, a former personnel placement consultant, agreed to a reduction of damages ordered by Circuit Judge Joe C. Loser Jr. after a jury awarded Burnett \$400,000 damages in his \$1.5 million lawsuit.

Following the jury decision, Loser reduced the original award of \$400,000 to \$60,000, saying in a memorandum to attorneys that the jury's award "exceeded the range of reasonableness."

Cothen told Baptist Press that while he continues to believe the jury verdict was not supported by the evidence, he agreed to the reduced damages to avoid further harm to innocent persons whose names surfaced during the trial, to avoid additional legal costs and to enable board officials to turn their full attention to meeting the needs of Southern Baptist churches.

Rocky Mtn. highrise sold

Louisiana Manor, a 100-apartment retirement complex, has been sold by Colorado Baptist Manor Inc. for \$2.1 million to the Champa Investment Co., a Colorado-based firm.

Intended as a potential Southern Baptist retirement community, the

complex was purchased by the Manor corporation, a subsidiary of the Baptist Foundation of Colorado, three years ago for \$1.2 million.

Bill Landers, Manor president and executive director of the Baptist Foundation of Colorado, said the highrise was sold because equity had risen to \$1 million and "we could not justify having that much money tied up with just one Southern Baptist living in the building."

SBC, NBC offer special

A television special about runaway and "throwaway" children, a cooperative effort of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and NBC News, will air on NBC-TV at 5 p.m. (EDT) Sept. 27.

Each year an estimated one million American youth run away from home, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This does not include thousands who are forced to leave by parents. Many others suffer sexual abuse from family members.

The special gives an overview of the

problems, examining causes, what happens to children who run away and what help is being offered both runaways and families.

Baptist leaders interviewed include Gene Bolin, pastor of Metro Chapel in New York City; R. C. Campbell, president of Buckner Baptist Benevolences in Dallas; and Walter Delamarter, executive director of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes in Lakeland, Fla.

"I'm pleased we could feature the caring response of Southern Baptist churches and other ministries to these fragmented lives," said Jimmy R. Allen, RTVC president. "It is heartwarming to examine their daily contribution to the nation's well-being, but I am dismayed that so much remains to be done."

History at a bargain rate

"Bicentennial Volume—Baptists in Kentucky 1776-1976" is now available at half price. Send \$3 to Executive Secretary's Office, KBC, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

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Mountains to the Mississippi

Personnel

Hayes to head Hazelwood music
Drew Hayes of Alabama has been called as minister of music at Hazelwood Baptist Church, Louisville.

A music student at Southern Seminary, Hayes is succeeding Roger McGee.

Bob Langdon is pastor.

Carr to be Bethany education minister
Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, has called Robert Carr as minister of education with youth responsibilities, effective Sept. 9.

Coming from Kirkwood Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., Carr earned the MRE degree from Southern Seminary and has worked for the Home Mission Board as a church planter in the Chicago area. He has also worked for the KBC Brotherhood Department as a resource person in associational and state camps.

Burkesville calls Cornett

Russell C. Cornett, a 1979 graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School, has been called to the pastorate of Burkesville First Baptist Church, Freedom Association.

Lindsey called to Narrows

Narrows Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, has called Jim Lindsey to its pastorate.

Phillips leaves Bells Run for Indiana

Bob Phillips, pastor of Bells Run Baptist Church, Ohio County Association, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Petersburg (Ind.) Baptist Church.

Musens furlough in Russellville

James and Jenny Musen are on furlough in Russellville from their mission field of Kenya.

Born in Boyd Kenya, Musen has lived in Ashland. She is the former Jenny Rossetter of Bowling Green.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968.

Dilliards furlough in Owensboro

Jim and Janet Dilliard, missionaries to Kenya, are on furlough in Owensboro.

She is the former Janet Davis of Owensboro. Dilliard is an Arkansas native.

They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969.

Swift moves to Hickman post

Bob Swift joined the staff of East Baptist Church, Hickman, as pastor, effective July 26.

An Alabama native reared in Paducah, Ky., Swift served the past 18 months in a mission effort in Kansas

City, Kan. for the SBC Home Mission Board.

He has been pastor of churches in Gleason and Kenton, Tenn. and Coldwater, Ky.

The Bethel College graduate also has BA and MS degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin and the MRE from Midwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Pattillo assumes interim duties
Zelma Pattillo has accepted the call to serve Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, as interim minister of pastoral care.

She is the wife of Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo Jr., vice president for develop-

ment at Southern Seminary. The Pattillos are members of the church.

Whiker begins Diamond ministry
Mark Whiker began Aug. 2 as pastor of Diamond Baptist Church, Providence.

Whiker was called from Harmony Baptist Church.

Burke accepts Rangers Landing call
Rangers Landing Baptist Church, Green Valley Association, has called Jeff Burke as pastor. Burke is from Henderson.

Holden accepts Flatwood pastorate
Ken Holden, a recent Southern Semi-

nary graduate, accepted the call to First Baptist Church, Flatwoods.

Baker writes Church Training articles
R. D. Baker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Morehead, has written two articles for Church Training magazine.

The articles, "Growing Persons Grow Churches" and "Baptist Polity and Church Growth," appear in the September issue.

Keysburg calls Cheatham

C. R. Cheatham recently became pastor of Keysburg Baptist Church, Bethel Association.

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Taylor County churches aid Fairview facelift

by L. D. Kennedy,
State Correspondent

Churches in Taylor County have not forgotten the admonition of the apostle Paul, "How that so laboring ye ought to support the weak" (Acts 20:35).

Campbellsville and Pleasant Hill Baptist churches recently helped Fairview, a weaker sister church of Taylor County Association.

Earlier Freddy Morris, youth and activities director at the Campbellsville church, asked Fairview's pastor, Don Watson, if there was anything his youth group could do to help.

Is there any way to help? 'Yes, there is one thing,' Watson replied.

"Yes, there is one thing," Watson replied. "We need our building painted." He noted that it was difficult to get his rural people together to do repair and upkeep on the church building since they were busy with farm work.

The Campbellsville youth group promptly decided to take that as one of their three direct mission projects for the summer.

Morris, a Campbellsville College senior from Henderson, had been looking for ways to unify the church's young people. He attributed some of his ideas to Ann Kiemel's writings.

This summer he and his youth group "set out in our own small way to change the world." At least 25 to 30 Campbellsville young people were involved in one or more of the mission projects. Every month they gave reports at their church's business meetings on work planned or done.

The morning of Aug. 10 the Campbellsville youth arrived in the church bus and began scraping the old peeling paint from the concrete block walls of Fairview church.

As work proceeded throughout the week a number of Fairview's own young people joined in helping them.

"It encouraged our youth to see others willing to help," Watson said.

Fairview members supplied paint and other materials needed. Daily they brought and spread lunch for the workers. At the end of each work day the young people enjoyed swimming together in nearby Green River Reservoir.

By the end of the week both the auditorium and Sunday school annex had been painted. It took 17 gallons to do the job.

"I think Freddy Morris deserves to be commended because he was out there early every morning with the youth," Watson emphasized. "He put in five full days and really worked hard."

Meanwhile, changes were also taking

place inside the church building.

Watson had talked with staff members of the Pleasant Hill church about lending Fairview money to buy a central heating system. Fairview had been unable to get a bank loan for the amount needed.

Pastor Bob Martin of Pleasant Hill proposed to his deacons that their church assist Fairview as a mission project. They liked the idea.

"We were really impressed with the work that has been accomplished out there," Martin declared. Fairview has baptized 19 this associational year, half of whom were adults. They averaged 52 in Sunday school, a 30 percent increase over last year.

Following their investigation, Pleasant Hill's pastor and deacons recommended that their church make a matching gift of \$2900 to cover half the cost for the needed heating and cooling systems at Fairview.

"Our church overwhelmingly approved it at business meeting," Martin said. "We felt it was worthy of our interest. It wouldn't tax us to give that type of money."

Pleasant Hill has long been responsive to mission causes. Presently it is giving 27 percent of its budget through the Cooperative Program.

How did Fairview respond? "We were thrilled to death about it!" Watson exclaimed. "It prompted our church to take a step of faith. We only had about \$25 in our church treasury, but we stepped out by faith and borrowed the other \$2900." At the close of the business meeting a number of working men and women readily came forward to sign the note.

A five-ton heat pump for heating and cooling has been installed in the auditorium. A two-ton air conditioning unit

Campbellsville Baptist Church youth have 'set out in our own small way to change our world,' their director said.

was attached to the existing heat system in the Sunday school annex. Also insulation, vents and new duct work have been added.

Previously the Fairview congregation had been using hand fans donated by a funeral home in Lebanon. After installation of the air conditioning, each family was encouraged to take one of the fans home as a souvenir.

People who drive by now are impressed by the sight of the cleanly painted church building on the green hillside.

"Not only the members but others of the community seem to be pleased," Watson explained. "I think there's a renewed spirit in the area."

Watson, a 1981 graduate of Campbellsville College, will be a commuter student at Southern Seminary this fall.



Pastor Gabriel Collett helps guide Lori Mounts in her decision.

She's number one

by Mary Kinney Branson, State Correspondent

Slaughter (Ky.) Baptist Church was founded in 1889. A happy, close knit group of farming area people, the church was content to meet regularly for worship and Bible study.

In 1980 Sunday school enrolment was 88. So far this year enrolment has skyrocketed to 140. Most exciting of all, one Sunday in the spring Lori Mounts, 18, stepped forward in a commitment to foreign missions.

Lori was the first church member to make a commitment to full time Christian service in the history of the church. Since that time Stan Williams, who along with his wife Debbie coordinates the youth program of the church on a volunteer basis, answered a call to preach. The pastor is presently counseling with another church member about a similar commitment.

What made the difference in this small, rural church? The answer is simple: its pastor and people made a commitment to grow physically and spiritually.

Gabriel Collett, pastor at Slaughters, beams as he speaks of his church's dedication and commitment: "These are wonderful people. They are willing to do anything to accomplish church growth and Christian maturity."

"They are a responding church. I rarely preach a message that does not involve total Christian commitment. They respond by serving as faithfully and as well as any paid church staff I have ever seen."

When Slaughters Baptist Church decided to grow, it knew it would need to reach out to the nearby community. The church is situated in a sparsely populated area of rural western Kentucky. Unlike urban churches, the prospect file was not large. However, a genuine concern for the lost in the area helped the people see each new church visitor or member as important.

Last year John Marks accepted the position of director of the church's bus ministry. The bus committee visits the distant spaced houses in the area each Saturday. They average bringing 15 people to church on the bus each Sunday. They brought 40 children to vacation Bible school on the bus.

Judy Williams is visitation coordinator for the church. The weekly visitation is well supported by church members.

As the church began to grow its members made room for each new person. Four new Sunday school classes were begun last year. They are now in the process of dividing a youth and a children's department.

New organizations were begun. This is the first year the church has had

Brotherhood, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action and Acteens.

Although Collett states that missions must begin in one's own community, the church has also grown in giving to foreign and home missions. In 1979 the church gave \$300 to missions. It gave \$1200 in 1980 and the goal this year is \$1500.

As the church works, expands and visits, more and more people find their way to its doors. Inside they find a warm, friendly atmosphere. Lori Mounts describes her church as "concerned, caring, warm and close." Lori says that the church supports the efforts of the young people and allows them to take leadership roles. In addition to serving as president of the youth council and Acteens, Lori assumes the traditionally adult role of church pianist. She was also a preschool teacher during vacation Bible school this year.

When asked what part this growing church played in her decision to become a foreign missionary, Lori readily affirms that the church has created a climate for spiritual growth.

"There are so many people at the church who have helped me grow spiritually," reflects Lori. "Brother Gabe (Gabriel Collett) and his wife Sharon have had a great influence. Pam Marks, our Acteens director, has been helpful, too. She and her husband John are active in all phases of our church's growth."

"Our church is a place where people, old and young, can find support from other Christians and places of service. It provides growth opportunities for its members at every opportunity."

"Although this was the first year for our church to have an Acteens group, we attended the state conference in Louisville. We also took a group of young people on our first trip to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center this year. We had the privilege of hearing Rev. Bryon Lutz, a missionary from Buffalo, N. Y., speak at our church during a world missions conference. These three events played an important part in my surrender to foreign missions. All were provided by my church."

Lori is the daughter of Jim and Glenda Mounts of Slaughters. She recently entered Campbellsville College, taking with her fond memories of a home church that loves and cares. She was the first from Slaughters Baptist Church to make a full time service commitment, but as the church grows she is sure other commitments will follow.

Love is the theme

by Harold Holderman,
Asst. Development Director

The most important ingredient in one's life is love, which is the very essence of life itself. Through creation one is made in the image of God, and God is love. As members of the family of God, one soon learns the importance of being loved and of loving others. When love is missing from one's life, that individual ceases to be the person that God would have one to be.

While serving as the director of Glen Dale Children's Home I especially remember one young man who often shared with me that if he could have but one wish fulfilled it would be, "I wish that my daddy would tell me that he loves me."

You and I, as Kentucky Baptists, can never compensate for this lack of expressed love on the part of this father for his son; but through the ministry of the Baptist Child Care Program we can share with this young man—and scores of others whom we serve today and will be serving tomorrow—God's redeeming, caring, sustaining love.

For the past 112 years Kentucky Baptists through this particular ministry have been up and about their father's business and have not forgotten the admonition of Jesus, "Because you have ministered unto the least of these my brethren, you have ministered to me." Countless Baptists over the years have ministered through this program to children who have had needs and continue to do so today.

May God keep us ready to love and to help others at some cost to ourselves, and may our prayer ever be, "Send me opportunities to love and do good every day and to grow more like Christ."

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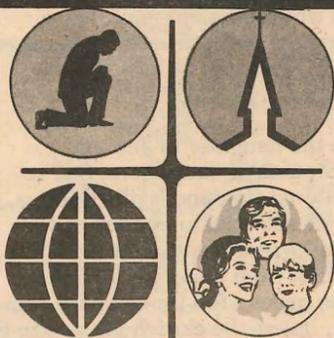
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Psalm 23 This, the most beautiful, loved and used of all the Psalms, is as precious today as it was when it was written.

Possession of the believer—Psalm 23:1 David derived great satisfaction from the fact that the Lord was his present and personal possession. Being a good and faithful shepherd himself, David knew the duties and responsibilities of a shepherd. All that David was to his sheep, the Lord was to him, and far more. He rejoiced that the Lord would never forget, fail or forsake him. He had the assurance that his shepherd would supply his physical, intellectual and spiritual needs because his riches were unsearchable, his love unchanging and his faithfulness unfailing. David found great satisfaction in the fact that the Lord was his personally, loved him devotedly, supplied his needs bountifully and guided him daily.

Provision for the believer—Psalm 23:2-5 Sheep have no care as to what or where they shall eat or drink, for the shepherd chooses the pastures and locates the waters. Nothing proves his ability more than his knowledge of where the green pastures are located and where adequate supplies of water can be found.

Inasmuch as the Lord was his shepherd, David knew that rest, relaxation, refreshment and revitalization would be provided for him each day. When sheep go astray, the shepherd goes after them and brings them back. Likewise, when Christians go astray, our Lord restores them to fellowship and effective service.

When illness brings a child of God into the shadows to him the Lord says: "My grace is sufficient for thee." Those who are called to go down into the valley of bereavement because their loved ones are removed from them can find encouragement in the words: "Yea, though I walk through the valley."

Another valley into which people go this Psalm calls "the shadow of death." Loved ones can neither keep a child of God from entering this valley nor accompany him through it. Only the good shepherd can accompany the children of God as they go through the valley of the shadow of death. With the assurance of his presence and companionship there is no reason for complaint or fear. The fact that "thou art with me" is a positive guarantee that all will be well. His presence with his own is a certainty. Comfort is also provided for the believer—"Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." The rod refers to authority and the staff speaks of aid.

Verse five portrays a banquet table prepared for us by the Lord in the presence of our enemies, but in perfect security from them. God cares for his children providently, affectionately, faithfully and constantly. Our cups will continue to overflow with his grace, mercy and blessings as we keep on living for him.

Prospect of the believer—Psalm 23:6 God expresses his goodness to his children in wonderful acts of mercy. Goodness has ever been the root of which mercy has been the fruit, or the former has been the cause and the latter the effect.

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The institution of marriage is as old as the family of man and God is its author. Marriage is not to be entered into thoughtlessly or irreverently, for upon this relationship depends much of the future happiness and usefulness of husband and wife. The married life is meant to be the happiest, fullest and richest. If a home is not what it should be, it is usually due to the husband or wife leaving God out of his or her life, or both of them leaving him out of their home. God's Word says: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Ps. 127:1). Therefore, marriage should be approached deliberately and prayerfully.

Proverbs 5:18-19 The Book of Proverbs contains sound advice concerning personal conduct and warns especially of becoming fascinated by and attracted to a partner whose standard of morality is below that which God requires. The pleasure of sexual relationships is to be restricted to husband and wife. There is always an aftermath to indulgence in immorality. As certainly as grabbing a sharp two-edged sword by the blade will result in severe cuts on the hand, immoral conduct always produces scars and other painful effects. Living in sexual purity within the framework of marriage contributes to one's well-being and joy. Adultery and fornication are without justification in God's sight and in the estimation of right-thinking people, and indulgence in them brings regret, heartache, grief, shame and other devastating results.

Proverbs 19:14 One may inherit a house or wealth from a parent, but a wise and good wife is a gift from God. That is why it is imperative that one seek divine guidance in selecting a companion.

Proverbs 31:10-12,16,20,25-30 These verses describe and extol a virtuous woman. The question, "Who can find a virtuous woman?" seems to intimate that only a small percentage of the daughters of men measure up to the ideal which is portrayed here. Of course, the glory of the "virtuous woman" extends beyond moral purity.

No earthly treasure is comparable to the ideal woman described here. In relation to her husband, she is chaste, trustworthy and faithful. She does him good by stimulating his higher qualities and ennobling his character. In relation to her household, she is devoted to her children and concerned about their welfare. In relation to others, she is sympathetic, charitable, kind, cheerful and hopeful. In relation to God, she believes on God, reveres him, loves, serves and strives to please him.

The writer indicates her rewards include satisfaction in doing her duty, a consciousness that she is helpful to others, the appreciation of her family, the commendation of her friends and the approval of her God.

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Clear Creek Comments

D.M. Aldridge, President
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Persons I recall

Clear Creek School was the first non-seminary school to have an in-service training department supported by the Home Mission Board. The directors have been John Isaacs, later a missionary to Alaska; J. W. Lester; the late Lewis Lynch; Dudley Pomeroy; J. S. Bell; Thomas Holtzclaw; and presently, Louis McCall, formerly a SBC missionary in Thailand.

In 1960 professor John Isaacs' wife, with help from the Home Mission Board and local leaders, spearheaded the adult literacy program, now part of our SBC program. More than 200 people from several states attended a two-day workshop on the campus to learn the Laubach method of teaching adults to read. As a result of this unprecedented interest the Home Mission Board hired a literacy worker who was furnished room, board and an office by the school. Due to the program's growth she moved to the HMB in Atlanta and was later succeeded by Miss Mildred Blankenship.

As an outgrowth of the literacy program Mrs. D. M. Aldridge was employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board to write the "Training Union Quarterly Simplified" and sent to Syracuse, N. Y. to study with Frank C. Laubach, father of the adult literacy system. Mrs. Aldridge has also had many articles published in Royal Service, Home Missions, Home Life and other Baptist publications, and also served as the school's newswriter for several years.

One month in 1955 the school secured silver dollars to pay all faculty and staff salaries with silver. Highly publicized, this gave an indication to local businessmen of the amount Clear Creek School contributes to the local economy.

KBC Activities

Here and now

SEPTEMBER

- 11-12 WMU Leadership Conference. Jonathan Creek. Same program each day. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Jonathan Creek for reservations
- 13 Single Adult Day. Suggestions for observing from Family Life Section, KBC
- 14,15,17 New Directors' Conferences. For newly elected church directors of Brotherhood, Church Training, church music and Sunday school. 7 to 9 p.m.
- 14—Somerset, Calvary Baptist Church; Henderson, Immanuel Temple; Paintsville, First Baptist Church
- 15—Lexington, Rosemont Baptist Church; Williamsburg, Main Street Baptist Church; Benton, Briensburg Baptist Church
- 17—Russellville, Post Oak Baptist Church; Elizabethtown, Central Avenue Baptist Church; Northern Kentucky Association, church to be announced

Planning ahead

- 24-26 Kentucky Baptist Music Leadership Retreat. Cedarmore. 6 p.m. on 24th to 1 p.m. on 26th. For volunteer, part time and full time music directors and for music faculty of KBC colleges
- 26 WMU Leadership Conference. Clear Creek Baptist School. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 27-10/4 Sunday School Preparation Week. Materials in Sunday school publications

Looking ahead

OCTOBER

- 2-3 Brotherhood Convention. Danville, First Baptist Church
- 3 GA Missions Fair. Corbin, First Baptist Church
- 5-6 Haworth Conference. Louisville, Chapel, School of Nursing, Highland Baptist Hospital
- 9-11 State Student Convention. Bowling Green
- 10 GA Missions Fair. Florence, Florence Baptist Church
- 11 World Hunger Day

Oneida Journal

It is a puzzlement!

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



Many people are puzzled how Oneida has managed to survive when literally hundreds of boarding schools have been forced to close in recent years. Not only has Oneida survived, but its ministry is much larger and broader than ever before.

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Oneida has no written budget.

Oneida has no grand master plan for the future.

We have no fund raisers or development program.

We have no public relations director or staff. In fact, we have been so busy the past two years we have only printed our little paper twice instead of the normal 12 times.

We have no ads in newspapers or magazines—this little article published the past few months is the most regular contact we have with any constituency.

There are no radio or TV spots.

We have no recruiters. The word of mouth reputation of our program attracts students from all over the state, our nation and from four other continents.

Oneida is 40 miles from the nearest bus or airport, yet we have students enrolled from 19 states and 12 nations.

Oneida has a tremendously qualified and unusually hardworking staff, all living on campus except for seven. These people average a 12-hour work day. Giving up much of their privacy and home life for the instruction and care of hundreds of teenagers is a very demanding undertaking. They work for an average salary of \$4600 yearly.

What has led the staff to serve?

Why do students come?

Why do people give to support our work?

Indeed, "it IS a puzzlement!" as the king exclaimed in the musical, "The King and I."

But not a puzzlement for those of us familiar with what Oneida has meant in thousands of lives.

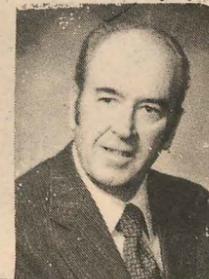
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We are a mission.

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Frank Owen



Sacred things

Old Sarge tipped his hat reverently as the platoon of chaplains he led through close order drill passed the church in Boston. He always tipped his hat when he passed a church.

Hat tipping is not the military way. That little tight-fitting overseas cap didn't lend itself to being tipped. It had no bill or brim to take hold of. Soldiers salute rather than tip hats.

He was an old, regular army, straightlaced military example, chosen to march clergymen through close order drill ("Hut-2-3-4") and on long hikes to somewhat militarize us, fresh from civilian pastorates, before we became chaplains of combat units in World War II. We needed at least a reasonable amount of what soldiers had to do so much of.

The streets of Cambridge and Boston, Massachusetts were our drilling and hiking grounds and every time we passed a church, old Sarge tipped his hat.

I wasn't in position to learn, really, whether he had any particular stamp of religion. I sort of assumed he was Roman Catholic; partly because he was Irish and a Bostonian, or maybe because he showed so much respect for the Holy, for which Catholics are rather known. He performed the same respectful gesture to whatever church we passed and I liked that too.

The atmosphere of the last several years has been rather opposite. There has been a flagrant flouting of disrespect for Holy things—a blatant use of bad language, a good bit even over public media and more in newsprint where blank space was left in more respectful years. Vandalism used to spare the church, but not anymore. To desecrate sacred places and things and names has become great sport to some.

I offer old Sarge as an example of reverence for that which is Holy, both for that in which we ourselves believe and for that in which someone else believes, out of respect for him and his sensitivity. It may even have been a mild infraction of rule for military comportment, but the straightlaced, perfect-postured old soldier tipped his hat as he marched by a house of God. I am here tipping my hat to him and his memory as a human being, forty years later.

Many saved through woman's death, editor says

Maxie Crawford Kirk, a Louisville native who has served the Foreign Mission Board in Brazil since 1947, wrote the following article in early August 1981. A graduate of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Mrs. Crawford is editor of the Brazilian WMU magazine Manancial, associate leader for Baptist Women in Brazil and a Sunday school teacher.

by Maxie C. Kirk

God moved in our church yesterday in the midst of most unusual circumstances. I'd like to share with you what he did.

Our church, the Meier Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro, is blessed with the leadership of a dynamic young

Brazilian pastor, Jose Carlos Torres, and his fine companion and help-mate, Miriam. They are friends, counselors, prayer partners and an example to this 1500-member church. Many members, like Jose Carlos and Miriam, are young parents.

Miriam's mother, Alzira, became ill and needed specialized medical care. She came from the distant state where she lived and for the past three months has been under the doctor's care and living in our pastor's home. During this time she, too, won a special place in the hearts of the church members, especially among the women of the church.

Three weeks ago Alzira underwent delicate surgery. According to her doctors her recovery was nothing short of remarkable and the Meier Baptist Church lifted hearts and hands in gratitude to God for this, another answer to earnest prayer.

Last Monday, two weeks after the surgery, Jose Carlos, Miriam and their three children left Rio to attend the annual pastors' retreat. Both had program responsibilities and were in need of a time of rest and spiritual refreshment. Alzira, though still hospitalized, was doing beautifully and different families in the church promised to continue careful oversight of her treatment there.

On Saturday morning as our pastor and his family were on their way back to Rio de Janeiro, Alzira suffered a major heart attack. Every medical re-

source available was exhausted but to no avail. Upon arrival at their home, Miriam and all the family learned that the beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother had gone to be with the Lord.

Sunday morning the Meier Baptist Church was filled. An air of sadness hung over the congregation. Alzira was to be buried early in the afternoon. Many assumed that our pastor would not be in the service and no one dared to suggest that he might preach.

However, Jose Carlos was present and as the time came in the order of worship for the message, he rose and led us all in a very personal consideration of the 23rd Psalm.

He declared that since the time of his conversion experience when at 19 years of age he was the first member of his family to become a Christian, this Psalm has had a special place in his heart. He had been impressed as a new Christian with what this Psalm meant in the lives of experienced believers.

Now as he and Miriam walked through the valley of the shadow of death, they were experiencing for themselves the matchless worth of this psalm. He shared his and Miriam's conviction that Alzira was with the Lord which, he declared, is incomparably better than to be in this life.

"The pain of this hour is, for us, the pain of separation. Our tears are for ourselves. We loved her, and we shall miss her."

Then, his voice breaking, Jose Carlos continued, "Many of you have assured us of your prayers for us and of your desire to help at this time. If you really want to help us pray for my parents. Neither one is a Christian.

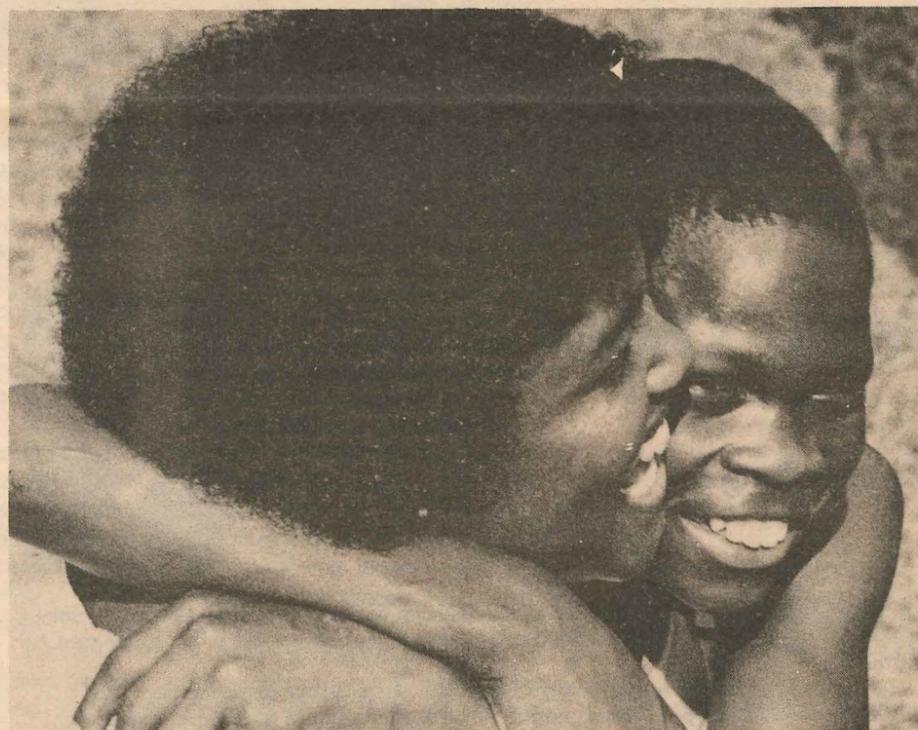
"If it were one of them who had died and was to be buried this afternoon, our pain would be much greater at this hour. Death for them would not represent gain, but rather, tremendous loss, eternal separation. Pray with us that they may be saved while there is still opportunity for them to accept Christ, in this life."

And so our pastor, in tears, concluded his meditation on Ps. 23. We proceeded to observe the Lord's supper since it was the first Sunday of the month. The observance of this ordinance seemed uniquely appropriate in the light of the message God had given us through our pastor.

As we rose to sing the final hymn Torres invited any who might be present and who had never accepted Jesus Christ as their savior to do so at that moment. "It is," he declared simply, "a matter of life and death."

As we sang the invitation hymn, and with no further word of insistence, 15 people came to the front to confess Christ as their savior and to accept for themselves the gift of life that he alone can give.

In life Alzira won many people to the Lord. He blessed her even in her death to bring yet others unto himself.



Churches meet Atlanta crisis

The recent murder of 28 young blacks in Atlanta "woke some people up" to the needs of the Techwood Homes housing project, a community where several of the murder victims lived, according to Terry Moncrief, director of Clark Howell-Techwood Baptist Center.

Three Southern Baptist and four other area churches responded to a fear that summer vacation from school could bring more murders by providing Techwood with volunteer workers, buses and vans, the use of church facilities for youth and a day camp for older youth to give the children recreation in a safe, supervised setting.

Vonda Clark (l), a Techwood resident and volunteer, shares a hug with a friend at the Baptist Center. Below, Atlanta Baptists provided transportation for neighborhood youth to the recreational center as well as various field trip sites in the city.

Although a suspect has been arrested and charged with two of the 28 slayings, Moncrief sees continued church involvement as vital in establishing ties between Christians and the decaying community.

"We could really be what God intended us to be," he said, "if churches would cross denominational lines and become family with people in Techwood."

