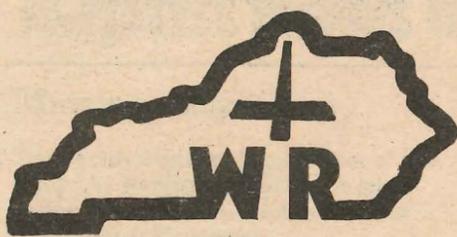




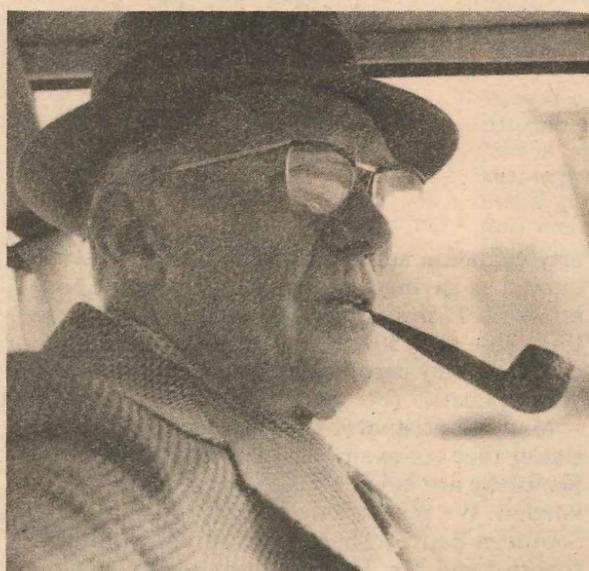
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## Forrest Sawyer to retire as Brotherhood director

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

"The prettiest picture I see in all of denominational life is when a pastor and his laymen play together, pray together and work together," Forrest R. Sawyer said in a Western Recorder article Jan. 10, 1979.

"The imperativeness of an involved manpower in order for the church to do what all it needs to do is so obvious we sometimes glide over it," observed Kentucky's Brotherhood director.

Last Friday night the only man to serve three state Baptist conventions as Brotherhood director announced his retirement at the state Brotherhood convention at Danville. Sawyer, 66, will close out his professional ministry Jan. 15, 1982 on the 24th anniversary of his service in Kentucky.

A native of Duncan, Okla., Sawyer, the son of an oil field worker-turned-preacher, attended Eastern Oklahoma State University where he played football, basketball and sang in a male quartet and glee club.

In 1938 he moved to Salem, Ill., to work for a petroleum company. At the local First Baptist Church he met the future Mrs. Sawyer, Iris Eileen Guyman. They will have been married 41 years next Monday. They are parents of three grown children.

In a revival service in November 1945 Sawyer realized he was not in the vocation the Lord intended for him. He felt impressed to enrol in seminary, but before leaving, his pastor came with a message.

A committee from the Illinois state Brotherhood Department wanted to talk with him about becoming department director. Sawyer accepted and served in that capacity until June 1951 when he took a similar post with the Alabama Baptist Convention. In 1955 he resigned to reenter private business. He went to Kentucky Brotherhood work Jan. 15, 1958.

Summarizing his career, Sawyer said, "For me, satisfaction comes in seeing a man who didn't know he could do anything find out that he can and then get to work."

When asked what he will do in retirement, Sawyer joked, "For the first six months I'll do the stuff around the house I've left undone for the last 20 years! By then, the golf course will be ready for me." He has no definite plans at this time.

In a letter to state executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen, Sawyer explained: "I've lived in Kentucky longer than I've ever lived anywhere. Kentucky Baptists have allowed me to do that which, under God, I felt he wanted me to do. For this I will be eternally grateful. My prayers will continue to focus on the obliteration of selfishness on the part of God's people, so the world can hear the message of salvation."

## Itinerant singer pleads guilty to taking churches for a song

An itinerant singer who visited Southern Baptist churches seeking to solicit money by claiming to be the son of a noted Bible scholar was sentenced Thursday, Oct. 1 to one year in Indiana State Farm, Putnamville, and ordered to pay a \$1000 fine and court costs.

William E. Franks Jr. of Waynesburg recently pled guilty to criminal conversion in Jeffersonville (Ind.) City Court and was given the maximum possible sentence by City Court Judge Duard V. Avery Jr.

Franks, 29, had visited several churches claiming to be Benjamin J. Francisco, son of the late Clyde T. Francisco, an Old Testament professor at Southern Seminary, and a brother of noted gospel singer-songwriter Don Francisco.

He was arrested Sunday, Sept. 27, following a service at Rolling Fields Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, in which he performed, gave a testimony, took a love offering and attempted to sell record albums.

Of the sentence Avery said, "This is one of the most shameless incidents I have ever heard of. He has taken advantage of people and I think the level of deceit deserves this level of punishment."

Franks' appearance at the 500-member congregation just across the Ohio River from Louisville is only the latest in a string of such incidents. He attempted to arrange a concert at Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 23 and did appear in late June at First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ga.

The same man approached at least two churches in central Kentucky. In one church he sang, received a free will offering and sold several records. The pastor does not want the name of the church to be revealed.

James R. Schaub, pastor of the Jeffersonville church, said he was telephoned about 11:30 p.m. by a man who identified himself as the son of Clyde T. Francisco.

"He told me he was scheduled to appear in another church in our area but difficulties caused a cancellation," Schaub recalled. "He said he needed expense money and wondered if he could come to our church and have a free will offering."

Schaub, who earned a DMin degree from Southern Seminary, said he inquired about the late Francisco's wife, who lives in Louisville and teaches at Boyce Bible School.

"He told me she was out of town," Schaub said, revealing he became suspicious and put the man off until the following morning. "I called Mrs. (Nancy Lee) Francisco and she told me they had had trouble with a man claiming to be Dr. Francisco's son for several years."

Schaub telephoned Jeffersonville police, who sent out John Monihon, a patrolman who also is a member of the congregation.

Schaub allowed Franks to sing, give his testimony and take a love offering. "He became very emotional in the testimony, relating that he was with his father when he died and that he had written a song which was his father's favorite. He said he wanted to perform it for the congregation," Schaub said.

Identified by a driver's license, Franks was arrested outside the church after the service. His wife, Vicky, 23, was also arrested, but police did not press charges against the woman, who is about six months pregnant.



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## State BSU convention to draw 800 collegians

With the theme "Living God's Truth" about 800 college youth are expected to gather at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Friday-Sunday (Oct. 9-11) for their annual state BSU convention.

William M. Pinson Jr., president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal., will deliver three major addresses related to the theme of the convention: "What is the Truth?," "A Strategy for Personal Action" and "The Power to Do."

Milton Hughes, consultant, National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will speak on "What It Means to Be a Disciple of Jesus Christ." He will also conduct a Bible study.

J. Altus Newell, pastor of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, will be Bible study leader for three similar periods.

Other program participants, according to Don Blay-

lock, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Student Department, Middletown, include Jack H. McEwen, dean, School of Religious Education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and David Garrard, minister of children's work, St. Matthews Baptist Church.

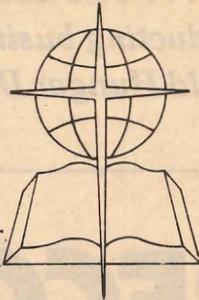
Music will be provided by the BSU choirs of Eastern Kentucky University, Georgetown and Cumberland colleges and the college choir of the host church.

Ten leadership training seminars will be offered, as well as testimonies and presentations on summer missions, during the convention.

Jan Shoemaker, the first woman ever to be elected Kentucky BSU president, will preside over the sessions in Bowling Green. She is a student at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond.

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C. R. Daley

## Daley Observations

### How should Baptists handle bad news?

One of the issues given serious consideration by Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee members in their September meeting is the proposal to make Baptist Press news service a separate, independent agency of the convention. The proposal was made by a convention messenger from Tennessee in Los Angeles in June and, according to convention procedure, was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and response.

Baptist Press is now a service of the Executive Committee. It distributes to state papers and other religious media and to the secular media news and feature articles from all scenes of Southern Baptist activities from local churches to foreign mission fields. It ranks with Catholic News Service as one of the most complete denominational news services in America. The press room at annual Southern Baptist conventions is regarded by many reporters as the very best they ever worked in.

Under the leadership of W. C. Fields Baptist Press news service has operated with the kind of professional competence and integrity to earn a high rating of credibility. In addition to processing the heavy load of regular news, Baptist Press has handled a number of very controversial and explosive stories and generally with a soothing effect.

Unfortunately in recent weeks Baptist Press has been criticized by some denominational critics for the story on the recent court suit involving the Sunday School Board and Don Burnett, a former Sunday School Board employe. The main basis for criticism was the absence from the story of accounts of unbecoming conduct on the part of at least two other Sunday School Board employes. These moral lapses were revealed during the court case.

The critics charge that Baptist Press left out the accounts of unbecoming conduct on the part of other Sunday School Board employes in order to protect the reputation of the board. W. C. Fields responds by saying the other stories had nothing to do with the case being reported and denies any effort to manage news in order to protect any Baptist agency.

Anyone who knows W. C. Fields knows his integrity is not for sale at any price. This does not mean he and his colleagues' judgment on how to report a story is always infallible. In this case the Sunday School Board story was written by a Sunday School Board staff member who is a part of the Baptist Press network. This was in keeping with Baptist Press policy. The story was

edited by Baptist Press before being sent out but it would have been better for a reporter other than a Sunday School Board staff member to have written the story. The present ground-rules perhaps ought to be changed to this effect.

This incident raises an age old question which haunts every news reporter and editor. In reporting bad news how does one balance the right of the people to know with the responsibility to be merciful and redemptive if possible with the persons involved?

Back to the case of the Sunday School Board. With 1500 employes there is bound to be some misconduct from time to time but how should it be handled and how much should be reported? In the recent court case it was revealed that one employe was forced to resign several years ago for sexual misconduct and another several years later for use of alcoholic beverages. Neither was reported at the time. Week before last a terse announcement said two staff members of another Southern Baptist agency resigned and left immediately. The agency head refuses to reveal reasons for the sudden resignations though rumors are widespread.

The question is how should these things be handled? There are good reasons for complete openness in reporting and good reasons in some cases not to report all. Probably the best policy is to report the bad along with the good. All the gory details need not be reported but the facts will come out by and by and probably will hurt more than they would have if reported at the time.

Because Baptist Press is doing a good job under the present structure there is no need for a separate agency status. But should the day come when the news is managed in order to protect any Baptist agency or institution, it will be time for a change. Deception has no place in Baptist affairs.

Baptists believe in the right to know and they are generally mature enough to handle bad news.

Baptists will know! If Baptist Press and Baptist state papers ever lose their credibility, Baptists will turn to an independent paper or some other channel to keep informed. That would be a sad day.

### It's lawful but is it right?

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was dealt a triple whammy by reporter Lonnie Rosenwald and the Louisville Times with a front page article in the Sept. 28 issue. The article carried a headline across the whole page and was accompanied by a photograph of the condominium in which seminary president Duke McCall lives.

The article used the seminary as exhibit one in pointing out the problem of tax-exempt property in Louisville and Jefferson County. County prop-

erty valuation administrator Robert J. Butler is quoted as saying that files on tax-exempt properties fill 17 drawers in his office. He estimates this value at \$750 million to \$1 billion and contends they cost local government \$8 million a year in taxes.

Many Baptists who pay taxes agree with Mr. Butler that tax-exemption provisions in Kentucky are being abused and reform is needed. We resent, however, the making of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary by the reporter and Mr. Butler appear as the chief offender. Even a glance at the records to which the reporter had access will reveal that Roman Catholics own far more tax-exempt property in Louisville than Baptists. Other religious groups also take advantage of tax-exemption for extensive properties so why pick on Baptists?

It should be noted that the seminary has been given no special consideration and is entirely within the state laws in its tax-exemptions. Property used for religion and education purposes enjoy tax exemption in Kentucky and the seminary is only taking advantage of these provisions.

Whether or not it is right and is in keeping with the best interests of Baptists is another question. Baptists don't agree at this point but I am convinced we take tax exemption on some properties we should not.

The three pieces of seminary property listed in the articles are cases in point. One is the downtown property where the seminary was once located and which is still owned by the seminary. According to the newspaper article this property is leased to an automobile company for \$39,000 a year. It is true that the income from this lease is used for educational purposes but all income producing property owned by churches or church groups should be on the tax rolls in my opinion.

The same goes for the seminary owned \$139,900 condominium in which president McCall lives and the house close to the seminary campus in which Mrs. Fuller, the widow of former president Ellis Fuller, lives. This seems especially so since the seminary still has another tax-exempt home for its president.

Incidentally, not all Baptist owned property is tax exempt. The Kentucky Baptist Building in Middletown has been on the tax rolls of Jefferson County for a number of years. Many Baptist pastors and denominational workers now own their own homes and all of these are on the tax rolls.

Tax exemption for church owned houses for pastors and for other ordained Baptist ministers is questionable. It would be far better if they all were put on the tax rolls. It is not fair for other taxpayers to pay for police and fire protection and in some instances garbage collection for church owned property which is tax exempt.

As long as Baptists are involved in questionable tax-exemption practices, we will be subject to exposure and criticism, fairly or unfairly.

# Baptist News in Brief

## Marriage retreat set

The Family Ministry Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention is sponsoring a marriage enrichment retreat Oct. 19-21 at Cedarmore.

Richard Waggener, a specialist in marriage enrichment in the Family Ministry Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead the retreat.

The cost would be \$62 per couple. Interested couples should write: Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Rte. 1, Bagdad, KY 40003.

## School aid 'inconsistent'

Americans United for Separation of Church and State scored the Reagan administration for flagrant inconsistency in attempting to balance the federal budget while promoting a multi-billion dollar tuition tax credit plan to aid private and parochial schools.

"It is ironic that in the same week an administration representative appeared before a congressional panel backing an extravagant scheme to help private education President Reagan appeared on television seeking sacrificial spending cuts in other programs, including federal aid to public education," said Americans United director R. G. Puckett.

Assistant treasury secretary John E. Chapoton told a House education subcommittee the administration favors tuition tax credits for private education. The Packwood-Moynihan tuition tax credit proposal currently being considered in the Senate would cost U. S. taxpayers an estimated \$7 billion annually in tax expenditures by 1986. Two days later, President Reagan called for another round of large cuts in federal spending and a balanced budget by 1984.

"There is a simple cure for this schizophrenia," said Puckett. "President Reagan should shelve the tuition tax credit plan."

"The President also said education is the principal responsibility of local school systems, teachers, parents, citizen boards and state governments. With that philosophy in mind, how can he favor a massive new program of federal aid to private education?" Puckett asked.

"The President also called for a return to the 'spirit of voluntarism' for the support of nonprofit institutions," Puckett continued. "That's exactly how private schools have been financed in the past; it should remain that way."

"Ninety percent of private schools in America are run by churches," Puckett noted. "They should be supported by the voluntary contributions of those

who share those religious beliefs. It is certainly contrary to the spirit of voluntarism to force all Americans through taxes to support religious schools which teach viewpoints they may not share. It is also unconstitutional."

## SBC losing ethnic ground?

Increased membership of black, Hispanic, Indian and other minority members in Southern Baptist churches is not keeping pace with the growth of these ethnic groups among the U. S. population, according to a recent Home Mission Board report.

Orrin Morris, board research division director and author of the report, found Hispanic Southern Baptists represent one of every 122 persons of Spanish origin in the U. S., while black Southern Baptists account for only one of every 331 American blacks.

The number of persons identified as Indian rose 71.4 percent from 1970 to 1980—a jump Morris attributed to Indians' increasing awareness of their ethnic heritage.

For Oscar Romo, Home Mission Board language missions division director, the statistics say, "If Southern Baptists expect to grow, they will have to grow more ethnic churches." He stressed the need to equip ethnic leaders and provide language materials as crucial if Southern Baptists intend to reach America's burgeoning ethnic population.

"These numbers show us that not

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only is our greatest opportunity among these groups but that this generation is now receptive," Romo said. "We must reach them in this generation in case the next one isn't."

## Large gift anonymous

A \$500,000 gift from an anonymous donor has been received by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The gift is in the form of a trust with the Baptist Foundation of Texas. Income from the trust will be used for maintenance and operation of the seminary.

The gift is one of the largest in the history of the seminary, which has a \$9 million operating budget, and will be used in Vision/85, a current program to raise \$25 million for capital needs and endowment.

## More go to conferences

Attendance at Southern Baptists' two national conference centers registered a slight increase as more than 58,000 persons attended 1981 summer sessions at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.).

Some 58,884 persons attended the week-long conferences, representing a

gain of 840 over last year's attendance of 58,044.

Bill Cox, supervisor of the conference center program and promotion section at the Baptist Sunday School Board, said conferences have been filled to capacity for the past several years, which leaves room for only slight gain. "There are only a few conferences that do not reach capacity registration," he explained.

Single week high attendance was 3418 at Glorieta student week in August.

More than 15,680 persons, up 444 over last year, participated in the six Sunday school weeks, three at each conference center.

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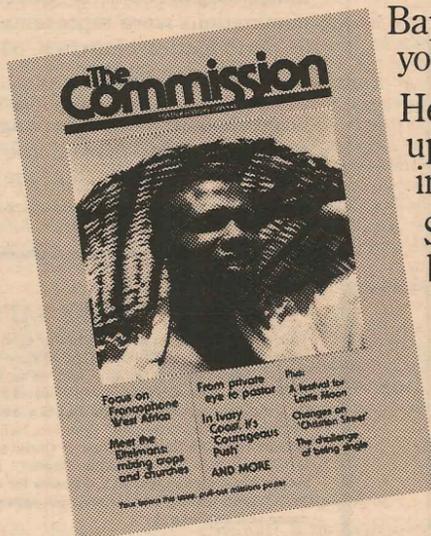
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## Personnel

**Huffman lauded by church, community**  
Riverview Baptist Church, Crittenden Association, and the local community recently honored Herb Huffman. A member of the church since 1918, Huffman has held a church office for the past 37 years.

James Stanhope is Riverview's pastor.

**Fairlane ordains, honors Fory**  
Fairlane Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, ordained Rick Fory in August. Also in August Fory and his wife, Kathy, were honored for their three years of service in the Fairlane church.

John Holloway is pastor of Fairlane.

**Garrett assumes music and youth post**  
Shannon Garrett has accepted the position of minister of music and youth at Rineyville Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association.

The Evansville, Ind. native is a student at Southern Seminary.

**Keys assumes full time pastorate**  
East Rhudes Creek Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, has called Dewey Keys as full time pastor. Keys has served the church part time since 1973.

**Moore to lead Rosedale youth ministry**  
Rosedale Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association, has called Philip Moore as youth minister.

**Griffin resigns Mt. Sterling pastorate**  
Albert Griffin has resigned the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, to go to Westmoreland Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.

Griffin has held Kentucky pastorates in Georgetown and Lexington. He has also served churches in Virginia.

**Miss Weber to lead social ministry**  
Cindy Weber is the Christian social minister at Twenty-Third and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville.

A native of Florida, Miss Weber is a student at Southern Seminary.

**KBH appoints first director of finance**  
George Graham is Kentucky Baptist Hospitals' first director of finance. He will be responsible for reimbursement, funds development and internal auditing for the four hospitals.

A certified public accountant, Graham joins Baptist Hospitals from the Louisville office of Touche Ross.

**Stooksbury, Parker serve Fisherville**  
First Baptist Church, Fisherville, has called William Stooksbury to its pastorate and John Parker to serve as minister of music and youth.

A native of Tennessee, Stooksbury has held church staff positions in Tennessee, Georgia and Kentucky. Parker, a Virginian, also has served churches in Tennessee.

Both are students at Southern Seminary.

**Miss Woody leads Clifton in education**  
Martha Woody has accepted the position of minister of education at Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville. She is studying for her doctorate in religious education at Southern Seminary.

**DeHaven Memorial calls Palmer**  
DeHaven Memorial Baptist Church, LaGrange, has called Lawrence Palmer as its minister to youth and outreach.

Palmer, a Mississippi native, is a student at Southern Seminary.

William Day is pastor of the church.

**Brooks calls Nash as associate pastor**  
Ralph Nash is the associate pastor of Brooks (Ky.) Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and attends Southern Seminary.

**Rendleman is Doctor's Fork pastor**  
Bruce Rendleman has accepted the call to the pastorate of Doctor's Fork Baptist Church, South District Association.

## Congregations

**Edmonton church completes century**  
Edmonton (Ky.) Baptist Church celebrated its 100th anniversary Oct. 4. Highlighting the day was a sermon by Paul Horner, a covered dish dinner, dressing in fashions depicting favorite periods of the last 100 years and modes of transportation used since 1881.

Dane Miller is the church's pastor.

## Deaths

**Mrs. Jessee Hall dies**  
Jessee Hall, a lifetime member of Warsaw (Ky.) Baptist Church, died Sept. 2. She is survived by Eda Lou Black of Florence, Faye Hall Beech of LaGrange and Russell Hall of Warsaw.

**Mrs. Lovelace dies at 93**  
Ethel Lovelace died July 4 at the age of 93. Concord Baptist Church, White Plains, passed a resolution concerning her death.

She spent several years as the teacher of the senior adult women's Sunday school class. Her father, the late R. C. Allen, was a Baptist minister as is her son, Kermit A. Lovelace.

**Mrs. Fusselle dies in Tennessee**  
Mrs. Ruth Boone Fusselle, wife of Warner Fusselle, died in Jackson, Tenn. in September. Her father, W. C. Boone, was formerly general secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

She is survived by a son, a daughter, two sisters and two brothers, one of whom is Louisville attorney W. C. Boone.

**Bethany deacon Bratcher dies in July**  
Bennett Bratcher, a deacon at Bethany Baptist Church, Louisville, died July 14. The church passed a resolution honoring his memory in August.

**Mt. Pleasant associate dies at 67**  
Raymond Harris, associate pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lewisburg, died Sept. 3. He was 67.

Harris had held pastorates in Todd, Christian, Muhlenburg and Butler counties.

He is survived by his wife Myrtie M. White Harris, one daughter, two grandsons, and a brother and sister.

## Highview hosts Singspiration concert

Singspiration, the music publishing division of Zondervan Publishing, presented new music to almost 400 choir members and ministers of music as Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, hosted a Singspiration music festival Sept. 17. Several denominations were represented in the 58 participating churches, 80 percent of which were Baptist.

Participants sightread music like a large choir as one of the Singspiration representatives led. Joe Parks, who had written much of the material; David Culross, associate editor of Singspiration; and Don Wyrzten, director of Singspiration, were choir leaders.

Also participating was Zondervan soloist Wayne Watson, noted for singing "Touch of the Master's Hand," recently in the top 10 in Christian music charts.

After the session participants had opportunity to share with Singspiration leaders plans and problems concerning their own music programs.

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# Recommendations of the executive board to the Kentucky Baptist Convention

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

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

The executive board in session May 4-5, 1981 approved four recommendations to be presented to the Kentucky Baptist Convention when it meets Nov. 10-12 at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown. These are:

## A. Cooperative Program goals and percentages for 1982-83 budget:

The annual Cooperative Program goals, as well as the percentages for the division of Cooperative Program funds between Kentucky Baptist Convention causes and Southern Baptist Convention causes, are determined by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in annual session. These are now recommended for 1982-83.

The following recommendation, approved by the convention at Bowling Green, Ky., Nov. 11-13, 1980 set the 1981-82 Cooperative Program goals and percentages as follows:

	For Comparison 1980-81 Budget	Approved 1980 1981-82 Budget	Recommended 1982-83 Budget
I. Cooperative Program Goal			
A. Operational Budget	9,000,000	10,340,000	11,891,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	3,150,000 (35%)	3,619,000 (35%)	4,161,850 (35%)
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	5,850,000 (65%)	6,721,000 (65%)	7,729,150 (65%)
B. Bold Mission Challenge	3,000,000	4,060,000	3,109,000
1. Southern Baptist Convention Causes*	1,050,000 (35%)	1,421,000 (35%)	***
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention Causes**	1,950,000 (65%)	2,639,000 (65%)	***
Total Cooperative Program Goal	12,000,000	14,400,000	15,000,000
II. Other Estimated Income	777,752	876,457	900,000
III. Total Budget Goal	12,777,752	15,276,457	15,900,000

\*The distribution of these items is voted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

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

\*\*\*Once receipts exceed \$13,000,000 the distribution shall be 35.5% SBC/64.5% KBC; once \$14,000,000 is exceeded the distribution shall be 36% SBC/64% KBC. Should receipts fall below \$13,000,000, the distribution shall be 35% SBC/65% KBC.

## B. General recommendations to the convention for the 1982-83 budget

1. We heartily recommend that all our churches seriously consider increasing their support to the Cooperative Program in their new budgets.

2. That Cooperative Program Day be observed on Apr. 17, 1983, or the nearest convenient Sunday. Churches which do not regularly include the Cooperative Program in their budgets are urged to take a special offering on this Sunday. We hope all churches will consider the possible appropriateness of observing this additional offering.

3. We recommend that the vacation Bible school offerings be given to worldwide missions through the Cooperative Program.

4. We further recommend that all contributions received and identified for Bold Mission Thrust be channeled through the Cooperative Program.

5. That we approve the annual Thanksgiving offering for our Child Care Program.

6. That we approve the Mother's Day offering for charity work in our hospitals.

7. That we give approval to the annual offerings of the WMU—Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions, Annie Armstrong offering for home missions and the Eliza Broadus offering for state missions in September.

8. We look with favor on the request of the American Bible Society for church contributions to print and distribute the sacred scriptures.

9. The Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recognize or approve any other special offerings aside from these mentioned above. We request single institutions not to make appeals to be included in local church budgets. We also disapprove of any financial campaign through our churches, organizations in the churches, or lists of members from the churches by institutions or agencies sharing in the Cooperative Program receipts except campaigns that are approved by the convention. This recommendation does not preclude personal appeals for support from individual friends in any amount. (The KBC in annual session, November 1979, approved the recommendation of the executive board authorizing the Christian education institutions to engage in individual financial campaigns among the churches and individuals to seek church pledges not to exceed one year and individual pledges not to exceed five years; the approved campaign period was Jan. 1, 1980 through Dec. 31, 1984.)

10. That we ask the Sunday schools to observe state missions emphasis day for its institutional and educational value.

11. That we instruct all our institutions and agencies sharing in Cooperative Program receipts to furnish a copy of their latest annual audits, made by a certified public accountant, to the office of our treasurer on or before Nov. 1 of each year. The treasurer is instructed to withhold Cooperative Program appropriations from any institution or agency which does not send in these reports by the date indicated.

## C. 1982-85 Bold Mission Thrust goals for Kentucky Baptist churches

With prayerful concern that Bold Mission Thrust continue with increased momentum and be uppermost in the minds and hearts of Kentucky Baptists, it is recommended that goals for bold mission from October 1982 to September 1985 be:

To REACH PEOPLE through Church Growth so that by September 1985 . . .

- 1465 churches in the Kentucky Baptist Convention will have:
  - created an awareness among its members of its growth possibilities;
  - developed an attitude in the church that leads to church growth; and
  - committed and involved a large percentage of its members to church growth.
- there will be a Sunday school enrolment in Kentucky of:
  - 396,472—a VICTORY GOAL—a 2.7% increase per church per year;
  - 426,105—a CHALLENGE GOAL—an average of 5.2% increase per church; and
  - 466,195—a HALLELUJAH GOAL—an average of 8.4% increase per church per year.
- there will be a gain in baptisms each year in Kentucky of:
  - 15% for a VICTORY GOAL
  - 17.5% for a CHALLENGE GOAL
  - 20% for a HALLELUJAH GOAL
- there will be 80 new churches organized in Kentucky
- there will be 180 Kentucky Baptist churches working with Ohio churches to start 25 new churches and strengthen existing churches; and
- 1465 churches will commit themselves to extend the call for members to respond as career missionaries and Mission Service Corps personnel.

To DEVELOP BELIEVERS through Church Growth so that by September 1985 . . .

- prayer support for bold missions will be active within Kentucky Baptist churches;
- there will be 68,500 enrolled in discipleship and doctrine training through Church Training (an increase of 1.5% per church annually);
- there will be 97,400 enrolled in mission education (WMU 57,400 and Brotherhood 40,000);
- churches will have a stewardship emphasis which results in:
  - 15% annual increase in financial receipts;
  - increased percentage giving two to five percent more by 1985 through the Cooperative Program in 1100 churches;
  - increased financial support to Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, and Eliza Broadus mission offerings.

To STRENGTHEN FAMILIES so that by 1985 . . .

- there are five (5) families per 100 in Sunday school enrolment who are engaged in regular family worship and Bible study in the home; and
- 1465 churches provide Christian family enrichment, educational and/or recreational activities to strengthen family relationships and moral values.

## D. Kentucky-Ohio church partnership

The Kentucky-Ohio 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.

The goals are:

- To aid 10 new church starts in Ohio through partnerships in 1982 and five each year through 1985.
- To link Kentucky associations with seven Ohio associations in ongoing associational relationships in 1982 and in three additional Ohio associations each year through 1985.
- To link Kentucky churches with 50 Ohio churches in 1982 and 25 additional relationships in 1982 each year through 1985 in ongoing partnerships to strengthen churches.
- To involve 75 Kentucky churches in partnerships with Ohio churches in 1982 and 35 additional churches each year through 1985.

The two state conventions shall serve in the following ways:

- To assist churches and/or associations in getting together to form partnerships that are mutually desired.
- To share appropriate information that is needed in making decisions regarding the establishment, continuation or curtailment of a partnership. The coordination of the sharing of such information shall be done by the Direct Missions Department in Kentucky and by the Missions Department in Ohio.
- To assist in equipping churches as they seek to strengthen each other and start new work.
- To insist that the establishment of any new work involve a sponsoring church and the director of missions in the area of the new work.
- To encourage the sharing of resources to be carried out directly between churches. For example, if there is a sharing of financial resources, the states shall encourage the parties to do this between themselves instead of the money being sent through the treasurer of either state.
- To foster the view of partnerships being a way of personalizing a part of a church's mission program and, at the same time, help churches realize the importance of increased giving to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Examples of ways churches in the two states can work together as partners are:

Prayer support	Starting a mission
Vacation Bible schools	Big "A" clubs
Backyard Bible clubs	Surveys
Revivals—pastor and/or lay people	Locating prospective pastors
Choir concerts	Help in paying a pastor's salary
Erecting a new building	Witness training
Refurbishing temporary facilities	Development of church leadership
Landscaping	Testimonies in church services
Witness visitation	Training schools
Student ministries	

Many of these will involve groups such as senior adults, adults, youth, campers, Brotherhood, WMU, choirs, Sunday school teachers or other church officers. However, individuals and/or families may also have opportunities to work in these areas.

General suggestions to churches:

- The beginning relationship may need to be for one activity covering a brief period of time. If the parties then mutually feel that the relationship should be continued, a partnership for new church starts or for strengthening the churches could be formed.
- For the best relationship over a length of time there must be giving and receiving by both parties.
- Always have a clearly understood written agreement when the sharing of financial resources is involved. This should include an annual review. Such an agreement can help both parties in making realistic plans.

This paper is being presented to the conventions of both states in their 1981 state conventions. It is to serve as a guideline for the establishment of partnerships between the churches and/or associations of the two conventions.

# 144th ANNUAL MEETING

# Kentucky Baptist Convention

Severns Valley Baptist Church,

Elizabethtown, Ky.

November 10-12, 1981

## Program

### Tuesday Morning - Nov. 10

Music Leader ..... Larry Cook  
 First Baptist Church, Frankfort

10:30 Convene with Prayer ..... Wayne Padgett  
 President, Pastor's Conference  
 Pastor, Plum Creek Baptist Church, Taylorsville

10:35 Message in Song ..... Kentucky Baptist Chorale  
 Director, Eugene Sutherland  
 Minister of Music, Walnut Street Baptist, Louisville

10:50 Welcome ..... J. Howard Cobble  
 Pastor, Severns Valley Baptist, Elizabethtown

10:55 Hymn Singing

11:00 Organization of  
 144th Annual Convention ..... Leo Crismon  
 Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

Appointment of Committees ..... Bill Whittaker  
 President, Kentucky Baptist Convention

Appointment of Tellers ..... Bill Whittaker  
 Report of Credentials Committee ..... W. Louis Walters  
 Pastor, Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville

Report of Committee on Order of Business Bill Tichenor  
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Princeton

11:10 Special Music ..... Church Choir  
 First Baptist Church, Murray

11:20 President's Address ..... Bill Whittaker

11:50 Benediction ..... Mike King  
 President, Religious Education Conference

### Tuesday Afternoon - Nov. 10

Music Leader ..... Philip Johnson  
 First Baptist Church, Princeton

1:45 Hymn Singing ..... Philip Johnson

1:55 Scripture and Prayer ..... Robert Bailey  
 Minister of Education, Walnut Street Baptist  
 Church, Louisville

2:05 Report on Conventionwide Education ..... T. A. Prickett  
 Pastor, Seven Hills Baptist Church, Owensboro

2:10 Message ..... William M. Pinson Jr.  
 President, Golden Gate Baptist Theological  
 Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.

2:35 Fraternal Greetings ..... Bill Whittaker

2:45 Hymn Singing

2:50 Recommendations of Executive Board... Franklin Owen  
 Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
 Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

3:15 Bold Mission Thrust  
 1977-82 ..... William H. Rogers  
 Staff Chairman and Director, Cooperative Ministries-  
 Christian Life Department, KBC, Middletown

1982-85 ..... C. Vernon Cole  
 Staff Chairman and Director, Church Training  
 Department, KBC, Middletown

3:45 Election of President

4:05 Message in Song ..... Philip and Peggy Johnson

4:10 Business Session and Resolutions

4:30 Closing Prayer ..... Ronald Higdon  
 Pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville

### Tuesday Evening - Nov. 10

Music Leader ..... Donn Wisdom  
 Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Paducah

6:45 Concert ..... Campbellsville College Choir

7:00 Scripture and Prayer  
 Winner—Better Speakers' Tournament  
 Linda Williams  
 Student, First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg

7:10 Hymn Singing

7:15 Report of Church Services Division ..... James H. Whaley  
 Coordinator, Kentucky Baptist Convention,  
 Middletown

Cedarmore Baptist Assembly ..... Marshall Phillips  
 Manager, Bagdad

Church Music ..... Eugene F. Quinn  
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Church Training ..... C. Vernon Cole  
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Student Work ..... Don Blaylock  
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Sunday School ..... Fred Halbrooks  
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

7:45 Report of Woman's Missionary Union  
 ..... Kathryn Jasper  
 Executive Director, Woman's Missionary Union

7:55 Report on Cooperative Program ..... Ira McMillen Jr.  
 Pastor, Greenview Baptist Church, Florence

8:05 Hymn Singing

8:10 Report on Home Missions ..... Roy Carlton  
 Pastor, Harlan Baptist Church, Harlan

Presentation by William L. Turner,  
 Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Lexington

8:15 Report on Foreign Missions ..... Ron Stone  
 Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Winchester

Greetings from guest foreign missionaries

8:25 Report of Public Affairs Committee ..... John Dunaway  
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Corbin

8:30 Message in Song ..... Campbellsville College Choir

8:40 Message ..... R. G. Puckett  
 Executive Director, Americans United for Separation  
 of Church and State, Silver Spring, Md.

9:05 Closing Prayer ..... David Hawthorne  
 Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Princeton

### Wednesday Morning - Nov. 11

Music Leader ..... Len Stowe  
 Minister of Music, Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville

9:00 Hymn Singing

9:05 Scripture and Prayer ..... Wallace Miller  
 Education Director, Northern Kentucky Baptist  
 Association, Newport

9:15 Obituary Report ..... Jack Duvall  
 Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Russellville

9:25 SBC Representative ..... W. C. Fields

9:30 Western Recorder ..... C. R. Daley  
 Editor, Middletown

9:40 Baptist Hospitals Inc. .... Gordon Palmer  
 Chairman of Board, Baptist Hospitals Inc., Louisville

9:50 Board of Child Care ..... Eldred M. Taylor  
 Executive Director, Board of Child Care, Middletown

10:00 Hymn Singing

10:05 Recognition of New Leadership ..... Franklin Owen  
 Election of Officers

10:30 Miscellaneous Business

10:55 Message in Song ..... Len Stowe

11:05 Scripture Reading and Prayer ..... James K. Pierce  
 Pastor, Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington

11:10 Convention Sermon ..... John Christian  
 Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville

11:40 Closing Prayer ..... James E. Jones  
 Pastor, Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville

### Wednesday Afternoon - Nov. 11

Music Leader ..... Curtis Fox  
 Minister of Music, High Point Baptist Church, Mayfield

2:00 Hymn Singing

2:05 Scripture and Prayer ..... Richard Bridges  
 Assistant Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green

2:15 Report on Resolutions Committee ..... Jack Birdwhistell  
 Campus Minister, Georgetown College, Georgetown

2:40 Report on Christian Education ..... Jesse C. Stricker  
 Director, Stewardship Department,  
 Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Campbellsville College ..... W. R. Davenport  
 President, Campbellsville

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

Cumberland College ..... James H. Taylor  
 President, Williamsburg

Georgetown College ..... Ben M. Elrod  
 President, Georgetown

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

3:05 Message in Song

3:10 Business Division ..... Barry G. Allen  
 Coordinator, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Annuity Department ..... Byrd R. Ison  
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Kentucky Baptist Foundation ..... Grady Randolph  
 Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Foundation,  
 Middletown

3:20 Recognition of Chaplains ..... Franklin Owen

3:40 Miscellaneous Business ..... Bill Whittaker

3:50 Report of Committee on Constitution  
 and By-Laws ..... David Nelson  
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Owensboro

4:05 Hymn Singing

4:10 Report on Baptist World Alliance ..... Wayne Dehoney  
 Pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville

Message ..... Gerhard Claas  
 General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance,  
 Washington, D. C.

4:40 Closing Prayer ..... LaVerne Butler  
 Pastor, Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville

### Wednesday Evening - Nov. 11

Music Leader ..... Mark Gill  
 Minister of Music, Grapevine Baptist Church,  
 Madisonville

6:45 Concert ..... Severns Valley Church Choir  
 Allen Case, Minister of Music and Director

7:05 Hymn Singing

7:10 Scripture and Prayer ..... Clarence Nemitz  
 Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Owensboro

7:20 Message ..... Franklin Owen  
 Executive Secretary-Treasurer,  
 Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

7:40 Recognition of Former Convention Presidents

7:50 Report of Historical Commission ..... Leo T. Crismon  
 Chairman, Historical Commission

7:55 Report of Historical Society ..... George Jones  
 President, Kentucky Baptist Historical Society  
 Director of Missions, Northern Kentucky Baptist  
 Association, Newport

8:00 Hymn Singing

8:05 Pageant, 200th Anniversary .....  
 Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown

9:10 Closing Prayer ..... Wendell Romans  
 Pastor, Boones Creek Baptist Church, Lexington

### Thursday Morning - Nov. 12

Music Leader ..... Bobby Huguley  
 Minister of Music, Eastwood Baptist Church,  
 Bowling Green

9:00 Hymn Singing

9:10 Scripture and Prayer ..... Bruce Willis  
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Wickliffe

9:20 Report of Temperance League ..... Delbert Butts  
 Executive Director, Louisville

9:25 Report of American Bible Society ..... Robert Hill  
 Pastor, Ralph Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville

9:35 Report of Committee on Arrangements ..... Bill Ray  
 Assistant Pastor, Severns Valley Baptist Church,  
 Elizabethtown

9:40 Report of Committee on Committees William P. Cubine  
 Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah

9:50 Report of Committee on Nominations ..... Frank Dorris  
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Morgantown

10:00 Hymn Singing

10:05 Missions Division ..... A. B. Colvin  
 Coordinator, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Brotherhood ..... Forrest Sawyer  
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Cooperative Ministries-Christian Life  
 William H. Rogers  
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Direct Missions ..... Robert C. Jones  
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Evangelism ..... Jay Brown  
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

Stewardship ..... Jesse C. Stricker  
 Director, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown

10:30 Miscellaneous Business and Appointments

10:40 Recognition of Convention Officers  
 Recognition of New Officers

10:50 Message in Song ..... William B. Williams  
 Minister of Music, Immanuel Baptist Church,  
 Lexington

10:55 Report on Radio and Television ..... William B. Williams

11:00 Message ..... Jimmy R. Allen  
 President, Radio and Television Commission,  
 Ft. Worth, Tex.

11:30 Presentation of Gavel

11:45 Closing Prayer ..... Newly Elected President

### CONVENTION OFFICERS

#### PRESIDENT

Bill Whittaker  
 Murray

#### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Francis R. Tallant  
 Bowling Green

#### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Harold S. Mauney  
 Williamsburg

#### SECRETARIES

Leo T. Crismon  
 Louisville

William Austin Roberts  
 Danville

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Franklin Owen  
 Middletown

# Religious Education

## Association

Stithton Baptist Church,

Radcliff

November 9

President ..... Mike King  
 Church Training Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown  
 President-elect ..... Vacant  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Desmond Hargis  
 Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Madisonville

12:00 Registration and Fellowship  
 12:45 Welcome and Introductions ..... Mike King  
 1:45 "Where is Sunday School Going?" ..... James Whaley  
 Director of Church Services Division, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown  
 2:45 Break  
 3:45 "Future of the Church" ..... Hal Warheim  
 Professor of Christianity and Society, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary  
 5:15 Business Session  
 Report of the Nominating Committee and Miscellaneous Business  
 5:30 Adjourn  
 6:30 Fellowship Banquet ..... Holiday Inn South, I-65 and 31 West  
 Fellowship Activities ..... Mike King  
 "A funny thing happened on the way home from Sunday School" ..... Dan Aleshire  
 Assistant Professor of Church and Denominational Ministries,  
 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville  
 8:45 Adjourn

# Pastor's Conference

Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown

November 9-10

President ..... Wayne Padgett  
 Plum Creek Baptist Church, Taylorsville  
 Vice-President ..... Bob Durham  
 Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Glenn Armstrong  
 Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Beaver Dam  
 Conference Pianist ..... Tim Owings  
 Hillcrest Baptist Church, Frankfort  
 Conference Organist ..... Austin Roberts  
 Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville

THEME:  
 "GROWING PASTORS, GROWING CHURCHES"

### MONDAY AFTERNOON

1:00 Concert ..... Lois Jane  
 Williamsburg  
 Prelude ..... Tim Owings  
 1:30 Welcome ..... Wayne Padgett  
 Opening Hymn ..... L. C. Gray  
 Parrish Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro  
 Opening Prayer ..... Ronnie Forrest  
 Temple Baptist Church, Owensboro  
 Bible Study—"The Pastor's Devotional Life" ..... E. Glenn Hinson  
 Professor of Church History, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville  
 Hymn ..... Steve Baker  
 Plum Creek Baptist Church, Taylorsville  
 Special Music ..... Lois Jane  
 Williamsburg  
 Message—"The Growing Pastor in the Small Growing Church" ..... David Haley  
 Hillcrest Baptist Church, Louisville  
 Offertory Hymn ..... Steve Baker  
 Taylorsville  
 Special Music ..... Lois Jane  
 Williamsburg  
 Message—"The Growing Pastor in the Larger Growing Church" ..... Colburn Hooten  
 Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Independence  
 Benediction ..... Edwin Davis  
 Ephesus Avenue Baptist Church, Winchester

### MONDAY EVENING

6:30 Musical Concert ..... Charles Flener  
 Chaplain, Jefferson County Police Department, Louisville  
 7:00 Welcome ..... Bob Durham  
 Opening Prayer ..... Ernest Harris  
 First Baptist Church, Albany  
 Opening Hymn ..... Don Zuberer  
 Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro  
 Bible Study—"The Devotional Life of the Pastor" ..... E. Glenn Hinson  
 Hymn ..... Don Zuberer  
 Special Music ..... Charles Flener  
 Message—"Growing as a Bivocational Pastor" ..... Steve Monroe  
 Southside Baptist Church, Lexington  
 Offertory Hymn  
 Election of the 1981 Pastor's Conference Officers  
 Special Music ..... Lois Jane  
 Message—"The Pastor's Growing Family" ..... William Pinson Jr.  
 Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Cal.  
 Benediction ..... Wesley Hanson  
 Hartford Baptist Church, Hartford

### TUESDAY MORNING

9:00 Welcome  
 Musical Concert ..... Campbellsville Singers  
 Campbellsville College, Campbellsville  
 Opening Prayer ..... Mike Gray  
 Corinth Baptist Church, McQuady  
 Bible Study ..... E. Glenn Hinson  
 Hymn ..... Harold D. Tallant  
 Associate Pastor and Minister of Evangelism and Education,  
 Highview Baptist Church, Louisville  
 Special Music ..... Brenda Thomas  
 Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Beaver Dam  
 Message—"A Challenge to Grow" ..... Verlin C. Kruschwitz  
 Boyce Bible School, Louisville  
 Benediction ..... New Pastor's Conference President

# Music Association

Mill Creek Baptist Church,

Radcliff

November 9-10

President ..... Larry Cook  
 First Baptist Church, Frankfort  
 Vice-President ..... Bruce Richardson  
 Versailles Baptist Church, Versailles  
 Secretary ..... Don Phillips  
 First Baptist Church, Franklin

### MONDAY MORNING

11:30 Officers' Luncheon (Jerry's Restaurant—Radcliff)

### MONDAY EVENING

12:30 Registration  
 1:00 Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal ..... Eugene Sutherland, Director  
 2:00 Call to Order  
 Welcome ..... Diane Cottrell  
 Worship ..... David Childres  
 2:15 Mini-concert ..... David Briley, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville  
 2:30 Report of Church Music Department  
 2:45 A Word from Linda Feddern, Baptist Book Store representative  
 3:00 Refreshment Break and Book Store Exhibit  
 3:45 Music & Recreation ..... Don Blaylock, KBC Student Department  
 4:15 Concert: Paducah Boys' Choir ..... Tony Whitfield, Director  
 5:15 KBMA Business Session  
 —Election of KBMA Officers  
 —Bold Mission Thrust Project Committee  
 —Report from KBMA Treasurer  
 —Miscellaneous Business  
 6:00 Banquet  
 7:30 Address ..... Milburn Price, Dean, School of Church Music,  
 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville  
 8:00 Concert: Georgetown College A Cappella Choir ..... Wayne Johnson, Director

### TUESDAY MORNING

9:00 Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal  
 Choir Room, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown  
 10:30 Sing for first session of Convention

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION 1981

# Tending the Lord's business: a tale of two churches

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor



Sixty-five people gather in a semi-darkened auditorium. Their leader, attired in a business suit, steps before them, directs them in singing a familiar hymn, reads a portion of scripture, conducts another song. He reads the names of those in their midst in need of special prayer, then prays. He makes several announcements.

In about seven minutes, his task is done, and he moves to one of the pews half-way back, sitting down with the congregation.

A second man steps to the platform clad in T-shirt and blue jeans. He calls the group to order. The monthly business meeting of Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., has begun.

Meanwhile, almost 20 miles across town, another man steps in front of another crowd. This time there are perhaps 120 persons present.

A second man, a musician, leads the group in singing a hymn. The first man calls for special prayer requests, then asks a member to pray. They sing again, and then they are called to order. The monthly business meeting of Farmdale Baptist Church, also in Louisville, is under way.

Similar beginnings. But different endings.

Westport Road's membership is currently 973 while Farmdale has 1412 members. Westport Road's average Sunday school attendance for the previous year is 420. At Farmdale, the average is 348. While Farmdale's business meeting attendance nearly doubles that of Westport Road, there is a logical explanation: nothing competes with the business meeting at Farmdale. At Westport Road, an average of 12 teacher training meetings, choirs, and mission activities is scheduled simultaneously with the business session.

There is another principal distinctive between the two churches evidenced in their monthly business meetings. A clue was given in the introductory para-

graphs. Did you pick it up?

At Westport Road, the pastor presides before the church is formally called into monthly business session, but then takes his place in the congregation just like any other member. It is a layman who stands before the group to direct the flow of business transactions taken by the congregation.

At Farmdale, the pastor presides for both occasions—during the preliminaries, and when the business is actually conducted as well.

This reporter visited both churches to attend their business sessions, one week apart. Here is a summary of how each meeting went.

At Farmdale, Pastor William J. Sullivan asked the church clerk to read the minutes from the prior month's meeting. The pastor then read from the printed treasurer's report given each member and visitor earlier on entering the auditorium. Following approval by the body, he asked the clerk to read the annual letter to be submitted to the association. The congregation elected messengers for the associational meeting, drawn from among those indicating they would be available to attend.

At the request of the pastor, the clerk then read four recommendations from the church council pertaining to Mother's Day Out, a fall revival, a projected January Bible Study observance, and launching a program of weekly family night suppers. Following discussion on each item, the congregation accepted all four recommendations.

A report of the nominating committee, report of the Sunday school director, and a motion from the floor concerning observance of the Lord's Supper completed the business. Following a motion to adjourn, Pastor Sullivan read Phil. 4:4 and closed with prayer. The congregation was homeward bound 40 minutes after going into the business session, although an hour was provided in the printed schedule for that period.

On the opposite end of town, meanwhile, layman Ron Burkett moved through a similar series of reports: the treasurer's (printed copies had also been given members and visitors before entering the meeting at Westport Road); a bylaws committee of the deacon body; balloting of the congregation for five persons to screen names of those suggested as deacons; a synopsis by the minister of education on the status of church program organizations; and the nominating committee's report.

When the church arrived at the matter of church council recommendations, Burkett called on his pastor, James B. Lewis. Lewis made his way down the aisle, and led the congregation through four business items, some of which became thorny before being disposed of.

He had relatively little trouble leading his people to adopt a fall stewardship calendar, and received little discussion on proposals for a spring revival and authorizing the properties committee to accept a bid for termite protection of the buildings. But convincing the total group to begin sending their state Baptist paper to every resident family, and further, to drop the church's weekly mailout, placing its news on the back page of the state paper, took some doing. Lewis walked his people through every aspect of the plan very carefully, allowing every question in their minds to be raised and answered fully. When the vote was taken, there was not a dissenting voice raised.

The business having been transacted, Burkett, the moderator, called for a motion to adjourn. He dismissed with prayer. After slightly more than an hour, another month's work had become history.

The writer came away from both of these business meeting experiences comparing them and distinguishing very few differences between their substance and the method (at least, on these occasions) by which they were conducted. The only visible distinctive was that one church was led by a layman, the other by its pastor.

Pastor Sullivan was asked to suggest some of the

pros and cons in the pastor serving as moderator.

**First the pros:**

1. The pastor may know each member present better than a layman.

2. He may be more sympathetic and sensitive to the individual needs of each one who speaks.

3. Having worked through each item of business that comes to the floor, he may be more knowledgeable of the subject at hand and give more clarification.

4. The church may be more relaxed with the pastor as moderator.

5. He may encourage more participation than a layman would.

6. He may know how to deal with sensitive subjects and to keep better order when disagreement comes.

7. He is more sensitive to the time element because the business is only part of the total service.

**And the cons, as seen by Sullivan:**

1. He cannot participate in the discussion of the subject on the floor.

2. He may be lax in keeping up with everything that is to come before the church.

3. He may not speak as frankly as a layman might.

4. He keeps a layman from developing skills as a moderator.

**Speaking from the layman's point of view,** Ron Burkett was asked how he views his role as moderator of the church. His answers follow:

1. He must maintain close contact with the church staff and committees to know what business is coming before the church, and any background information which would be helpful for a proper interpretation of it.

2. He must maintain close contact with the church clerk to be apprised of what committees are to report to the congregation.

3. He must be thoroughly acquainted with the church's constitution and bylaws.

4. He needs to study Roberts Rules of Order and know basic parliamentary procedures.

5. He should have a love for people and the ability to disguise his personal biases when proposals are brought for discussion.

Burkett sees the primary advantage in a layman serving as moderator as freeing the pastor from any suspicion as one who pushes his own program through.

His pastor, Jim Lewis, sees advantages to both sides, and frankly admits, "When you let the layman take charge, you simply have to let them move through touchy discussions sometimes at their own pace."

Lewis says, "Whereas, the pastor might be able to get the people to transact the business a little quicker, that's one of the prices you pay to allow the people to 'do their own thing' themselves. He does not see this as an unredeeming obstacle, however.

Which form is better for your church—the pastor as moderator or the layman as moderator? Our Southern Baptist autonomy allows each congregation to decide that question for itself. One method is neither all right or all wrong. In truth, there are definite advantages on both sides.

One reason for questioning how a church conducts its business meetings is when a church subscribes to one form or the other "because we've always done it that way." Perhaps a year's trial "the other way"—whatever that might be—would open a congregation's eyes to a whole new perspective on tending the Lord's business in a way it never thought profitable. And who's to say there might not be a better way of doing things?

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# Hunger: One by one Baptists ease world crisis

by Susan K. Taylor, Staff Writer

Hope is a rare emotion among those acquainted with hunger.

Dietsing Americans may have little hope for an "appealing" waistline if they cannot tolerate a few hours of "hunger." But millions of other people have little hope for life if they cannot escape the kind of hunger which destroys from within, which causes their starving bodies to consume their own fat, muscle and organs for fuel.

Those acquainted with true hunger through words and compassion rather than experience often find hope difficult in the face of the overwhelming implications of a hungry world. The apathy born of this hopelessness contributes to the problem by allowing economic and nutritional inequity to continue to balloon.

Southern Baptists, however, including many Kentuckians, have begun to find and offer hope by contributing to the solutions for the world's most widespread crisis. Their philosophy is just as the 10 million people who will starve to death this year will die one by one, it is also one by one that people can offer hope to the hungry.

## No choices for the poor

Nearly one billion people, almost one of every four, live in a state of "absolute poverty," a condition defined by World Bank as being "trapped in conditions so limited by illiteracy, malnutrition, disease, high infant mortality and low life expectancy as to be denied the very potential of the genes with which they were born."

That destruction is evident in approximately 50 percent of the world's children who never achieve their mental or physical potential because of inadequate protein in their diets. Their brains, which attain 80 percent of growth in the first three years of life, stop developing when adequate protein is not available. No amount of food in later life can completely repair the damage. Physical deformities caused by malnutrition are also irreparable.

Parents are forced to watch their children die and even to choose which children, the ones most likely to survive, will receive the little available food.

The crisis of hunger has often been met with a simplistic answer: produce more food and fewer children. But simplistic answers cannot solve complex problems.

Even a doubling of food production would not solve the hunger crisis since the poor would still be unable to buy that food. India, for example, exports wheat and rice yet 30 percent of its 640 million people are too poor to buy enough of the grains to eat.

Enough grain is produced to provide a 3000-calorie daily diet for each person on earth yet much of the poorer countries' food is exported to cities and to rich countries like the United States, where some is fed to animals, like beef, for indirect consumption. The six percent of the world's population residing in the United States consumes 40 percent of the world's resources and one-third of its energy, but 20 percent of all food purchased in this country is lost or wasted.

Overpopulation, often cited as a cause of world hunger, is instead an effect of hunger and poverty, according to Bread for the World, a Christian citizens' movement which works through political structures for answers to the world hunger problem. Because one-third of the world's babies die of malnutrition before the age of five, poor families have many children to provide hands for work and help for aging parents. As a result the world's population grows by 350,000 daily and will double to eight billion in 30 to 35 years. The best way to slow population growth, according to Bread for the World resources, is to raise the standard of living so basic needs are met.

In addition, climate and natural disasters have been the cause of much hunger, as in the famine in Bangladesh in 1974 precipitated by the flooding of the Ganges River. An eight-year drought brought severe famine to Ethiopia in 1972 and 1973, but the people have few resources to fight back.

While most prevalent in third-world nations, hunger and poverty spread within the most affluent countries in the world, including the United States. The poor of rich countries are not immune.

## Helping people help themselves

Many Southern Baptists are taking to heart the biblical injunctions to feed the hungry and care for the poor. "For I was hungry and you gave me something

to eat . . ." Jesus said. "To the extent that you did it to one of my brothers, even the least of them, you did it to me" (Matt. 25:35,40 NAS).

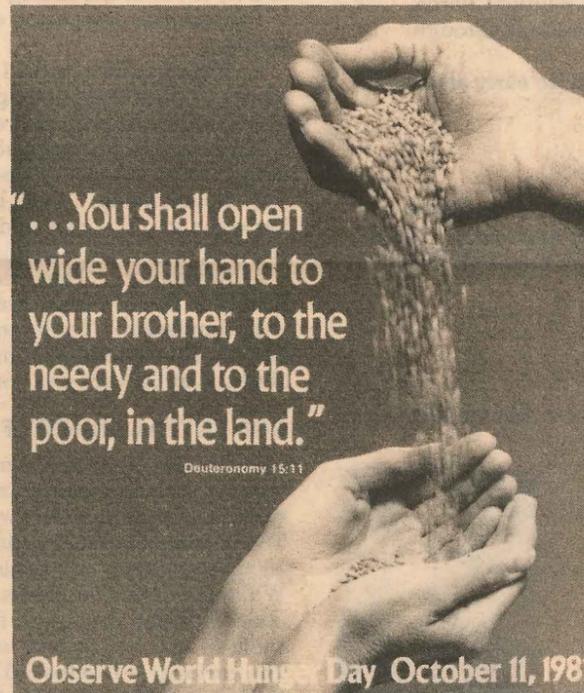
Southern Baptists nearly doubled their giving to the relief ministries program of the Foreign Mission Board in 1980 from just more than \$3 million the previous year to \$5.7 million. Those gifts funded 142 projects in 42 countries by the FMB, bringing "the whole gospel to the whole person."

The relief ministries emphasize helping needy people become able to provide their own food. "We don't want to create a dependency," John Cheyne said, "and our major thrust is what we call a holistic ministry, a ministry of enabling." Cheyne is the FMB consultant for relief ministries.

Throughout the world the FMB provides nutrition programs, food storage capability, agricultural method improvement and animal breeding programs, as well as direct distribution of food when necessary.

"If we create the kinds of programs that will enable a man to become a breadwinner and enable a woman to supplement the family's income to buy food, if we can enable them to follow adequate nutritional habits and feed their children properly and perhaps to grow a flower box garden of vegetables, we're not actually using hunger money to feed people directly. But we are enabling them to be fed.

"Meeting hunger and disaster needs is part of the task of foreign missions," Cheyne said, "but will never be the overriding concern, as with single-cause agencies. These special areas must be planned in the context of our total mission effort and must be consistent with our purpose of being overseas."



Southern Baptists in many states have joined other denominations in fighting local hunger as part of world hunger.

The 140 tons of food wasted in the United States each year could feed almost twice as many as the 24 million Americans at or under the poverty line.

Food banks, like one in Austin, Tex., get free or at greatly reduced prices, edible but unsellable food. Mismarked or underweight packaged products from food processing companies, day-old bakery goods and other products are distributed by Austin's food bank to 35 non-profit agencies from alcoholic half-way houses to the Baptist Association Emergency Food pantry.

SEEDS magazine deals with the hunger issue through education and motivation. Published six times a year by Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., SEEDS focuses on hunger from the viewpoints of malnourished children of third world nations as well as the American elderly on fixed incomes.

## Kentuckians respond with education, money

Kentucky's Southern Baptists are also learning more about the crisis and reaching out in different ways.

Churches throughout the state have adopted the "rice bowl" program. Plastic banks designed to look like a bowl of rice, the daily fare of millions of people, are placed in homes to be a frequent reminder of Americans' relative wealth. Money placed in the bowls will be given to FMB relief ministries.

Fifty-five members of Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville, participated in a 36-hour fast in late August to experience the physical and emotional pains of hunger. According to associate pastor and minister to youth Jim Tippins the young people had headaches, became nauseated and weak but because they had participated in a similar program the previous year, were less irritable and frightened this year. One reported later that although he would probably "stuff" himself the next day, "I'll never forget what I felt at this time."

Many of the fasters, who ranged in age from young teens to 70 years old, went to work and football practice during the 36-hour period, but about 37 stayed at the church for a series of teaching sessions on nutrition and food distribution.

More than \$1100 was earned for Southern Baptist world hunger relief through sponsorships for each hour a person fasted. An additional commitment was made to save money usually spent on junk food to adopt a child through World Vision, an international hunger organization, Tippins said. The noon meal Monday of lentil soup and brown bread ended the fast.

Louisville United Against Hunger is a citywide organization sponsoring its annual "walk for the hungry" Oct. 10 in Louisville's Iroquois Park. Money raised per kilometer walked will be divided between the interfaith emergency food program Dare to Care and an agricultural training program in Conacaste, Guatemala. This is a project to train youth and adults in new agricultural methods and in the use of their new irrigation system. It will increase production, providing food for local use and cash crops for village income.

Since 1977 ministry students at Southern Seminary have met to address hunger issues. Called Seminar-ians United Against Hunger, the group is committed to education of themselves and others "about the causes of and existence of world hunger and what can be done to alleviate it." They use speakers, films, literature and special projects to create participatory concern for the world's hungry.

Political involvement is also a key, they believe. Government and denominational officials must be aware of many Christians' desire to have appropriate denominational efforts and effective legislation passed to aid the hungry.

Since its organization SUAH has given \$15 a month to an FMB mission developing fish farms to provide food in Bangladesh.

They have also called themselves to a simpler lifestyle, moving away from the affluence and wasteful consumerism of the United States economic and social structures for a lifestyle which testifies that people rather than nationalism and possessions are the gospel's primary concern.

A simpler lifestyle is one of the best ways Christians can fight world hunger, Cheyne said.

By conserving energy Americans can help create a glut on the oil market and bring prices down to a level affordable by the world's poorer people who cannot produce sufficient food without energy for their equipment. Diets consisting of fewer grain-fed animals make it less profitable to use grain for secondary food sources.

## Individuals can make the difference

Other things individuals can do about world hunger, as listed in the August 1979 issue of World Mission Journal, include: skipping one or more meals each week and giving the cost of those meals to world hunger relief; praying; growing a garden to produce your own food and buying from vegetable markets to conserve food transportation costs; using public transportation and other energy conservation measures; using paper conservatively and recycling all possible goods such as aluminum, glass, brown paper and newspaper.

Resources for additional information on world hunger and how each person can aid its relief are: SEEDS, Oakhurst Baptist Church, 222 East Lake Dr., Decatur, GA 39939, subscription price for six magazines and six newsletters, \$10; Bread for the World, 32 Union Square East, New York, NY 10003; and SBC Brotherhood and Christian Life commissions.

As one of the fasters of Lyndon Baptist Church wrote to a starving person about the boy's experience: Being hungry "has opened my eyes and made me sensitive to your needs. I promise I'll do my part to try to help."

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## KBC Activities

### Here and now

#### OCTOBER

- 5-6 Haworth Conference. Louisville, Chapel School of Nursing, Highland Baptist Hospital. Information from Board of Child Care or Cooperative Ministries: Christian Life Department, KBC
- 9-11 State Student Convention. Bowling Green, First Baptist Church
- 10 G. A. Missions Fair for girls grades 1-6. Florence, Florence Baptist Church. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$1 registration includes lunch. Reservations through WMU, KBC
- 11 World Hunger Day. Information on observing from Cooperative Ministries: Christian Life Department, KBC

### Planning ahead

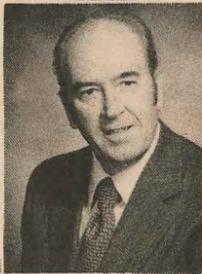
#### OCTOBER

- 17 G. A. Missions Fair for girls grades 1-6. Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Baptist Church. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$1 registration includes lunch. Reservations through WMU, KBC
- 23-24 Associational Officers' Briefing. Cedarmore. Friday evening meal through lunch Saturday
- 24 G. A. Missions Fair for girls grades 1-6. Murray, First Baptist Church. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$1 registration includes lunch. Reservations through WMU, KBC
- 31 Associational Officers' Briefing. Jonathan Creek. 9 a.m. to early afternoon. Same meeting October 23-24, Cedarmore

#### NOVEMBER

- 1-7 Royal Ambassador Week
- 9-12 Kentucky Baptist Convention Meetings. Elizabethtown, Severns Valley Church. Executive Board Meeting, Religious Education Association, Music Association Meeting, Pastors' Conference and Kentucky Baptist Convention
- 15 American Bible Society Day
- 15-18 Foreign Missions Study Week
- 16-20 January Bible Study Previews
- 22 Child Care Day
- 26 Thanksgiving
- 30-12/1 State Executive Board Meeting. Middletown, Kentucky Baptist Building

## Frank Owen



### How many will have doubled?

Many churches these days will be projecting the budgets that carry into and through the year 1982. The first five-year phase of Bold Mission Thrust challenged all Baptist bodies in the Southern Convention to double Cooperative Program giving between the year 1977 and 1982.

Actually, a 15% increase per year, when compounded, would double in five years. I don't think any state will have done that. Perhaps two or three, especially oil boom states, are currently above a 15% rate. (Kentucky fiscal year just closed is up 14.09%.)

There is a way in which we could all have doubled by 1982 even yet. We are trying to enlist all the people and churches possible in attempting this. As you make your budget projections for next year, won't you please look back at your Cooperative Program record of 1977 and prayerfully consider whether you could and would dare, at least, to double that amount in 1982? We could thus step up to the cherished 1982 plateau.

This would be very easy for many of the churches because they didn't do much in 1977. It would be very difficult for some that have given nobly all along. If we all did our best, it is possible that the many churches which have doubled (some quadrupled), with another year to go, would make up for those who fall short after doing their best.

My predecessor in office, Dr. Harold Sanders, now pastor of Morningside Church in Louisville, informs me that Morningside has just budgeted twice as much for the 1981-82 budget as was given to the Cooperative Program in 1979-80. There are many similar reports.

I wonder how many churches have doubled (or more) or expect to double (or more) by the end of the current five-year phase (1982). Would you care to write us a note and inform us of this (even if you have previously done so in other connections or letters)? Maybe an up-to-date list of those having achieved it or still expecting to have achieved it during the coming year would be a good news item. I would love to start keeping such list. Name your church, pastor and association.

### THE NEW COVENANT

### International Series

**I. The promise of new circumstances. Jeremiah 31:27-30** The disobedient and wicked Jews tried to blame their fathers for the misfortunes and suffering which they were experiencing in captivity. Therefore it became necessary for them to be informed that their unhappy circumstances were the direct consequences of their own sins, behavior and wickedness.

Through Jeremiah God informed the people that they were being punished for their own sins, that they should never expect to be delivered from captivity and be brought into their own land until and unless they frankly acknowledged that they themselves were responsible for their sinful actions, that they were truly sorry for their sins and were desirous of divine forgiveness and restoration.

**II. The promise of the new covenant. Jeremiah 31:31-32.** These words contain the promise that God would make a new covenant with his people. Since a new covenant is promised, one is warranted in concluding that there was a previous one. Since the covenant which God made with Israel at Sinai was national in nature, it could bring blessing to the other nations only indirectly.

The old covenant was conditional in the sense that its fulfillment was dependent on the faithfulness of the people. It was a covenant that had two parties to it. The people had a part to do, and when they did their part, God could be depended upon to do his part. But, alas, the people disregarded the will of God and went farther away from him. Even though God was patient, tender, forgiving and always trying to effect their restoration, they continued in their disobedient ways. The former covenant was broken because of man's impotence, due to his degeneracy and disobedience. It was just and good, but man was incapable of keeping it.

**III. The prospect of the new covenant. Jeremiah 31:33-34.** It was encouraging to learn that the new covenant was to be entirely different from the old one. Whereas the old one had been external, the new one was to be internal. Whereas the old one had been written on stone, the new one was to be written on the heart. Whereas the old one had failed, the new one would succeed because God would do everything, and he is not in the failing business.

Perhaps the prospectus of the new covenant of grace can be summarized in four words:

1. Regeneration. "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts." Thus God is pledging himself to give a new heart to all who enter this new covenant. Those who are regenerated by the spirit of God will have created in them a disposition in the ways of the Lord in accordance with his will. The regenerated delight to do the will of God.

2. Relationship. "I will be their God, and they shall be my people." When one has come into this new and blessed relationship, he is no longer related to God as a creature only, but as a child also—not as a slave, but as a son.

3. Revelation. "They shall all know me." When the new covenant reaches its fulness in Christ Jesus, every person, from the least to the greatest, will know God.

4. Remission. "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." This message of forgiveness and cleansing through the substitutionary work of Christ at Calvary was sorely needed.

### GOD REVEALS HIMSELF AS LIBERATOR

### Life and Work Series

God chooses, calls and commissions leaders to perform specific tasks and assures them of divine guidance and empowerment. One of the great leaders whom God called and used mightily was Moses.

**The circumstances—Exodus 3:1-2** Through fear of losing his life Moses fled from Egypt to Midian, and settled down to the life of a shepherd for the next 40 years. While caring for the flocks of his father-in-law, Jethro, Moses learned many things about God and God's will for him. He learned that only utter dependence on God could fit him for the task which was before him.

**The curiosity—Exodus 3:3** One day the attention of Moses was arrested by a strange and inexplicable sight, namely, a flame burning in a bush, which was not consumed by the fire. Turning aside, Moses approached this strange phenomenon in order that he might examine it more closely and discover why it was not being consumed.

**The call—Exodus 3:4-5** As Moses drew near the bush, God told him to remove his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. Aware that he was in God's presence, Moses removed his shoes and hid his face in reverence. Wanting a man whom he could use in the accomplishment of his purpose, God called Moses to come to the aid of his afflicted people and to deliver them from bondage in Egypt.

**The compassion—Exodus 3:6-8a** God had seen the afflictions of the Israelites even though, up to that time, he had not taken any action for their relief. God knew all about them just as he knows everything about each of us. In compassion God announced to Moses his purpose, declaring that he had come down "to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land, and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey."

**The commission—Exodus 3:10-12** Moses was to be the human instrument whom God would use in bringing his people out of Egypt. Moses was eminently qualified and exactly fitted for the position which God intended for him. The commission which Moses received was urgent—"Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh." Moses exclaimed, "Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh?" Since the commission which Moses received from God was purposeful in its intent—"That thou mayest bring my people the children of Israel out of Egypt," and since the time had arrived for Israel to be delivered from bondage, it was imperative that Moses should go at once to perform his task.

To Moses this commission or assignment appeared to be too great for him, so he voiced his objections and made his excuses. Who was he to go into the presence of Pharaoh and demand the release of a people whom he had sworn to exterminate? Possibly the objections which Moses offered were prompted by his sense of weakness, but he discovered what we need to know—God never calls a person to perform a task without supplying adequate strength for its accomplishment. What God commands his children to do, he always enables them to achieve, if they will only respond obediently.

# Oneida Journal

## How green was his valley

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Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky. 40972



A letter and a \$350 gift to help support a scholarship for one of our girls came recently from Mrs. Martha Nolan of Lehigh Acres, Fla. She wrote in part: "Had it not been for Oneida, I would never have met Pearl Nolan, a wonderful product of your school and my late and beloved husband. He told me many times how the school was responsible for his education and even for his life. He said he felt sure he would never have made it if he hadn't gotten the chance to go to Oneida."

"The many letters from our friends show you were justified in giving that little redheaded freckle-faced boy a chance. He was considered a valuable and good citizen. He always stood for the right as he saw it which was many times in his 70 years of life."

Pearl Nolan graduated from Oneida in 1922, and his first job after leaving Oneida was as a printer's "devil." His entire life was in journalism. For most of his life he was the publisher of one or more newspapers. Several of Kentucky's most outstanding journalists began their careers under his tutelage.

Pearl, himself, began his newspaper career in Oneida's print shop helping to print our little monthly paper, the Mountaineer. Mrs. Nolan's letter caused us to look back in our files and find a letter from Mr. Nolan, written in 1942 as he sent a gift for a scholarship. It reads in part:

"I am reminded of the many pleasures and hardships at Oneida during the first World War. I remember our oatmeal without sugar at the dormitory. I remember how we sawed wood and dug coal to keep warm, and how we worked on the farm in the spring and summer, raising all kinds of crops and fruits and vegetables to take care of our winter needs."

"I wonder how many think as pleasantly now as I do of all this—plowing and hoeing, driving the wagon, mowing and pitching hay, milking nine cows, janitoring and dozens of other things. More pleasantly than anything else I remember working on the Mountaineer by lamplight, sometimes until early in the morning, especially of kicking off a 40,000 run of a single issue, one page at a time on the old foot press. No wonder I could boast of my muscles, my ability to run and jump."

"How well I remember my first coming to Oneida, how I was singled out and taken to be fitted with second-hand clothes; how I had pellagra and the others were afraid to stay near me. I remember the time when I became discouraged and dissatisfied and on the way home meeting Prof. T. L. Britton and how he reached down from his horse and picked me up from the creek, saying, 'You are going back to school.'"

"I also remember the lessons, and can still repeat many of the hundreds of poems and songs we memorized. We learned from books and from the lives of our teachers and from our own experience and struggle, I remember it all, the easy and the hard, and now everything is a pleasant memory about Oneida."

"I remember agreeably the speech Mrs. Russell, then president of the school, made about me, of how I had worked and paid all my way. But I have always felt that I still owe everything to Oneida and the good people who helped me. I am proud of being a product of Oneida, and that we live in a country where even the humblest and poorest has an opportunity to advance and make good."

"I realize that nothing is valuable unless it is worked for. The high ideals and principles instilled at Oneida have always stayed with me and have gone into my work wherever I have been."

These lines from Pearl written nearly 40 years ago suggest "how green was his valley" at Oneida. His widow continues to invest in young lives here today knowing the dividends that come from such investments.



## Ministering to the children of the 80's

### A certain young person

Eldred M. Taylor,  
Executive Director



The story of the Good Samaritan is known so well; one needs only to refer to it and the whole account flashes across the mind. We remember the details and also understand the lesson for us.

"A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho." The thieves attacked him, tore his clothes, wounded him and left him half dead. A priest came passing by on the other side. A Levite looked on him and passed by on the other side. But the Samaritan had compassion on the man and ministered to him and nurtured him back to health at his own expense.

As you rethink this Bible story, do you ever wish you might have been the priest or Levite who passed by? I doubt that anyone wishes he could have been either of these. Rather, we swell with pride as we identify with the Good Samaritan and think, "That is what we would have done."

Of course, the truth of this parable is designed to teach each of us to live out the part of the Good Samaritan. How often do we fulfill this kind of Christian ministry? As Kentucky Baptists supporting your child care ministry, you play the role of the Good Samaritan every day.

In one of our homes there lives today a lovely teenage girl. There was a time in her life when she fell among thieves. They stripped her clothing, abused her sexually, stabbed her with a knife and left her for dead. Your Baptist Child Care Program stepped in as the Good Samaritan to minister to her in the name of Jesus Christ and for Kentucky Baptists!

The wounds were treated and she has received loving ministry to body, mind and spirit. Today that young person is well adjusted, living a happy, useful, responsible life in one of your homes. On campus this young person has achieved one of the highest levels of trust, freedom and responsibility.

Isn't it wonderful to be a Good Samaritan? Let's keep doing it, Baptists!

# Clear Creek Comments

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## Considerations you shouldn't overlook

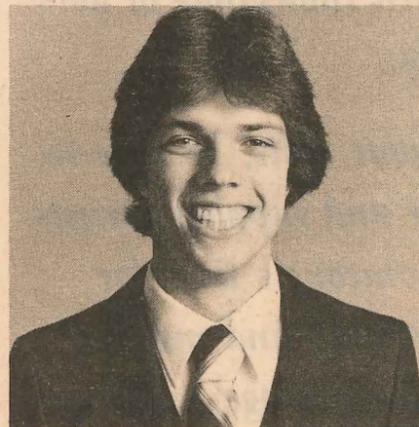
1. Should YOU have a will? Generally, yes. Otherwise state laws dictate what, to whom, and in what amounts your estate will be distributed.
2. Do YOU have a will? Records show that roughly one out of eight adults has a valid will at death.
3. Will your estate be settled as YOU wish? A properly drawn will is the tool for you to use in carrying out your wishes; otherwise state laws prevail.
4. Do YOU wish your estate to be managed efficiently? Probate costs and tax liabilities can likely be decreased by proper planning. A will is essential in such planning.
5. Do YOU wish to continue financial support of Clear Creek Baptist School beyond life? Only by a will can your desire be exercised in death. State laws make no provision for Christian causes.
6. Do YOU have an up-to-date will? Not if you have failed to review and revise it since the occurrence of some major event such as marriage, the birth of a child, divorce, a major move, property acquisitions, etc.

### Seven steps of action

1. PRAY: Give prayerful consideration to the issues.
  2. INVENTORY: Make a tentative inventory of your assets.
  3. DECIDE: In cooperation with those involved with decision-making, finalize a plan.
  4. CONSULT: With the aid of your attorney, incorporate plans into a will.
  5. EXECUTIVE: Sign the will in the presence of competent witnesses.
  6. PRESERVE: Provide for the safe-keeping and accessibility of your will.
  7. REVIEW: Review periodically your circumstances related to a will and act accordingly.
- Please let me know if you desire additional information.

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## Meet Cumberland College Student



### Bruce Lay

Bruce Lay, president of the Cumberland College Baptist Student Union, has answered the call to God's ministry and is willing to go "Wherever God wants me."

When Bruce came to Cumberland three years ago, he was not quite so certain about where he was headed but at Cumberland he "...saw sincere, dedicated Christians. It took me about two years to completely surrender to God, but, finally, during the spring revival during my sophomore year I surrendered to His call."

At Cumberland Bruce was warmly encouraged and influenced by several people, including the Dean of Women, the Campus Ministries Director, and faculty members. These people were, "...warm, dedicated, and willing to give of themselves and their time. They showed me that there is nothing wrong in caring for people and giving of yourself to help others. They showed me that people can help people if they are willing to step-out."

Bruce, bright, enthusiastic, and reaching out to others, will help many.

There are many others like him waiting for the opportunity and the encouragement to be all that they can be.

President Taylor,  
Please send me more information about how I can help other students like Bruce.

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