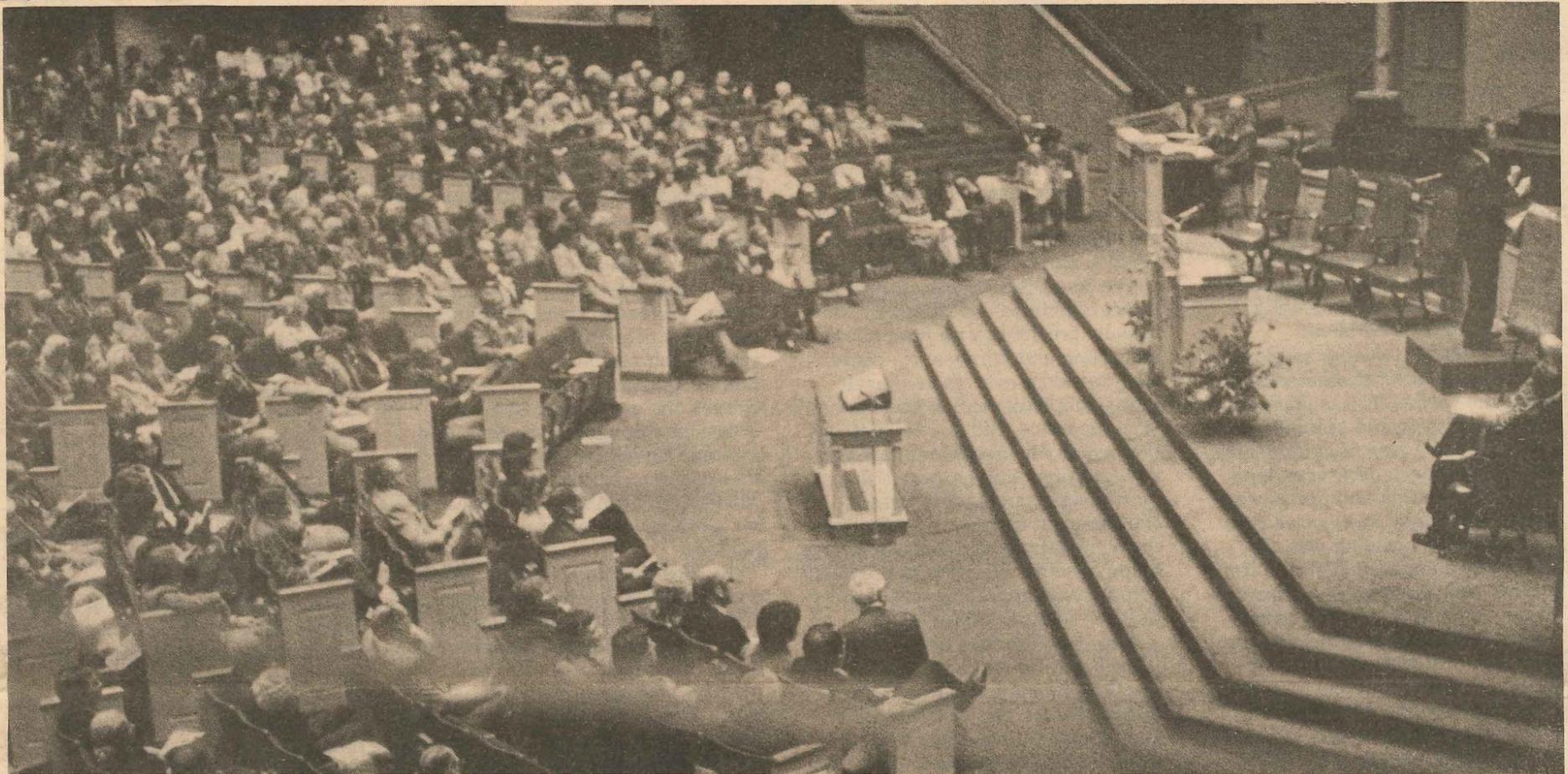
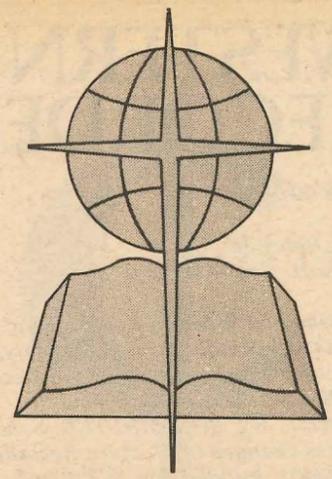


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Owens feted, Warf elected, \$16.5 million fixed at quiet state convention session in Lexington

Ceremonies commemorating the upcoming retirement of Franklin Pearce Owen as Kentucky Baptists' executive secretary highlighted the 145th annual meeting of the state convention last

week in Lexington.

Owen and his wife, Sue, were honored Tuesday evening before the convention crowd at Immanuel Baptist Church. Later that same evening, they were given a reception at Calvary Baptist Church, the church he pastored for 18 years before going to Middletown in 1972.

As a part of the tributes to the Owens, they were presented two bound books of letters from friends, a biographical portrait, a bouquet of roses and a check for \$15,000.

A day earlier, in the November meeting of the executive board, Owen's tenure was extended through June 30, 1983 to permit him to be a consultant as needed by the convention.

In a five-way race for the convention presidency, Mrs. Lealice Dehoney of Louisville was believed to be the first woman so nominated in convention history. She, James K. Pierce of Lexington and T. A. Prickett of Owensboro were eliminated on the first ballot.

In a run-off, Curtis Warf, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pikeville, was elected president with 516 votes over Don Mathis, pastor of Corbin's Central Baptist Church, who received 286 votes.

Others elected to offices at this convention included Douglas Strader, pastor, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset, first vice president, and Bill Tichenor, pastor, First Baptist Church, Princeton, second vice president.

Reelected were convention secretary Leo T. Crismon of Louisville and assistant secretary W. Austin Roberts of Danville, both without opposition.

Messengers to the convention adopted a 1983-84 budget of \$16.5 million.

This includes an operational budget of \$13.5 million, a bold mission challenge of \$2 million and other estimated income of \$1 million.

In a rather quiet session, the messengers adopted resolutions on repeal of state Senate Bill 103 increasing wages and benefits of legislators, in support of

those fighting the sale of alcoholic beverages, called for stiffer penalties against drunk drivers and urged cooperation with authorities in halting the sale of cocaine and marijuana.

A final tally indicated 2104 messengers and visitors attended this year's convention.

The convention voted to hold its 1985 session at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Nov. 12-14.

In previous conventions the body voted to hold the 1983 session at First Baptist Church, Paducah, Nov. 15-17, and 1984 session at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Nov. 13-15.

In the meeting of the executive board the day before the convention opened, William L. Kaufman of Louisville was elected director of the state Brotherhood Department.

Kaufman is director of missions and ministries of Long Run Baptist Association. He will assume his new position Jan. 1.

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DALEY OBSERVATIONS

An Owens night to remember

For warmth of fellowship and height of inspiration, the 1982 Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting was one by which all others past and future could be measured. For friction and controversy for which Kentucky Baptists have sometimes been known, the 1982 meeting might have seemed bland.

The Tuesday evening session was almost completely dedicated to honoring the Owens. It was planned in the best of taste and unfolded perfectly. It had a ring of genuineness which many such occasions don't have. Recognition and praise were bountiful but not syrupy sweet.

The Owens' evening was climaxed by a masterful sermon from Dotson Nelson, long time friend of Frank and one of the truly great Southern Baptist preachers of this generation. It was one of the all time high hours for Kentucky Baptists and it will be talked about whenever great moments in Kentucky Baptist history are recalled.

For one of the few times anyone could remember Frank Owen was speechless. He was clearly overcome by the outpouring of love and appreciation. But once again this man's true greatness came through as he called all his staff members to the platform and proceeded to credit them and his wife, Sue, with any accomplishments of his ministry as Kentucky Baptists' leader.

Having properly expressed their affection for Frank and Sue, convention messengers were ready to settle down to look after other important matters.

The program planners did their job well. The Wednesday morning session was a memorable worship experience with the convention sermon delivered by the greatly beloved Rollin Burhans and the afternoon session sparkled with a stirring address on soul liberty by James Dunn.

The WMU ladies set off Wednesday night's session with their usually exciting report. Jim McKinley, missionary to Bangladesh, spoke for foreign missions. Jim is the unofficial Kentucky Baptist patron saint and hearing him always makes one want to start packing to return with him to Bangladesh.

Bill Tanner, Home Mission Board president, climaxed the mission emphasis Wednesday night. When Tanner takes off hearers reach for seat belts and space suits because it's like being launched into space

by a super rocket. The whole evening was an inspiring voyage.

A better than usual crowd stayed for Thursday's final session. Southern Seminary president Roy Lee Honeycutt, the final speaker, was really better than his best. He's already taking his place among the seminary greats who have contributed so much to Kentucky Baptists.

President Bill Jagers further endeared himself to Kentucky Baptists by presiding with utmost consideration and fairness. No convention president ever gave himself more completely and more sincerely to the office. Bill is a 110 percent performer whether it is preaching, evangelizing, shepherding a flock, outwitting a smallmouth bass, tramping out ruffed grouse in Kentucky mountains and hollows or just being a friend. His year at the helm will be remembered as one of the best for Kentucky Baptists.

Kentucky Baptists never met in more beautiful and adequate facilities than Immanuel Baptist in Lexington. Pastor Ted Sisk, his staff and members, met every need. Other Lexington pastors, along with Elkhorn Association director of missions Harold Polk, were equally helpful.

Even without the Owens' retirement celebration the 1982 Kentucky Baptist Convention was a good one but above all else it was an Owens night to remember.

Disturbing developments at Southern Seminary

A very disturbing report regarding professor Dale Moody's status with Southern Seminary was circulating among the Kentucky Baptist Convention messengers as they gathered for the annual convention last week. The report turned out to have basis and Southern Seminary president Honeycutt addressed the problem briefly in his presentation on Nov. 10 at the annual meeting of seminary alumni in Kentucky.

By now reports including usually expected distortions have reached all areas of the convention and the secular press. We had decided to wait for other developments or formal statements from president Honeycutt and/or professor Moody before airing the problem but we have no choice now that the secular press is handling it. We agree with Texas editor Presnell Wood that Baptist writers instead of secular

writers ought to interpret Baptist problems and crises to Baptists as well as to non-Baptist readers.

The report that professor Moody has been dismissed or forced to retire is not true. He is teaching seminary classes today (Nov. 12) and likely will be at least until the seminary trustees meet in April 1983, or until he removes himself.

Here are the basic facts as of today. Professor Moody has been the object of growing criticism from various sources because of his position on apostasy taught in seminary classes and expounded on many occasions throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. The latest of these sources is in Arkansas where Moody had been invited to present his views in a statewide meeting of pastors.

To ease tension professor Moody was requested by the seminary administration to resign effective Dec. 31, 1982. He did not agree to do so. Then came the offer of immediate retirement with full benefits. Professor Moody agreed to this at first and so informed his students but after a night's reflection he announced to the administration and students that he was not retiring and that he was going to Arkansas to defend his views.

Professor Moody reached the 65 retirement age about three years ago but, like several other outstanding professors, was given a five year contract to continue teaching. The five year period is about half over.

President Honeycutt clearly indicated in his remarks to Kentucky alumni of the seminary that he will act according to the procedures outlined in the seminary charter to resolve the situation if professor Moody does not. This procedure involves the full board of trustees which will not meet until next April unless a special meeting is called. This seems to say Moody will be teaching at least until that time unless he resigns or retires before then. Professor Moody has decided not to go to Arkansas and the tension has eased somewhat.

What are the charges against Moody? The one on which his critics center is his ideas on apostasy which he insists are biblical. He interprets a number of biblical passages and especially Heb. 6:4-6 to teach it is possible for one who has believed to fall away with the impossibility of repentance.

This is out of line with article 13 in the seminary Abstract of Principles which professor Moody signed when he joined the faculty nearly 40

years ago and again when he was employed two and a half years ago under the five year contract. The commitment to the Abstract includes a promise to teach according to and not contrary to its contents.

President Honeycutt insists he stands for academic freedom and the right to interpret and debate the meaning of scripture but that the accepted framework for teaching at Southern Seminary is the Abstract of Principles and that the integrity of the seminary requires the honoring of this.

Professor Moody claims he has openly expressed his views as well as written them in his book on Christian doctrine. He says no one has used scripture to show he is wrong. He insists the Bible is above any humanly composed statement of faith and that no creed should be exalted above the Bible. On the integrity issue of teaching contrary to the statement he has signed, he points out he has all along expressed his reservation about some parts of the Abstract and has recommended it be revised as was the Baptist Faith and Message statement.

When he signed the Abstract of Principles again two and a half years ago Moody even wrote an addendum to his agreement pointing out his difficulty with parts of the Abstract.

What the outcome will be is uncertain at this point. Many of us who love professor Moody and owe him an incalculable debt for his contribution to our understanding of the Bible and truth are praying some resolution short of forced resignation or dismissal will be found. We are also concerned for the welfare of the seminary and the convention at this critical juncture.

But an acceptable solution will not be easy. This is one of those tragic dilemmas when a sense of duty and integrity requires servants of God to disagree on how to resolve a problem. Professor Moody is consistent with his lifelong commitment to the primacy of the scripture when he refuses to back down on what he is convinced is the biblical teaching on apostasy.

On the other hand president Honeycutt is bound by his oath of office to recommend to the trustees a resolution of this kind of problem when all other alternatives for resolution are exhausted.

Let us pray that another Crawford H. Toy and another William H. Whitsitt chapter in the history of Southern Seminary is not being written in 1982.

Louisvillian will head state Brotherhood work

The election of a new Brotherhood leader for Kentucky Baptists headed the agenda of the KBC executive board meeting in Lexington last week, prior to the opening of the 145th annual meeting of the state convention.

William L. Kaufman of Louisville was named to succeed the late Calvin D. Fields, who died Feb. 25.

Kaufman, 64, a Louisville native, is director of missions and ministries of Long Run Baptist Association, a position he has held since 1979. From 1972-79 he was pastor-director of East Baptist Church and Baptist Center in Louisville, and for 15 years before that he was pastor of Valley Station (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Kaufman's earlier pastorates include Gum Lick Baptist Church, Falmouth, and Lawrenceville Baptist Church, Williamstown, both 1948-50; Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, DeMossville, 1950-53; and Harmony Baptist Church, Louisville, 1953-57.

Kaufman holds the BA degree from Georgetown (Ky.) College and BD and MDiv degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He is married to the former Lorraine B. Ervin of Clay City, has one daughter, one son, four stepchildren and four stepgrandchildren.

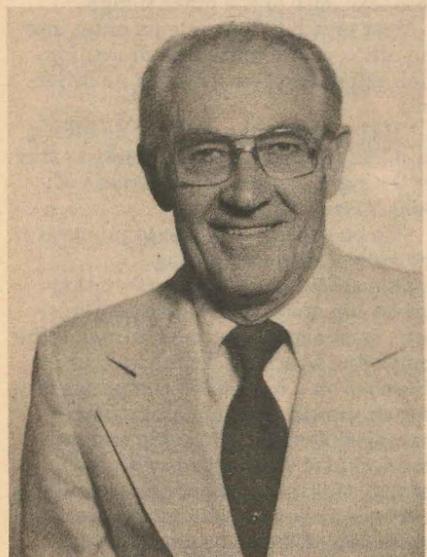
He will come to the Baptist Building as director of the Brotherhood Department, Jan. 1, 1983.

Kaufman, presented to the assembled executive board following the election, said, "I believe in men of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and the cooperative venture of doing missions in our state. We will do our best to lift Brotherhood to a new plateau."

Earlier, the executive board adopted an interim plan which will appropriate Cooperative Program funds to the five educational institutions operated by the convention. The formula, based on a flat percentage to each school, provides for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1, 1983. Percentage allotments include: Clear Creek Baptist School, 10.8 percent; Campbellsville College, 20 percent; Cumberland College, 34 percent; Georgetown College, 28 percent; and Oneida Baptist Institute, 7.2 percent.

A revised formula for the following year will be presented to the executive board not later than November 1983.

The business and finance committee of the executive board reported a balance in the previously appropriated fleet fund of \$94,458. The fund was set aside for the purchase of automobiles for Baptist Building staff members. A total of 22 have now been purchased.



Kaufman

The board agreed to keep \$34,058 in the fund for the purchase of additional cars, leaving a balance of \$60,400 for distribution as follows: \$35,000 to an unnamed foreign mission project; \$10,000 to purchase property for a Korean Baptist Church at Muldraugh; \$10,000 for property for a black church affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention at Owensboro; \$2400 for student work in a community college in Pulaski Association; \$1800 for mission use at Wheelright (Ky.) Baptist Church; and \$1200 to help West Liberty (Ky.) Baptist Church establish a mission.

In other action, the executive board requested retiring executive secretary-treasurer Franklin Owen to remain as a consultant to the next executive secretary-treasurer through June 30, 1983.

It was later reported that the search committee to name a successor to Owen had no report to make.

Owen gave a progress report on negotiations with officials of Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly in far western Kentucky as to feasibility of a closer working relationship with the state convention. The assembly is owned and operated by 11 associations in western Kentucky.

The heads of all of the agencies and institutions of the convention, with the exception of Clear Creek Baptist School, reported briefly to the executive board.

The next meeting of the executive board will be Dec. 2-3 at the Baptist Building in Middletown.

Double motions

Convention resolutions deal with alcohol, drug abuse; and oppose Kentucky legislative wage hikes

The Kentucky Baptist Convention passed nine resolutions during the 1982 convention.

Resolutions included an appeal to the Kentucky legislature and Gov. John Y. Brown that they include in a special session of the legislature the repeal of Senate Bill 103 which became state law and increases the wages and benefits of state legislators.

Also it was resolved that Kentucky Baptists support the citizens of Kentucky who have and will fight to limit the sale of alcoholic beverages.

The convention voted to urge all churches and agencies to support the American Bible Society in furnishing Bibles.

One resolution honored Franklin Owen for his service and achievements during his 10½-year tenure as executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

In relation to films portraying baptism, it was resolved to reaffirm the Baptist historical mode of baptism as immersion.

C. R. Daley was honored with a resolution by the convention for his 25 years of service for outstanding leadership in Christian journalism.

The convention also voted to pass a resolution that the convention go on record supporting stronger penalties against drunk drivers and to encourage law enforcement to be diligent in enforcing present laws.

It was resolved that the KBC urge the general public to cooperate with authorities in stopping the sale of cocaine and marijuana.

The final resolution expressed appreciation to Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, to Elkhorn Association, to the news media and to convention officers for a successful convention.

Convention messengers also considered two motions.

Charles White, Middletown, moved that the KBC express its willingness to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention on an amendment to Bylaw 21 if it should be adopted by the SBC.

The amendment would take away some of the appointive powers of the SBC president and share those powers with the state conventions.

After a spirited discussion the motion was tabled.

There was also a motion proposed that the KBC executive board take under advisement and study the matter of Kentucky Baptist involvement in nursing education and encourage that ways and means be developed to continue to provide a program of education for nurses as a part of the total ministry of Kentucky Baptists.

After discussion it was moved and approved to ask the Kentucky Baptist Hospital directors to report to the convention in 1983 on the status and possibilities of the nursing program.

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Curtis Warf

couples a desire for bold missions
with a technique of church planting

“to help Kentucky Baptists stay
on the right track” as the 1983

KBC president

Shaking his head with a chuckle a day after being elected convention president, Curtis Warf, pastor of Pikeville's First Church, shyly said, “To think that people have enough faith in me to elect me president really overwhelms me. I don't want to disappoint them.”

Such humility characterizes the man who knew friends were going to nominate him but felt his chances for election were so slim he did not advise his staff of the possibility and told no one except his wife.

“I didn't think that many people knew me,” he explains.

Indeed, Kentucky Baptists have known Curtis Warf for some time. They know of his 33-year pastoral ministry beginning in 1949 at Plum Point Church, Taylor County; continuing to Friendship Church, Campbellsville, for a seminary pastorate; then to Bethel Church, Benton; to Utica; to Sturgis; and, in 1971, to First Church, Pikeville.

Kentucky Baptists know of Warf's faithful and competent service on various committees and boards of the KBC. They know of his education at Campbellsville College; at Georgetown College; and at Southern Seminary.

They know of the missionary heart that surrendered to preach as a teenager.

The new president credits the Baptist Student Union at Campbellsville College with leading him into the ministry.

“When I went to Campbellsville I got involved in BSU and I'd never been involved in anything like it. I'd never participated, to amount to anything, in church. When I got into BSU I became an officer. We had noonday devotions. I was involved in that.

“The first public prayer I ever led was during noonday devotions at Campbellsville College and it scared me to death.

“Chester Durham was head of state BSU work. He came to Campbellsville and had a BSU revival. We had cottage prayer meetings in the homes and I remember how impressed I was.

“In the fall of the year I made it public that I felt the Lord calling me to

preach. I was working as a student for a bivocational minister. He had an automobile dealership and he also pastored a church near Columbia.

“On Monday I went by and did a little book work for him and he said, ‘When are you going to preach your first sermon?’

“I told him I didn't know. He said, ‘I know, next Sunday.’

“I said, ‘Next Sunday?’

“He said, ‘Yes, sir.’

“I said, ‘There's only one problem with that. I don't have a car.’

“He said, ‘I have a car and I'll fill it up with gas. I want you to go preach for me next Sunday.’

“So I preached the next Sunday at Sano Baptist Church near Columbia.

“The next spring I began attending Plum Point church in the same county. They didn't have a pastor and I supplied for them until, finally, they called me. Less than a year after that I surrendered to preach. I've been a pastor since I was 19.”

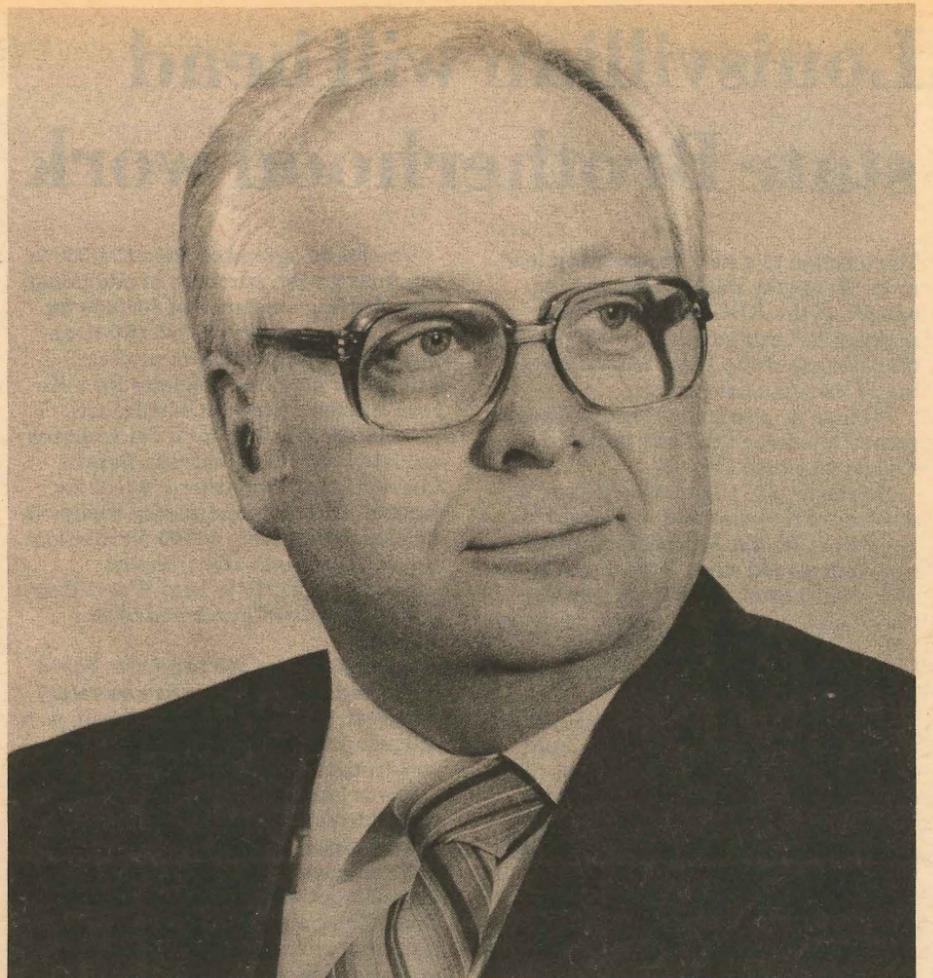
When Warf was nominated to be president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, one messenger was overheard to say, “Curtis Warf; Pikeville; mountain missions!”

While appreciating the spirit of the comment, Warf is not altogether comfortable with the analogy. “It gives the impression our area is a pioneer mission field. Some folks really do believe that.

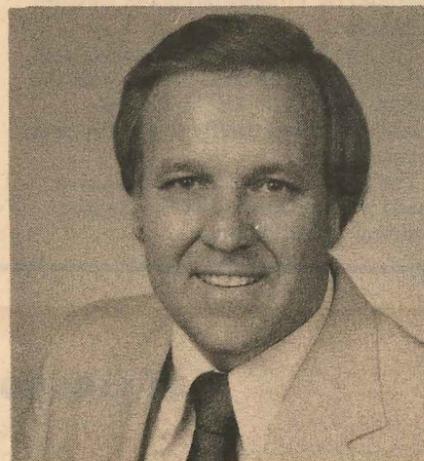
“I get a lot of calls from church groups wanting to come help us. I take a group every year but I make certain stipulations before I let them come. I make sure they understand our need.

“There are a lot of people in the mountains that are unchurched just like there are a lot of people in the city that are unchurched. We resent outsiders coming and looking on us like we don't know the score about religion.

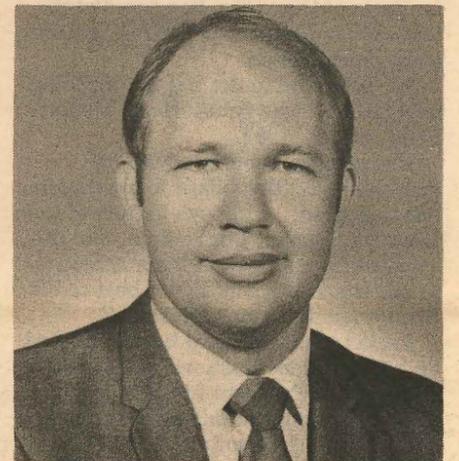
“It's not any worse in Pike County than in other places but the point is there are plenty of places that need new missions and churches; and eastern Kentucky is just the same as any other



Curtis Warf, KBC president



Doug Strader, first vice pres.



William Tichenor, second vice pres.

bold mission field.”

Warf does more than talk missions. He has led his congregation to give 20 percent of their offering receipts through the Cooperative Program and an additional 10 percent to other local missions tasks.

“That's not really my doing,” he argues. “Our church has always been mission minded. I couldn't discourage them if I wanted to.

“When I first visited Pikeville the pulpit committee asked me, ‘How do you feel about missions? We've always been a mission minded church and we need a mission minded pastor.’

“Eastern Kentucky has had mission vacation Bible schools for years. You could go up any hollow and have a big group of children in vacation Bible school and then you could start a Sunday school. But what you have to do is grow a church and it takes a long time to grow those children into adults.

“If you had a church planter that would go out there and live with the people, he could get adults involved so much faster than if someone goes in summer only.

“I think one of the things we ought to explore is the idea of a church planter program. West Virginia has a good program in which the Home Mission Board sponsors some church planters.

“I believe the way to start missions is to plant churches. I think the association and the state could work together on the task.

“Consider a retired minister who is in good health and would be willing to

give a year of his time. He could come to the mountains and we'd provide him with a place to live and a small salary to supplement his pension benefits and we'd see some churches begin to grow.

“I'm not certain that in some of our associations in Kentucky it wouldn't be to our advantage to redefine the job description of the director of missions. If a church and its pastor get information on its resource material from Middletown, it doesn't necessarily need a director of missions to rehash that.

“What would be wrong with saying to an associational director, ‘You serve as pastor in this particular spot for six months or a year. While you do, we'll help take care of the other things.’”

Most new KBC presidents enter into the office with a particular dream for their administration. Warf is no different.

“If the Lord will use me,” he offers, “I'd like to help Kentucky Baptists stay on the right track in this business of Bold Mission Thrust.

“To be specific, I'd like to promote the idea of church planting.”

This seems to be a year when that dream can come true. Spiritual Directions campaigns have been focusing the minds and hearts of Kentucky Baptist churches on a four-sided composite of church growth that includes evangelism, discipleship, fellowship and missions. Curtis Warf agrees with the format. He has practiced the technique; and he may well be our catalyst in phase two of Bold Mission Thrust: Church Growth.

Pastors' conference centers on missions, evangelism theme

Sermons revolved around the themes of missions and evangelism as more than 800 Kentucky pastors and spouses mustered at Lexington's Immanuel Baptist Church Nov. 8-9 for the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference.

Delivering sermons were Harold Greenfield, director of missions, Caldwell-Lyon Association; Guy Gordon, pastor, First Baptist Church, Earlington; Jerry Vines, copastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; Joe Stacker, secretary, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and William Hancock, pastor, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville.

Greenfield began his sermon saying, "We are thankful the Father is forgiving. He even forgives us when we say we support the association, but we're lying."

Greenfield extolled the importance of the association. "The association is the oldest Baptist entity of all our structure. It's older than the Southern Baptist Convention or any state convention. You do not find the word in the New Testament but I believe the principle was there."

Greenfield said he prefers to think of Paul not as the first foreign missionary but as the first associational missionary. He established that associational ministries are missions.

The association exists to create a

spirit of fellowship, support and cooperation among the pastors. It should also stand by the pastors, he explained.

Pastors' responsibility to the association includes participation and financial support, Greenfield concluded.

First Baptist Church, Earlington, where Gordon is pastor, gives 35 percent of its budget to world missions causes. The church hopes to raise this percentage to 50 percent, Gordon said.

"Somehow the pastor must lead his church in world mission support. Bold missions calls for bold action. We have to get back to the secret of the boldness."

That secret "is in the Word of God and in the Holy Spirit."

He pointed out that in order to raise percentage giving to missions, churches will have to "decide how far we are going to go to build up the staff."

Another factor concerning missions giving is that "the 'in' thing among Southern Baptists is the building of so-called 'family life centers.' Too often they turn out to be sanctified recreation centers.

Gordon challenged the pastors to give their most earnest thought and prayer for a long range mission program in which you build in goals."

According to Vines, "Winning souls was the priority of the New Testament church." Vines stressed the need for personal evangelism.

"I am for the television ministry and for all other ministries but they can't replace the personal touch."

Essential to evangelism is a high regard for the Bible, Vines insisted, calling it authoritative, infallible and inerrant.

Stacker told the pastors, "It may be that we need to break out of Sunday and Wednesdays and do whatever it takes to reach this transient population."

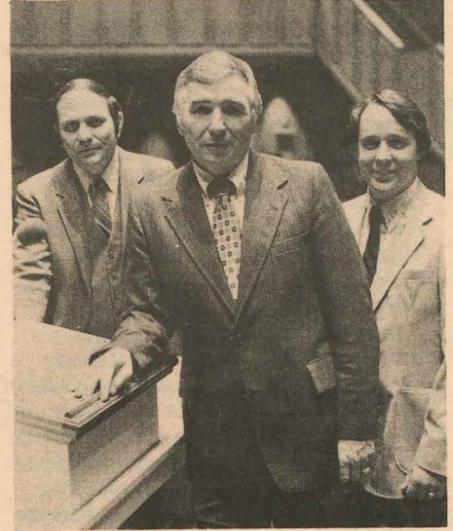
He said two songs characterize the population to which the pastors must minister: "On the Road Again" and "I Did It My Way."

"On the Road Again" is appropriate because people today can travel without leaving their den—by television. Pastors must reach these people, he said.

Characterizing society's individualism is the song, "I Did It My Way." "But people who do it their way go to hell," he concluded.

Elected just prior to the last session Monday night, new Pastor's Conference officers are: James B. Lewis, Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, president; Steve McSwain, East Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, vice president; and Ken Abbott, Wingo (Ky.) Baptist Church, secretary.

Vines drew his Monday evening sermon from Matt. 14, maintaining pastors need to learn how to "walk on water."



Pastor's Conference officers: Ken Abbott, secretary; James B. Lewis, president; Steve McSwain, vice president

Vines warned the pastors that during their storms they should not take their eyes off Jesus as Peter did. If Christians will step out on Jesus' word and concentrate on him, they will survive the storm, Vines concluded.

C. M. Brooks, professor of religion, Cumberland College; Raymond Lawrence, president, Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College; and Leon Simpson, president, Clear Creek Baptist School, taught Bible studies from 1 Peter.

KBREA 'touches base'

Fifty-nine religious educators from throughout Kentucky met at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, on the eve of the convention to promote sound religious education, provide an opportunity for discussion of common interest and problems and to provide a medium of fellowship.

"Touching Base" was the theme of the Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association's annual meeting.

Joe Stacker, secretary, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, spoke on ministry to church members.

"You can't get to know your people if you sit in your office with the door shut, shuffling papers," Stacker vowed.

"Every ordained minister has a responsibility to relate to people, not programs."

"We've got to talk the language the people talk," he continued. "We've got to translate Zionese to our people so we can better communicate with them and they, in turn, can more effectively share with others."

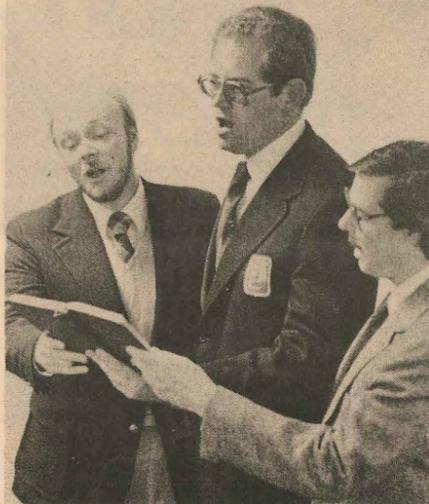
Citing the need for the minister to know his lifestyle and leadership style, Stacker insisted, "We don't inherit power and authority when we serve a Baptist church—we earn it. Many of us are unwilling to earn our authority.

"Love people, minister to people and care about people where they hurt and you'll find a redemptive lifestyle."

On the subject of delegating responsibility to church members, Stacker explained, "Many times in the church we find ourselves tied in knots, unable to move and get things done because we're unwilling to delegate and train people and show people how things ought to be done."

1982-83 KBREA officers are Johnny W. Taylor, minister of education, Gardenside, Lexington, president; Glen R. Cummins, minister of education, First, Mayfield, president elect; and Mike Harmon, minister of education and music, Graefenburg.

The educators are planning a cooperative venture with Ohio Baptists next summer. Mike Collins, Church De-



KBMA officers: Mike Tichenor, Carlton Thompson, Richard Dwyer.

velopment Division Director, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, explained the Kentucky-Ohio partnership to the conferees.

"Two years ago we set a goal to start 104 new churches in Ohio in 104 weeks. At the end of the time, we had established 94 new starts, a new church every eight days each with its own preaching and education program.

"Most churches now want to know how to do things. They are brand new so they cannot say, 'We've always done it that way,'" Collins grinned.

"The churches want to learn from the ground up," he warned. "They want to know why we as Southern Baptists do the things we do."

"As a result, we need discipleship and enlargement campaigns. During the next two years we will be strengthening and growing churches as related to the origin of the church. We need you to volunteer your time to come to Ohio for a week to work with some of these churches."

Many of the conferees talked with Collins after the session to coordinate dates and plans to help in the endeavor.

May 16-21, 1983 has been set aside as KBREA Work Week in Ohio. Interested persons may contact Johnny Taylor, KBREA president, (Gardenside Baptist Church, 1667 Alexandria Drive, Lexington, KY 40514).

KBMA elects officers, hears variety of concerts

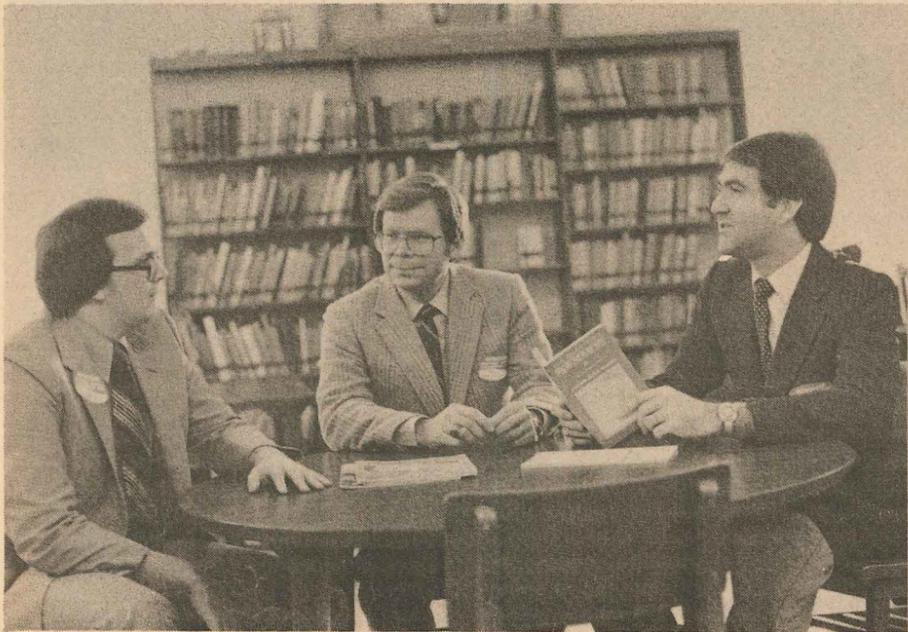
The Kentucky Baptist Music Association elected new officers Nov. 8 at Versailles Baptist Church.

Presented by a nominating committee and approved by the association were: Carlton Thompson, First Baptist Church, Middlesboro, president; Mike Tichenor, Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort, vice president and president elect; Richard Dwyer, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, secretary-treasurer; George Thompson, Second Baptist Church, Greenville, member-at-large; and Dean Gray, Hartford Baptist Church, returning member-at-large.

Members of the chorale committee elected were: Dan Arterburn, Ft. Mitchell Baptist Church, chairman; Jerry Douglas, Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville; and Bill Williams, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington.

In other business, the chorale committee made the following recommendations: that the chorale sing for the evangelism conference, Feb. 21-22, 1983 at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown; that the chorale sing for the WMU convention at First Baptist Church, Murray, Apr. 22, 1983 and present a concert in some other area church on the evening of Apr. 21; that the chorale engage in a missions tour, including concerts at Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton, Oh., Bluffton, Ada and Findley, Oh., Victoria Park, London, Ontario and somewhere yet to be determined in the Toronto-Ontario area, May 6-11, 1984. The cost will range from \$200 to \$300 per person.

Other activities for the KBMA included a performance by the youth handbell choir of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, a Baptist Book Store presentation by Linda Feddern, Louisville, an Orff workshop demonstration by Shelley Richardson, Versailles Baptist Church, and organ mini concert and discussion of worship by Donald Hustad, V. V. Cooke professor of organ at Southern Seminary, concerts by the Cumberland College Chorale and Beverly Terrell, Houston, Tex.



KBREA officers: Johnny Taylor, Glen Cummins, Mike Harmon

Owens receive standing ovation at convention

From an eight-year-old boy being baptized in the waters of a Missouri creek to a two-minute standing ovation by the Kentucky Baptist Convention to honor him, Franklin Pearce Owen has completed a cycle of his life of service.

During the Tuesday evening session of the 1982 Kentucky Baptist convention president W. D. Jagers led in a recognition service honoring Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Owen at his retirement as executive secretary-treasurer of the convention.

Included in those honoring the Owens was Bill Simmons of Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington who told of Owen's successful years at Calvary and the affection the people at Calvary hold for the Owens. Simmons' message was brought by the means of a recording.

Also highlighted were achievements of the Kentucky Baptist Convention during Owen's tenure with emphasis on the total income increase of 207 percent and the total Cooperative Program receipts increase of 176.1 percent.

During this time gifts through the Cooperative Program to the Southern Baptist Convention rose 219 percent.

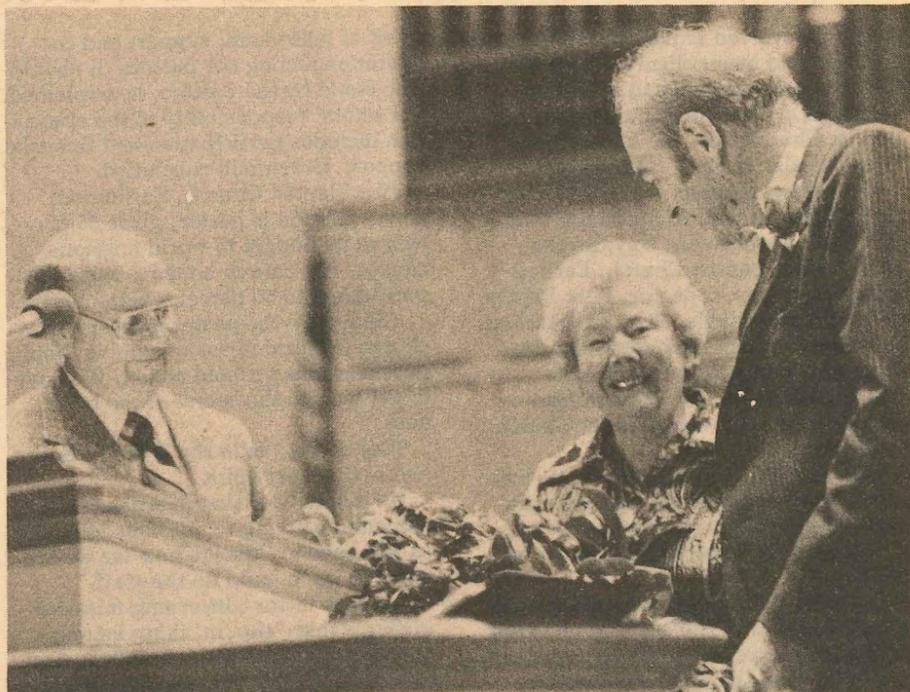
Owen was presented a plaque bearing a resolution from the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, a bound volume of letters of appreciation and a Walter Wendell Arnett sketch depicting special events in Owen's life.

Mrs. Owen was presented 31 long stem red roses in honor of her 31 years in Kentucky.

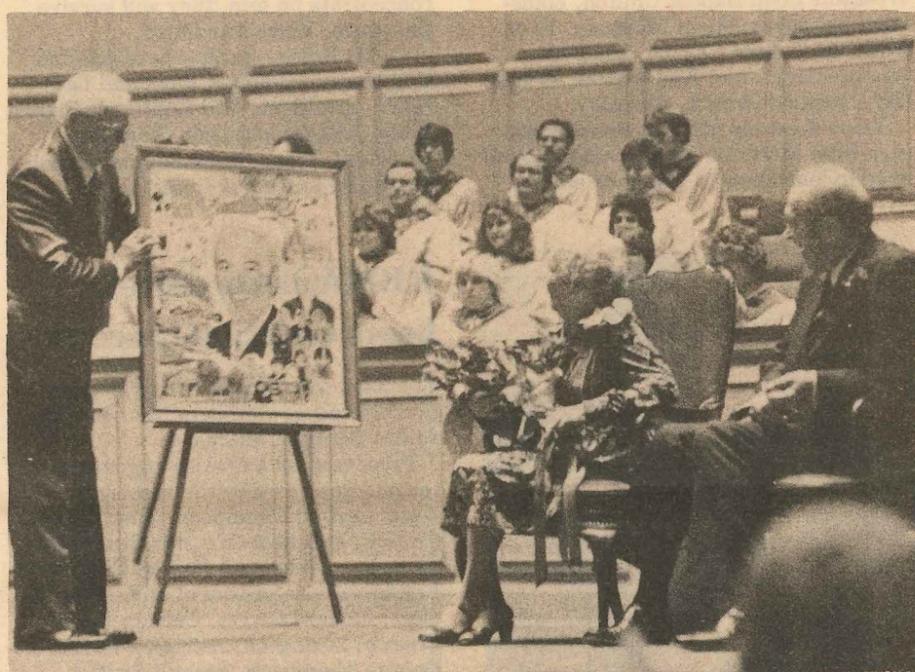
Jagers then presented the Owens with a check for \$15,000 from the convention.

While thanking the convention, Owen called his staff to stand with him as he thanked everyone "10 thousand times 10 thousand."

At a reception in honor of the Owens at Calvary Baptist Church following the Tuesday evening session, those attending the convention had opportunity to enjoy fellowship and greet the Owens personally.



Outgoing Kentucky Baptist Convention president Bill Jagers presents 31 long stem roses to Mrs. Franklin Owen during a recognition service Nov. 9 for the Owens.



A. B. Colvin, assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, presents retiring executive secretary Franklin Owen a sketch depicting special events and people in Owen's life.

Mrs. Honeycutt addresses Kentucky ministers' wives

Seventy-five Kentucky ministers' wives met at Tates Creek Christian Church for their annual fellowship banquet.

Mrs. Roy Honeycutt, wife of the president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, reminded the women of their commitment to ministry.

"We are involved in unique ministry with our husbands. The Christian faith is very real to me. All of us are on mission with God as his people," she declared.

"We need one another. Baptists are individual people, but we need each other," she emphasized.

Mrs. A. B. Colvin, wife of the assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention, recognized Mrs. Franklin Owen, wife of Kentucky's retiring executive secretary-treasurer. She presented her with a silver tray from the ministers' wives.

Roy Boatwright, director of missions, Franklin Association, presented a dramatic monolog on the life of Simon Peter.

1982-83 officers include: Mrs. Jerrell White, pastor's wife, Memorial Baptist, Murray, president; Mrs. Willis W.

Henson, pastor's wife, Lone Oak, Paducah, vice president; Mrs. Guy C. Futral Jr., pastor's wife, First Baptist, Mayfield, program chairman; and Mrs. Terry Sills, wife of Blood River Association's director of missions, secretary-treasurer.

Annuitants urged to push for greater staff benefits

About 230 persons attended the annuitants' luncheon Nov. 9 at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Byrd R. Ison, director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Annuity Department, was host of the event and urged those present to return to their churches and encourage them to provide greater benefits for their pastor and staff.

New annuitants in the state were recognized by Allen W. Graves of Louisville. H. B. Kuhnle of Lexington led a memorial service for newly deceased annuitants in Kentucky.

J. Chester Badgett, chairman of the program committee, presided.

New appointees for this committee for 1983 are Austin Roberts, Danville, and A. L. Meacham, LaGrange.

Bivocationalists hear HMB consultant

Dale Holloway, a consultant on bivocational ministries for the Home Mission Board, spoke to a group of bivocational pastors Nov. 9 at Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington.

The Tuesday evening session was sponsored by Elkhorn Baptist Association and promoted by the Tentmaker's Journal.

A meal was prepared by the host church. Bob Justus, educational director of Porter Memorial, hosted.

George Wood, a senior at Georgetown College, sang.

John Kruschwitz explains KBC application method

John Kruschwitz, pastor, Highland Hills Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, was chairman of the committee on credentials.

"Registration flowed smoothly and we had no major problems," he reported. "However, there is one guideline that needs to be communicated to Kentucky Baptists that would avoid some confusion."

Kruschwitz explained that new

churches accepted into an association must still file with the Kentucky Baptist Convention in order to register as messengers.

The guideline explicitly states: "A church desiring affiliation shall have an application (forms available from office of executive secretary-treasurer) on file with the executive secretary-treasurer by the day prior to the annual convention. The committee shall consider the application and report its findings and recommendations to the convention for final action."

Kentuckians maintain strong Ohio partnership

Sixty-eight Kentucky churches and associations linked with 66 Ohio churches and associations to make a meaningful beginning to the Kentucky-Ohio partnership in 1982.

Reports were given from William Marret, pastor of the Mexico Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, and Hugh Austen, pastor of First Baptist Church, Cleve, Oh.

The linking program will continue for the next few years with communication going to Kentucky pastors from Robert Jones.



W. R. Davenport [l], president, Campbellsville College, shares a lighter moment with Ben M. Elrod, president, Georgetown College, and Dinah Taylor, wife of Cumberland College president James H. Taylor.

Kentucky Baptist agency reports

All five Baptist schools present optimistic reports

All five educational institutions gave optimistic reports to the convention.

Campbellsville College president W. R. Davenport spoke of a sense of commitment to be what Kentucky Baptists want their colleges to be. He reported that Campbellsville continues to maintain the purpose of being Christ-centered, church connected, community conscious and curriculum-coordinated. Davenport said Campbellsville has experienced the finest year financially it has had in recent years and has continued to operate within its budget.

Campbellsville is in the midst of building an addition to the library and is planning to renovate the old gym on campus into a chapel. Campbellsville is also launching a church-related campaign.

Clear Creek Baptist School president Leon Simpson shared that he loved his school's relationship with Kentucky Baptist churches. Simpson believes Clear Creek is part of sending God's servants into the world. Over 1000 men have graduated from this school and at present 370 alumni are pastoring in Kentucky.

Clear Creek is setting up a new curriculum based around the Christian ministry in a local Baptist church. Simpson shared that these are new and exciting days.

Cumberland president James M. Taylor expressed thanks for support, prayer and students. He reported that 510 people stayed in Cumberland facilities on their way to the World's Fair.

Taylor shared that one of the women's halls has been refurbished and there are plans to also remodel one of the men's halls and there are plans to build another men's hall in the future.

Sixty-three revival teams went out from Cumberland in the past year and Mountain Outreach is meeting the physical as well as the spiritual needs of people in the surrounding area.

Georgetown College president Ben M. Elrod reported on a home mission experience held on the campus and that Georgetown was the fifth college in the nation to hold such a conference. Elrod told of the pastor's scholarship program which means a pastor can help a young person to obtain a scholarship at Georgetown by participating in this program.

Youth choir day drew over 1000 young people and adults. Elrod invited pastors to come to pastors' fellowship.

Oneida Baptist Institute president Barkley Moore reported more than 487 boys and girls are on Oneida campus today. Moore believes Oneida is a miracle work and states that Oneida does not turn down a student because of lack of money. Oneida students do not get loans and grants so every time Oneida takes a student it is an act of faith.

Oneida has 100 seniors this year. The school has built one new building and restored another. It has also installed a new computer system.

Western Recorder moves through challenges

Western Recorder faced three phases during the past year, according to C. R. Daley, editor. These three involved crisis, challenge and commitment.

The year began with a serious crisis. In January without any warning second class non profit postage users faced a doubling of rate.

This brought about the second phase

—challenge. After learning of this crisis directors of Western Recorder were called together. Agreement was reached that Kentucky Baptists would be asked to help compensate for loss.

During the year the paper discovered it could save money by hiring an outside company to process mailing. Thus the mailing cost is little more than it was in January.

The third phase was commitment. This involves commitment to the integrity of reporting Kentucky news; to a strong editorial voice; and to include viewpoints of all Kentucky Baptists.

Renovations, changes characterize BHI report

Homer D. Coggins, president, Baptist Hospitals Inc., presented its report to the Kentucky Baptist Convention Nov. 10.

According to Coggins, renovations at the four Kentucky Baptist hospitals are under way and have been financed by the sale of \$67 million in bonds.

Corbin Baptist Hospital is now under management contract with Baptist Hospitals Inc.

Reorganization of BHI was completed at its board of directors meeting Aug. 17. The hospitals are now classified as divisions of BHI, each administered by a division president as the chief operating officer.

Also, Health Data Network is now classified as a division with a division president.

Kentucky's WMU sets Bold Mission Thrust goals

Kathryn J. Akridge, executive director, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, reported a three-year national Bold Mission Thrust goal of increased enrollment in mission education organizations and special enlistment in WMU. Kentucky WMU's goal is 60,000 members by Oct. 1, 1985.

Presently Kentucky leads the nation in the number of new WMUs with 193 since the plan began in March 1981.

Special missions offerings have continued to increase. Interest from income of donated funds for scholarships and allocations from the Eliza Broadus offering made scholarship grants total more than \$25,000.

The highlight of the 1982 annual meeting was the unveiling of a historical marker in front of First Baptist Church, Danville, commemorating

Lottie Moon's membership there while teaching in a girls' school owned by the church.



Bill Hancock, pastor, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, greets Bill Jagers.

Homes for Children gives physical and spiritual care

During his report on Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Eldred M. Taylor stressed that the homes provide "not just physical care but spiritual care as well."

Twenty-four young people in Kentucky's two Baptist children's homes accepted Christ during the past year, according to Taylor, executive director of the homes.

Ken Hall, a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, is the new president of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

The Homeland Singers, 36 young people from Glen Dale Children's Home, sang during the child care report. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Sue Carlin.

Chaplains meet at meal

After being recognized on the floor of the convention during the Nov. 10 afternoon session, Baptist chaplains met for their annual banquet in the cafeteria of Central Baptist Hospital.

The banquet was initiated by Franklin Owen soon after he became executive secretary of the convention in 1972. Chaplains involved in a variety of ministries were present at this year's banquet.

Following the banquet, chaplains expressed their appreciation to Owen, a former military chaplain, for his interest and support.



Franklin Owen converses with a convention messenger

WR tells it like it was

Western Recorder's news team put it in touch with almost every action related to the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Lexington last week. Those who put this news package together are pictured:

C. R. Daley, editor; James H. Cox, associate editor; Mrs. Virginia Flanagan, director of public relations, Campbellsville College; Gregory L. Hancock, state correspondent, Stanford; Glenn Mollette, pastor, First Baptist Church, Highland Heights; Robin Oldham, assistant to the president, Georgetown (Ky.) College; Mrs. Debbie Quintin, state correspondent, Glen Dale; Susan Shaw, staff writer; David Smith, staff writer; Mrs. Laurie K. Taylor, state correspondent, Lexington; Mrs. Beth Wyatt, state correspondent, London; and Charlie Wilson, courier.



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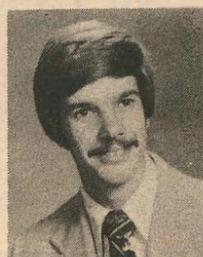
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Mrs. Taylor



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Roving reporter

Tomorrow's convention leaders?

While mothers and fathers enjoyed the messages, music and fellowship of the convention, their little ones played and slept in the convention nursery.

Mrs. Nancy Byers, preschool-early childhood education director at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, was chairman of the child care committee.

"You can tell these children have had worshipful group experiences on a continuing basis," Mrs. Byers beamed. "There was a very minimal amount of crying, especially considering most of the children arrived at 8:30 a.m. and didn't leave until 9 p.m. except for lunch and supper."

The youngest convention goer was Benjamin Lewis Cottrell, 75-day-old son of Jim and Diane Cottrell. Mrs. Cottrell is minister of music at Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.

Forty children stayed in the nursery during the convention. Six three-five year olds shared their observations.

Four-year-old Andy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Losch of Cynthiana Baptist Church, proudly announced his mother came to sing at the convention.

"But my daddy don't sing," Andy warned, "he just whistles a lot."

Emy, four-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G. Lee Hancock of Stanford Baptist Church, explained that "a con-

vention is a big church with lots of people that go to it. Some are old and some are good.

"My daddy works for Jesus 'cause he doesn't want the devil down in him," she explained.

Three-year-old Ashley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Taylor of Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington, shared her thoughts on convention life.

"A convention is a place where people go to splash water on each other. It's kind like baptizin'. The people eat chicken and turkey and talk about Jesus. Then they sing songs."

Amber, three-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Trevis Otey of Salem Baptist Church, Shelbyville, spilled the beans about what her daddy does.

"My daddy preaches at my own church. My boyfriend, Carl, listens to him," she grinned. "Daddy studies at home or in the garage or at church. When he studies, Mama and I walk with Joshua. He's my dog."

Jon and Christal Duggan, three-year-old twins of Rev. and Mrs. Billy Duggan of Williams Memorial Baptist Church, Ravenna, puts it quite simply.

"My daddy do God," Christal grinned.

"Yep," Jon agreed, "Daddy preach. I'm gonna preach, too."



'Big church' wasn't the only place full of activity during the convention. Immanuel Baptist Church's nursery saw its share of convention goers.

Off-duty police officer helps keep convention traffic moving

When you think about traffic control and security, who do you think of? The folks at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, thought about John Roberts, a 36-year-old policeman with the Urban County Division of Police.

Roberts, an active member of Immanuel, accepted the monumental task of organizing and supervising the parking and security at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

During the event over 700 vehicles were parked over and over again. To prepare for this mass traffic intake, Roberts and his committee worked two weeks scheduling and organizing the effort. Over 30 men and boys from Immanuel assisted. During the day retired people held down the fort and at night the day employees took over the task.

"We're just so glad to have everybody," smiled Roberts, "we want to

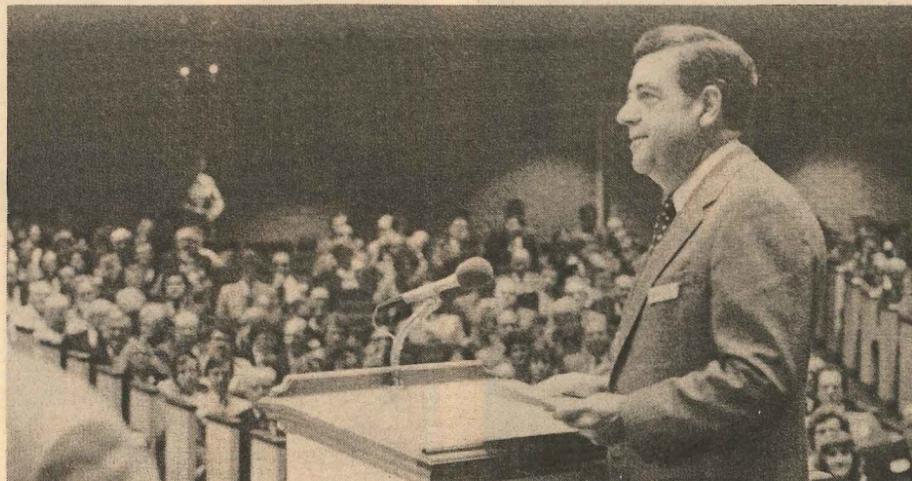
make things flow as smoothly as possible."

Convention messengers and visitors drove to the parking area a total of seven times if they attended every session. With a conservative estimate of 700 vehicles involved in the transportation of convention goers, the committee parked approximately 5000 cars during the meeting. And this doesn't include the Pastor's Conference held Monday at Immanuel.

Kentucky Baptists were very complimentary of the efficiency of the committee.

Wilbur Powell, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Franklin, said "The convention patrol system was excellent."

Tom Williams, of Ashland Baptist Church, Summit, agreed. "There were no parking problems at all. It was good to have a policeman in charge of the traffic."



Host pastor Ted Sisk welcomes the Kentucky Baptist Convention messengers at the opening session.

Comments and impressions

Messengers at the Kentucky Baptist convention were impressed with the spirit and unity of the meeting.

Ken Bailey, minister of education, Central Baptist Church, Lexington, was glad "we didn't spend time fighting over minute differences, but focused on more important things such as missions."

"From my perspective, we had an amiable spirit with no tensions, factions or diversions."

"Ike McDonald, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, was "thoroughly pleased with the convention. It was very affirming. Bill Jagers did a tremendous job presiding."

"The convention was harmonious—a time of celebration of Owen's years of service," he continued. "The Kentucky Baptist Convention has always been mainstream and I didn't expect any difference this year."

Herbert Jukes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hazard, thought the convention was "one of the better ones. The spirit was set by wonderful optimism and achievement. The Lord's work can do nothing but grow into Bold Mission Thrust."

"I wasn't expecting controversy," admitted Mike McCool, minister of education and youth, Beaver Dam Baptist Church, "and there wasn't any. I especially enjoyed seeing the exhibits and what's new."

"The religious education conference is always uplifting," McCool shared. "It's one of the few times when a large group of religious educators gets together and informally discusses what's going on in the churches."

Steve Boyd, associate pastor, Hawesville Baptist Church, said the convention was "warm, informative and updating."

"I enjoy bolstering one another," he admitted. "We're all working at different angles, but toward the same goals."

Mrs. John Wade, pastor's wife, Greenland Baptist Church, Corbin, was "impressed by the music. It was very spiritual and very uplifting."

"The Pastor's Conference was also a highlight. It was conducted most efficiently. In fact, the convention itself was very informative and cooperative."

"Immanuel has been a most beautiful host church," she concluded. "They have graciously cared for our every need."

Rolando Raganas, minister of music, Campbellsville, and a native of the Philippines, observed, "The spirit of concern for evangelism is much greater than ever before."

"I was very much impressed with Dr. Owen's remarks, insights and foresights for the future of Kentucky Baptists."

Jerome Brown, pastor, Rosemont Baptist Church, Lexington, felt the convention went "very smoothly with no surprises."

"The well deserved tribute to Frank Owen was particularly moving," Brown recalled. "I've often said that even the people who don't like Frank Owen love him, and there's not very many who don't like him."

James Heard, pastor, Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington, summed up the sentiments of the hundreds of convention goers when he said, "It was a very good convention. The spirit was outstanding!"

Associational directors of missions elect officers

Kentucky's associational directors of missions remembered the past, welcomed the new and organized for the coming year as they met Nov. 8 in Lexington.

Harold Polk, of the host Elkhorn Association, spoke of the association's ties with Luther Rice and William Carey. Polk was later honored as Director of Missions of the Year for his associational leadership.

Two new directors, W. O. Willham of South District and Charles Blair, were welcomed to the fellowship.

Issues surrounding the need for a better network of communication among associations and more cooperation with the Direct Missions Department were discussed as the group elected new officers for the coming year. New officers for 1983 are Roy Boatwright of Franklin Association, president; Harold Greenfield of Caldwell-Lyon Association, vice president; and Ralph McConnell of Christian County Association, secretary-treasurer.

Bill Bailey, family therapist and chaplain of Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, addressed the group, pointing to strategies necessary for healthy families as they apply to healthy churches and associations.

Alumni reunions: what is past, passing or to come

Food, fellowship, nostalgia and update highlighted 1982 convention alumni gatherings around Lexington Nov. 10.

About 250 Southern Seminary alumni and friends met at Lexington's Ramada Inn to conduct business, have fellowship and hear Roy L. Honeycutt, president of Southern Baptists' oldest institution.

Tandy McConnell, an MDiv student participating in Southern's van ministry, stressed the need and importance of that program.

The seminary has two van programs—one to Michigan and one to Pennsylvania. McConnell, who weekly goes to help a small church in Pennsylvania, said, "We visit the sick every week and preach twice every Sunday."

During a brief business session the alumni elected Jerome O. Brown president elect of Kentucky's Southern Seminary alumni association.

Honeycutt dealt with three questions concerning the seminary—Who is it, whose is it and where is it going?

We know who we are; we are a community of learning. "But," he added, "we are also a community of faith."

Southern Seminary, Honeycutt stressed, belongs to Southern Baptists. "It's our seminary; it belongs to us."

He concluded, "We know where we're going," as he began talking about Southern's emphasis on congregational ministry.

"We're concerned about a balanced program. You can't go through the MDiv program at Southern without taking preaching, evangelism, mis-

sions, pastoral care and administration."

Meanwhile, alumni from Southwestern Seminary gathered for lunch at Calvary Baptist Church.

New officers are: Dan Cooper, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, president; Leon Simpson, Clear Creek Baptist School, vice president; Allen F. Harrod, First Baptist Church, Bellevue, secretary.

James Holcomb represented the seminary staff. He said SWBTS now has its largest enrolment ever with 3854 students, including 48 Kentuckians.

Holcomb, director of "Vision '85," also announced the merger of Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary, San Antonio, Tex., with SWBTS.

Chevy Chase Baptist Church hosted the New Orleans Seminary luncheon.

Chevy Chase pastor and alumni president Ralph Thomas pointed out the 21 persons attending the luncheon composed the largest group yet to meet for this function. Eighty-eight NOBTS alumni are in Kentucky.

New alumni president Guy Futral, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mayfield, assumed his position. J. K. Pierce, pastor of Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, was named president elect to assume office in November 1983.

George Harrison, professor of Old Testament at NOBTS, updated the group on recent seminary activities.

Harrison reported several faculty and administration changes. He also noted seminary accumulative enrolment is up

20 percent over last year and overall enrolment has increased by 150 percent in the last 10 years.

Three new chairs are being designated: Roland Q. Leavell chair of evangelism, Chester Quarrels chair of missions and a chair of discipleship, endowed by Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.

Ben M. Elrod, president of Georgetown College, greeted the 115 guests at the alumni breakfast held at Calvary Baptist Church.

Newly-elected convention president Curtis Warf, a Georgetown graduate, and other members of the college's faculty, staff and student body were introduced by Wayne Moore, director of alumni affairs.

Elrod brought the group up-to-date on the progress of the college and mentioned some of the school's needs.

Tony Whitfield and Dan Tilford, members of Georgetown's music faculty, presented a brief program of sacred music.

Jim Taylor, president of Cumberland College, introduced a video presentation of the college's programs at their alumni breakfast.

Taylor expressed concern that many parents are deciding a Christian liberal arts education is not affordable.

"There are 38,000 Kentucky Baptist college students and only 3000 of these are in Kentucky Baptist colleges," Taylor declared.

Cumberland is the largest of Kentucky Baptist colleges, with 2036 full time students.

Cumberland recently acquired 50,000 square feet debt free through the purchase of a former city school. It is also within \$40,000 of a \$1 million campaign to replace the men's dormitory.

Campbellsville College alumni and friends met at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington for their annual breakfast.

The group heard W. R. Davenport, president of Campbellsville, report on the college's building program, which includes the library addition and the renovation of the old gym into the college auditorium and chapel.

A special guest of the college was Mrs. C. C. Broadus, Lancaster, whose generosity made the breakfast possible.

Seventy Clear Creek alumni and friends met at Ramada Inn. Following a slide presentation promoting the school, president Leon Simpson addressed the gathering concerning three areas of specific interest.

Clear Creek will eliminate the schools of music and religious education and return to a single Bible studies curriculum.

Second, beginning immediately, four-year graduates of Clear Creek will be accepted into the master's programs of Southwestern, Southern, New Orleans and Midwestern seminaries without academic penalty.

Finally, Simpson discussed the need for housing. The latest addition to on campus housing for married students, Alumni Hall, needs to be reproduced four times at a cost of nearly \$300,000 per reproduction if the current demand is to be supplied.

Preparation for convention's host begins early

How in the world does a church prepare to accommodate over 2000 convention messengers and visitors?

Charles Cook, business manager at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, was responsible for all the church's convention preparation.

Cook's job began last year at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown (site of the 1981 convention), where he observed the mechanics of preparation for the meeting. Then in May of this

year five representatives from the convention office in Middletown came to Immanuel to tour the facilities. At that time room assignments were made for registration, convention offices, press room, executive board, exhibits and all the other facets of convention life.

The church even renovated two areas to better accommodate their fellow Kentucky Baptists.

A few weeks later, Jesse Stricker, director, Stewardship-Promotion Department, returned to Immanuel and worked with Cook to delegate space for the 29 Kentucky Baptist Convention exhibits displayed during the week.

Two weeks before the convention, Miss Doris Yeiser, administrative assistant, Kentucky Baptist Convention, led training sessions for all registration workers. This effort was organized by Elkhorn Baptist Association through Harold Polk, director of missions. Mrs. Don White, pastor's wife,

Hillcrest, Lexington, was chairman of the committee.

Seventy-five-year-old Mrs. Mary Duncan, a long time member at Immanuel, accepted the chairmanship of the host and hostess committee for the convention regardless of the fact she was suffering from a severe case of the shingles that almost cost her her eyesight. Mrs. Duncan also had major surgery during the time she was planning and organizing the host and hostess committee. Consequently, she worked from her home by phone and mail. Over 50 members from Immanuel hosted the convention.

Messengers couldn't say enough good things about the hospitality and efficiency of Immanuel Baptist Church. One messenger expressed the sentiments of everyone when he was overheard saying, "This church has been the most wonderful, efficient, friendliest and best organized host of any convention I've ever attended."

The following members at Immanuel

headed committees: Mrs. Mary Duncan, hosts and hostesses; John Roberts, parking; Dan Elam, audio-video; Mrs. Nancy Byers, nursery; Bill Sills, ushers; and Mrs. Paul Gingrich, kitchen.



Mrs. Sue Owen and Bill Jagers share ideas between sessions.

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What time is it?

Luke 24:28 — "And ye are witnesses of these things"

The hands of the clock of our civilization are approaching 12 o'clock. But seeing the hands are at 12, we are not quite sure whether it is midnight or noon.

There is ground for feeling we are moving into one of the black nights of history. But there is also a real possibility we are entering the brightest part of a great day of history. There are those who cry "peace" when there is no peace. And there are those who cry "chaos" when there are actually elements of order—elements that may be grasped and built upon and used as foundations for hopes of a better tomorrow. Is it midnight or noon? Well, all that seems certain is that one age is done and another age is at hand.

The old order is done. The day of an agrarian culture is done: we are now an urban people. The day of isolation is done: we are all inescapably thrown together. The day of earthbound man is done: we are now reaching out into space and putting our machines and our feet on distant planets. The day of the autocratic, totalitarian church is done: the Roman Catholic Church will never be the same again since Pope John liberalized the church.

We are entering a future whose shape we can only dimly guess. It could be this is midnight. You need only look around to find reasons for thinking it is all black ahead. Communist tyranny is still rampant over a major portion of the globe. The affluent democratic nations are self-indulgent and soft. The church is in disrepute and an increasing number of religious leaders are abandoning it as an anachronism. Over all is the constant threat of nuclear war and total destruction. It could be that the darkest night of human history is just ahead.

On the other hand, it could be that we are nearing noon. Look at the signs which may point in this direction. Education is more widespread than ever. Almost unlimited technological and scientific power are in the hands of men. There are hints of an increasing spiritual awareness and a growing distrust of technological and material strength alone. And when in the mid-70s the Southern Baptist Convention called for the most far reaching attempt to make it possible for every human being on the face of the earth to have an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ by 2000 A.D., Bold Mission Thrust was born and the golden gleams of a bright new day began to filter through the darkened shutters of our desperate age.

It could be we are approaching high noon with the brightest day in history just ahead. But which it shall be—midnight or high noon—depends to a large degree upon what you and I think and say and do in the days ahead.

They followed the plan

It was at another crucial hour in human history Jesus spoke the words of our text: "Ye shall be witnesses of these things . . ." Jesus was telling his disciples a wonderful new day had dawned for mankind. And it was their job to declare these truths to the whole world.

They knew what to say. They knew the message from first hand experience. But Jesus said, "Wait in Jerusalem for you are not ready to go yet."

Not ready to go yet? Why, they had been with Jesus three years—long enough to get their MDiv from a seminary. They had walked with him and

talked with him and listened to him preach and pray. They had all sorts of interesting experiences to liven up a sermon. But you cannot overturn the Roman empire or convert a world like ours with beautiful stories. Not until they have been empowered with the Holy Spirit were they to attempt their mission of world evangelism. The Holy Spirit would take all these things and "Convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment," then, and only then, would they be ready to go. When the Holy Spirit did come upon them, they responded with such zeal and enthusiasm that people would say, "These people are turning the world upside down." Soon the impossible had become possible and the Roman empire yielded allegiance and a new and glorious day dawned.

How does one account for the overwhelming victory of the early Christians and the miserable showing of the 20th century Christians? We have the same God, the same savior, the same Holy Spirit and the same commission they had. That commission has never been rescinded. That presence has never been withdrawn. That power has never been diluted. Yet we are losing the battle for the hearts and minds of men. Before this day ends, 135,000 new babies will be born and less than 10 percent of them will be born in so-called Christian countries. Obviously, humanly speaking, the Bold Mission goal is absolutely an impossible undertaking. Of course, our situation is not ultimately hopeless if we follow God's game plan. God can do what he sets out to do. The kingdom can be resisted, but it cannot be overcome. God has the means to win and he means to win.

A few seasons ago the San Diego Chargers of the American Football League soundly defeated the Buffalo Bills. It was a stunning victory, for only a season earlier the Bills had done the same thing to the Chargers. Following the game the reporters surrounded the winning quarterback. "How come a year ago defeat, today victory?" The young quarterback, knowing where his next paycheck was coming from, wisely said, "The coach gave us a good game plan and we stayed with it all the way." Ah, that's the secret—follow the game plan of the coach! God has the only game plan that can turn impossibilities into possibilities and midnight darkness into noon-day brightness. God grant that you and I and all Kentucky Baptists will have the courage and the power to follow it.

God has the only game plan that can turn impossibilities into possibilities and midnight darkness into noon-day brightness.

"Ah, but it won't work," I hear someone say, "not in this kind of world." Let's not waste any more Kleenex on the almighty. There are many things God asks of us in his holy Word. He asks for our loyalty, our faith, our love, our prayers, our trust. But there is no place either in the Old or New Testament where God asks for our pity. He can bring it off.

GOD'S GAME PLAN

A word to be spoken. Jesus has commissioned each one of us, clergy and laity alike, to witness faithfully "to these things." What things? That "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." "He is the way, the truth, and the life and no one comes to the Father, but by him." That God loves people. That God loves them through Jesus Christ who died on the cross for

the sins of the world. That no matter how great the sin is, or how black the past, all who come to him through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ have the assurance of forgiveness, the abiding presence of Christ in this life and the promise of eternal life. That the Lord God Almighty still reigns. All the devils in hell are no match for our God. In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has demonstrated, once and for all, that ultimate power is good and not evil and that the ultimate goal of human existence is life and not death.

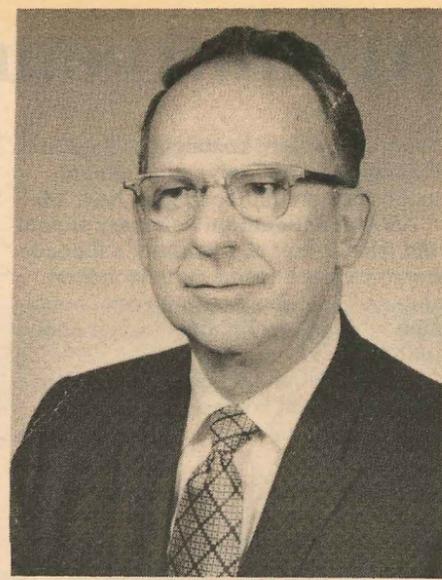
God expects each Christian to become a witness. Oh, you say, how can I witness to others? I have never been to college or to seminary. I would not know what to say. Where in God's Word does it say you have to have a college degree or seminary degree before you can tell others about your savior? Only one requirement is demanded for anybody to be a soul winner and that is that you have a personal experience with your savior. The question is not, do you have a message?, but have you had an experience? Your testimony is, "I was lost but am found; I was blind but now I see; I was dead but am alive forevermore; and what Jesus has done for me he will also do for you." That is your message.

A life to be lived. We are to live our lives the way Jesus lived his. For he is the inspiration, pattern and goal of all our striving. The author of a play watched a group of amateur players as they went through the dress rehearsal for a play he had written. They did not have the essence of it. He rushed forward and said: "I am the author of this play. I wrote it. Here, play it this way!" God, the author of creation, sent Jesus Christ saying: "I am the author of life. Here, live it this way!"

How did Jesus live it? He did not discuss the worth of human personality and the equality of each person: he went to the poor, the outcast, the bits and pieces of broken humanity, and ate with them and loved them and saved them. He did not argue, as Socrates, the immortality of the soul; he raised the dead. He did not discourse on the beauty of love; he loved. He did not paint in glowing colors the beauties of friendship and the need for human sympathy; he wept openly at the grave of his friend Lazarus. He did not try to prove how pain and sorrow and suffering could be compatible with the love of God; he took upon himself at the cross all the evil, hate and suffering people could muster and showed it was always redeemable. He did not teach in school-room fashion the necessity of humility; he girded himself with a towel and washed the disciples' feet. He did not argue God hears and answers prayers; he prayed and lived face to face with the Father, and God's healing and saving power was released in the lives of men and women.

In Jesus the Word had become flesh and the transition from words into doing and being was fulfilled. What he professed and taught, he lived out to perfection. And when our lives take on the characteristics of the life of Jesus Christ it will make a difference in all our human relationships. It will make a difference in our residential patterns, in our employment policies, in our social life, in our international relationships—and if it is not making a difference with us at these points, then you are not witnessing to these things.

His coming and his truth have uncovered and set forth a purpose of God



Burhans

in the world—the establishment of his kingdom. If you are not serving this purpose, you are not a witness of these things. This is how practical it is. All of life is involved because God has broken into history.

A power that conquers. Why hasn't the world already been saved? We've been at it 2000 years. What are we waiting for? Equipment? Knowledge? Know-how? Why, no generation ever possessed such vast machinery, organization and know-how for the conquest of the earth as does this generation. Why, no generation ever presented a convention so rich in schemes, so eager in practice, so universal in desire to bring the world to the feet of Jesus as does this generation.

Look at our own denomination. We have the facilities, we have the people, we are rich in leadership talent, we have the money. Yet with all our knowledge, with all our good intentions, we are still a long, long way from the victorious triumph of Jesus Christ in the hearts of men.

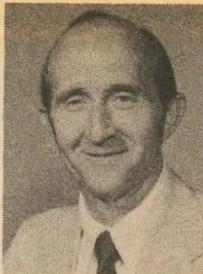
It is not more schemes that we need, more intelligence, more influential people, but it is power that we need.

And that power is not worked up, it is prayed down. It is not the result of organization, it is the result of obedience. It is not the reward of a determined purpose, it is the result of a surrendered life. It is not the result of independent action by each individual Christian, it is the fruit of united effort on the part of all Christians. It is not the result of man's effort, it is the gift of God's Spirit—"Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you!" Then, and only then, will we be able to stem the tide and turn this world upside down. But the Spirit of God will not possess us with power until we obediently, unitedly, and expectantly pray for the empowering of the Holy Spirit and are willing to follow wherever the Spirit leads and do whatever the Spirit commands. When that day comes, our people will be overcoming the world instead of the world overcoming them.

Early in the 1930s, a west Texas farmer was about to lose his farm. The family was starving. Credit was gone. Then one day an oil company persuaded him to sign a contract with them, permitting them to drill for oil. The first well averaged 80,000 barrels a day. The second well, 180,000 barrels a day. Today, after 45 years, his wells are averaging better than 125,000 barrels a day. This man was a billionaire and he didn't know it.

What a picture of the Christian churches today—of you and me! We are sitting on God's power-packed promises and don't realize it. This is the cause of our failure. This is the game plan we are not following and yet this is what it will take if Bold Mission Thrust is to be an instrument in the hands of God to change midnight darkness into noon day glory by 2000 A.D.

Convention messages



McKinley



Nelson



Honeycutt



Dunn



Tanner

Jim McKinley

Foreign Missionary on Furlough
Bangladesh

There are more than four billion people in the world today. Half of them have never heard the gospel.

The challenge to Southern Baptists is to share the gospel with every person by the end of this century. Though the challenge is overwhelming, it can be met.

Every church in the Southern Baptist Convention, if it does not have at least one missionary with the Foreign Mission Board or the Home Mission Board, should ask itself, "Why don't we have one?"

Giving our sons and daughters is where it begins. Remember some of you here tonight may be those sons and daughters.

Dotson M. Nelson

Pastor Emeritus
Mountain Brook Baptist Church
Birmingham, Ala.

Character is more important than reputation. Reputation is what people think about you; character is what you are. The scarcest commodity in the human market is character, yet it is the need of a bewildered world. Frank Owen is that kind of a denominational statesman.

Faith is more important than goodness. No man can be bigger than his concept of God. No man has believed more in a large God than Franklin Owen.

The spiritual is more important than the material. Many have many materials, a room full of guests and never a friend. I can say with many of you I, indeed we, have had a friend and his name is Franklin Owen.

Thoughts are more important than acts. The reason Franklin Owen does right is because he thinks right.

Means are even more important than ends. We often hear the end justifies the means. Not so! That is life by expediency and not by principle. This is one of the primary characteristics of retiring executive secretaries.

Christ is more important than anything else. He is the touchstone, the answer, the solution.

As Franklin Owen approaches retirement, I can think of no words more accurate than those used by Sid Staley:

A door is closed behind me;
Another opens wide.
Before me lies a welcome mat;
With faith I step inside.

Roy Honeycutt

President,
Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary, Louisville

Motivated by sincere convictions, there are those Baptists today who are attempting to create a new form of Christendom.

When Baptists were weak and few in numbers, struggling against seemingly overwhelming odds, they affirmed religious liberty. They knew what it was to be denied a state license to preach, to be jailed for preaching in defiance of the state, to have baptismal services disrupted by marauding bands of ruffians.

Baptists did not suddenly decide one day religious liberty was a nice sentiment which they might affirm in the quietude of a convention. Rather they learned in the hard school of experience to treasure religious liberty as the lifeblood of the church's right to worship without interference from the state.

There was a time when we as Baptists in years gone by threw up our hands at the idea of a pope sitting alongside the Tiber making papal pronouncements. Neither is there a place today for a contemporary messiah sitting alongside the levies of any river—the Ohio, the Mississippi or the Trinity. We do not need any messiah other than the ascended, risen Lord.

I believe a church in search of its soul can find its soul again by being this kind of church—believers waiting in a world without Christendom, witnessing as apostles without a kingdom, worshipping in a community without barriers and working in a church without an earthly messiah.

When I was a young person my

father or an uncle would often take me hunting in the Yalobusha River bottoms. Leaving me alone as he went farther to find himself a place to hunt, I can still hear my father or my uncle saying to me: "Roy, if you get turned around, if you get lost, and if it's in the morning, then keep the sun on your right. If it's in the afternoon, keep the sun on your left and just keep on walking and you'll come to the road. There you can find the car and then when we come we'll all go home."

It always worked. And I am convinced that for a church in search of itself in our world, it will still work! If we wait in a world without Christendom, witness as apostles without a kingdom, worship in a church without barriers, and work as a church without an earthly messiah—if we keep those commitments on the right hand in the morning and on the left hand in the evening and just keep on walking, we will find our way home again. A church in search of its soul can find its soul again!

James M. Dunn

Executive Director-Treasurer
Baptist Joint Committee on
Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Religious freedom is the fundamental freedom. It goes back to the purpose of God in creation. It is rooted in the very nature of God.

Religious freedom in this country is the primary focus of the Baptist Joint Committee; it has ever been a Baptist

distinctive.

If Baptists have a distinctive doctrinal contribution, it must be our belief in soul freedom or the competence of the individual before God.

Our denomination must offer greater places of service to laypersons. One of the greatest challenges to Southern Baptists comes at the point of a drastic upgrading of the place of laymen.

The Baptist understanding of soul freedom has timely ethical implications. At our best, we might bring insightful progress to a social ethic for this new day.

William Tanner

President
Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

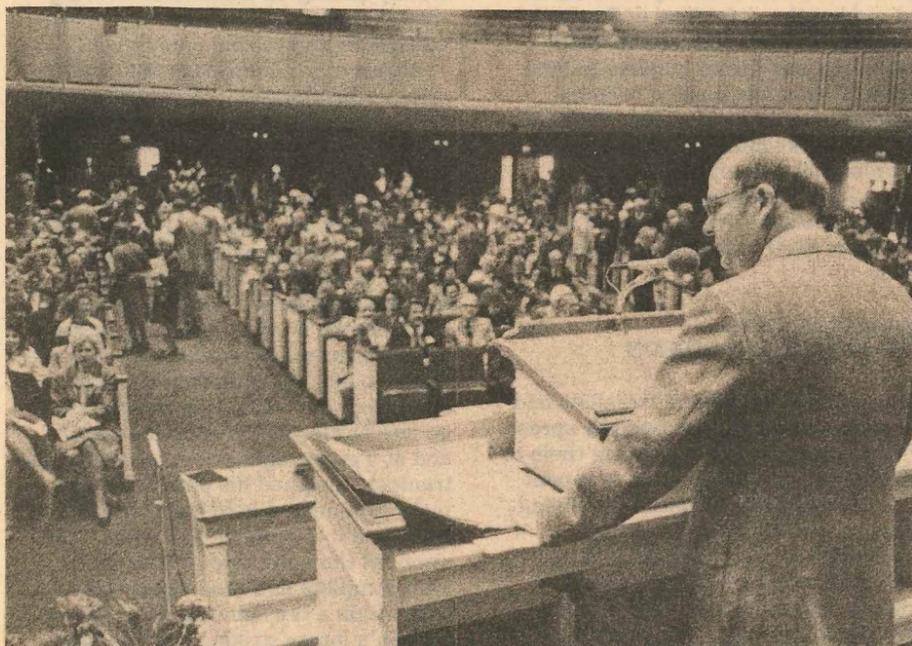
We have learned much in the decades of the 60s and 70s. The church is not in the business of retaining musty traditions but ministering to a hurting world.

We must hear the call of lonely people.

We are in danger of becoming the spiritual dinosaurs of the 20th century unless we get serious about sharing Christ with our world.

Cults are outmanning us. Southern Baptists must get serious about outreach.

The strategy for evangelizing the world is to establish churches. The church is God's only instrument for evangelism. In spite of its problems, the church always has and always will outlive its critics.



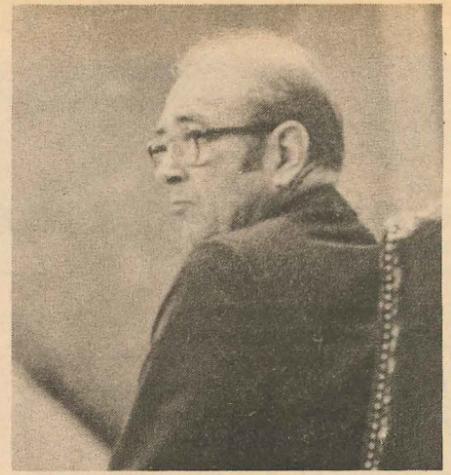
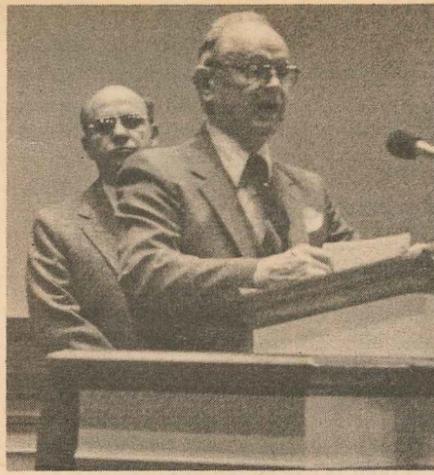
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We Thank God

Thanks to you-it works
for all of us.



Life and Work Series FAITH AND ACTIONS

James 2:1-4 Insisting that Christians who had not overcome the sinful habit of showing respect of persons prove the reality of their Christianity by their lives, James used the expression, "My brethren," which placed them on an equal level. Showing favor to one Christian above another because of

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Nov. 21, 1982



H. C. Chiles

mere external differences is displeasing to God. It is our Christian duty to honor spiritual worth rather than worldly standing. Christians should love both the rich and the poor. Like Christ, make it a practice of helping the poor and the needy. Whether people be rich or poor, all they are and have they owe to the Lord and to Him they should give their lives in joyous and grateful service.

James 2:8 In answer to a pointed query about which is the "great commandment in the law," our Lord stated the most important one had to do with supreme love for God. The next one in importance had to do with love for others. The royal law declares we must love our neighbors as ourselves. If a person loves his neighbor, he will respect him, show a spirit of good will toward him and render what assistance he can to and for him.

James 2:14-19 James challenged his readers to examine the faith which they professed to have in order to ascertain if it were genuine. To James faith was more than the mere assent of the mind; it included the affection of the heart also. His readers had received new life from Christ, not through the merit of good workers, but by grace through faith.

James protested vehemently against all attempts to divorce faith and works. He considered them as two vital units

ALL THE WAY

I stopped in Laurel Mississippi to see a very dear, long-time friend. He had been forced to retire early due to Parkinson's disease. He had been a great minister who had done the highest quality work in three pastorates in three states. Now he was out of action in the city where he had led in the building of a magnificent church plant without unduly impairing the church's denomination and mission support.

His words have rung in my heart from June until now: "Frank, you've had a good ministry, you have gone all the way." He referred, of course, to my having reached the age of retirement from the active ministry.

The next day a newly retired friend and I talked about our mutual need to thank God for having been allowed to go all the way to retirement.

I don't know why some are allowed to make it all the way, while others are not. As I look now toward another delayed final retirement date (June 30, 1983) I am grateful to be among the for-

of a whole. To him profession without practice was meaningless. He taught saving faith creates love in the heart and this love finds expression in compassion and helpfulness. The faith that brings salvation produces good works. James did not contradict Paul's doctrine of justification by faith but he did combat the perverters of Paul's teaching. Paul emphasized the faith that works and James emphasized the works of faith. He insisted faith be demonstrated in good works. Faith is first but works must follow or there is no proof real faith exists.

James 2:26 Faith without works is as dead as a corpse. True Christian faith expresses itself in loving helpfulness to others.

International Series GOD EMPOWERS GIDEON

Judges 6:3-6 When the Israelites had slipped into one of their periodic sprees of wickedness, in order to bring them to their senses and cause them to repent of their sins, God permitted the roving tribes of the Midianites and the Amalekites to overrun their land, to steal their crops and flocks, and to bring them into captivity for disciplinary purposes. For seven years they were oppressed and impoverished. Their sad plight of extreme poverty and

terrible suffering was due to their disobedience to God.

Many ministers failed to make it to retirement from loss of health, including those whom God has called home. Other good men who began well and ran well failed to go all the way for less fortunate reasons. Some suffered spiritual exhaustion, some were cut off by hard line churches, others were starved out to other work. Some even failed to make it morally. God bless them all for the work they did and thank God that He let this scarcely worthy servant go all the way. "... I have finished the course, I have kept the faith." (2 Tim. 4:7)

I'm happy to remain in service for our Lord and Kentucky Baptists until my successor is in office and ready to assume full responsibility. I'll be grateful then to lay down my present sword in my fiftieth year of active ministry, including what will then complete eleven years for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. I shall forever remember gratefully the honors accorded me last week that go far beyond anything I deserve.

terrible suffering was due to their disobedience to God.

Judges 6:11-16 After this period of chafing under miserable servitude, the Israelites cried unto the Lord for mercy and deliverance. Again God showed his matchless grace by hearing their cries and by raising up a deliverer to bring them out of their bondage. God selected Gideon to meet the emergency.

Aware of his limitations and insufficiency when he received his call from God, Gideon did not have any inclinations toward accepting the assignment, but actually protested against assuming such tremendous responsibilities.

Judges 7:20-21 Assured of the Lord's presence, Gideon called his people together to fight the Midianites and 32,000 volunteered. But God preferred to defeat the enemy with a few rather than with so many, so the army was reduced to 300. He took their weapons away from the 300 before he let them go into battle. At the appointed time and at a given signal each man blew his trumpet, smashed his pitcher on the rocky ground and held high his torch as he waved it to and fro, and said: "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." That complete and final victory was won within a few minutes and without Gideon's force striking a single blow against their enemies is one of the military marvels of all time.

OUR ACADEMIC PHILOSOPHY Conflicts. At a time in history, the questions were rarely asked. Now, we frequently question whether Christian colleges are necessary or make any difference.

A separation or disjunction has occurred between much of our learning and our faith. Much of the academic world is dominated by presuppositions that exclude the concept of "revealed truth" or of God, Himself. When a believer enters the academic arena with his set of presuppositions that include God and the truths from His Word, there is potential for serious conflict in his life.

Indeed, the widespread existence of

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this type of conflict may pose one of the greatest problems facing the churches today because the whole society is heavily influenced by humanistic values. Too often believers try to hold to some biblical truths "for church," but seem to accept without



challenge the opposing set of values in the rest of life's experiences. **Integration.** The only acceptable resolution is a meaningful integration of our faith, our learning, and our living.

The Christian professor has no

right to distort data to make his point. He has every right, however, to interpret data from his set of Christian presuppositions as he guides his students in the development of a Christian worldview of life and living.

A functional integration that produces a Christian who is more nearly prepared to cope effectively can result. This is the essence of Christian Education. This is the real purpose of a Baptist College. This is our educational philosophy at Campbellville College.

We praise God for the opportunity of serving our churches and our young people in such a vital way.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Eldred M. Taylor, Executive Director
10801 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, KY 40243



EVERY ONE OF YOU

In 1 Cor. 15, Paul leads us to the loftiest heights of thought and theology. He deals with the certainty of Christ's resurrection and his ultimate victory when the last enemy shall be destroyed. Then he writes about our glorious hope of the future, of our resurrection of life, the great transformation when we shall bear the divine image and give the triumphant victor's shout: "But thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).

Immediately following this experience of scaling the heights Paul abruptly changes to deal with a most practical need. He begins chapter 16 by dealing with the offering for the poor saints at Jerusalem. "Now concerning the collection—let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him."

I want to paraphrase Paul's admonition in relation to the Thanksgiving Offering for dependent, neglected children in Kentucky: Let every Baptist bring a special gift to your church for

this worthy ministry and let us make our offering according to the way God has prospered us. This simply means that those who have little will bring out of their meager possessions a small gift; those with much will, out of their abundance, bring large, generous gifts.

Interestingly, Paul uses different words to describe this collection. Let me share four of them:

1. Logias, meaning "an extra collection." It was the opposite of dues or a tax one had to pay; rather, it was an extra piece of giving.

2. Charis, meaning "a free gift freely given"—not something extracted by pressure but given from the overflow of one's love.

3. Koinonia, meaning "fellowship"—here it means fellowship of sharing.

4. Prospora, meaning an "offering and a sacrifice." In a real sense, that which is given for a child in need is a sacrifice to God.

Let every one of you have a part in the Thanksgiving offering through your church. Pray also that our goal of \$650,000 be reached.

CLEAR CREEK COMMENTS

Leon Simpson, President
Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, KY 40977



WITH THANKSGIVING

As I recently watched a television evangelist make fervent appeal for funds to continue his program, I thought of a phrase in Phil 4:6 "... supplication with thanksgiving." There are so many causes throughout our land making 'supplication' for help and support. Some are good causes, while some are totally unworthy of our support.

Clear Creek is a school worthy of your support. I would not ask for you to pray for us and support our ministry unless we merited and deserved your support. We are training ministers for the work of the gospel and this is an important, God-given task.

However, at times it is possible that we make 'supplication without thanksgiving' in promoting our work. So as we approach this Thanksgiving season

please know of our deep thanksgiving to God for you. You may feel that you are unknown, unloved and unsung. But God knows you and will not forget your kind and gracious acts on his behalf. And may the Lord help us at Clear Creek to remember all of you who help us along the way.

I have dedicated this bit of verse to you at this Thanksgiving season.

For the armies of the faithful,
Lives that passed and left no name;
For the glory that illumines
Patriot souls of deathless fame;
For the people's prophet-leaders,
Loyal to Thy living word, —
For all heroes of the spirit,
Give we thanks to Thee, O Lord.

William Pierson Merrill

"SMALL WORLD"

Dr. George Redding, our Bible teacher and Mrs. Redding, who teaches in our special help department, recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary by flying to Colorado for a visit with a grandson who is a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Someone asked them where they were from. They replied, "Oh a little place you would have never heard of, Onida, Kentucky."

"Oneida!" A strapping 6'3" young man, resplendent in uniform, whirled around. "Did you say Oneida? I certainly have heard of it. I graduated there in 1978."

Hearing the story reminded me of many personal experiences I have had and have heard of. In 1971 a year before entering the auditorium of Penn State University to make a speech. A man stopped me at the door with the words, "I am Dr. Henry Burns. I am a professor here. I attended the Oneida school." Just hearing the words made me feel as though I had known him a lifetime.

Four summers ago one of our staff was on a European trip and came face to face with one of our students in St. Peter's in Rome. Just the week before they had said "goodbye" at the close of the school year, neither knowing the other would be in Europe the next

week. Imagine their shock and their delight at seeing one another on the banks of the Tiber, so far from the waters of Goose Creek and Bullskin.

It is a small world.

Monthly a letter comes to us from Germany. Our faithful correspondents are Bruce and Terri Carrington Williams. This dedicated Christian couple are both 1978 Oneida graduates. They found each other on our campus. Both found the Lord here. After their graduation, they were married in our Oneida chapel. Both came to Oneida on full scholarships. Their Christian training was made possible by the donations of many people like yourself. They have a little daughter, Misti, and are in the Army in Germany. They are very active in a Baptist church there where they give their tithe. But this financially struggling young couple also share monthly with us for they know Oneida is struggling also. Their memory is very fresh of what the school did for them.

Tears come to my eyes when I see their checks, generally for around \$50 each month. Many give much less from their plenty. This young couple share from near poverty. Just to remember this couple, watching them grow and mature on this campus, both physically and as young Christians, inspires and makes us want to work harder. Today we are working with so many other

Bruces and Terris who will go from this campus, faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth. How can one even begin to measure the impact of lives spent in witnessing and serving?

Bruce and Terri recently wrote: "We have something real neat to share with you. We have friends in our church. He's a G.I. and an American and his wife is from Thailand. They hadn't been to her home in seven years, but recently got to go for a 45 day visit. They got back this past week, and I found out Virat and Virot are her cousins. They knew we were from Oneida and she told us her cousins also went there. Isn't that something?"

The boys mentioned are identical twins who studied in our school five years, graduating in 1980. Even yet, I cannot tell them apart. There were never two students more loved and respected than these two. They received many deserved honors while here including being jointly voted "Mr. Oneida" by the faculty in their senior year. Both are in college today.

Yes, it is a small world when folks from Oneida meet folks in Germany and have mutual Oneida friends from Thailand.

Many of our most faithful supporters are parents whose children have been blessed while at Oneida. Some of these

donate monthly. Recently a parent wrote: "Our daughter is in Ft. Hood, Tx. The other day she went over to the motor pool and got to talking to a sergeant there. He found out she was from Kentucky and told her he graduated from Oneida. He couldn't believe it when she told him she did also. This sergeant is a Christian man and she says it is much nicer working there."

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- Committee on Credentials—M. A. Reese, Barbourville
- Committee on Arrangements—Mrs. J. Brandon Price, Paducah
- Committee on Resolutions—Wayne Dehoney, Louisville
- Committee on Public Affairs—Edwin Perry, Louisville
- Committee on Obituaries—H. Curtis Erwin, Glasgow
- Committee on Constitution and Bylaws—Guy Futral Jr., Mayfield
- Committee on Nominations—Robert DeFoor, Harrodsburg

Committee on nominations

- Preacher of Annual Sermon 1983—Bob C. Jones, Lawrenceburg
- Alternate Preacher for Annual Sermon—Glenn Armstrong, Beaver Dam

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- Term ending 1983: Edwin Montgomery, Louisville

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Oneida Baptist Institute

- Terms ending 1986: John Baird, Danville
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Historical Commission

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- Terms ending 1986: Roy Keith, Elizabethtown
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