



Agreeable convention elects Henson; partnership with Kenya and \$17.5 million CP budget adopted

by James H. Cox, *Associate Editor*

It was a convention of close votes and harmonious action last week in Paducah.

Kentucky Baptists in their 146th

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annual session Nov. 15-17 implemented some plans that will have far reaching consequences, to be sure.

But they did it practically by "common consent."

Even the selection of officers sparked little discussion. And when the vote was tallied for the two candidates for the office of president, only 50 votes separated the winner, Willis W. Henson, Paducah, and the loser, T. A. Prickett, Owensboro.

Henson has been pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah, 12 years.

When messenger Greg Hancock of Covington advocated combining the three senior Baptist colleges into one university with three campuses, the audience was visibly stirred. But the outcome of what could have been a divisive issue ended peaceably—with only 38 votes settling the question. The majority thought it would be best not to name a committee to study the motion.

While the first vice presidency went to Charles Barnes, a Louisville layman, with 58 percent of the vote in a three way race, the second vice presidency went to Robert W. Durham, pastor of Gilead Baptist Church, Glendale, without opposition.

And when messenger William A. Hartung of Frankfort brought a motion that the messenger ballots be printed in the book of reports, the voice vote was so close, it appeared messengers would have to ballot on that. But presiding

officer Curtis H. Warf of Richmond ruled the motion had lost, and the spirit of harmony and unity which characterized this convention prevailed.

Principal actions of the convention included approval of an executive board recommendation to establish ties with Kenya in a partnership plan; adoption of a 1984-85 budget goal of \$17.5 million; resolutions opposed to state lotteries and an appointment of a U. S. emissary to the Vatican; welcoming of their new executive secretary-treasurer and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. William W. Marshall; and witnessing a presentation by the SBC Annuity Board of a new pension plan which—if adopted—will greatly increase retirement benefits to employees of churches and denominational agencies, beginning in five years.

The partnership plan with Kenya will join volunteers from Kentucky churches in projects which will increase evangelistic enterprise in the east African nation starting in 1985 and continuing three years.

A KBC executive board staff committee led by Robert C. Jones, director of the Direct Missions Department, will explore avenues of communication with Kenyan Baptists in spring 1984. Others on the committee include Jay Brown, director, Evangelism Department; William L. Kaufman, director, Brotherhood Department; and Marshall Phillips, manager, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly.

The \$17.5 million budget adopted by the convention is effective Sept. 1, 1984. It includes a \$14.9 million operational section, of which 36.25 percent (\$5,401,250) will go to SBC causes and the remainder will stay in the state. A bold mission challenge section of \$1.3 million will be divided 37 percent (\$481,000) for SBC and the remainder to KBC. The total Cooperative Program goal is \$16.2 million, with an additional \$13 million supplied by other estimated income.

The messengers to this convention heard plans for a new pension plan for their church and denominational servants which will be acted upon at next year's convention. If approved, it will significantly increase financial outlay from the convention, churches and individuals, and will greatly enhance benefits to the servants during their retirement years.

The convention voted to ask J. Howard Cobble, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, to preach their annual sermon in 1984. Robert Browning, pastor of First Baptist Church, Somerset, will be the alternate.

The body will meet in 1984 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Nov. 13-15; in 1985 at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Nov. 12-14; and voted at this convention to meet in 1986 at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Nov. 11-13.



C. R. Daley

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A convention of 'heavenlies' in Paducah

Heaven came down and glory filled the souls of Kentucky Baptists in Paducah last week for their annual convention. "Heavenly" is the only word that adequately describes the experience. It was heavenly hospitality, heavenly music, heavenly preaching, heavenly harmony and heavenly fellowship.

Kentucky Baptists always mix inspiration and worship with business in these annual meetings but this one had an extra dimension of spirituality. Such experiences are always more spontaneous than planned but, in this case, there were some discernible contributing factors.

One was nothing less than geography. Western Kentucky is a Baptist Zion and Paducah is in the heart of it. First Baptist Church, host for the convention, is in a perennial revival and convention messengers were swept up in it.

First Baptist pastor J. R. White is relatively a newcomer to Kentucky but one time in his presence makes him seem like a long time friend. The First Church facilities are unsurpassed for such a gathering and if one thing in the way of perfect arrangements had been overlooked by First Baptist associate pastor Bob Kersey it never became apparent. Bob is a genius in such matters. Smiling First Baptists were on every hand to provide every need.

Music for the convention becomes more outstanding each year but never on the order of this year. The Kentucky Baptist Chorale was tops as usual, the choir of Cumberland College was superb and the Glendale Children's Home youth choir was inspiring but the music of First Church under Donn Wisdom's direction defies descrip-

tion. It's more than music. It's a form of personal witness as well as praise for a hundred choir members and a score or more orchestra members. Messengers expressed their appreciation in one standing ovation after another.

This was the first convention for executive secretary-treasurer Bill Marshall and the unusual spirit of this godly man was a major influence in the mood of the meeting. Messengers sensed that he not only had spent hours and hours doing his homework but had also spent time with the Lord preparing himself. There's nothing sanctimonious about Bill Marshall but he possesses a wholesome piety that is contagious and brings out the best of those who work with him.

In but a few months Bill and Alice Marshall have become sweethearts of Kentucky Baptists and this convention turned out to be a love feast. Considering the limitations of any human, hopefully Marshall will never again be expected to appear so many places and speak so many times as he was in Paducah.

Convention president Curtis Warf and his gentle spirit also contributed to the "heavenlies" in Paducah. No Kentucky Baptist Convention leader ever was characterized by more humility nor served more faithfully. It's a sure sign the convention is free of unwholesome denominational politics when men like Curtis Warf are recognized and honored with the office of president.

In such an atmosphere it is easy to transact convention business. There was scarcely a nega-

tive voice heard and no emotional debates. Indeed, it was almost too smooth and harmonious to be a Baptist meeting.

Such an atmosphere is also conducive for good preaching. The convention sermon by Bob Jones was uplifting and the message by Southeastern Seminary professor Thomas Graves was a masterpiece. William O'Brien of the Foreign Mission Board disturbed hearts and lifted horizons with a searching revelation of the inadequate response of Baptists to the challenge of Christless masses in today's world.

All that has been said above in trying to describe the spirit of the Paducah convention probably was illustrated best in a conversation overheard immediately after the final session.

Among the first to congratulate newly elected president Willis Henson was T. A. Prickett. Prickett and Henson were the only two nominees for president and Henson won by a narrow margin.

Prickett not only pledged his full support but also assured Henson he would remember him to the Lord in prayer every day of the year. Henson responded graciously saying when his wife asked him if he was happy to be chosen president, he replied, "Yes, but for one thing. I'm sorry my friend could not also be elected."

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity. . . . It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded his blessings, life for evermore" (Ps. 133).

Sen. Huddleston, not Sen. Ford, for tuition credits

This editor made a colossal blunder and a false accusation about Senator Wendell Ford in an announcement to messengers present in the final session of the Kentucky Baptist Convention last Thursday. The announcement was related to United States Senate action last Wednesday on President Reagan's strong push for granting tuition tax credits to parents of private and parochial school pupils. A misinterpretation of a newspaper account of the Senate action put Senator Ford in favor of the tuition tax credits proposal and Senator Huddleston against it.

The facts are exactly the opposite. Sen. Ford voted against tuition tax credits and Sen. Walter Huddleston voted in favor. The misinterpretation resulted from the manner in which the proposal came up. The vote was not for or against the proposal itself, but whether or not to table it as a proposed amendment to an unrelated piece of legislation. Consequently, Sen. Ford's recorded "for" vote was not for the proposal, but for tabling it. It was Sen. Huddleston's "against" tabling vote that placed him in support of tuition tax credits.

An apology has been sent to Sen. Ford and a request for explanation of his vote has been directed to Sen. Huddleston. Readers of this correction and apology are asked to help correct the wrong information given to convention messengers.

It's hard to understand Sen. Huddleston's vote. He was one of only nine Democratic Senators who supported this very unwise proposal. If Sen. Huddleston sends his explanation, it will be shared with Western Recorder readers.

Support for tuition tax credits was one of President Reagan's campaign promises. It was pushed down on the presidential priority list until more urgent legislation dealing with the ailing economy could be considered. His insistence on action on the proposal last week before the holiday recess of Congress could be more of an effort to keep a campaign promise than to get the proposal enacted.

It's hard to see how the President or members of Congress could support such questionable legislation. It would ultimately add 800 million dollars a year to the already disastrous national

budget deficit. It would also certainly have a negative effect upon ailing public schools which are just now getting the concern and consideration of the general public.

But for Baptists the major objection to this indirect but obvious public aid to parochial education is its flagrant violation of the church-state separation principle. Too much tax revenue collected from citizens of all religions and no religion is already being used to propagate religion in public schools—a flagrant violation of the First Amendment.

The defeat of this latest effort on behalf of tuition tax credits is cause for rejoicing because the outcome was uncertain and support of the idea seemed to have been growing. This means the idea has been put on the shelf for the time being but it is by no means dead. Its supporters are persistent and they settle for crumbs from the table fully expecting eventually to be sitting at the head table in the banquet hall of tax support.

For this significant setback in that effort Sen. Ford is to be commended and Sen. Huddleston called into account.

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Executive board oks staff changes, Kenya linkup

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

In a greatly expedited preconvention session the Kentucky Baptist Convention executive board approved a large number of recommendations in a record breaking 1½ hours.

William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the convention, sent a 28-page report to board members two weeks before they met, greatly expediting the proceedings. These sessions had run up to four hours in other years.

Marshall took only a few minutes to point out some of the report's principal recommendations. He then spoke "from the heart" to board members.

He thanked the board for "taking in a new kid" and said the last few months had probably been some of the "most beautiful moments" of his Christian experience.

Board members meeting in Paducah vigorously applauded Marshall's remarks.

In principal actions during the meeting, the executive board gave approval to several changes in the executive board staff structure, gave attention to several other personnel matters, approved a partnership plan for an overseas linkup, adopted five-year plans for distributing funds to one agency and five educational institutions and handled a variety of miscellaneous matters.

In the staff reorganization plan, the three divisions of the executive board will be altered Jan. 1, 1984 as follows:

- Most of the 10 departments of the Church Services Division and the Missions Division will be combined into a Missions and Church Services Division with a director yet to be named. This new division will include these departments: Brotherhood, Church Music, Church Training and Special Ministries, Direct Missions, Evangelism, Student and Sunday School. Department directors will continue in their present capacities in the new division, with one exception. C. Vernon Cole, director of the Church Training Department, will

move to another division. The post he leaves is vacant.

- The Church Minister Relations Division is new, including the Annuity Department effective Jan. 1, 1985 (it remains in the Business Division until then), Church-Minister Placement Assistance Department (a new department, presently without a director) and the Family Ministry and Church Administration Department (new, to be directed by C. Vernon Cole).

The director of the Church Minister Relations Division will be William H. Rogers, presently director of the KBC's Christian Life Relations Department.

- The Business Division, presently with five departments—Accounting Services, Administrative Services, Annuity, Foundation and Support Services—will add a new one, Facility Services, Sept. 1, 1984 with a director to be named.

In addition, the present directors of the current Missions Division (A. B. Colvin) and Church Services Division (James H. Whaley) will become executive associates in the executive office. Colvin will supervise communications, including the Promotion and Stewardship Department and the Media Department. Whaley will coordinate planning and administration, and the work of the Camps and Assemblies Department. Directors of these three departments will continue where they are.

An improved staff relocation policy was adopted to assist new staff members of the executive board in making the physical transition from other responsibilities to their new employment.

The staff early retirement age was lowered from 60 to 55, with reduced benefits.

A partnership arrangement with Kenya, with an initial start-up time of early spring 1985, was authorized. A potential price tag of \$450,000 over a three-year period was approved.

A total of \$150,000 for promotion and education of a new SBC stewardship effort, Planned Growth in Giving, will

be requested in the 1984-85 operating budget.

A report from the Annuity Board was received and will be acted on by messengers to the 1984 Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Formulas for funding the Baptist Homes for Children and the five educational institutions operated by the convention were adopted.

Homes for Children, presently receiving \$200,000 in the 1983-84 budget, will increase to \$212,500 next year, then move to \$225,000 in 1985-86 where it will remain for five years—through 1989-90.

In presenting the Christian education distribution formula, pastor Richard Allison, of Georgetown (Ky.) Baptist Church, pleaded for understanding.

He repeatedly claimed the committee he chaired did not believe there is such a thing as "an objective recommendation."

But, he cited the rationale for the projected formula as one "already being lived with," a formula for budget planning that would help schools in planning over a five-year period and one which recognizes the size of the schools as "a genuine factor."

It (the recommendation) "feels right" to our committee, said Allison, and it has been "tolerated" by those whom it will affect.

The adopted formula dispenses funds for Christian education in the Cooperative Program budget as follows: Campbellsville College, 20 percent; Clear Creek Baptist School, 10.8 percent; Cumberland College, 34 percent; Georgetown College, 28 percent; and Oneida Baptist Institute, 7.2 percent.

Convention Business Division director Barry G. Allen reported that income for the first two months of the fiscal year totaled \$1,826,953, although \$2.25 million is required for that period to meet the projected budget of \$13.5 million for the year.

Allen observed, however, that the first two months of a year normally run



Rogers



Colvin



Whaley



Cole

They receive new assignments

Named to new responsibilities of the KBC executive board are staffers William H. Rogers, A. B. Colvin, James H. Whaley and C. Vernon Cole. For details, see story on executive board actions.

well below budget.

In a miscellaneous item, Edwin F. Perry of Louisville, chairman of the convention's public affairs committee, requested the executive board to appoint its chairman and the editor of Western Recorder to draft a message to Kentucky members of Congress and to President Reagan against possible appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. The motion carried.

The executive board will meet again Dec. 12-13 at the Baptist Building, Middletown.

KBC resolutions

Kentucky Baptists approved resolutions during convention action Wednesday.

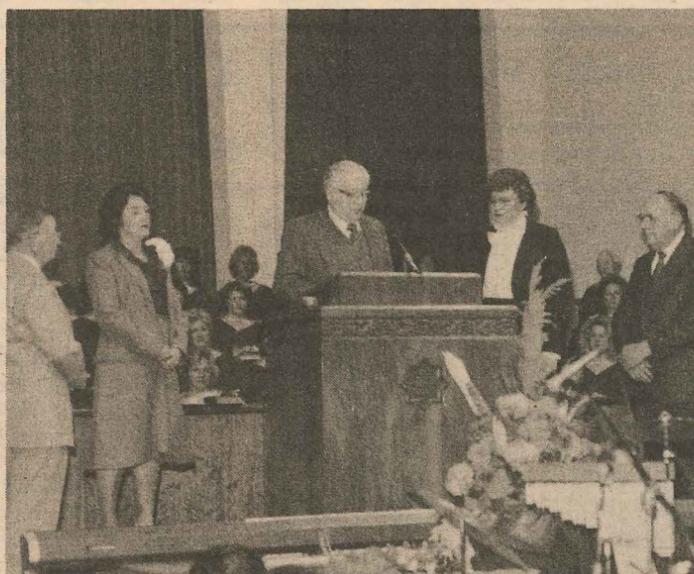
Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street, Louisville, in presenting his committee's recommendations, stated, "We present resolutions affecting two areas of major concern. It's not we're not concerned in all areas," he added, "but it was our feeling it would be best to pinpoint strategic issues now before our decision makers."

Those issues involved separation of church and state and state-sponsored lotteries.

Passed was a resolution opposing the appointment of a United States ambassador to the Vatican since such an appointment, it was felt, would recognize a religious organization as a national political unit and, in a second point, opposed government encroachment into matters of religion and the use of public funds assisting private, religious and church schools.

Recognizing gambling as a disease, Kentucky Baptists adopted a second resolution opposing state lotteries as a means of state income.

A final resolution passed expressed appreciation to the convention's host, Paducah First Church, the city and all involved in the 146th annual meeting.



Highlights at the 146th annual Kentucky Baptist Convention in Paducah Nov. 14-17 included music by the Glendale Baptist Children's Home [lower right], a puppet and drama presentation by Son Burst, the 1983 Baptist Student Union creative ministries team, and recognition of retiring state Woman's Missionary Union director Kathryn Jasper Akridge and Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley. In upper photo, 1983 KBC president Curtis Warf pays tribute to the two.

Henson: he hopes to bring us together

by Greg Hancock

Willis W. Henson looks like a president. He talks and moves with the confidence of a president. He is, in fact, the new president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the first in several years to emerge as a spontaneous candidate in the days, if not the hours, before the election.

Henson pastors Lone Oak Baptist Church in Paducah. In his 12 years there he has compiled a formidable record of service to Kentucky Baptists: member of KBC finance committee and committee on committees; board of directors, Baptist Hospitals Inc. and Western Recorder; and past president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference.

His convention service is made more remarkable in light of his geographic situation in what some would call a remote region of the state. "That's not an issue with me," he affirms. "The key to not being alienated (geographically) is personal initiative and involvement. Being in western Kentucky means there is a lot of highway between us and Middletown (KBC headquarters), but I've tried to promote among our churches here an active participation in the work of the convention."

Henson's philosophy of convention participation is clear cut and concise. "The strength of Southern Baptists lies in the strength of the local church," he contends.

"I grew up in a very small church and I know about the struggles of a small church. The convention exists to meet the needs of the churches, not the other way around. If I have a personal task as president this year, it is to encourage greater emphasis on the part of our total denominational structure to the needs of the small churches."

Lone Oak Church boasts some 1700 members, hardly a small church by Kentucky standards. But much of that

size has been acquired under Henson's ministry, and the question asked by many pastors who hope to see their own congregations grow is: "How did it happen? What caused Henson's church to grow?"

"The local church can best be developed by using the established organizations of the church," he explains. "The way to develop a strong church is to develop organization that involves every member of the family."

He refers to Sunday school, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood and other organizations that Kentucky Baptists know well. "Churches tend to perpetuate the circumstances that make them grow," Henson speculates. "If you build a church around entertainment and sensationalism, the people will continue to expect that and you have to grow in entertainment and sensationalism."

"If you build a church around sound, proven organizations, the people will support those organizations and grow with them. I believe (the latter) builds a stronger, longer lasting church."

Asked about trends in Kentucky Baptist life, Henson responds, "If there is a current trend I believe it is toward overcoming recent theological controversies. The majority of people want to put the issues behind them and get on with the tasks of the church. They want to be winning the lost and nurturing the saved."

"That might point toward another trend: direct missions from the churches."

In recent years, Foreign Mission Board's volunteer mission program has drawn increasing support and participation. This phenomenon was underlined by this year's convention when messengers voted unanimously to endorse new executive secretary-treasurer Bill Marshall's plan for a Kentucky-Kenya partnership in 1985-87.

"People have been giving to missions



Willis W. Henson

a long time," Henson observes. "They now seem to want to go beyond that, to get out and do something."

"I'm not saying we're getting ready to abandon giving in favor of doing. We'll continue to have good support for the Cooperative Program, Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and all the others. I just feel like people want to get personally involved."

The statement certainly applies to his own church, the most recent example being their voluntary partnership with a pioneer church in Newcastle, Pa.

"I attended the Brotherhood breakfast at the Pittsburgh (Southern Baptist) convention and a man there mentioned the need," he explains. "I contacted a (Pittsburgh area) pastor and said, 'I've heard about this church . . . and just asked to be involved.'"

Although Henson's missions commitment includes foreign missions, he hopes the current popularity of direct missions will increase home missions awareness. "But one of the things that has to be kept in mind at all times," he emphasizes, "is a balanced missions effort. We need to 'do' but we need to

give, too. We need to have a mission at home but we need to have one abroad as well."

Both the new president and the new executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention share the hope of a common theme for all members of their constituency. That theme is "Togetherness."

"For us to be a winning agency in society at large," Henson contends, "we have to experience togetherness."

"I believe in the togetherness of the local congregation. The church cannot make any lasting impression upon its community (except, perhaps, a negative one) unless the members have a unity of mind and spirit."

"Cooperation. Togetherness. That is the key."

"It goes for the association, too. I don't believe we should require any church to be a member of its local association before it can be a member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention."

Churches elect messengers to the convention and to the association and you don't go through one to get to the other. But for a church not to be in fellowship with its local association says something about that church's commitment to Baptist life.

"I think the association exists to provide an opportunity for fellowship between the churches and to assist these churches in carrying out ministries they cannot carry out individually."

In summarizing the thrust of his projected administration, Henson underlines his conviction that the strength of Southern Baptists lies in the strength of the local church.

"The convention can't be strong unless there are strong churches in the convention—and I don't mean big churches, now, I mean strong churches. There is a difference between 'big' and 'strong.'"

"I hope to give special emphasis to that in my contacts around the state."

Ministers' wives meet, honor two

Following a tour of Whitehaven, an historic landmark in Paducah, 80 Kentucky Baptist ministers' wives held their annual dinner Tuesday night, Nov. 17, at Lone Oak Baptist Church, Paducah.

With the theme, "Hats Off to the Ministers' Wives of Kentucky," the women were recognized and served dinner by the women of Lone Oak Church. The A. D. Players of Houston, Tex. performed an after dinner drama to conclude the meeting.

Honored guests at the dinner were

Mrs. William W. Marshall and Mrs. C. R. Daley.

Officers elected for the 1983-84 year are Kay Doran, president; Peggy Coleman, vice president; Emily Tuck, program chairman; and Jennye Bennett, secretary-treasurer.



Church pension study committee to review new plan for retirement

by Virginia Flanagan

Byrd R. Ison, director of the KBC Annuity Department, introduced Elaine Elkins, marketing manager for the Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex., who presented a filmstrip, "Reality of the '80s," which depicted the new Annuity Board plan which if adopted will be effective Jan. 1, 1983.

The church pension study committee, formed in 1981, felt the level of benefits should be raised, the plan should include all full time church personnel, the program should be simplified and it

should meet needs of both small and large churches.

The plan, a defined contribution plan protecting all past retirement benefits, provides survivor and disability benefits.

A person may become a member of the plan, if the plan is adopted, by being a paid minister or church employe having satisfied a three year waiting period and having worked at least 1000 hours per year.

A member is expected to contribute to the plan before the church is required to contribute. A church will contribute on behalf of its ministers and staff members who are members of the plan. The state convention will contribute an amount (up to \$420 per year) equal to one-half the amount the church contributes on behalf of its ministers and staff members.

David Nelson, First Baptist Church, Owensboro, and a member of the church pension study committee, moved the church annuity plan be presented and referred to the Kentucky Baptist executive board for study and review for presentation to the 1984 Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The motion passed.

Annuitants welcome 36 to ranks at KBC luncheon

Thirty-six new annuitants joined the "ranks of the Baptist reserves" during the annual annuitants' luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Paducah.

Verlin C. Kruschwitz, assistant director, Boyce Bible School, Louisville, welcomed those present of the 36 retirees following greetings by KBC executive secretary-treasurer William W. (Bill) Marshall.

Rollin S. Burhans, Louisville, in honoring the 21 deceased Kentucky annui-

tants, requested the 155 gathered at the noon luncheon to "leave here determined to live our remaining days investing ourselves in lasting values."

In reporting on annuitants, KBC Annuity Department director Byrd R. Ison stated that of the 600 annuitants now in Kentucky, "only 100 receive \$200 or more in monthly retirement benefits."

He urged those present to return to their churches and "stand up for providing for their pastors' retirement and

financial needs allowing them to retire graciously."

Ison concluded stating, "Kentucky Baptists should look to see what we are doing and what we have done as we look to our future."

In business, annuitants accepted a recommendation that Archie Allison, Elizabethtown; Harold Wainscott, Covington; and R. G. Shelton, Princeton, be appointed to the annuitants' arrangement committee for the coming year.

Pastors ponder roles; elect Christian, Rogers, Blackburn

by Greg Hancock

Kentucky Baptist pastors convened in Paducah First Baptist Church's sanctuary Nov. 14 to learn from and celebrate the theme "The Pastor's Life."

Conference president Jim Lewis, Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville, compiled a program which set "the spiritual tone for the following KBC," according to some.

William Tuck, pastor, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, translated his keynote assignment, "Preaching Themes from 1 Corinthians," into a series of "Sermon Starters" applicable to January Bible Study in '84, or preaching on the letters of Paul, in general.

Isaac 'Ike' McDonald, First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, in discussing "The Pastor and His Call," stated "God calls all to be his children, but to some he extends the unique and unusual call to be a pastor."

George Redding, formerly of Georgetown College and Boyce Bible School and now teaching at Oneida Baptist

Institute, commented to the assembly on "The Pastor and His Preparation."

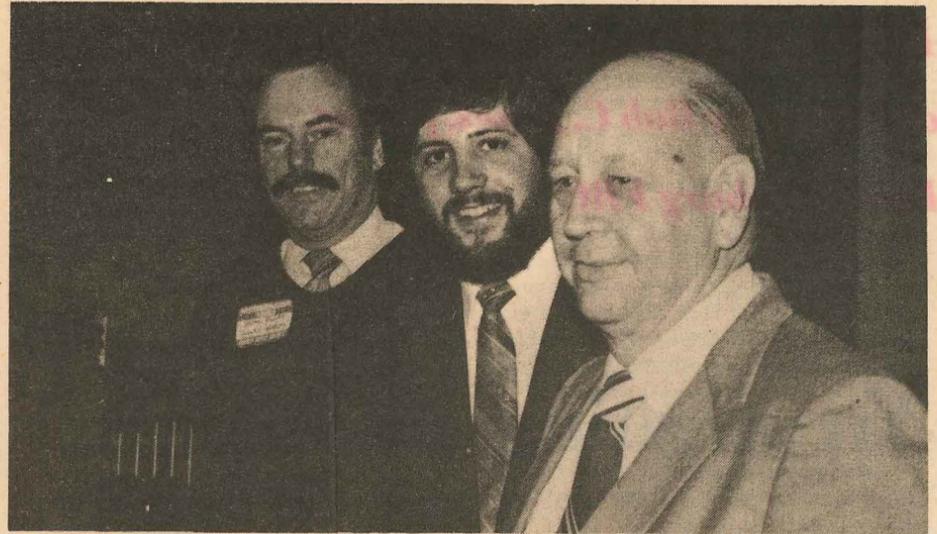
"There is more to preparation than getting a sermon ready to preach," Redding proclaimed. He listed four areas vital to pastoral preparation: physical, mental, flock (pastoring) and self.

John Wallace, Parkway Baptist Church, Lexington, drew roars of laughter from the group with his honest portrayals of situations as they exist in most churches.

"The Bible says three things we pastors shouldn't do," Wallace offered. "We shouldn't fret, we shouldn't fear and we shouldn't faint."

Newly elected officers of the Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference are: John Christian, Second Church, Hopkinsville, president; Keith Rogers, First Church, Loyall, vice president; and Bill Blackburn, East Frankfort Church, secretary-treasurer.

Following the election of officers, Bill Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer for the Kentucky Baptist Convention,



Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference officers for 1984 are [l-r] Keith Rogers, First Church, Loyall, vice president; Bill Blackburn, East Frankfort Church, secretary-treasurer; and John Christian, Second Church, Hopkinsville, president.

closed the annual meeting with a sermon on "The Pastor and His Denomination."

Marshall avered, "The denomination is us; you and me. When we get in trouble we don't call on the federal government or the labor unions or Lee Iacocca to bail us out. We have our own miracle worker and his name is Jesus."

Citing what we do through colleges

and schools, through child care, convention programs, language missions, home missions, foreign missions and a myriad of other ministries, Marshall concluded, "We do, together, what we cannot do alone. In spite of our flaws, our mistakes, our failures, we fly better together."

"Our togetherness is a major source of the power of God in this world."

KBREA elects Bailey, studies conflict, enjoys drama group

by Darrell Monroe

The Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association opened its annual meeting with Bill Treadwell leading in "Ministering With and Through Conflict."

Treadwell, pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Georgetown, stated in his opening comments, "The purpose of the topic was to lead ministers in step by step dealings with conflict in ministry."

Treadwell has led similar seminars on conflict, incoming president Glen Cummins, Mayfield First Church, stated.

Cummins added, "We felt it (conflict theme) was needed," he stated. "We need to understand conflict, to anticipate it, and to know how to handle our feelings in engaging it."

"Handling conflict," he continued, "is a process. It's not a one time event to work through."

Cummins noted while fewer persons attended the meeting this year, he was pleased with those present considering the far distance west. The purpose KBREA gathers, he added, is to help update training opportunities, enjoy fellowship and pass along ideas. It also gives KBC staff the opportunity to meet with ministers of education in the state, he noted.

In KBREA business, Robert (Bob) Bailey, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, was named president elect for the coming year. Cummins replaces outgoing president Johnny Taylor, Gardendale Baptist Church, Lexington, in that post and Mike Harmon, Broadway Baptist Church, Lexington, remains as



1984 officers for the Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association are [l-r] Glen Cummins, First Church, Mayfield, president; Robert Bailey, Walnut Street, Louisville, president elect; and Mike Harmon, Broadway Church, Lexington, secretary-treasurer.

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The A. D. (After Dinner) Players, a Christian theatrical group from Hous-

ton, Tex. climaxed the KBREA meeting and banquet Monday night at the Executive Inn.

Music Association Chorale plans Canadian tour for May

by Darrell Monroe

The Kentucky Baptist Chorale finalized plans for its May 3-12 Ohio-Canadian tour during the Kentucky Baptist Music Association's annual meeting Monday, Nov. 14 at Reidland Baptist Church located near Paducah.

Initial response calls for 44 men to participate in the 12-day tour which will leave Lexington May 3 traveling north through Ohio to Ontario, Canada, said chorale chairman Dan Arterburn, Ft. Mitchell.

Other chorale business included the election of Donald Hustad, V. V. Cooke professor of organ, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, to a three-year term. He replaces Eugene Sutherland, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, who was recognized for his 11-year tenure in that position.

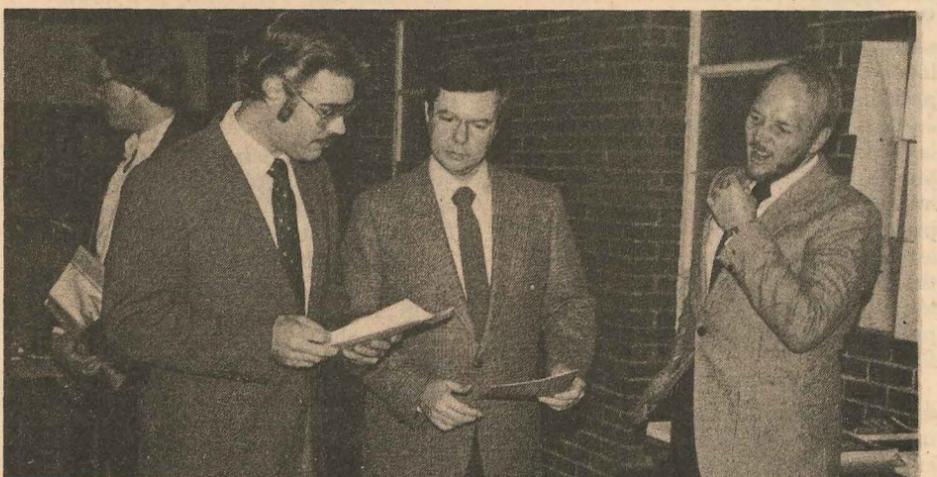
Also elected was choral committee member Billy Orton, First Church,

Bowling Green. He replaces Jerry Douglas, Westport Road Church, Louisville. Orton will serve with Arterburn and Bill Williams, Immanuel Church, Lexington.

Elected as KBMA president elect was Randal Bratcher, Lancaster. Mike Tichenor, Crestwood Church, Frankfort, replaced Carlton Thompson, Middlesboro First Church as president, and Richard Dwyer, Calvary Church, Lexington, will serve a second term as secretary-treasurer.

Kentucky Baptist Convention Church Music Department director Eugene F. Quinn named five trained and approved music workers for the state.

Those approved were Linda McKinley, Frankfort, young children; Bruce Richardson, Versailles, older children; Tommy Tate, Henderson, youth; Billy Orton, Bowling Green, instrumental; and Richard Dwyer, Lexington, keyboard.



Kentucky Baptist Music Association officers for the 1984 year are [l-r] Randal Bratcher, Lancaster [Ky.] Church, president elect; Richard Dwyer, Calvary Church, Lexington, secretary-treasurer; and Mike Tichenor, Crestwood, Church, Frankfort, president.

Leroy McClard, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, gave an optimistic report on the growth outlook of youth choirs, noting the trend had been downward.

Performing groups featured on

KBMA's program included Covenant, an ensemble from Union University, Jackson, Tenn.; Sing-N-Tell, a college ensemble from Murray First Church; and Jubilee Bells from Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn.

1983 convention sermon excerpts

delivered by Bob C. Jones, pastor,

Lawrenceburg FBC

An ongoing ministry

2 CORINTHIANS 4

I am told there's a new type of architecture for a building in Pittsburgh, Penn. The support columns are made out of thin pieces of steel. Inside these thin pieces of steel is antifreeze. You'd think sides of steel would be inadequate to support the tremendous weight of a multistoried building, but when the steel is filled with antifreeze it has the necessary strength.

Many times we feel we are physically, mentally, morally strong, but in reality our strength is insufficient for the task of ministry. We must be filled by the presence and the power of the living God. The apostle Paul wrote these words of 2 Cor. 4 many years ago, but they are appropriate for us today.

THE MINISTRY OF GOD

Paul speaks of the special ministry which is his to the peoples of the world. We are aware his ministry was initially limited to Jewish people, but he later felt called to branch out and minister among Gentiles. Paul writes, "we have a special ministry." This ministry is to all peoples. It has been given to us by God who has ordained us and has assured us of his constant presence and abiding love.

I was privileged to go to Argentina last spring and preach in a series of revival meetings in San Juan. It was with great apprehension I went because of the language and cultural barriers. When I met the lay pastor of Marquezado Church I realized he had a great love for our Lord. Night after night we preached and people came to know Jesus as savior. Jose Santamaria, the lay pastor, was short and heavy physically. Nightly he would place his hand upon my shoulder and we'd pray. I asked him how so much could be accomplished in such a short time for the glory of God. Through the translator he told me, "We just love and pray." Love and pray—a very simple formula.

We see that Paul, in writing to the fellow Christians in Corinth, is suggesting we never lose heart. In many circumstances the loss of heart and hope is prevalent among Christian people. We as ministers have taken our eyes off the promises and words of God and placed them upon the problems and difficulties confounding us each day. "We will not lose heart," Paul writes. May I encourage you this day to understand we will not lose heart—that this ongoing ministry God has given us is the greatest ministry in all the world. There is nothing more important.

THE METHODS WE REFUSE TO USE

In this letter Paul suggests we renounce disgraceful, underhanded ways. In other words, we refuse to use methods which will bring disrepute to our God and our Christ. We refuse to use worldly or human methods. Quite often in our church programing we get carried away so anything is permitted. We think if we can be successful, anything can go. Certainly we want to be bendable, pliable, flexible under the leadership of the Holy Spirit of God, but simply to utilize a method because it will bring a result is not to be done. Paul says we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word to forward the program of God.

Many times among our churches the leadership needs to reappraise God's tasks. There is bickering, uncertainty, pettiness, jealousy among staffs and deacons, and churches. Too often we've plowed our own furrow and done our own thing, never questioning our methods, guidelines or programing. Somehow we need to reappraise the tasks resting upon us. In the ministry God has given us, we need to refuse use of the ways of the world in the plans of the church. We need to understand the plans of the church are God's plans.

THE MESSAGE THAT WE USE

In Lawrenceburg, there's a small restaurant that has a 'table of knowledge.' This means anyone can sit around the table and talk. Frequently I sit down with men from all walks of life. One day I sat down and said hello to three men seated there. One finally told me he didn't think he knew me and introduced himself. I gave him my name. After a moment of silence he said, "What do you do?" I answered, "Well, I'm in sales." He replied, "Who do you sell for?" I responded, "I sell for the greatest company in the world. We have products that are all over the face of the earth."

It was about that time the other two men snickered because they knew I was leading him on. When the man discovered I was the preacher at the local Baptist church he said, "You're right. You have the greatest product and you are in sales, and the church is the biggest business in the world."

In a very real measure that is what Paul is saying when he states, "We share the light of God." It was God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness." Paul is going back to the first book in the Bible—God said, "Let there be light and there was light." And in Paul's mind, there is the great truth of the light that shone into his heart on the

road to Damascus. This is the method we use. Let the light shine—the light within our hearts, the light that burns deeply within our souls.

Paul also states we preach Jesus Christ in such a way that he can be understood. Preach and share and live the truth of Jesus Christ so all people who meet you might know of his salvation and the light that shines. These are the methods we use. We put aside all other methods and all other ways to give ourselves to the work of the glory of God. This is an ongoing ministry.

THE METHODS OF SATAN

Probably the key target of Satan in every local church is the pastor. The devil tries everything he can to defeat us and lure us into his pathway. Certainly Satan's tools of discouragement and disappointment are a part of the minister's life. He never finishes.

Would you listen to the approach Satan made to Paul? Paul says we are afflicted, but not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are persecuted, but not forsaken. We are struck down, but not destroyed. This man of God who had met opposition and difficulty all over the known world can still write, "We are encouraged." Satan's methods are insufficient against us because of the presence and the power of the living God.

Paul also states we believe this and are going to speak it. We believe it in the depths of our souls. We believe it because of the genuineness and the reality of the living God's presence, and we speak it wherever we go. Satan's methods are varied and subtle. Sometimes they never approach us directly but they're still there. In the midst of his methods we do not become discouraged, rather we believe and we speak.



Bob C. Jones

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

I came from a Christian home. My mother, in particular, was a model Christian. She never taught a Sunday school class, she was never a WMU president, but she was what Paul called an exhorter, an encourager. She was always willing to say, "we can do it," or "I know it can be done," or "let us be encouraged in this matter."

I live in "Big Blue Country." For those of you who do not know, that's University of Kentucky country. We follow our basketball team very closely. Year after year I've watched them win most of their games and lose a few. Most of the home games are videotaped and played back through a television station late at night. I particularly enjoy watching those close games. I can always sit back with assurance—I know how it is going to come out because

we've already won the game.

I feel this way about the Christian life, about the ongoing ministry. Even though times become difficult and it seems problems and troubles are insurmountable, I know who's winning the game. I know how the finish will be.

Paul seemed to know this for he repeated, "So, we do not lose heart." We do not lose heart. We do not lose heart because we are renewed everyday by the power and the presence of the living God. We do not lose heart because we are being prepared for glory beyond comparison. We do not lose heart because of things seen, but we look to the unseen. The things seen are here only for a moment, but the things unseen are eternal.

This is the ministry of encouragement. This is the ongoing ministry of the church. This is the ongoing ministry of the minister. This is the ongoing ministry of the follower, disciple, of Jesus Christ.

James Weldon Johnson in his book of sermons, *God's Trombones*, speaks of the children of Israel leaving a land of bondage and how God worked his mighty works. Pharaoh finally let the children of Israel leave, but later recanted and sent his armies after them. Johnson says in his sermon:

Now, the Children of Israel, looking back,
Saw Pharaoh's army coming.
And the rumble of the chariots was like a
thunder storm,
And the whirring of the wheels was like a
rushing wind,
And the dust from the horses made a cloud
that darked the day,
And the glittering of the spears was like
lightnings in the night.

And the Children of Israel all lost faith,
The children of Israel all lost hope;
Deep Red Sea in front of them
And Pharaoh's host behind.
And they mumbled and grumbled among
themselves:

Were there no graves in Egypt?
And they wailed aloud to Moses and said:
Slavery in Egypt was better than to come
To die here in this wilderness.

But Moses said:
Stand still! Stand still!
And see the Lord's salvation.
For the Lord God of Israel
Will not forsake his people.
The Lord will break the chariots,
The Lord will break the horsemen,
He'll break great Egypt's sword and shield,
The battle bows and arrows;
This day he'll make proud Pharaoh know
Who is the God of Israel.

And Moses lifted up his rod
Over the Red Sea;
And God with a blast of his nostrils
Blew the waters apart,
And the waves rolled back and stood up in a
pile,
And left a path through the middle of the sea
Dry as the sands of the desert.
And the Children of Israel all crossed over
On to the other side.

When Pharaoh saw them crossing dry,
He dashed on in behind them—
Old Pharaoh got about half way cross,
And God unlashd the waters,
And the waves rushed back together,
And Pharaoh and all his army got lost,
And all his host got drowned.
And Moses sang and Miriam danced,
And the people shouted for joy,
And God led the Hebrew Children on
Till they reached the promised land.

Listen! Listen!
All you sons of Pharaoh.
Who do you think can hold God's people
When the Lord God himself has said,
Let my people go?

O'Brien reminds Baptists of role in God's missions

by Robin Oldham

Delivering the Wednesday evening message, William O'Brien, executive vice president of the Foreign Mission Board, told messengers Southern Baptists are part of something big—the mission of God which had its origin in his heart.

"Our denomination was founded to propagate the gospel of Christ and Kentucky Baptists are playing a key role in this mandate. While the secular world may recognize Kentucky for its race horses, bourbon whiskey and burley tobacco, world Christianity knows Kentucky Baptists for their service to God's mission," O'Brien said.

O'Brien reminded messengers the world is faced with the tremendous problems of poverty, overpopulation and other crises. He stressed, however, God's Spirit refuses to be boxed up and revival is happening throughout the world.

"In order to be part of the big picture of service in God's kingdom, Southern Baptists must understand and respond to the strategy of the plan for missions," emphasized O'Brien. He asked Baptists to continue to provide human and financial resources and to sublimate other priorities in order to be part of God's mission.

Marshall urges necessity of hope for today's world

by Robin Oldham

William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, stressed the necessity of hope for Christians in today's world in delivering the Tuesday evening convention message.

He stated genuine hope results in action and that the hope of the world is Jesus Christ.

Marshall emphasized revival must include a revival of hope and include the message God is alive and wants to bless the world.

While a field representative for the Foreign Mission Board in India, Marshall witnessed the tragic death of a baby and a woman on the same day. As a result, he experienced a time of deep depression, he told. This depression continued until he was reminded of tremendous advancements made in lessening human suffering by Christian missionaries in India.

Marshall pointed out hope is present

when we consider our resources. "The Spirit of God is alive and bigger than our eyes can grasp," he told the convention.

He added that millions of other evangelical Christians understand and are on mission with God and that "they are not our competitors."

Marshall noted it takes money to participate fully in the ministry of God in the 20th century. Illustrating, he said if Kentucky Baptists will become serious about supporting their three colleges with stronger endowments, larger sums of money will be available to apply to missions work.

Marshall added, God wants the world to be touched for Christ. He has given us resources and he is with his people.

In concluding, Marshall asked for a call to commitment. "The answer to today's challenges," he stated, "lies within the hearts of Kentucky Baptists."

Graves challenges Baptists to dream, meet expectations

by Robin Oldham

Thomas H. Graves, associate professor of philosophy of religion at Southeastern Seminary, challenged Kentucky Baptists to "dream again what it means to be Southern Baptists" on the Wednesday afternoon convention program.

Referring to the story of the withered fig tree in Mk. 11, Graves described the story as one of hope, challenge and of expectation for each Christian. He stressed the "expectations of the kingdom of God are far beyond the common hopes and aspirations of most of us."

Graves said we should weep for ourselves when we expect to act according to world standards and for our churches who expect of themselves only what the world expects.

"The disciple (of Christ) is called to a life of active expectation," said Graves. He added if our denomination is to sur-

vive, "it will do so by dreaming again what it means to be of service to the kingdom of God through reaching out in ministry."

"It is time to dream again," said Graves. "Let us reaffirm that vision that first brought us together and get on with the task of expectant mission to a world in need."

Davenport warns of Satan's goals, tells of higher ed

by Virginia Flanagan

W. R. Davenport, president of Campbellsville College, delivered the message for higher education.

Declaring Satan is a master of counterfeit and his major goal is for Christians to carry the wrong message, Davenport discussed higher education in Kentucky Baptist life today.

He pointed out United States culture is different today because of the influence of the church and the influence of "Thus saith the Lord" in Christian higher education of the past.

"I'm eternally thankful that I've been left with such a heritage," he stated.

Davenport next pointed out we are only "touching the hem of the garment" in the need for Christian higher education in Kentucky with 37 to 38 thousand Baptist students in state universities and only 26 to 27 hundred students in Campbellsville, Cumberland

and Georgetown Colleges combined.

What Christian education really is, what the essence of it is when the professor goes into the classroom and closes the door. It is the interpretation of data and theories with the knowledge God is, Davenport added.

In needs Kentucky Baptist educational institutions face, Davenport noted Kentucky Baptist colleges are not in competition with each other. The competition is with state colleges for the 97 percent of Baptist students not receiving their education at Baptist colleges.

In closing Davenport encouraged support of KBC executive secretary-treasurer William Marshall's plan for long range, large scale endowment programs for our colleges and schools.

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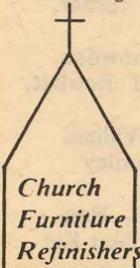
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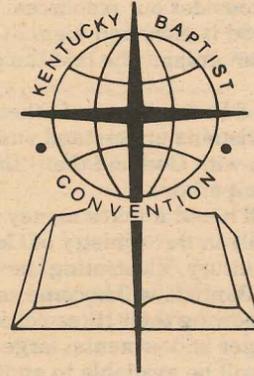
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2 Samuel 7:22 David submissively and obediently humbled himself before God, and ascribed to him the praise and glory which rightfully belonged to him. We, too, should praise God for every

manifestation of his goodness and grace to us, and strive faithfully to please and honor him in all that we say and do.

2 Samuel 8:11-15 David won decisive victories over the Philistines on the west, the Amalekites and Edomites on the south, the Moabites on the east, and the Syrians on the north. As a result of his successful conquests, David became widely known as a great warrior and general. His kingdom was enlarged and strengthened by the work which he did in obedience to the voice of God. He hearkened to the voice of the Lord, did as he was commanded, and victory resulted. It is so important that each of us should learn this simple but valuable lesson.

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Matthew 5:13-16 Christ likened Christians to salt. Salt has three outstanding properties—penetration, purification and preservation. Salt exists for others, and it does its work gradually, silently and inconspicuously. The godly life of some Christian has had much to do with bringing the unsaved into a saving knowledge of Christ.

Christ also referred to Christians as "the light of the world." The believer has the glorious privilege of reflecting the true light (Jesus Christ) to the world. He is expected to shine freely, fully and conspicuously, without any thought of selfish display. Light never shouts about itself; it just shines.

Matthew 28:18-20 In the great com-

mission Christ gave explicit instructions as to what he expected of his followers.

1. Christ's power was announced (Matt. 28:18). Quietly, but without hesitation or reservation, Christ announced that to him had been given all authority over the entire creation. In the light of his great claim of unlimited authority, Christians need not be troubled by what they may encounter.

2. Christ's program was advanced (Matt. 28:19). Christ's program of making disciples and teaching them is our task for life, is universal in its scope, individual in its appeal, practical in its purpose and personal in its obligation. Proclaiming the gospel of Christ to the unsaved everywhere is the greatest task which our Lord has committed to us.

3. Christ's presence was assured (Matt. 38:20). Our enjoyment of

Christ's presence is conditioned upon our advancement of his program. His presence with us guarantees constant companionship, fullness of joy, sufficiency in trial and comfort in sorrow. **2 Timothy 4:1-2** Due to the certainty that all believers will stand before the judgment seat of Christ, give an account of their thoughts, words and deeds, and receive their rewards for their Christian service, Paul admonished Timothy to "preach the Word" with earnestness and constancy, reproving, rebuking and exhorting those who would need sound teaching.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 To his children, whom Christ reconciled to God through his death on the cross, God has committed the gospel or "the word of reconciliation." It is wonderful that he has entrusted us with the glorious message of reconciliation.

Meet Cumberland College Student...

Lynn Randall



All college freshman could benefit from being as industrious and talented as Cumberland College freshman Lynn Randall.

Lynn, who plans to become an attorney, is perceptive, quickwitted, and has the unique ability to see into the heart of any matter. Recently her abilities and industriousness were recognized by a Cumberland College staff member when he selected Lynn to assist him in a research project for his graduate studies at Vanderbilt University.

Lynn is active in several projects, including the Cumberland College Baptist Student Union and Revival Teams. When at home, she sings in the adult choir and serves as a substitute teacher for the G.A.'s in the Pearl Road Baptist Church of Brunswick, Ohio.

Displaying one quality that may help her become a successful attorney, Lynn squarely addresses the issue of why she chose Cumberland College. "I wanted a small Baptist college that wasn't too far from home. Cumberland fit this ideal and I'm glad I made Cumberland my home away from home. With its prevailing Christian atmosphere and all the friendly people, I think Cumberland is the friendliest place I've ever been."

Lynn is also quick to point-out the unique relationship that exists between Cumberland College faculty and students. "I think the close faculty-student relationship here is great. The teachers go out of their way to help the student in any way they can. I can be secure because I know that if I need help with something, someone will be there to help."

Admittedly, Lynn has been influenced and has grown since coming to Cumberland. "The Christian atmosphere has helped me to be a better person and witness. It makes it a lot easier than if I were at a larger school. I feel this is where God wants me to be. I'm sure if this wasn't the place for me, I would be home by now and I'm not home. I like it here!"

Lynn is almost incorrect. She is at "home", her new home among the many Christian students and staff at Cumberland College.

Our doors are always open to the many others like Lynn, who come to us seeking an education and who find even more, who find a quality education and a quality Christian way of life.

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

Name: _____

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THANK YOU, LORD, FOR FRIENDS

Someone has written that among the several most significant gifts a person can have in life include "five friends whose faces light up when you enter the room." The size of a man's funeral does not necessarily imply the number of real friends that he has had. Mourners such as those who gathered for Mohandas Gandhi or John F. Kennedy following their assassinations are not the same as "close" friends.

I suppose there is within all of us, however morbid, the hope that someone will mourn our death. Yet on the other hand, one's life does not consist of gathering mourners for our graveside. Among the many definitions of friendship are "freedom to be one's most honest self without fear of recrimination" and "someone who will risk something in my behalf." Some definitions are highly philosophical while others are more practical.

Someone has also said that "old friends are the best friends." I am not altogether sure of the implications of that but I have found for myself that among the evidences of friendship are (1) a "hunger to be with," which

continues within until contact is again made and the replenishment of the relationship occurs; (2) genuine friendship can also, paradoxically, stand the test of long gaps of time without the necessity of updating every few weeks; (3) contact with a real friend is warm therapy, from which one goes away "feeling better"; (4) when crises arise, the friend is he or she whose face immediately comes to mind (like a homesick college daughter whose first image may be "mommy"); and (5) when you say goodbye again you don't have to worry whether or not you said anything "wrong" . . . even if we did!

We all have our definitions of friendship. None is comprehensive enough to satisfy any one of us but we all can identify with most.

Maybe the best definition of friendship is to think of a friend! So why not pause for a moment and imagine ourselves sitting in a comfortable chair, before a log fire, and in our imagination, frame and place smiling faces of our dearest friends around the walls of the room. Then fall off into peaceful slumber with a deep sigh of gratitude to a loving God for such a precious gift as friendship.



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WARM FEELINGS

With November comes cool weather. Cloudiness, cold rains and blustery winds can chill to the bone. But when one steps inside, warm feelings engulf the whole being. If there is a fireplace with a fire, we immediately move toward it to soak up its warmth.

This is Thanksgiving week! A lot of us will experience warm feelings during these holidays. There will be the physical warmth from the chilling November air. There will be warm feelings that come from being with our family and loved ones. Then warm feelings will be experienced as we gather around the table for a bountiful meal reminding us of the blessings we have in this great land.

Thousands will have warm feelings at this Thanksgiving because they have been good stewards of God's blessings. I am thinking of those who have supported their churches with tithes and offerings from their material increase. Warm feelings also will be experienced by many because they have responded to worthy calls for extra gifts to mission, educational and benevolent causes.

I am experiencing warm feelings of pride and gratitude toward Kentucky

Baptists because of their response in support of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. Throughout the year we are prayed for in this ministry; and multitudes support us financially through the Cooperative Program with special gifts and through wills and bequests. However, at Thanksgiving time almost every Kentucky Baptist church displays our posters, distributes bulletin inserts, and makes the Thanksgiving offering envelopes available. Then by the thousands our Baptist people respond with their gifts. In recent months, I have had numerous calls to come to churches and tell about our needs in this ministry to children and families. The response is absolutely overwhelming every time. People are so interested and concerned. Kentucky Baptists truly believe in this ministry and are determined to support it. Therefore, because of faith in God and belief in the faithfulness of God's people, I have the warm feeling that, when it is all counted, the Thanksgiving offering this year will reach the goal of \$675,000.

While we experience warm feelings, may we all be mindful that there are many boys and girls who also can have warm feelings if we make it possible through prayer, giving and helping.



clear creek comments

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THANKSGIVING

This blessed season brings out the wit in me. For example, they say that Thanksgiving is the day when Mom stuffs the turkey in the a.m. and the family in the p.m. There's always something for which you may be thankful—if you can't pay your bills, be thankful you are not one of your creditors!

Thanksgiving also evokes in me a spirit of profound gratitude. Ps. 107:1 expresses it for me, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." In this verse we learn the worshipful exercise of thanksgiving is required, it is reasonable and it is rewarding.

We can be thankful always because, in reality, our reason for thankfulness is God himself and not things. If only things, then when things go our reason for thanks has gone and our gratitude with it. To be thankful whatever your situation, think about God.

Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up into a single day. We are to wear 'the garment of praise' every day of the year. A 'spirit of thanks giving

will translate into thanks living, while a failure in thanking will lead to failure in thinking.'

Abraham, Job, Daniel and Paul have all taught us about a thankful attitude. Down through the centuries church history has taught us God's great men have become better, not bitter.

On Thanksgiving day at Clear Creek we will gather at midmorning for a praise service. Following our worship, we will have a Thanksgiving dinner in Kelly Hall with turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Most of our students and their families will join in our worship and celebration.

Only a few of our students will be able to enjoy Thanksgiving with mom and dad. While our school is in recess for Thursday and Friday of this week, and their children are also out of school, most of our students live on such a limited budget they are not financially able to be at home for Thanksgiving.

But you will not find a spirit of gloom and self-pity on Thanksgiving day. His mercy has sufficiently cared for our needs in the past. And his mercy will endure forever. Give thanks unto the Lord with us!



oneida journal

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MODERN DAVIDS

In this Thanksgiving week, we have so much to be thankful for as a nation. Yet there is sorrow in the American house. Our freedom, our blessings are ours at a fearful cost. It has been purchased with the blood of our young men. New blood sacrifices on freedom's altar have been made this month. More will be made.

Many of Oneida's sons and daughters are in the armed services. Almost certainly some of them are in Grenada or Beirut tonight. We anxiously await word as I write two weeks before Thanksgiving. If they are there, our land is well represented. But, selfishly, I hope these we love are elsewhere.

One of our 1983 graduates wrote me from Camp LeJeune just before the recent carnage. What a struggle my staff and I had with him. Handsome and over six feet tall, raised without a father, money always a problem as his mother struggled to raise the children alone, he had his problems when he came to us. We had to discipline him

strongly on differing occasions. It was done in love though he did not always think so. But as he matured he realized we really cared. Immediately upon graduation, he joined the Marines. I have had many letters since. He came to visit Oneida after basic training. He proudly showed me his citation for doing an excellent job as a chaplain's assistant. "Can you believe that?" he asked. Thinking of the David I first knew, it was a little difficult. He brought me a khaki-colored Bible printed for Marines with a handwritten inscription I will always treasure and his picture in uniform pasted inside.

In a letter just before the loss of several hundred Marines in Beirut and Grenada, David wrote: "How are things going at Oneida. I realize with the school expanding, it keeps you extremely busy as in 16 and 20 hour days. I want to thank you again for 'all' done for me there. I've thought about trying to send a donation, but mom's been laid off for quite a long time and am helping her a lot just now. Soon I'll be able to help OBI some. Oneida did

more for me than any public school could have come close to. Thank you and the people of Oneida for helping me get my priorities straight. I may be up at Christmas to visit if I can get leave. Drop me a line if you get time."

Then I am remembering another David tonight. He is one of God's very choice sons. I first met David Patton when I spoke at Eddyville in September 1974. He was a little fellow but all ears. He spoke with me at the church dinner afterwards and I said "You look like an Oneida boy." He took that to heart and finally his parents reluctantly brought him to visit two years later. They did not want him to leave home and were sure he wouldn't come to Oneida.

The little boy had become a strapping 6'4". He fell in love with Oneida. The parents came to get him at Christmas, sure he would now be ready to return home to stay. But, just for a visit. He graduated in 1978 voted the school's second highest honor by the faculty, and received other well deserved honors. He was an outstanding Christian and left with the respect and love of all who knew him.

He graduated from Western Kentucky University with an electrical engineering degree, working much of his way. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army upon graduation having excelled in ROTC. I am wondering if he is one of the paratroopers who led the Grenada rescue.

He wrote in May after being here graduation week: "I've had a safe journey to Ft. Gordon. This past Sunday I

attended services at Hillcrest Baptist in Augusta. I'm going back this Sunday with one of the other lieutenants. We hope to have enough time to really get involved though wake-up is 5 a.m. most days. Thank you for the hospitality shown me while at Oneida and for the beautiful book you gave me. I will cherish this book the rest of my life. Coming back to Oneida was a great inspiration at a time when I needed it most. The love and concern shown by the faculty and staff is truly uplifting, and I am blessed continually by their prayers for me.

"Thank you for all the blessings of my years at Oneida. Keep me in your prayers as I will you in mine."

Then three handwritten pages just before Grenada. "I finished officers basic third in a class of 91, and graduated with honors. On Aug. 19 I reported to Ft. Benning for the airborne school. I was in charge of 30 soldiers during the course. I qualified as an army paratrooper and was awarded the airborne badge "silver wings." I am now at Ft. Sill, Okla., attending a communications-electronics course preparing me to be a C-E officer on a combat battalion staff.

"I hope to visit Oneida around Thanksgiving. I'm sure enough has happened at Oneida the past several months to fill several letters. Take care and God bless."

Yes, we have our Davids. They are worthy of that young warrior of old. They, too, have met their Goliaths—and have mastered them.

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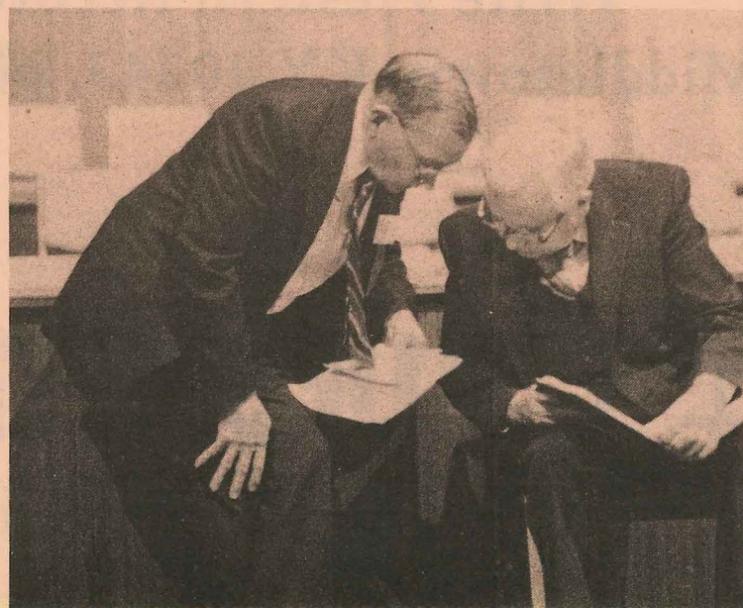
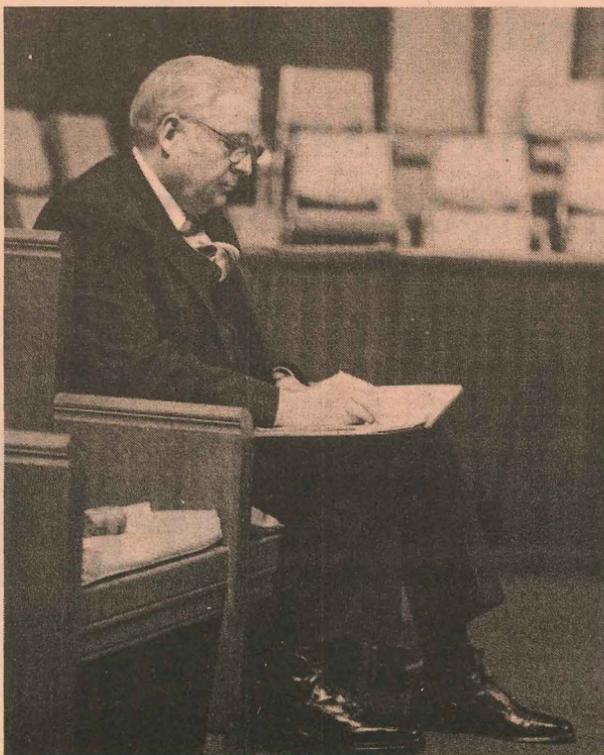
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