



Ex state editor elected Golden Gate president

William O. Crews, a veteran California pastor and member of the Southern Baptist Convention's Peace Committee, was elected president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary during a regular meeting of the seminary's board of trustees.



Crews

Crews, 50, pastor of the 2300-member Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church, Riverside, Cal., was elected 24-5 after being unanimously recommended by the eight-member search committee. He will move to the Mill Valley campus in late November and assume the presidency Dec. 1.

O. Q. Quick, a businessman from Baton Rouge, La., chairman of the search committee, told trustees three other candidates had been interviewed but when they did not work out the committee turned to Crews, who had been chairman of the search committee and a trustee.

Crews "immediately resigned" from the search committee after he became a potential candidate, Quick stated. The committee unanimously recommended his election as president of the SBC's westernmost seminary. During the trustee meeting Crews was questioned about an hour-and-a-half before a secret ballot in executive session elected him president.

Crews said he believes the 24-5 vote was a "strong vote particularly given the dynamics of the convention at this time." He was asked by Baptist Press if it appeared the five members who voted not to elect him had done so because of the theological/political controversy in the SBC. "Because the ballot was secret, it is difficult to determine whether the voting was along political lines or not," he said.

"But judging from the questions asked me during the interview period I would guess they were."

He told trustees, faculty and staff, "Obviously my theology is very conservative, but I have been and continue to remain unaligned with any political group in the convention. And that is where I believe both the seminary and I should be."

The new president has been pastor of the Riverside congregation since 1978 and is basically a western pastor. "I am rooted in the west and bring those roots to the presidency," he declared. He added that since he has been both president and chairman of the executive committee in both the California and Northwest conventions, he "has some credentials to bridge the gap between the seminary and the churches and to dream some new dreams for Golden Gate."

Crews is a native of Houston, Tex. with a BA degree from Hardin-Simmons University and a MDiv from Southwestern Seminary. He was pastor in Texas 14 years and in the Northwest Baptist Convention 10 years. He was also director of communications and editor of the Northwest Baptist Witness in 1977-78, prior to becoming pastor of the California congregation.

He was a member of the SBC Foreign Mission Board 1973-78 and was on the tellers committee in 1976, the credentials committee in 1984 and the committee on committees in 1972, 1975, 1977 and 1979.

Crews was elected to the Peace Committee, but he told Baptist Press he has discussed his place on the committee with chairman Charles Fuller. "He advised me that I should resign and I plan to do so Dec. 1, when I become president of Golden Gate Seminary," Crews said. He added he will attend the Oct. 20-22 prayer retreat for members of the Peace Committee and leaders of the national agencies of the SBC.

Crews is married to the former Jo Ann Cunningham. They have two children, Ronald, who lives in Portland, Ore., and Rhonda Patterson, a student at Simi Valley, Cal.

Members of the presidential search committee included Quick; Barbara Floyd, interior designer from Dallas; Thad Hawkins, architectural engineer from Jackson, Miss.; Gerald Davidson, pastor from Arnold, Mo.; Jim Rives, church administrator from Van Nuys, Cal.; Cecil Pearson, executive director emeritus of the California Baptist Foundation, Fresno; Gordon Fercho, vice president of California State University in Chico; and Randy Strassburg, tax consultant from Wichita, Kan. (BP)

Special Committee

The Special Committee to study ascending/descending liability between the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the agencies and institutions of the convention offers its first report on page 3, this issue.

Convention calendar: there's plenty to satisfy every taste at E'town

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist convention (Nov. 11-13 at Elizabethtown's Severns Valley Baptist Church) may be the principal attraction of KBC week each year, but it doesn't stand alone by any stretch of the imagination. Immediately before it, as well as during the convention itself, a host of auxiliary groups will be sharing common purposes unique unto themselves.

Here is a listing of these activities as reported in advance to Western Recorder.

Monday, Nov. 10

10 a.m. **Credentials Committee** luncheon meeting, Stone Hearth Steak & Lobster, 1001 N. Mulberry St.

12 noon **Kentucky Baptist Music Association** officers' luncheon, Jerry's Restaurant, South

1 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Convention** registration opens, Room 40, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Poplar and Morningside

1 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Executive Board** meeting, Chapel, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Poplar and Morningside

1 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association** registration opens, Holiday Inn, North

1:30 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Music Association** registration opens, First Baptist Church, 200 S. Lincoln Blvd., Hodgenville

1:30 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Chorale** rehearsal, First Baptist Church, 200 S. Lincoln Blvd., Hodgenville

1:30 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference**, Sanctuary, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Poplar and Morningside

2 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association**, Holiday Inn, North

2:30 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Music Association**, First Baptist Church, 200 S. Lincoln Blvd., Hodgenville

5 p.m. **Western Recorder** press dinner, Stone Hearth Steak & Lobster, 1001 N. Mulberry St.

6 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Directors of Missions** fellowship dinner, Glen Dale Baptist Children's Home, Glendale

6 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Music Association** banquet, First Baptist Church, Hodgenville

6 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association** banquet, Holiday Inn, North

6:30 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference**, Sanctuary, Severns Valley Baptist Church

7:30 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Music Association**, First Baptist Church, Hodgenville

8:30 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Chorale** rehearsal, First Baptist Church, Hodgenville

Tuesday, Nov. 11

8 a.m. **Committee on Arrangements** breakfast, Arbor Room, Holiday Inn, North

day Inn, North

8:15 a.m. **Kentucky Baptist Chorale** rehearsal, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Poplar and Morningside

9:15 a.m. **Kentucky Baptist Convention**, Sanctuary, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Poplar and Morningside

12 noon **Annuitants** luncheon, Holiday Inn, North

12 noon **Church Starting** luncheon, Holiday Inn, South

12 noon **Kentucky Baptist Directors of Missions** luncheon with Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Holiday Inn, South

12 noon **Women in Ministry** luncheon, Stone Hearth Steak & Lobster, 1001 N. Mulberry St.

1:30 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Convention**, Severns Valley Baptist Church

5 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Historical Society** dinner, Stone Hearth Steak & Lobster, 1001 N. Mulberry St.

5 p.m. **Kenya Volunteers** dinner, Pritchard Community Center, 404 S. Mulberry St.

5 p.m. **Ministers' Wives Fellowship** dinner, Memorial Methodist Church

6:45 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Convention**, Severns Valley Baptist Church

Wednesday, Nov. 12

7:30 a.m. **Campbellsville College** breakfast, Holiday Inn, North

7:30 a.m. **Clear Creek Baptist School** breakfast, Holiday Inn, South

7:30 a.m. **Cumberland College** breakfast, Leaf Room, Holiday Inn, North

7:30 a.m. **Georgetown College** breakfast, Stone Hearth Steak & Lobster, 1001 N. Mulberry St.

9:30 a.m. **Kentucky Baptist Convention**, Severns Valley Baptist Church

12 noon **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary** luncheon, Whistle Stop Restaurant, Glendale

12 noon **Southern Baptist Theological Seminary** luncheon, Holiday Inn, North

12 noon **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary** luncheon, Stone Hearth Steak & Lobster, 1001 N. Mulberry St.

12:30 p.m. **Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary** luncheon, Bonanza Steak House, North Dixie Hwy.

2:20 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Convention**, Severns Valley Baptist Church

5:15 p.m. **Outreach Bible Study Awareness** banquet (by ticket only), Pritchard Community Center, 404 S. Mulberry St.

6:45 p.m. **Kentucky Baptist Convention**, Severns Valley Baptist Church

Thursday, Nov. 13

9 a.m. **Kentucky Baptist Convention**, Severns Valley Baptist Church (adjourns 11:30 a.m.)

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sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Southern Baptists and abortion

A recurring problem in America seems to grow with each passing day. It is the matter of abortion as now accepted and practiced in our country.

Abortion touches many families among Baptists and we Southern Baptists have a large stake in this continuing debate. Consequently we have expressed our feelings on many occasions through articles and most especially in convention resolutions which national media have circulated widely.

Robert Parham, director of human concerns for the Christian Life Commission, has written a thoughtful article in the October issue of *Light* magazine on this subject which *Western Recorder* is pleased to discuss in this space.

Parham surveys the resolutions made over a 14-year period at Southern Baptist Convention meetings since 1971. He concludes there is strong agreement among Southern Baptists on the subject of abortions though one would hardly believe this if we listened to the strident voices declaring we are far apart in our thinking.

Among observations noted by Parham are these:

(1) Southern Baptists are generally opposed to abortion on demand or abortion as a method of birth control; (2) Southern Baptist resolutions in the annual convention have narrowed the exceptions for abortion from four in 1971 to only one in 1980; (3) Resolutions on abortion have tended to assume that government is the key to social change, which means action with government officials is the way to eliminate the problem.

The 1971 resolution urged Southern Baptists to work for legislation which would allow abortions under certain tragic circumstances. Resolutions in 1980, 1982 and 1984 urged support for a Constitutional amendment prohibiting abortion.

Some highlights of the history of Southern Baptist Convention positions on abortion are interesting. For example, the first abortion resolution in 1971 emphasized the "sanctity of human life, including fetal life," and the need for society "to protect those who cannot protect themselves." This first resolution on abortion urged Southern Baptists to work for legislation that would allow the possibility of abortion under such conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the health of the mother.

The 1980 resolution reduced the grounds for abortion to only one, that being danger to the life of the mother. The resolution ignored rape, incest and the possibility of fetal deformity as possible grounds for abortion.

In addition to reducing the grounds for abortion the 1980 meeting passed a resolution which expressed opposition to abortion on demand and made a statement which expressed abhorrence of the "use of tax money or public, tax-supported medical facilities for selfish, non-therapeutic abortion."

The most recent abortion resolution, made at the 1984 convention, calls upon Southern Baptists to "work diligently to provide counseling, housing and adoption placement services for unwed mothers," the first time care has been connected with abortion discussions.

All of the SBC activity in decrying abortion indicates broad areas of agreement on the subject. Of course there is disagreement on some points, just as there is on any subject in Baptist life. However, the broad areas of agreement should help all of us understand where Baptists have generally taken their stand on a subject which has ripped holes in many American communities. Our understanding is based upon the fact that resolutions are not binding, do not reflect anything except the mind of those present and voting, but do mark the way we generally travel though no Baptist may speak for another Baptist.

Areas of agreement expressed in abortion resolutions include: (1) human life is sacred, a gift from God; (2) abortion on demand is wrong and should be rejected by God's people; (3) abortion is an unacceptable form of birth control; (4) Christian citizens have a moral obligation to participate in the political process and see that abortion on demand is outlawed in America.

Parham concludes his article with a thought-provoking statement which declares, "With such agreement, the constructive question in a time of fragmentation is not, 'Where do Southern Baptists stand on the issue of abortion,' but 'What common ground do Southern Baptists share from which to work constructively for the common good?'"

Not only should we be searching for the common ground in abortion debates but the common ground in all other areas where we have had serious confrontation. What is the common ground of our concern for the hungry? the lost? the homeless? What is the common ground of our understanding of missions? evangelism? Christian education? What is the common ground of our understanding of the Bible? our acceptance of its authority? our commitment to live its truth?

A new day of peace and spiritual growth is there for the taking by Southern Baptists if we can major on the ground of some common agreement rather than the shaky sand of our differences. Those who have questions in some areas of the abortion debate still have a broad ground of common concern with their brothers and sisters in Christ which is the platform for progress in finding a solution to this major social problem. If that is true with abortion it is also true in every other area of common concern.

When will we have the maturity and spiritual depth to search for and pursue the common ground rather than search out the differences among us?

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baptist forum

Seminary lecturer challenged

I came across an interesting announcement in Western Recorder concerning the Norton Lectures at Southern Seminary. Morton T. Kelsey is the could deny his credentials or degrees, but what I question are some of his beliefs. Has the appropriate personnel at the seminary looked into his beliefs instead of relying upon his credentials before scheduling him for these lectures?

His beliefs are not biblical and do not agree with that of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He believes in universalism when he states the important thing is that most major religions believe in spiritual reality and that people can personally experience God, never mind what they call him. This is why he commends Hinduism, the disciples of Zarathustra and Chinese folk religions. He even believes the occult Oracle of Delphi was a legitimate way of getting in touch with God. He alludes to the belief that the power and role of the Shaman (witch doctor, medicine men, etc.) was the same as that of Jesus. He reveals that through an active imagination he was able to have a meeting with his deceased mother.

His credentials are good (but) his beliefs do not come close to Southern Baptists. I am not against good scholarship, but that scholarship must be based on the Bible and the Bible must prove the scholarship. It is evident these above views of Kelsey are not biblical and are in fact anti-biblical.

It would be in order to review a guest lecturer's beliefs before scheduling that person so that God's truth would be spoken. In this way a more judicious use of funds would occur and also our seminary would not be led astray by false beliefs. Perhaps a good apologetic scholar, such as Walter Martin, would be in order to follow Morton Kelsey.

Terry L. Norris
Owensboro

Editor's Note: Mr. Norris cites several works by Kelsey to support his charges that Kelsey does not qualify for the Norton Lectures at Southern Seminary. References to these works have been omitted because of space limitations but are in Western Recorder files.

Rogers claims 'special revelation'

I read with interest your report of Adrian Rogers' statement that scripture "is without error historically, philosophically, theologically and scientifically." He proposed to use his powers of appointment to name only those who see the Bible as he sees it.

Rogers did not tell us about his special revelation concerning holy scripture. It must have been a revelation from God because he makes claims for the Bible the Bible does not make for itself.

If I were gullible enough to believe this it would solve all the wonderings I have had about the Holy Spirit. If what he says is true then the Bible is the final and sole factual authority for every aspect of life. It follows then that God has chosen the Bible to be the Comforter Jesus promised.

Oh how this simplifies my complex life. No longer do I have to chew the meat of searching for truth through the groaning of my spirit with the Spirit of God. I can now simply sip the milk of literal biblical interpretation. Thus where the Bible speaks I speak; where the Bible is silent I am silent.

Behold! This sounds like the words which started Campbellism in the last century which proved terribly divisive among our people.

So if we don't see it the way he sees it we ain't seeing it. What a revelation!

C. M. Dupier Jr.
Williamsburg

Let's resolve no longer to resolve

As you may have observed I am not a weekly writer "to the editor." However,

your editorial on resolutions at the convention struck such a note for me that I felt I must respond and thank you and the Alaska Baptist Convention for dealing so openly with such an issue.

Now let's go on with the business that pertains to our mission.

Harold Wainscott
Covington

Needed: ministers of reconciliation

In recent years the Forum was organized to precede the Southern Baptist Convention because many of our pastors believed they had been ostracized from the Pastor's Conference. Whether one agrees with the necessity of this action or not there can be little doubt that it has helped polarize our convention. Is there a way to begin bringing our

pastors back together where they can at least sit beside one another and worship? Let me offer this possibility.

Would our Pastor's Conference president Nelson Price and the organizers of the Forum agree to use one speaker chosen by the other on their respective programs? Certainly one speaker could pose no threat to anyone on either side. It could only serve to help reconciliation. If this were to happen it would be my suggestion that the speakers be asked not to refer to the convention controversy but simply to preach their best sermon in a way that will lift up their hearers.

I pray that this suggestion will be taken seriously by those who have the power to make it happen.

Barry Dennis, pastor
First Baptist, Taylorsville

Special Committee's Report To The Kentucky Baptist Convention

The Special Committee brings its report to the 1986 Kentucky Baptist Convention in two phases of publication in Western Recorder for consideration prior to the November annual meeting in Elizabethtown: (1) The following general statements and (2) the complete contents of the proposed covenant agreements.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention in the 1984 meeting adopted the following motion:

That this convention authorize our president Brother Willis Henson to appoint a committee of seven persons, including himself as chairperson, to review the "relationship documents" of our agencies and institutions with particular attention given to ascending and descending liability for our Kentucky Baptist Convention including ownership and dissolution provisions.

This Special Committee has held fourteen (14) lengthy meetings. These meetings have been tempered by earnest prayer, excellent attendance and careful reflection on our implementation of our commission from the 1984 Kentucky Baptist Convention.

We have researched all available documents reflecting historical relationships including our fellowship, financial support and Christian witness. Legal relationships have been examined with assistance from loyal Kentucky Baptist lawyers and legal counsel to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Consultations have continued over the last 24 months with institutional presidents and board chairmen.

Our review of ascending/descending liability required careful consideration of all facets of trustee selection, financial dependency and convention influence on operations. These are very complicated matters in the eyes of the law.

The covenant agreements will be published in their entirety in Western Recorder prior to the November convention.

These covenants were drafted, reviewed and revised on seven

different occasions.

It has been our singular purpose through these covenants to establish a clear statement of our mutual trust and our cooperative ministry which would also rightly define our liability.

Relationships have both a perceived quality and a real quality. This simple fact is at the heart of this work of the committee. We have worked diligently for two years to bring our Kentucky Baptist relationships with our institutions and agencies into sharp focus on the level of reality rather than the level of perception.

In addition our committee kept in mind that the Kentucky Baptist Convention has many levels of influence, direction and support which it exercises over related institutions and agencies. These levels include moral (or spiritual), fiscal and legal.

First: the moral or spiritual level is the most important of all. This level is our reason for having these institutions and agencies.

Second: the fiscal level is our manner of carrying out in practical ways those ministries which we choose to support.

Third: the legal level of ownership needed to be faced and dealt with. A separate section on this level is included in this report.

At its best the Kentucky Baptist Convention's support of its institutions and agencies is like parents and their family members caring for each other. Warm, loving, generous ties of family members to one another will honor our God and will lift us above a survival mentality to one of loving, serving and sharing.

This report is the result of our best efforts and prayers. It may not be the final answer in all relationship situations. To that extent it is an imperfect report. Your acceptance of this report, however, will move our convention and our institutions and agencies toward getting our denominational house in the best possible order.

Georgetown College, Cumberland College, Campbellsville College, Clear Creek Baptist School, Oneida Baptist Institute, Kentucky Baptist

Homes for Children and Baptist Hospitals, Inc. are institutions created under provisions of Kentucky Revised Statutes, Chapter 273, Religious, Charitable and Educational Societies, Nonprofit Corporations.

Each of these institutions was created separately from the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Each of them has trustees or directors as set out in their original charters with subsequent amendments. The trustees or directors hold possession of the property of the institution for the use of the persons who by the charter, usages and laws of the organization are entitled to that use. The trustees have no personal ownership of the property and have the mere possession thereof for those who are entitled to use it. Entitled persons are to use it for those purposes as set forth in the purpose section of each of the charters of the individual institutions.

The boards of trustees and/or directors of each of the institutions have in the past given to the Kentucky Baptist Convention authority and permission to name trustees or directors in return for certain financial support. This authority was a grant on mutually acceptable terms and conditions.

The assets of the institutions are under the control of the trustees of each institution. Assets are not under the control of the Kentucky Baptist Convention because each is a separate corporate entity and there is no stock ownership between the parties. With this relationship, the liability of the convention for the debts and acts of the institutions will be minimized if not removed.

What does all this mean? The bottom line for the Kentucky Baptist Convention may well be—how much control, and thereby, how much liability is the convention willing to assume in order to guarantee that all our institutions are, in fact, Baptist and not just perceived to be so.

We, therefore, submit our report and the covenant agreements with the expectation that the Kentucky Baptist Convention will act prayerfully and wisely on its real merits.

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homes for children

Potential

Most of us enjoy eating apples, particularly in the fall when the crop is so fresh and crisp. Have you taken the time lately to count the seeds in an apple? It really isn't very hard to count the number of seeds in a given apple. But there is something in the seed you cannot count. You cannot count the apples in an apple seed, because we have no way of measuring the potential in one apple seed.

An apple seed planted has the potential of producing an apple tree. That tree can produce a crop of many apples each year for many years. Some of those seeds planted will likewise produce trees and apples and so it goes. Just look at one apple seed; there is no way to even estimate the number of apples locked up in that tiny seed. The potential is phenomenal. But it does take time, care, nurture, and the right conditions for the unlocking of the seed and letting the potential come to fruition.

You can count the children who live in the care of Baptist Homes for Children, but you cannot count the potential locked up in each of these children. Regardless of the problems that have caused them to need to live with us, they are each created in the image of God. Untold potential is locked up in each one. It is our opportunity to help each youth fit the broken pieces of life together. This requires love, nurture, training and discipline. As we guide and care for them, we provide the environment for proper growth. And no one can begin to know the wonderful potential locked up in each life.

Some thirty years ago, a boy named Buckley Carlin came to live with us at Glen Dale. No one could have known then we were caring for and guiding a future director of Glen Dale Children's Home. Today Buckley Carlin is doing an excellent job as director of that campus. This kind of success story can be told again and again.

The potential is there. Pray for us as we plant the seed, cultivate with love and guide with Christian care so the potential will be unlocked. Remember, too, Baptists have potential to provide needed support to continue this great work. Pray this potential will be unlocked, too.

mountains to the mississippi

personnel

Tim Lacey, music and youth director at Smithfield Baptist Church, Henry County Association, has resigned his position effective Oct. 11.

A. B. Colvin is interim pastor at Ballardsville Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

Sammy and Linda Williams resigned Goshen Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association. He accepted the pastorate of Northminster Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

Cindy Jeffries became minister of music and youth at Providence Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association.

Lee R. McGlone resigned as pastor at Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Warren Association. He accepted the pastorate of Parkview Baptist Church, Monroe, Louisiana.

Leroy Reardon is pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association. He was ordained at Zion Baptist Church, Ohio County Association Oct. 5.

Charles L. Cook has completed work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in church business administration.

He is now certified as a Fellow in Church Business Administration by the National Association of Church Business Administration.

Lou Lightfoot has accepted the call to pastor Flag Springs Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

Max Anderson was called as pastor at Iuka Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

Bobby Jackson resigned as pastor at Caldwell Springs Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

Nathan Whisnant has resigned as pastor at Clear Fork Baptist Church, Russell County Association, to attend seminary in North Carolina.

Douglas Miller, 81-year-old pastor of Cow Creek Baptist Church, Boone's Creek Association, will have his book, *Rain in Lyle Hollow*, published by Carlton Press about the first of the year.

Gerald Jones has accepted the pastorate of Jones Creek Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Homer Johnson has resigned Black Mountain Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, to accept the pastorate of Totz First Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association.

Bobby Norman has accepted the call to pastor Siloam Baptist Church, Liberty Association.

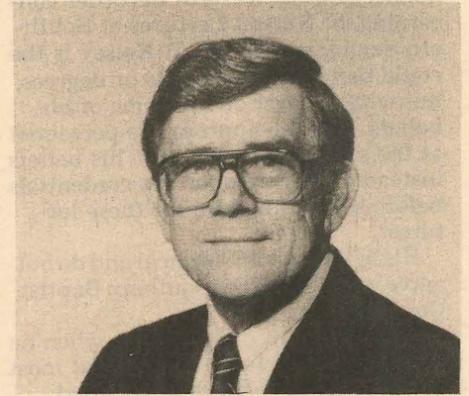
W. Vinson and Nell Pierce marked their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 10 with a reception at First Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas, Northern Kentucky Association.

The retired Covington urologist and his wife have no children, so the church hosted the commemoration in lieu of the evening service.

About 100 were present as Dr. Morgan Patterson, president of Georgetown College, spoke. The Pierces contributed toward the building of Pierce Hall at the college, in memory of parents Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Pierce, pastor of First Baptist Church, Catlettsburg.

Pierce has been on the board of trustees at Georgetown for 14 years, and is member emeritus of the board of trustees of the Baptist Convalescent Center in Newport.

Jewell Barrett, pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, West Union Association, is in his 34th year as teacher of the "Sunday School of the Air" on WPAD radio in Paducah. The program has been broadcast since the station's beginning in 1930.



Cook

Sam Milam received a Certificate of Appreciation for more than 50 years as a teacher at First Baptist Church, Russellville, Bethel Association.

The Men's Bible class presented the certificate.

ordinations

Orva L. "Bubby" Roberts was ordained as deacon in a Sunday evening service at Smithfield Baptist Church, Henry County Association, Sept. 15.

Larry Wetherington is the pastor.

Tim Najpaver was ordained a minister Oct. 5 at Rowletts Baptist Church, Liberty Association. He is the pastor there.

James Cheak was ordained a deacon at Third Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, Oct. 5.

Paul Welch is the pastor.

Greg Maddux, Kent Barnes and Gerald Jessup were ordained as deacons by Marion Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, Sept. 28.

John East, director of missions for Ohio River Association, delivered the ordination sermon.

Ray E. Cummins is pastor at Marion Baptist Church.

Brent Thompson was licensed as a minister Aug. 24 at First Baptist Church, Phelps, Pike Association.

John David Evans was ordained a deacon at First Baptist Church, Enterprise Association, Sept. 21.

Mrs. Margaret DeWitt, Mrs. Linda Hoffman, Richard Hibbs, Don Reiss and Orville Threlkeld were ordained as deacons at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Long Run Association, Oct. 5.

Leland Hogue and Malcolm Gardner were ordained as deacons at Little Bethel Baptist Church, Liberty Association, Oct. 19.

Larry Cooksey was ordained to the ministry Sept. 14 by Grace Union Baptist Church and Zion Baptist Church, Liberty Association. He has been called as pastor of Zion Baptist Church.

Larry Noe is pastor of Grace Union.

Bruce Underhill was ordained to the ministry Sept. 7 at Ghent Baptist Church, Whites Run Association.

He and his wife Peggy have been accepted by the Home Mission Board and will serve in Sioux City, Iowa.

congregations

Rose Hill Baptist Church, Greenup



Southern Baptist missionary representatives got together during the annual meeting of the Chile Baptist Mission at the Baptist Seminary in Santiago, Chile, July 14-24. (l-r) Ken and Devina Park, Richard and Carol Poe, Grundy and Jean Janes, (2nd row) Karen Wright and Wanda and Jim Dobbins.

baptist news in brief

Rigdon retires a second time

Raymond Rigdon's plans for "life after the seminaries" will have to wait.

He has been employed by all of the Southern Baptist seminaries since 1969, when he became director of the Seminary Extension Department. In 1982 the department was merged into the new Seminary External Education Division and Rigdon was named executive director of the division.

Earlier this year Rigdon informed the seminary presidents of his intention to retire next spring. He and his wife began making plans for travel and new vocational challenges.

When the presidents met in Nashville, Tenn., in late September, however, they unanimously urged Rigdon to extend his leadership for at least another year. After two days of consideration he agreed to their request.

The seminary presidents cited several factors in asking Rigdon to continue. "This is a strategic time for theological education in our convention," said Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. "A task force is looking at ministry education needs in the Northeast. Joint off-campus programs on a master's level are still a relatively new venture for the

division. Thousands of persons are getting their first taste of serious theological studies through seminary extension.

"We feel we need someone with Raymond Rigdon's experience and solid leadership skills heading up the Seminary External Education Division in these days," added Ferguson, current chairman of the seminary presidents, who comprise the governing board for the division. (BP)

Conference explores church-state tension

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs celebrated its 50th anniversary with a conference exploring the tensions that occur when Christian values intersect with issues in the public arena.

During the conference, the scope of the tensions was spelled out by Robert L. Maddox, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, who told participants the nation "is gripped in a battle for religious liberty."

"On all sides," he said, "forces are arrayed that would undercut the hard-won battles of the past. Through overt and covert means, political and religious leaders want to control our religious impulses, reshape our

spiritual sensibilities for parochial, partisan or nationalistic purposes. Government agencies want to tell us what is church. Politicians want to tell us when and how to pray. Preachers want to tell us how to worship and to set up their own standards as norms for true believers."

Church historian Martin Marty told participants there always have been tensions between church and state. "There have been no serene times," he said. "The church is always in tension. There were no good old days."

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baptist news in brief

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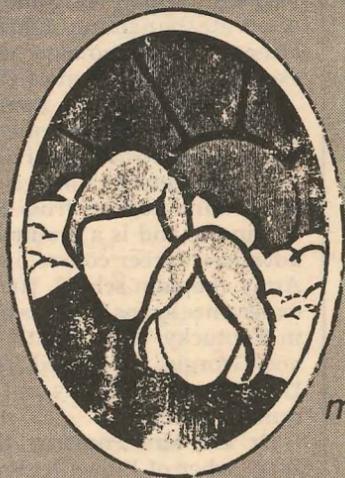
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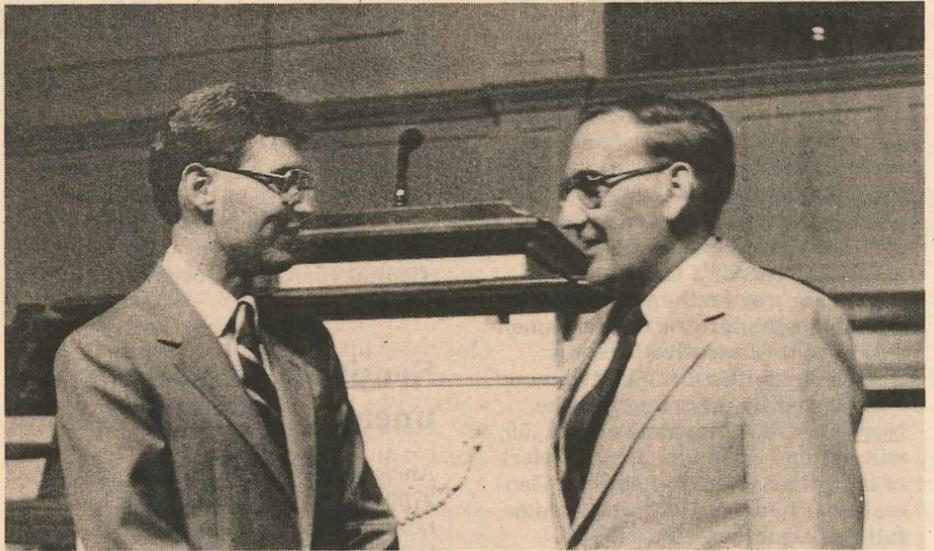
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"We're not quitting," promised Cobble, "we're moving ahead!"



Sunday school workers line up for lunch at Jonathan Creek.

Visitors turning off Highway 68 at the Jonathan Creek sign are unprepared for what they see. When the road makes a curve the well-kept lawns of the Baptist Assembly are exposed.

They roll downward all the way to Kentucky Lake, glistening in the sun. Dotting the landscape, the buildings nestle in their idyllic setting.

The steady growth of the complex attests to a growing ministry that reaches far beyond Western Kentucky.

Jonathan Creek has a Cinderella story. From the incorporation in 1955 until Sept. 1, 1983, when the Kentucky Baptist Convention assumed responsibility, remarkable progress has been made.

"I'm just elated!" cried George Gray, director of the assembly. "I cannot say enough about how the leadership of the convention has worked to include us in the Lord's work."

State supervisors are Marshall Phillips, Director of Camps and Assemblies and Barry Allen, business manager for Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Back in the early 1950's West Union Association conceived the idea of an assembly ground serving western Kentucky. They found a beautiful location on Kentucky Lake in Marshall County, but there was no access, so a sympathetic land owner permitted a road to be built across his property.

As the expenses grew West Union invited other associations to join in the work.

Eventually eleven associations were sponsoring the project. They were Blood River, Caldwell/Lyon, Christian, Fulton, Graves, Little Bethel, Little River, Ohio River, Ohio Valley, West Kentucky and West Union.

By 1972 there was a dormitory, dining hall and kitchen, basement,

Jonathan Creek: a dream is now a growing ministry

by Pauline Stegall,
State Correspondent

more sleeping quarters and an outdoor tabernacle, and 13 cabins were eventually added. Especially important was a gift of \$50,000 given in 1976 by West Union director of missions Earl Shoemaker and his wife Vivian. This was matched by the eleven associations.

For many years Jonathan Creek was operated by a board representative of associations from the Illinois border to Tennessee and from the Mississippi River to Union County. It was from this board a West Union member moved a committee be formed to approach the Kentucky Baptist Convention about assuming responsibility and development.

KBC accepted and the transaction was finalized. Since then they have invested \$1,800,000 in the facility. The support once came entirely from fees and local effort but now 50 percent comes from the Cooperative Program. The balance comes from fees.

KBC has assumed all indebtedness and built an attractive conference center with chapel and offices, an administration building and a 48 room motel which brings the sleeping capacity up to almost 350.

A new water tower, water system and sewage system have been added to service the 21 structures. The plans for the immediate future include the paving of the main road.

With physical growth has come an increased in utilization.

Gray elaborated on this. "Baptist groups are now coming from as far away as Ashland, Catlettsburg and

the Greater Cincinnati area. We are being used by all departments. There are associational briefings, music meetings, retreats, WMU gatherings, Sunday School functions and many other things.

Jonathan Creek is open all winter except during Christmas and New Year's week. "We have lots of Christmas dinners and banquets," Gray said.

He was excited because the largest conference to date was held in August, with 454 present at a Sunday School training conference.

Gray, a former pastor, wears many hats. He has been an assistant superintendent and superintendent at Spring Meadows. At Jonathan Creek you might find him in the kitchen cooking or cleaning, singing with a youth group, working in the laundry, conducting a service, working in his panned office or taking a visitor around in an old blue truck.

Estelle, his wife, has been indispensable in the operation. She, too, is versatile. Presently she manicures the attractive front entrance, including the flower beds. She helps in the kitchen during busy times.

When openings are available, church related groups from other denominations and other states are booked. They have come from Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Louisiana and Tennessee. The Interdenominational Campus Bible Study Group from LaCross Branch, University of Wisconsin, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary at Jonathan Creek.

Evangelist learns power of God's word

Mission team, Kenya pastor work together

by Pauline Stegall,
State Correspondent

(Don Short, evangelist from Kuttawa, Caldwell-Lyon Association, recently participated in an evangelistic effort in Kenya with a team of 24 men and women from Kentucky. This is his story as told to Pauline Stegall.)

"When we arrived in Mombasa, we had plans to divide into six groups, but that changed. Bob Kemp from Cadiz and I were a two-man team.

"Ralph Bethea, a local missionary, put us in the back of his dilapidated blue truck with an old PA system. We were going to some villages and had to cross a ferry, because Mombasa is on an island.

"There are 700,000 people on Mombasa, and it is growing at the rate of 3,000 people a day. They are so poor they are hoping to find another way of making a living there.

"70,000 people cross this ferry every day—they looked like ants, coming up the ramp. It occurred to us it might be better to set up church at the ferry where there were so many people. We laughed at first, but after we had prayed about it, I said, 'I'm game if you are.' Bob said he was.

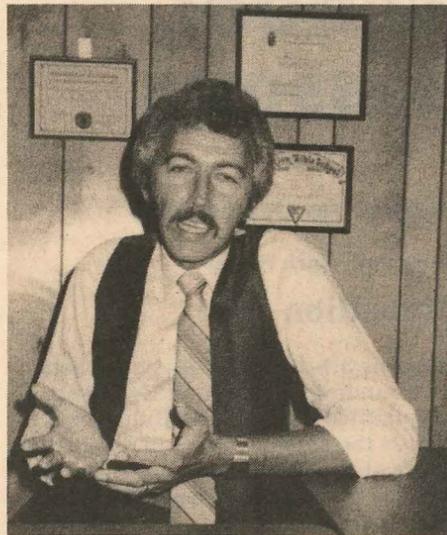
"Now, the most amazing thing I have learned is the power of prayer. We knew that we would need a translator. That morning, while we were dropping some of the fellows off at other places, a native pastor from a church near the ferry showed up. He said, 'I was hoping to find some place where God could use me.' God had provided us with Nathan, our translator.

"We prayed that the Lord would show us the correct spot. He had laid it on my heart to preach about the multitudes who travel the broad road and the few who find the narrow road (Matthew 7:13-14 LB). From the truck, about 50 yards, we noticed there was a fork in the road. One branch was broad and the other was narrow. This was the place.

"Every 20 minutes the ferry arrived—bringing anywhere from 500 to 2000 people. The noise was tremendous—people milling around, pigs, cows, chickens. When I had preached a few minutes amid the confusion, I prayed, 'Lord, help me to get through

this and I'll have better sense than to do it again.'

"However, at the end of the service, 21 people accepted Jesus. That lifted my spirits. So I began preaching a new sermon every 20 minutes. I learned to get the attention of the people by saying, 'I have come 15000 kilometers to share some good news with you.' That would stop them. Just to think that anybody would come that far to give them anything! Then I would talk about bad news, not enough food, poor



Don Short

housing, then tell them about the good news of Jesus. When the people responded to the invitation, we would pray with them, give them a tract of a Bible, review the plan of salvation with them once or twice more, then refer them to a local pastor. We would preach from early in the morning until seven or eight at night, literally having no time to eat or drink.

"Nathan, our pastor-translator, suggested one day that we go to a different area. God has burdened his heart to start a church there. We went to a village that was like something out of an old Tarzan movie. The savage appearance of the people complemented the setting. I was really afraid this time. They didn't speak Swahili, so our translator had to have a translator. Yet we told them about Jesus and 29 recieved him.

"I really wanted to go back there,

but there just wasn't time.

"Another day Nathan led us to a market. We parked the truck and set up church. The children came first. One little girl, three years old, liked me and held on to my leg wherever I went. I finally picked her up because it was easier to carry her than to walk with her on my leg. The children laughed with joy to see me holding her. Her mother was saved when she saw our love for the children and learned that it came from Jesus. 37 people were saved in that one spot in about two hours.

"So many things happened that I don't understand. One day a wild looking old lady came by, foaming at the mouth and screaming. She was disturbing the service. Nathan told me that we must pray for her because she was demon possessed. I really didn't know what to do. I was afraid to pray but afraid not to pray.

"So I told her of Jesus, and after we prayed, she sat down on the ground quietly. She had terrible scars on her body, and we learned that she had been tied up by a witch doctor. I can't explain what happened, but I know what I saw.

"Word spread rapidly of what God had done to this lady, so another woman brought a little child to me and said, 'You have said that Jesus loves the little children. If this is so, pray that God will heal my baby.' The baby's eyes were swollen and draining with a fluid, her nose was running, and she was burning up with fever. I told the Lord I didn't know if what I was doing was right or not, but if he would heal the baby it would make him known to the people in the village. My faith was weak because I expected to hear that the child was dead, but the next day the mother came running to us with a smile and the baby in her arms, cured.

"On Sunday we went to Nathan's humble little church. It was a typical Kenyan service, three or four hours long. There was singing, clapping, testifying and several sermons. People were saved. Mothers brought several children whom we had prayed for earlier in the week because they were sick. They shared what God had done for them.

"On day we went home with Nathan. We had learned to love him as a brother, but I was not prepared for his home. It was a room about 12 x 12, four little wooden stools, and a piece of foam for a bed. He, his pregnant wife and five children lived there. A sign over the door says 'God's love is number one.'

"Nathan has no job but preaching. His wife goes to the market to find food that has been thrown away. This is what they eat. They thank God for whatever they have. Nathan is about six-two, but doesn't weigh over 100 pounds. He had been fasting for many days so God would give us power to preach. We gave him some money for food, but he will probably use it for bus fare to go somewhere and preach.

"Nathan did not have a Bible—only an extremely worn copy of the book of Matthew. I thought of my library at home. It broke my heart.

"After I came home, I would get so depressed. I kept thinking, 'Why stay here? There are literally thousands there who are wanting to know the Lord, and here you can't find anybody.'

"They are so hungry for the word of God. We probably gave 30,000 or 40,000 tracts or pieces of scripture, yet we never saw one on the ground.

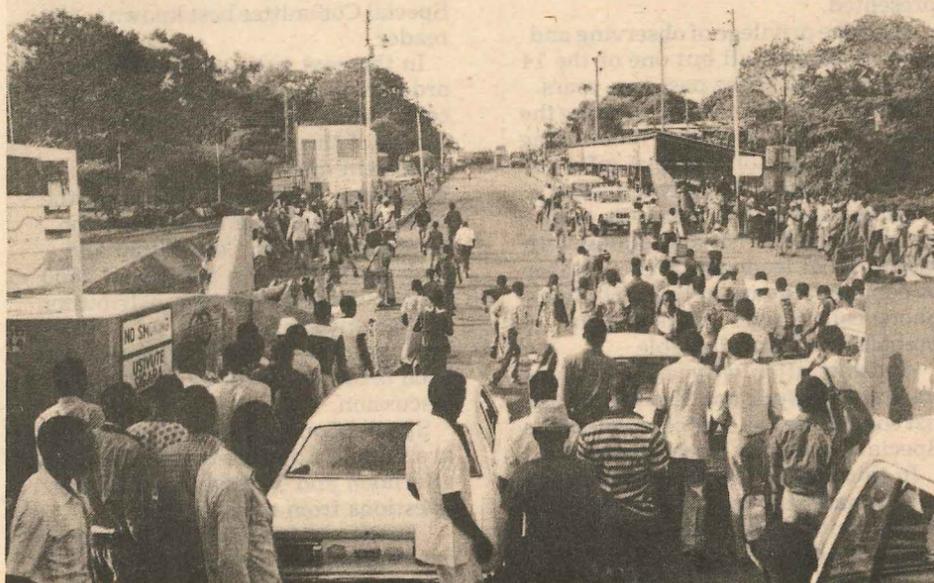
"You can teach for an hour and they say, 'Don't you have anything else?'

"I learned the power of the Word. When I couldn't get to the people, I would give them scripture and it would do things. I learned the power of prayer. And I learned that you can't put God in a little section and say 'This is what God will do.' Because he will do whatever he wants to and whatever fits in at the time.

"I appreciate missionaries more. I have never seen anyone who loves the Lord or souls more than Ralph Bethea and his family.

"Since I came home, my kids talk about Nathan like he is an uncle. They have a Nathan jar. All of our change goes into that jar, and at the end of the month we get a money order and send it to Nathan.

"Any credit for success doesn't go to the preachers from Kentucky. It goes to a native pastor who sincerely prayed."



Crowds make their way off the local ferry at Mombasa.



Don Short and other team members found the ferries good preaching points.



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Somebody special

It is a brisk autumn Saturday morning as I write this. There is an unnatural quiet about our campus. Most of our more than 300 students left yesterday afternoon and evening for a 9-day fall "break."

It is now a rainy Tuesday morning. I had just finished the first paragraph of this column when a group of visitors arrived. Before Saturday ended I had toured three groups of visitors and interviewed four prospective students. I had not known any of these were coming. Then it was time to leave for a 5½-hour drive to Cloverport in Breckenridge County. There I spoke in both the Sunday morning and evening services at the Baptist church, the home church of Floy DeJarnette before she came to teach at Oneida 14 years ago. It was "Floy DeJarnette Day" and there was a reception for her in the afternoon.

Mrs. DeJarnette is one of God's special people, and it was good to share with her hometown folks. Cloverport Baptist Church has provided us with four staff members in the past 14 years. Besides Mrs. DeJarnette we have had J. D. and Martha Embry and Maxine McManaway. All still serve at Oneida except Mr. Embry.

After the evening service at Cloverport Harold Underwood and I drove to Lexington, arriving after midnight. Harold is our auto mechanics and welding teacher. Harold's father is our Dean of Boys and work supervisor,

and Harold's mother assists me with visitors and interviewing new students.

I had an appointment Monday morning in Lexington and we headed for Oneida in early afternoon after a wonderful meal at a Chinese restaurant. There are none near Oneida. We got back to our campus about 10:00 p.m. after visiting many Oneida friends in London and Manchester.

It has taken over two hours to write the previous paragraphs of this article. There have been many phone calls and I also needed to look up some information for our auditors who are here for their annual visit. So even though it is "break" time we are very busy as usual. At least 25 of my staff are working this morning in varying places on the campus and our farm.

The morning mail has come and I have finished going through it. That is always a highlight of any day. It is that time we hear from you and many other friends. The mail has been more than usually heavy in recent weeks as many have been ordering our books, *Mountain Rising* and *Dawn Comes to the Mountain*. Each sells for \$15.75 including tax and there is a \$2 shipping fee per book.

Among the letters today was one from a former student who came to speak to me after a recent Sunday evening service in Louisville: "I am glad I got another chance to see you! I couldn't believe it when Dr. Stubblefield said you would be speaking at Walnut Street. Most of all I couldn't believe you still remembered who I was. I plan on coming up and visiting as soon as I can. I will never forget how much you and Oneida school helped me! Oneida really showed me I was somebody special. I really do appreciate that!" Such a letter can make one's day.

The past month has been filled with many wonderful blessings. In one seven-day period 106 (yes, 106) of our girls and boys accepted Christ as their savior including two of Buddhist background and one Moslem. I want to share more with you about this but words seem so inadequate. It was a remarkable experience.

Also our recent homecoming was the most thrilling in years. It was a glorious day. Our two new hardback books went on sale that day. Each represents thousands of hours of labor. The result is gratifying. Many wonderful friends shared homecoming with us and we were privileged to honor some of God's servants.



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sunday school lessons

Lessons for Oct. 26, 1986

Life and Work Series Rebellion

Genesis 3:1-13 While enjoying their surroundings, Adam and Eve became acquainted with a beautiful animal called the serpent. Satan indwelt the body of this reptile and used it as the vehicle of expression as he tried to corrupt man.

Satan approached Eve when she was alone. His first words were: "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden." He sought to raise a doubt in her mind about God's word. He implied that for no justifiable reason God had made a difference between the fruits of the garden and was deliberately withholding the best from their use. When Eve began to question the love of God, Satan denied God's word by saying, "Ye shall not surely die." Satan appealed to Eve's pride by promising her two things, namely, that her eyes would be opened and that she would be as a god.

Of her own volition Eve decided to disobey and partake of the forbidden fruit. She influenced Adam to do likewise.

Adam and Eve came to have a sense of guilt, shame and fear. They attempted to cover their sin and shame. But sin cannot be covered with fig leaves or with any works of men.

Sin brought upon them terrible penalties, and also defiled their posterity. Prior to their sinning they enjoyed unbroken and intimate fellowship with God, but sin separated them from God and his blessings. On account of their disobedience, they were driven from the garden of Eden.

International Series

A Kingdom Divided

I Kings 12:13-17, 20 Returning from exile in Egypt after the death of Solomon, Jeroboam led a delegation which approached Rehoboam and requested relief from the heavy tax burdens. Rehoboam requested three days to make his decision. Instead of consulting God, he sought the opinions of men, whereupon the older, wiser and experienced advised him to concur in the request, and the young and inexperienced advised him to deny their request. He foolishly decided to take the advice of the younger counselors. The leaders of the delegation gave a signal for a revolt.

The 10 tribes seceded, formed the Northern Kingdom, and set up a government of their own in Shechem. Jeroboam was elected as the king of the 10-tribe nation known as Israel. He was a man with great executive ability and with considerable experience in management. He had a wonderful opportunity to lead his people aright. Instead of doing so, he became the king whose name stood for wickedness. He was "the man who made Israel to sin." Jeroboam represents those who think they are doing God's will when they are merely complying with their personal wishes.

I Kings 12:26-29 One of the basic commandments was that the people should make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem at least three times annually for the specific purpose of worshiping Jehovah. Fearful that if he permitted his people to go to Jerusalem they might be attracted to his rival, Jeroboam decided to prevent any possible defection by changing their religious practices. He made two calves of gold and placed them at Dan and Bethel, located on the northern and southern borders of his kingdom respectively. That was the worst thing he could have done, for it led the Israelites away from God.

To his people Jeroboam said: "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem." To him religion was merely an accommodation or a convenience. But, in reality, it is never too much for any man to do what God tells him to do.



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on mission together

The special committee: ready to report

During the 1984 Kentucky Baptist Convention, messengers took action to appoint a **Special Committee** "to review the 'relationship documents' of our agencies and institutions with particular attention given to ascending and descending liability for our Kentucky Baptist Convention, including ownership and dissolution provisions."

Seven of our finest representatives were named to serve on this committee: Willis Henson, chairman; Leonard Hardin; Henry Huff; John Kruschwitz; Doris Mullendore; Edwin Perry; and Allen Winchester.

This combination of experience, maturity, balance and knowledge of Kentucky Baptist life has assured Kentucky Baptists that their report and recommendations would be care-

fully and prayerfully developed and presented.

I had the privilege of observing and participating in all but one of the 14 meetings over these past two years.

By the end of the second meeting the committee had become a functioning team. Each person's special gifts and abilities became usefully apparent.

Subgroups of two members each were formed to visit and dialog with institutional leadership. The number of combined hours in research, telephone calls, travel and document preparation is incalculable.

And now, after two years of perhaps the hardest work any Kentucky Baptist committee has ever completed, the Special Committee is ready to report.

In this issue of Western Recorder a preliminary statement is presented by the committee. The importance of this statement cannot be overstated. I would urge every Kentucky Baptist leader to studiously regard the statement and, where clarification may be

needed, to call the member of the Special Committee best known to the reader.

In the next issue of Western Recorder there will appear an eight-page color insert which will include a (1) repeat of this week's preliminary statement and (2) each individual "Covenant Agreement" defining the proposed relationship between the Kentucky Baptist Convention and each institution. An additional 2000 inserts will be printed for distribution at the convention.

An hour on Tuesday afternoon has been set aside for this report and discussion.

Special Committee members will be available in a designated area Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning for questions from messengers.

The report of the Special Committee is a remarkable accomplishment. Whether the convention chooses to adopt it as is, these seven Baptists deserve our strongest gratitude.

73-year-old Canadian recycles trip to seminary

by Mark Wingfield

The road to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is rougher for some than others.

Gerald Ward chose to take some of the roughest roads twice.

Ward, a 73-year-old retired minister from Lethbridge, Canada, returned to the seminary campus Sept. 9, exactly 50 years after he first came as a student. He traveled from Vancouver, Canada, the same way he did before—on bicycle.

Cheering students and friends greeted Ward on the seminary oval drive as he finished the 2500-mile journey through eight states. He rolled to a stop and said, "It's still quite a long ride."

In 1936, Ward was a Canadian Baptist minister with little money but a strong desire to attend Southwestern. Because of the Great Depression, Ward decided his one-speed bicycle would be the cheapest transportation.

Cheering students and friends greeted Ward as he finished the 2500-mile trek through eight states. The first trip took him 19 days and cost \$10.52. The second took 24 days and a lot more money.

With the encouragement of family and friends, Ward set out for Ft. Worth on Aug. 17, 1936. He sent his few belongings ahead by freight and took with him the \$100 he had scraped together.

Ward recalled the seminary at that time encouraged prospective students to "get \$100 and a lot of faith and come on."

The first trip took him 19 days and cost \$10.52. The second took 24 days and a lot more money.

But this time he helped raise funds for others, including Southwestern Seminary, the Canadian Hunger Foun-

dation and his hometown Kiwanis Club. Friends and other interested people pledged certain amounts per mile.

On his first journey, Ward spent the night wherever he stopped each day. Because of the depression, "many people were on the roads," he said.

For the second trip, Ward meticulously plotted his course and stayed in motels along the way. Family members accompanied him by car on most of the trip.

Although the 12-speed bicycle he used this time is more suited to long-distance rides than his old bike, it is "a very ordinary unit," Ward said. The Lethbridge Kiwanis Club gave it to him for the trip.

Along the way, Ward patched about a dozen leaks and wore out two rear tires. But that was more pleasant than 50 years ago, when he had to air up leaky tires every three hours from the Texas border to Ft. Worth, he said.

Lavelle Kennedy was one of the first to meet Ward after he arrived in 1936. Kennedy, who became Ward's roommate, came back to Southwestern to greet him on his second arrival.

Kennedy recalled Ward would often ride his bicycle 90 miles to preach at Lois Baptist Church, near Gainesville. Ward said bicycles weren't "a popular means of getting around," but continued to be economical for him.

Ward met his wife, Velma, while at Southwestern. He received the THM degree in 1941 and they returned to Canada, where he was pastor of Baptist churches until retirement in 1980.

He didn't ride a bicycle for about 20 years, and then picked up the sport again in the 1960s. He also runs competitively in the Masters program for older adults.

To train for the repeat trip, Ward rode 100 miles per week for one year.

At the end of the journey, Ward was weary but unimpressed with his own feat. "People ask me if I'm going to do this every 50 years," he said. "Well, I'm not."

But the fact that Ward chose the rough roads to Southwestern Seminary twice indicates his love for the school. "I owe a great deal to Southwestern," he said.



Gerald Ward, retired Canadian minister, pedals onto the Southwestern Seminary campus. Ward repeated the 2500-mile bicycle trip he made 50 years ago from Vancouver, Canada, to Ft. Worth.

WMU described as 'bridges' between missions and churches

The educators got educated when 78 Woman's Missionary Union leaders spent two days at the Foreign Mission Board in September.

The women, described as "bridges" between Southern Baptist mission work around the world and the 36,500 SBC churches, represented groups in 45 states and the District of Columbia.

"In 1959, as a new state young people's secretary, I attended a meeting like this—and since there has not been one like it since, I have lived and flourished off that 1959 experience," said Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the national WMU. "We needed this moment to look again at the real purpose of what we do."

The women sat in on the September meeting of the mission board's trustees, attended the commissioning services for 21 new SBC foreign missionaries and spent time with key administrative leaders at the board.

R. Keith Parks, board president, presented his overview and his visions of world missions and the part WMU can play in moving the SBC to "another level of missionary activity."

Parks expressed a prayer that Baptists will think and pray about missions "as they read their morning paper and listen to the news . . . that they will be as excited about missions as they are depressed or excited by what they learn from headlines."

"Woman's Missionary Union has the worldview to be the key to the breakthrough with Southern Baptists to lead them to pray for national Christian leaders and for ways we can best work with other evangelical Christians to win

our world for Christ," he said.

William O'Brien, executive vice president, listed the vast financial and personnel resources the SBC has before asking, "Imagine what could happen if we do it right?"

He challenged them "not to spend time judging where people are on their pilgrimage but rather work on keeping them facing toward the central purpose" of being the Christians God has called them to be.

"Until the future of the world is more important than the future of your church—your church has no future," he said. "And until the future of the world is more important than the future of our denomination, the SBC has no future" (in God's plan to bring everyone in the world into a saving knowledge of him).

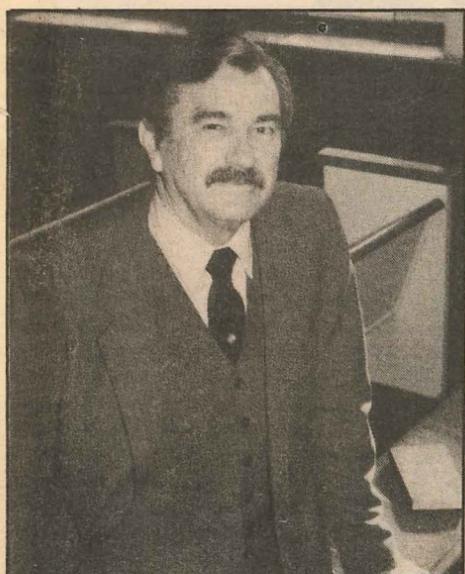
Evaluation of the meeting included: "I feel almost guilty representing so many people in New Mexico who would love to be here and learn what I have learned . . . I've never had the chance to participate in a commissioning service . . . I'm a home missionary now and I've been in missions work for 25 years, but this is my first visit to the FMB . . . I came here tired and burdened, and despite the hectic schedule I am going home more rested . . . the job is bigger than any one of us."

Woman's Missionary Union has a membership of approximately 1.2 million. In addition to serving as a primary missions education organization, it also promotes conventionwide offerings for missions in the United States and for foreign missions.

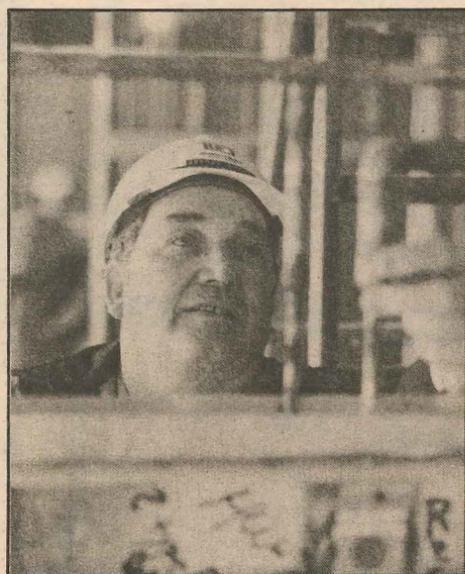


FMB president R. Keith Parks visits with Mrs. Peggy Hicks, Kentucky WMU president (c) and Mrs. Dolores Gilliland, Kentucky WMU executive director.

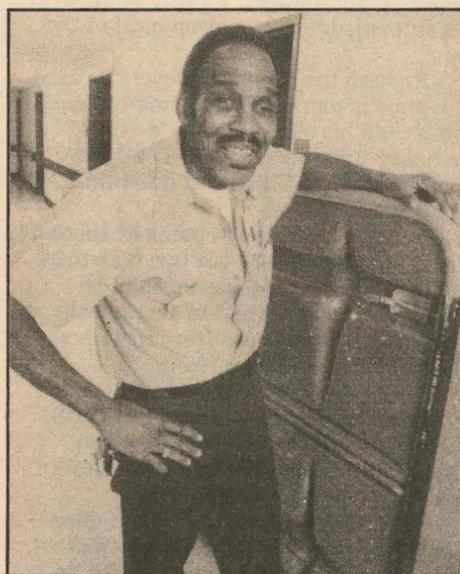
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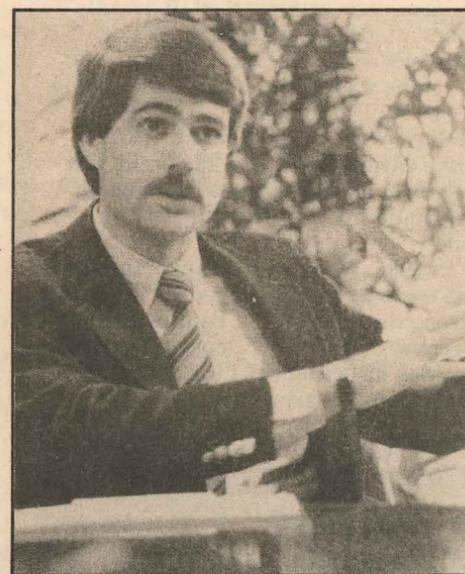
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Corbin, Kentucky



Solomon Lewis
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Baptist Hospital Highlands
Louisville, Kentucky



Bill Johnson
Director
Baptist Hospital, Inc.
Lexington, Kentucky

Chaplain Harley Dixon has served as a Chaplain at Western Baptist Hospital for the past 23 years. "After having been snatched out of the jaws of death when my ship was sunk in World War II and later surviving 2,300 volts of electricity while working as a lineman, I began to know that God was saving me for something. "God began to open doors to crisis ministry. For a Chaplain, the sufferer is not only the patient, it may be an employee, staff member, a local Pastor, or a referral from a Pastor or Doctor. In all of these situations, he never forgets that he is only a representative of the great healer, as he attempts to bring the healing presence of God to bear in each crisis situation. "I feel our mission is to continue the healing ministry of our Lord and just to be a part of that ministry is an exciting and rewarding experience every day!"

For 23 years Paul Wells has worked in the Engineering Department of Southeastern Kentucky Baptist Hospital, "I can't tell you how much I've looked forward to moving into the new Baptist Regional Medical Center. This part of the state deserves a hospital with the latest in equipment and technology. "When I first started, we had less than 80 beds, no air conditioning and what equipment we had was old even then. For years we have had to keep equipment running with nothing but sheer determination. "Now we'll have back-up systems for every system installed. Look how far we've come in such a short time. My job will probably change from repairing to monitoring and maintaining equipment which I won't mind one bit! We're indeed fortunate to have a new hospital. The Tri-County area should be proud."

Solomon Lewis has been in House-keeping at Baptist Hospital Highlands for 20 years. "I walk to and from the hospital every day which is a total of 20 miles! I believe in staying in shape. Coming to the hospital is not like coming to work. "My nature is to help people and in my job I try to help keep the hospital clean and free of clutter. I walk all over this hospital daily doing my job and trying to bring some cheer into people's lives. I've done all of the jobs here, scrubbed floors, put up venetian blinds, cleaned drapes, kept the units free of trash and picked up after all the workers. "We're all here to help the patients and when I have the chance, I try to say something to make them better. That's what it's all about, that's why it doesn't seem like a job to me. I like to think when I leave everyday that I have helped somebody."

As an Administrative Board Member at Central Baptist Hospital and Baptist Hospitals, Inc., Bill Johnson has some strong opinions. "Our primary concern and number one priority has to be quality health care. We're Baptists with strong Baptist heritage, and I believe it is important to blend them with the latest in health care. Our beliefs and traditions are to meet the needs of the patients and their families. "Our second concern should be a healthy financial corporation; without it, we could not be able to provide quality health care. I'm a commercial banker dealing everyday in balance sheets. Baptist Hospitals, Inc. shows a strong balance sheet primarily for three reasons; strong management, dedicated employees and board members that care and are actively involved. This board position is my proudest affiliation and I thank God that I'm able to serve."

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Health Data Network
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