



Convention of discord becomes one of harmony: Colvin elected, resolutions out, liability settled

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by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

A convention with potential for uncharacteristic discord became one of harmony last week.

Kentucky Baptists once again proved while they may arrive at a state meeting with questions in their minds, their concerns are likely to melt into "sweet fellowship" long before their final "amen," according to one messenger.

For 1746 of them, along with 407 visitors registered at last week's 149th annual session at Severns Valley Baptist Church, E'town, it was a meeting of contrasts:

- A. B. Colvin, Louisville, long term former executive board employe, widely known across the Commonwealth, was elected president. Yet his victory was short of unanimous. Colvin received 774 votes while Louisville pastor Ferrill Gardner of Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church received 372.

- A motion calling for a one-year moratorium on resolutions, an effort to carry out the current SBC peace-making spirit, failed to get a unanimous vote, too, but passed easily.

- The report of a special committee to study liability, ownership and dissolution provisions of KBC agencies and institutions, while debated, passed handily. Only one amendment was made to a very lengthy printed proposal.

- A recommendation from the executive board to realign the Kentucky Baptist Foundation did not reach the floor of the convention on a technicality. David Nelson, Owensboro, raised a point of order when the procedure used was found in violation of Article VIII of the convention's constitution. The article calls for publication of recommendations in Western Recorder at least 30 days prior to annual meetings, which was not followed in this instance by the executive board.

- Messenger Ken Curry of Salem Association moved that the convention president appoint a balanced committee to study the relationship between the KBC and Western Recorder including a study of the "balance of coverage in light of the (SBC) peace committee's requests." Ted Sisk Jr., Lexington, called for Curry's motion to be referred to Western Recorder's board of directors. The body agreed with Sisk.

- In a departure from recent tradition and at the urging of its executive board, the convention agreed to temporarily lower its financial sights in a "realistic" response to current giving patterns. The 1986-87 budget goal of \$18,189,596 was reduced to the 1985-86 level of \$17,008,157.

In addition to the presidential race, there were spirited contests for the

convention's two vice presidencies.

Eugene Siler, Williamsburg, was elected over Jack Amos, Hopkinsville, by a 10-vote margin for first vice president. Both are laymen.

In a three-way race for second vice president, Richard Shields, pastor of Cox's Creek (Ky.) Baptist Church, was elected in a runoff with Gene Wagner, pastor of Stitton (Ky.) Baptist Church. Sam Bell, pastor of Minors Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, was eliminated prior to the runoff.

Doris Yeiser, KBC archivist, Middletown, was unanimously elected secretary pro tem. Her nominator, Eldred M. Taylor, acknowledged that convention employes could not be officers of the convention, therefore, she could not be secretary.

G. Allen West, Louisville, was unanimously reelected assistant secretary.

The convention named J. Bill Jones, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, London, to preach the convention sermon at next year's 150th anniversary meeting. That historic session will be held Nov. 10-11 at Louisville's Walnut Street Baptist Church.

The 1988 session is scheduled Nov. 15-17 at Owensboro's First Baptist Church. In 1989 the convention meets Nov. 14-16 at Frankfort (Ky.) Civic Center.

sanford's perspectives



Jack D. Sanford

Reflections on the 1986 convention

What follows is the opinion of the editor. Other messengers may have seen last week's meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in a different light and may have had different impressions, but this is how the editor saw the recent gathering in Elizabethtown.

First, the careful planning of Ferrill Gardner, president of the Pastor's Conference and pastor of Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Long Run Association, made this meeting a spiritual feast from first to last and set the pattern for all that followed.

Gardner, a veteran Kentucky pastor, knows us well and so carefully selected speakers who would sound a positive note and lift us to spiritual heights.

He also used singing groups from Kentucky Baptist institutions who were great in the way they presented the message of the gospel to those charged with preaching that gospel.

Congratulations to Ferrill Gardner for a job well done.

Second, the work of Don Mathis as presiding officer set a tone of gentleness, humility, fairness and action at its very best. He did a superb job and kept the meeting moving without injury to any messenger.

Many messengers missed one of the high points of the convention Thursday morning when Bill Marshall presented Mathis a token of appreciation for his good work.

Both these men had tears in their eyes as they embraced. To this observer it demonstrated what tenderness we Baptists do have down under the bluster and posturing we sometimes allow to take control. It demonstrated the heart of our president and our executive secretary, both men of compassion who love Baptists and give much for our welfare.

Third, the address by Leon Simpson, president of Clear Creek Baptist School, was top quality, even though it had to be cut short by the pressure of time.

Simpson sounded the high note of Christian education in clear, concise tones which reflected the way most Baptists think education should be practiced in our Baptist schools.

His call to exalt Christ in the classroom and his declaration that all trustees owe loyalty to the body which appointed them brought amens throughout the Severns Valley sanctuary.

Fourth, the work of Willis Henson and his special committee to study ascending/descending liability saw a very successful presentation of the complex covenant documents.

Many messengers came to Elizabethtown concerned that a struggle would develop over the covenants proposed between the KBC and its institutions. But all went well thanks to an informed constituency who had the documents in hand well before the meeting.

The ready acceptance of these important

documents by the messengers also was helped along by honest input from the presidents and trustees of the institutions as well as the conscientious work of committee chairman Henson.

Unfortunately there was a small down side to the meeting and all must admit we have not reached that level of perfection called for in scripture.

The report from the executive board to restructure the Foundation was met with lively debate in the board meeting before it ever came to the floor of the convention. When it came to the floor the messengers never had opportunity to debate the issue since the recommendation was ruled out of order on a parliamentary technicality.

The motive behind the recommended change in Foundation operation was no doubt prompted by a desire to make the Foundation more efficient and more productive in its work of gathering, investing and distributing funds for all Baptist causes.

If the messengers had been given the opportunity to debate the issue there is no way of telling how the vote would have gone. Speculation serves no good purpose so all of us will have to wait and see what develops.

Some legal questions were fuzzy and the matter was not clear. Thus it goes back to the executive board for more work.

A mechanical malfunction spoiled the magnificent presentation of the work of the Missions/Church Services Division.

Benton Williams and his associates had put together a challenging picture of the great work being done by this group of dedicated people.

Lonnie McNorrill and his people had secured the very best equipment, tested all of it thoroughly and run through the material several times. But alas, an electronic glitch did them in.

All the hard work was down the drain and we were the losers. We sympathize with the disappointment of those who had worked so hard to inspire and challenge us.

Surely the "ups" of this convention overshadowed the "downs" by a large margin to give us a great convention in a great place.

Now we look forward to next year at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville. Work has been underway for more than a year to make the 150th meeting of the KBC a time for all to remember.

We join thousands of Baptists across Kentucky in prayer for newly elected president A. B. Colvin as he gives direction to our convention this coming year.

If any man among us can guide us into a peaceful, joyous celebration of our oneness in Christ, this man, called by many "Mr. Baptist," can do the job. We wish him well and pledge our support of his efforts as president of our great convention.

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Proclaim the 'victorious return,' pastors urged

More than 900 pastors and convention messengers were exhorted to lead their churches to become "a people with a vision" at the 1986 Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference.

Three energetic messages, a pair by Fred Haynes II of Dallas, Tex. and a closing message by Nelson Price, president of the SBC Pastor's Conference, inspired pastors to gain a vision for missions to a hurting world by proclaiming the "victorious return" of Christ.

Elected officers in a business session are J. Howard Cobble of Severns Valley Baptist Church, E'town, president; James Jones of Campbellsville (Ky.) Baptist Church, vice president; and Barry Allen, director of the KBC Business Division, Middletown, re-elected secretary.

Looking at the pages of the Times Eternal written by the Holy Spirit in the infallible word of God, Haynes claimed he had discovered a classified section.

"The Master has taken out a 'help-wanted' ad," he asserted. "You don't need any special qualifications. It's the only position you can come to just as you are."

Inviting his audience to explore the model for commitment, he extolled the program of the master, Jesus' perspec-

tive for ministry and his prayers.

"So often churches take the advice of Little Bo Peep who lost her sheep: 'Leave them alone and they will come home,'" he contended. "We call ourselves missionary Baptist churches but in reality we are stationary Baptist churches."

"Jesus prayed to the Lord of the harvest that he will send laborers into the field," the black evangelist declared. "All you do around the church is not work. These are our chores. The world is out there in the fields and we must go tell others there is a better way: Jesus Christ."

The night agenda brought another rousing sermon from Haynes on the need to minister to a hurting world.

"Life for one and for all is filled with pain. Be it in the ghetto or in the marvelous heights of the cities, all know pain," he began. "Drugs, alcohol abuse and broken homes all testify that we live in a world of pain."

"I want to let you know there is some good news based on heaven's darlin'. The good news is that we can minister to a hurting world," Haynes trumpeted, bringing a herald of "amens" from the congregation.

Comparing Christians to tea bags he admonished, "You're never any good until you've gone through some hot water. Christ is not trying to hurt you,

he's just trying to bring flavor to your ministry."

"Jesus has the ability to surprise us when we are hurting," he continued. Illustrating his thesis, he reminded his listeners of Abraham who found the ram to sacrifice instead of Isaac, Moses who parted the Red Sea when cornered by the Egyptians and Mary and Martha who met the angel at the empty tomb.

"Thank God that every now and then he will say, 'surprise!'" proclaimed Haynes.

After a standing ovation, Haynes acknowledged he was "a child playing in the street with an 18-wheeler coming," referring to Nelson Price, pastor of Rosewood Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga.

In the final address Price encouraged the messengers to capture a glimpse of the victorious return of Christ.

Citing the marquee of signs prior to the second coming, Price claimed, "The times are getting right. Not one sign still remains to be done. He can come now."

Describing the majesty of Christ he said, "Christ is portrayed in Revelation as standing in the midst of the seven lampstands. It is no surprise that the son of man will be right in the

middle of the churches. If your church is in a mess, he can straighten it out."

The mission of his second coming is to judge. Jesus' two-edged sword reflects the custom of magistrates in biblical times, walking with a sword in front to signify their power to judge those who stand in their path, he explained. The seven stars in his hand represent his angels and ministers.

"You are his stars," Price told those present. "Keep on shining, brothers."

"A magnet moving above iron pilings will control their movements until the magnet approaches a point when they leap up to meet it. We ought to be like those iron pilings, ready to respond to the force field and power of Jesus Christ who is moving nearer and nearer," he concluded.

Another speaker on the agenda was Kenneth Mahanes, pastor of Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton, Oh., who exhorted Kentucky Baptist pastors to capture the vision of bold missions in pioneer areas.

Two special guests from Kenya, Arthur Kinyanjui, moderator of Kenya Baptist Convention, and Samson Kisia, manager of Brakenhurst Baptist Assembly, encouraged Kentuckians with reports of missions efforts in their country.

—Todd Deaton

Foundation plan dominates executive board meet

Proposed sweeping changes for working arrangements of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation (KBF) met spirited debate during an executive board session a day prior to the opening of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

A clarification committee, named earlier, brought a unanimous recommendation to the board that deletes

Ministers' wives: "apples of gold"

The Fellowship of Ministers' Wives met during the KBC for an evening meal at Memorial Methodist Church, E'town.

Theme of the evening was "Apples of Gold." Ann Case, E'town, gave a reading concerning ministers' wives titled: "Fruits of the Spirit: Apples of Gold."

Ginny Sisk, Lexington, brought greetings from the SBC Ministers' Wives Conference and encouraged those present to "stand together against anything that would tear us apart." Mrs. Sisk is president of the SBC Ministers' Wives Conference.

1986-87 officers for the Kentucky group are: Brenda Jicka, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville, president; Janice Elliott, Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel, Louisville, vice president; Mary Helen England, Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, secretary-treasurer; Alice Moore, Beechland Baptist Church, Louisville, program chairman; and Betty Shacklette, Valley Station (Ky.) Baptist Church, publicity chairman.

Norma Cobble, E'town, 1985-86 president, was hostess for the program which 100 people attended.

—Virginia Flanagan

the currently vacant position of KBF executive secretary. While nine directors would continue to be elected to the KBF by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the KBC executive secretary would now join them as an ex officio member. The KBF board would continue to elect its own officers.

A newly created position on the executive board staff, director of planned giving, was projected. This employee's function is to lead in promotion and development of funds for the Foundation. The revised plan limits the Foundation directors to fund management and investment, removing the current additional assignment of fund raising.

As anticipated, the proposal by John W. Kruschwitz, Ft. Thomas pastor, clarification committee chairman, and M. A. Winchester, Whitley City layman, speaking for the committee, drew prompt reaction.

P. A. Stevens, Louisville layman and chairman of the Foundation board, read a statement from that board opposing the changes. He cited "reorganization of structure" and "reduction of functions" as "detrimental" to the purposes of the Foundation.

William W. Marshall, KBC executive secretary-treasurer, responded with a prepared statement supporting the committee. Stating he could "live with whatever decision" the executive board made, he said he preferred the committee's recommendation.

Owensboro pastor T. A. Prickett offered a substitute motion, asking for a new nine-member committee of Foundation directors, executive board and clarification committee members, equally represented. He called the debate a disagreement of "no minor proportions." It failed at the vote.

After discussion, including amending the original motion to add "with due regard to legal implications" in answer to questions raised by layman J. Paul Nelson, the clarification committee's motion carried. It was later presented to the convention.

Several other issues were tackled by the executive board in its pre-convention session. Among them was a proposal to alter a Cooperative Program distribution plan previously adopted by the convention.

Following discussion, the board agreed to recommend to the KBC that the 1986-87 convention budget be revised downward to the 1985-86 level to be "more realistic."

The present budget would require an 11 percent increase over 1985-86 which was \$800,000 under budget. The newly-adopted measure, while returning the budget to the previous level, retains four percent salary increases for executive board staff.

W. Marshall explained that "all of us" would "like to achieve" the convention's previously adopted goal of 60/40 "as soon as possible." The 60/40 goal is a progressive step plan to increase to 60 percent gifts sent to the SBC while reducing those kept in Kentucky to 40 percent, by 1990.

Marshall said the present plan would have "discriminated" against Kentucky agencies and institutions "but not against those outside the state." He called for "fairness," saying it was best for "all the family" to "bite the bullet equally." He observed that might take an extra year to achieve the 60/40 ratio, but the proposal would not change the "intent" of the convention.

In other matters, the executive

board voted to assign \$40,000 from previously designated Kentucky-Kenya partnership fund to provide assistance to pastors going to Kenya. An amount of \$400 each for 100 pastors who could not afford such a trip was projected. The partnership continues through 1987.

\$100,000 was appropriated to convert the lake at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly to a stream and remove the broken dam in the lake.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1987 gifts for world hunger received in the convention office will be divided 85 percent to the Foreign Mission Board and 15 percent to the Home Mission Board, unless otherwise designated by the giver.

The presiding officer, Don R. Mathis, Corbin pastor, named an 11-member panel to study the possibility of launching a statewide endowment fund to assist Baptist children in attending Kentucky Baptist colleges.

Before adjournment, the executive board recognized those members rotating off the board. The organization meeting of the new board will take place Dec. 8-9 at the Baptist Building, Middletown.

—James H. Cox

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The spirit of Thanksgiving

I can count the number of men who have greatly influenced me in my ministry on one hand. One of them, Vernon N. Simpson (my father-in-law), wrote the following.

"Thanksgiving is truly American, and yet throughout the Old Testament many are the expressions of a grateful heart to God. Israel observed the feast of the tabernacles in annual recognition of God's goodness.

"In Psalm 103:1, There is a burst of praise! 'Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.' It was David who said, 'It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most high.' 'It was the psalmist who wrote, 'O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.'

"Abraham Lincoln, almost a century ago, sounded a word of warning to the American people calling attention to the proper observance of Thanksgiving. He said, 'We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.'

"To further illustrate: There is a story of a corn farmer, whose crop was a bumper, and a friend congratulated him upon the season's yield, saying, 'It has been a great year for you.' 'Yes, in some ways, but an awfully hot one.' 'But hot weather makes good corn.' 'Yes, if you get enough rain!' 'Well, haven't you had rain enough this season?' asked the friend. 'Well, yes, we can't complain of lack of rain.' 'Well, isn't this the greatest crop you have ever had?' 'Yes, I think it is, but you know, a crop like this is awfully hard on the soil!'

Convention sermon

Ministry before the millenium

William E. Crosby, Erlanger

Suppose a doctor working in his laboratory and hospital ward finds a cure for cancer. What indescribably great news! But it is not yet available to cancer sufferers all over the world. A corps of doctors must learn about it and be taught how to handle it. They must become the agents whereby the cure becomes universally available.

That is a figure of the continuing ministry of Jesus. Here on earth, Jesus gave the human race its only cure to the deadly disease of sin. We have the good news. We have this ministry of sharing the good news. The Christian ministry is one of the most exciting places to serve.

This world as we know it shall some day come to an end. Then we'll find out who was right: the pre-millennialists, the post-millennialists or the a-millennialists. These are the views of various people in regard to the second coming of Christ. Of course, most of us may be pan-millennialists; that is, we feel it will pan out in the end!

Jesus is coming again, and we need to be ready and get others ready. We have a *ministry before the millenium*. That ministry is founded in the life, ministry and teaching of Jesus Christ.

We do not need any insanity in ministry. We've had enough insanity. It is forgivable in youth but not in adults. We'll laugh at a child for doing crazy things. For example, I heard about a young girl who was the only one in her class to fail the human anatomy test. The students were to tell about the human anatomy. This is how she described it:

"The human anatomy consists of three parts: the brainium, the borax and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain. The borax has the liver, the lungs and other living things. The abominable cavity has the bowels of which there are five: a - e - i - o - and u."

We'll accept this from a child, but not from an adult. We have the opportunity to render ministry to our world and we need to do it the best way.

Every person who is a believer in Jesus Christ has the responsibility and privilege of being a minister. Many people ask, "What are we to do?" "What is our ministry?" In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians he says Christ has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

The word 'ministry' means service. The word 'reconcile' in the Greek means putting someone into friendship with God. Our service is putting other people into friendship with God. We are to introduce people to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. What a wonderful, thrilling ministry of introducing people to God. In the middle of all conflicts, one thing is still a self-evident truth: Christianity is relational. Only a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ leads to abundant life and life everlasting. Right doctrine doesn't do it... knowledge doesn't do it. Christianity is relationship—we have this ministry.

What should characterize this ministry? The Bible says God is making his appeal through us—we are ambassadors through Christ—we are here on business for the king. If we are going to do the king's business and perform Christ's ministry of reconciliation, how should it be done?

Ministry before the millenium must

be ethical. Personal ethics must characterize those who are engaged in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Ethics are defined by Webster as the study of standards of conduct and moral judgment; moral philosophy. Another definition given by Webster is the system or code of morals of a particular philosopher, religion, group or profession. Personal ethics should be characterized by integrity. Integrity is the quality of being complete, undivided, unbroken and unimpaired; soundness, purity, honesty, uprightness. Ministers must have integrity.

One day, while driving through the Swiss countryside, Carl Henry asked Billy Graham, "What do you consider the most important thing in life?"

"Integrity," he flashed.

"Suppose you could choose between a million dollar gift to spend for Christian causes, Gadhafi's conversion to Christ or an open door to evangelize the communist world?"

"Still integrity," he insisted.

There must be personal integrity in the minister's life.

Our churches should seek to maintain the precious possession of integrity. We are not in the business of manipulating. Our ministries should be committed to the authority of the scriptures and to the priesthood of all believers. Southern Baptist churches have chosen to cooperate. There is local autonomy. However, we should not violate sister churches. Our freedom ends when we infringe on the rights of others.

Our ministry before the millenium should involve equipping the members for ministry. 2 Cor. 5:18 gave us the ministry of reconciliation. Verse 20 calls us to be ambassadors of Christ. The ministry of reconciliation is not just for professionals. It is for everyone who is a believer of Jesus Christ. Paul says in Eph. 4:12, "... to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ."

Equipping—we don't send young men into combat without training. I hope that a doctor has been educated, trained and supervised when he begins to practice his medicine. Now we do have a lot of AD's in our world. Not MD's but AD's. AD's are people who are Almost Doctors. They know how to treat everything from the common cold to a brain tumor. It is just as important that a disciple of Christ be trained for ministry as it is for a doctor to be trained. We, the saints of God, should be equipped.

Education should be a top priority for every person's life. Some may not be able to have formalized training. However, we should avail ourselves to opportunities that expand our minds. I agree with Roy Honeycutt: there is no conflict between spirituality and intellect. "You don't have to put your brains in your pocket to be a disciple of Jesus Christ." Equipped through training and education. Church Training deserves your attention. Although I must confess a six weeks' course probably will not give you a new devotional life, it might guide us in the right direction.

We need to equip and to train those in our congregation to do ministry before the millenium.

Did you realize that according to Digest, the research division of the

Home Mission Board, there are 130 million Americans who are not affiliated with a religious body? 130 million! That's astounding! We need to equip our greatest resource, our people, to do ministry before the millenium. Reconciliation will be a reality when people are equipped.

Ministry before the millenium should be edifying. The word 'edify' means built up or upbuilding. Our ministry should build up the church and not tear it down.

I was visiting the other day and a lady said she attended a church of another denomination and the preacher sure did pick on and put down Southern Baptists. You know, you never put down someone less than you, so I guess the fellow recognized the greatness of Southern Baptists and he knew his bark couldn't hurt us. I believe God is at work in his total church. We should not be critical of another and I ask for the same respect. However, many of our brothers enjoy belittling others.

Ministry should encourage, care for and be tolerant of others.

Our ministry before the millenium should be evangelistic. II Cor. 5:19 says God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself. God came in human form that the world might be saved. Jesus said: "I have come to seek and to save that which is lost." Jesus Christ came to bring new life to us. Our ministry must be evangelistic. Evangelism must not be a secondary function. It must be primary. Evangelism is not rebaptisms. It is not baptizing preschoolers. Evangelism is introducing a lost world to hope in Christ. Southern Baptists should not allow controversy and conflict to hinder our evangelistic zeal. The truth is, we have allowed our theological controversy to hinder the message of the saving grace of Jesus Christ and this is a travesty!

When we are evangelistic we find the real joy of serving Jesus Christ. Jarassri Applegate is from Thailand. She left Thailand and married an American. She came to America as a Buddhist. She and her husband have two children. A lady in our church started bringing their older daughter to Sunday school. Tracy became a Christian. It gave us the opportunity to witness to her parents. They enrolled in Sunday school and after a few months they trusted Christ as their savior. Jarassri is now a group leader in a Sunday school class. I was in the bank the other day and a teller said, "Mrs. Applegate called me and invited me to Sunday school." This is the joy of the ministry. I thought: This is what Southern Baptists are all about; we are evangelistic. We are missionary. We have never had a creed and we have never allowed doctrine to be a test of faith. Our ministry must continue to be evangelistic and missionary.

Christ died for the whole world. We are his ambassadors. Let us continue to beseech others to follow the master.

Our ministry is service. It is giving. It is sharing.

Ministry is rendering service in Jesus' name. God so loved, he gave. We ought to love others and minister in Jesus' name.

A. B. Colvin: a 'historic' leader

by Greg Hancock

If A. B. Colvin has a shy bone in his body, nobody has ever found out about it. Word has it he was born shaking hands and had the names of the attending physicians and staff committed to memory before he left the delivery room.

When he was 20 minutes late for his "presidential interview," his wife, Irene, rolled her eyes and apologized, "It's a wonder we ever get anywhere. A. B. knows everybody and everybody knows A. B. He just has to stop and talk!"

Colvin ran against Ferrill Gardner, pastor of Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, for this year's convention presidency. Gardner has been president of the 1985-86 Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference and is well respected among Kentucky Baptists.

One key to Colvin's election may have been the 1987 sesquicentennial celebration. For 28 years before his retirement in 1985 Colvin served the Kentucky Baptist Convention in capacities ranging from director of evangelism to assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer. His travels took him into more than 1700 of Kentucky's nearly 2300 Southern Baptist churches. He consulted with hundreds of pulpit search committees concerning their pastoral needs and with hundreds of pastoral candidates concerning their vocational aspirations. Few people could imagine a more appropriate president for an anniversary year.

"There's a rumor going around that I'd like to get stopped right now," Colvin quipped as he began the interview. "It is *not* true that I was elected to this position because I'm as old as the convention. I did not come to Kentucky in 1837. It was 1840!"

Actually, Colvin came to Kentucky out of military service in World War II. He served first as associate pastor, then as pastor of Southside Church, Covington. In 1952 he moved to Lebanon, Ky. and pastored Lebanon Church until 1958, when he joined the convention staff.

A. B. (which stands for Achel Buford) and his wife, Irene (Shearer), will have been married 45 years this

April. They have two children: Cassandra (Mrs. Max) Carr, an executive with Southwestern Bell Telephone in Texas, and Cynthia (Mrs. Richard) Weller, Louisville; and two grandchildren: Richard Colvin Weller and Anne Catherine Weller. The Colvins also note that his mother, Edith, is 91 young and living in Williamstown.

When retired director of missions J. V. Case stepped to the convention platform to nominate Colvin, he pronounced the word "retired" "inappropriate to describe the candidate's vocational status. 'Retread' is more accurate," he claimed.

Indeed, Colvin had been "retired" only a short time when Barkley Moore, president of Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute, sent word he'd like to have a talk. The agreement Moore and Colvin reached in their conversation was far from regimented.

"Barkley and I just sort of agreed," Colvin recalls. "He said, 'Here is your assignment: go ahead and do whatever you were going to do anyway, but when you're doing it, speak a good word for Oneida.'"

With that, Colvin became Oneida's number two promoter. (Barkley Moore, himself, remains number one.)

There is a significant difference between the position from which Colvin retired and the one for which he is "retreaded." In the former, he drew a salary check from the executive board of the convention. In the latter, he performs his tasks without remuneration: asking that monies intended as honoraria be designated to Oneida, instead of A. B. Colvin.

"I want the (executive) board to know that I am aware of what the constitution says (about convention employees holding elected office within the convention)," Colvin asserts. "If I were an employe of Oneida, I wouldn't qualify to be convention president."

"I am not on salary at Oneida, and I will not be."

Money is often a major issue in convention politics, but money is a poor answer to the convention's challenges, according to the new president. It is not the short cut to the convention's goals, either.

"When we talk about Mission Kentucky," Colvin suggests, "we've got to remember you cannot start churches

with money. You have to have people.

"You cannot import a community into a church. You have to have people in the community where the church exists.

"If you had \$10 million you could not start churches in Kentucky without people.

"There's nothing unreasonable about a goal of 400 new churches and missions in three years provided we try to do it with *people* and not just money.

"People represent the key to Bold Mission Thrust, too," Colvin goes on. "There is not a chance for us to win the world for Christ by the year 2000 unless we understand the need for people.

"If we have a million people coming to our country and going back home every year; and if we win 10,000 of them, that would be one out of every hundred of the world's population.

"We would have 10,000 missionaries that don't cost us a cent. And many of these people can get into places our missionaries can't get into today.

"The people who do the best job of winning other people are the brand new Christians. The longer you're a Christian, the fewer lost people you know. It only makes sense, then, that we'd want to spread the base of participation. Get some new churches on the field with new Christians as members working and witnessing. There is no telling *what* we can do with that combination."

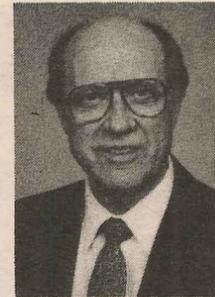
Colvin has first-hand experience with his missions strategy. As a field supervisor for doctor of ministries students at Southern Seminary, four people have, over the years, been placed under his tutelage. One of the four is a pastoral minister in the United States. One is an employe of the Foreign Mission Board. One is executive secretary of the Ghana Baptist Convention. The other is executive secretary of Kuki Baptist Convention in Manipur, India.

Manipur doesn't have any Southern Baptist missionaries but it *does* have a Baptist academy: Colvin Baptist Academy, started by Colvin's old student, and now boasting 191 students. The school—something of a cross between Oneida and Clear Creek in Kentucky Baptist reference—sits on the Burma border and trains persons in techniques that enable the word of God to cross and be effective beyond closed political borders.

Many presidents have specific goals for their year of convention service. Don Mathis, who turned over the gavel to Colvin last Thursday noon, felt no new programs were necessary. "We need to do *what* we do *better*," he repeated often. Mathis practiced refining Sunday school, Church Training, missions auxiliaries and witnessing skills.

Colvin joins Mathis in spirit, although he is not currently pastoring a local church. "I'm not interested in pulling off some big thing while I'm president," he contends. "My chief concern is that we, as Kentucky Baptists, might just give the Lord the best year we've ever given him.

"Instead of us praying, 'Lord, you know we want you to give us the best year we've ever had, I think we should pray, 'Lord, empower us that we might give you the best we've ever given.'"



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homes for children

What will you do?

The beloved hymn writer B. B. McKinney asks a question which each of us must answer. The question is the title of the song, "What Will You Do With Jesus?"

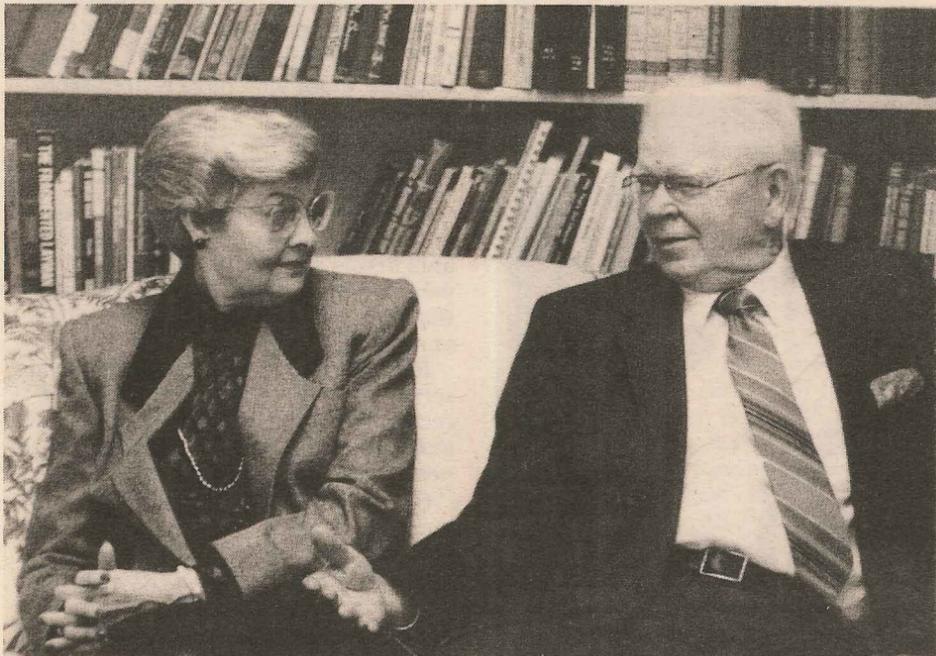
Each stanza pictures Jesus standing at your heart's door knocking. He is seeking an entrance that he may be savior and Lord. Each stanza concludes with the question, "What will you do with Jesus?"

The great majority of you who will read these lines have answered that question. You have accepted Jesus as savior. Now, because you belong to Jesus, I want to ask you a related question: What will you do with the neglected/dependent/hurting children in Kentucky? For 118 years Baptists have been providing a ministry to children. It is indeed a work of faith, dependent each year on God's people responding to the needs of children by investing financially in their lives. This year is no different. We still walk by faith on this mission to provide care for crying children each of the 365 days of the year.

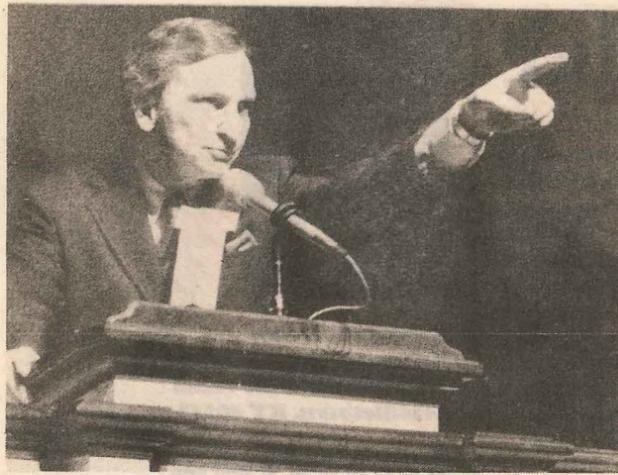
One of the important sources of support is the Thanksgiving Offering taken through our Baptist churches. The information posters, bulletin inserts and offering envelopes have been sent to the churches. I mailed a letter to many of our friends requesting prayer support of the Thanksgiving Offering. Now it is up to you the people to give through the Thanksgiving Offering and demonstrate a true spirit of Thanksgiving and loving concern for children. What will you do with these precious young lives? Will you hear their cries at your heart's door? Will you make a sacrificial gift for them?

Last year more than 700,000 Baptists in Kentucky gave an average of 91¢ each to care for these crying children. An average of 91¢ is less than the cost of two soft drinks. No one of us would see this as a sacrificial gift. Baptists could double this gift this Thanksgiving and still not be making much sacrifice. It is up to you—you will determine how much we can do in caring for children this coming year. What will you do?

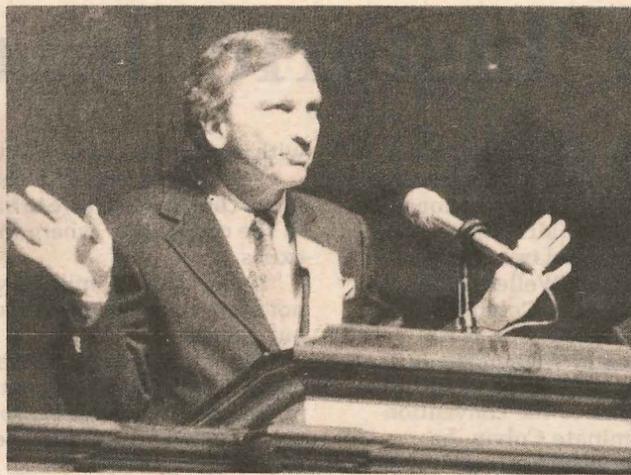
I pray you will hear their cries, open your heart's door and let your compassion pour out upon these precious children. I pray many who have not given will, and those who give regularly will make a sacrifice. God bless each of you for all you do for children.



Irene Colvin listens intently as her husband, A. B., newly elected Kentucky Baptist Convention president, reminisces over his many years as a KBC figure. He is perhaps as widely recognized as any Baptist leader in the state.



Don Mathis, outgoing president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, presides over the debate on ascending-descending liability. The 1986 Kentucky Baptist Convention was held Nov. 11-13 at Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown.



Educators identify staff problem areas

About 60 educators attending the Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association meeting Nov. 10 voted to endorse the 1987 Sunday School Convention. The financial report recorded a surplus in the current KBREA budget.

In other business, Jim McGee, minister of education at Central Baptist Church, Corbin, was installed as president.

Carl Peevy, minister of education and youth at Grace Baptist Church, Lexington, was elected secretary-treasurer. Harold Price, minister of education and administration at Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville, is president elect.

The main address was delivered by William Rogers, dean of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He addressed the future of religious education as a profession and urged listeners to be sensitive to networking among Christian educators in the field to build professional identity.

He identified some common threads in the problem of church staff relations.

One problem is basing a ministry on a defective covenant. Rogers explained that unrealistic expectations of education ministers and churches during the interview process can lead to frustration later for both parties.

"The time to ask questions is during the interview process, not later," Rogers warned. He asserted open communication is essential for good relations but can be difficult to attain.

During a leadership change a "stage of ambiguity" occurs and must be worked through. Some people who have felt repressed in the past become "very expressive of desires and grievances."

Rogers suggested a better definition of the roles and a willingness to discuss problems would be beneficial during this stage.

Another problem is status versus function.

"You don't get status by crying and begging for it," Rogers said. He stressed the need for education ministers to consider not only their functions by what type of identity they wish to convey to their staffs and congregations."

—Cathy Butler

Lasting implications seen in Kenya link

Kentucky Baptists are "inextricably involved" with Kenya Baptists, volunteers who went to Kenya were told.

William W. Marshall, executive secretary-treasurer of the KBC, told his audience at an E'town banquet he believes the tie between the two will continue "long after I have left this earth."

Earlier, Larry Pursiful, a Severns Valley Association layman, told of two unsaved persons in Kenya whom he met there last spring.

"I pray that someone will go back there (maybe even myself) who will be able to reach them for Jesus Christ."

Mrs. Jane Allison, Georgetown, said

DOMs best friends of HMB: speaker

The director of missions is one of the "best friends" of the Home Mission Board, consultant Dale Holloway told the Kentucky DOMs at their Glendale, Ky. dinner meeting.

He targeted his remarks toward the market place minister, stressing the importance of the bivocational work.

Harold Greenfield, Caldwell-Lyon Association; was honored as director of the year.

Officers for the coming year include: president, Ken Forman, Bracken Association; president-elect, Janus Jones, Mt. Zion and South Union Association; editor, Harold Greenfield, Caldwell-Lyon Association; and secretary-treasurer, L. M. Huff, Green Valley Association.

—Beth Wyatt

Women in Ministry organize support

Women in Ministry appointed a steering committee for 1986-87 at a luncheon during Kentucky Baptist Convention Week.

Members of that committee include: Carol Noffsinger, Louisville; Jo Garnett, Danville; Lela Hendrix, Louisville; Delores Baugh, Elizabethtown; Sally Ensley, Providence; Loretta Reynolds, Louisville.

Carol Noffsinger, KBC Woman's Missionary Union consultant, introduced guidelines for the steering committee and defined the function of the group: to provide support and a network organization for women in church-related vocations.

A retreat is tentatively planned for March. All women in ministry are invited to join.

—Beth Wyatt

her idea of what missions is has been "enlarged" by her late summer trip to Kenya.

"I was reminded that each of us has a particular work at home to do," she continued. "I also realized anew the importance of prayer in this experience."

Summing up, she added, "I realized as I never realized before, we are truly laborers together with God."

Elder encourages outreach study

"One of the most attractive things about the Outreach Bible Study is the curriculum," said Grant Minton, pastor of New Friendship Baptist Church, Auburn.

Minton said the material was designed to reach "people who won't come to your church, but see the Bible as holy."

About 350 people attended a banquet during the KBC to learn more about the outreach Bible study program sponsored by Baptist Sunday School Board.

Jack Palmer, associate in the KBC Sunday School Department, hosted the evening program and introduced Bernadette Saviano, minister of education at Cornerstone Church, Greensboro, N. C. Miss Salviano told of her conversion through meeting with a group like the outreach Bible study groups.

Lloyd Elder, president of BSSB, told the group the material for the study had been field tested. He described it as a bridge to reach people over the U. S., to reach the unchurched.

Jim Fitch, supervisor in the growth section of the BSSB, explained the program helps churches go beyond where they are in evangelism. Fitch said

C. Benton Williams, director of the convention's Missions and Church Services Division, thanked the volunteers for their participation. At the same time, he encouraged them to consider returning to Kenya in 1987.

Robert C. Jones, director of the Direct Missions Department, presided at the banquet, an annual event for volunteers through the partnership years.

—James H. Cox

there were printed materials that would speak to the unchurched in language they could understand.

Palmer said there would be opportunities for training on the associational level for those wishing to start the sessions in their areas. He encouraged anyone needing help to contact the KBC Sunday School Department.

—Virginia Flanagan

Annuitants receive pension increases

Increased income supplements for retirees of Baptist churches, agencies and institutions were announced at the Kentucky Baptist annuitants' luncheon in E'town.

Speaking to several hundred retirees, Darold H. Morgan, president of the SBC Annuity Board, reported increases affecting all retirees who placed pensions in the board's Plan A.

Those who retired before 1980 will receive a 16-2/3 percent increase in their supplements Jan. 1, 1987, he said. Because those who have retired from 1980 until now have already received increased benefits, a 6-2/3 percent increase will be added to their supplements Jan. 1.

Morgan also noted the Annuity Board will soon be "helping" 20,000 annuitants across the Southern Baptist Convention. He said the board adds more than 800 new annuitants to its rolls annually.

In Kentucky, 34 persons retired from service in the 1985-86 year and were recognized at the luncheon. Another 13 annuitants who had died during the year were honored for their service.

George Monro presided at this year's luncheon. Named to that responsibility for 1987 was Robert Mills, former president of Georgetown (Ky.) College.

Francis Tallant, Bowling Green, led the group in singing several old gospel hymns. KBC executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall brought greetings.

—James H. Cox



Mrs. Leo Crismon was recognized Tuesday morning for her late husband's service to the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Leo Crismon was assistant secretary since 1958 and secretary from 1981-86.

Colvin, Siler, Shields elected by KBC

With more than two-thirds majority A.B. Colvin, who retired in 1985 as executive associate of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, was elected president of the 1987 KBC.

Colvin received 774 votes of 1146 ballots cast. His challenger, Ferrill Gardner, pastor of Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, 11 years, tallied 372 votes.

Colvin pastored Southside Baptist Church, Covington, and Lebanon (Ky.) Baptist Church, before going to the executive board staff. He served there 28 years.

He is presently a non-salaried consultant at Oneida (Ky.) Baptist Institute.

In the closest race for office, U. S. District Judge Eugene Siler Jr., Williamsburg, edged past Jack Amos, Hopkinsville surgeon, by 10 votes.

Siler claimed 345 votes—four more than the 50 percent necessary for election. Amos received 335 votes.

The race for second vice president of the convention saw Richard Shields, pastor of Cox's Creek (Ky.) Baptist Church, collect 284 of 686 votes. Gene Wagner, pastor of Stithton (Ky.) Baptist Church, trailed with 257, while Sam Bell, pastor of Minors Lane Baptist Church, Louisville, finished with 130 ballots. Because the tallies of Shields and Wagner were close enough to be

swayed by the other 130 votes, a runoff was necessary.

On the second try the convention named Shields second vice president by a margin of 42. He claimed 252 votes to Wagner's 210.

Doris Yeiser, KBC archivist, was elected secretary pro tem. She could not serve as secretary as such because bylaws of the convention prevent an employe from serving as an officer of that body. Miss Yeiser was assistant to the last four KBC executive secretary-treasurers.

G. Allen West, former executive director of Long Run Association, was reelected assistant secretary.

—Todd Deaton



Mrs. Jean West (l) talks to Karen Webster (r) about the possibility of volunteer missions in Kenya. Her husband, G. Allen West is assistant coordinator of the Kentucky-Kenya project. Through the project hundreds of Kentucky Baptists have gone to Kenya to assist national Baptists in church growth and evangelism through a variety of mission projects. The partnership is scheduled to last through 1987.

Ownership, dissolution, liability report adopted by messengers

Following two years of prayer, study, meetings and reflection, a special committee authorized to review "relationship documents" of KBC agencies and institutions presented its report.

At the 1984 annual convention the committee was named and asked to focus attention on ascending and descending liability implications for the KBC. This included ownership and dissolution provisions for each KBC institution and agency.

In an extended session, the convention overwhelmingly adopted the report of the special committee, with an amendment.

Willis Henson, committee chairman, presented the report underscoring three items: (1) KBC institutions and agencies exist to encourage and uphold high moral and spiritual levels; (2) the fiscal level is the convention's manner of carrying out in practical ways the ministries supported by the KBC; and (3) each Kentucky Baptist institution was created separately by the convention.

Each one has trustees or directors as described in their charters. While trustees have no personal ownership of the property, they hold possession of the property for those entitled to use it.

Assets of the institutions are under control of the KBC. With this relationship, the liability of the KBC for the

debts and acts of the institutions will be minimized, if not removed, according to the report.

John Dunaway, pastor of First Baptist Church, Corbin, presented an amendment requesting each institution and agency to follow the terminology relating to trustees outlined in the Campbellsville College portion of the covenant agreement. After discussion, the amendment was approved.

Another amendment to reduce the number of years required for Georgetown College to terminate its covenant agreement from four years to one was rejected by messengers.

Committee member Edwin Perry, retired pastor of Broadway Church, Louisville, stated that Baptist Hospitals, Inc. have specific responsibilities and different types of ministries from other convention-supported institutions and agencies. As a result, the committee felt more latitude is needed in the selection of hospital trustees.

The report recommends Baptist Hospitals, Inc. be allowed to appoint non-Baptists to its board. The report also states "in no event shall the board consist of more than 25 percent non-Baptists."

Henson asked that the special committee be allowed to function another year to complete its work.

—Robin Oldham

Youth choir losses musicians' concern

The Kentucky Baptist Music Association installed Billy Orton, music minister at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, as 1987 president during its meeting in Hodgenville.

Ken Goforth, music minister at Scottsville (Ky.) Baptist Church, was elected vice president. Gary Belcher, music minister at Versailles (Ky.) Baptist Church, is secretary-treasurer.

About 40 people attended a seminar by Marc Beaver, music minister at Briar Lake Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., titled "Mission Strategies for Choirs."

Beaver spoke with concern about the diminishing enrolment in youth choirs over the past decade, dialoging with his audience on possible causes. He offered solutions to reverse the trend.

He stressed a return to basics in youth choir rather than an "anything goes" mentality and a return to a plan for youth choirs.

"The accompanist is a dying breed because of the popularity of taped music," Beaver said. He urged the ministers to care about the use of an accompanist.

He also stressed the need for good music, texts that have meaning set to pleasant melodies.

Members of the audience voiced desires for music with more variety that would expose youth to a wider range of musical experience than they are receiving now.

"We need to let publishers know how we feel," Beaver said. "Tell them or start writing your own."

—Cathy Butler

Mission starters share joys of work at first luncheon

"We didn't have any choice, we knew this was God's will," Odell Beauchamp, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hindman, shared when telling

why his church had started a new mission. Beauchamp said his church was right in the middle of a building program, but felt they had to go ahead with the mission work.

So the mission church at Vest, Ky. was begun. Today the mission is meeting in a family home with about 36 regular attendance for the Sunday evening services. The mission's goal is to secure land and build by next summer.

This was just one example of the new church work that was shared at a church starting luncheon during the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

William D. Jagers, church extension and language program leader, KBC Direct Missions Department, said this was the first meeting of this type and "that it was a modest beginning, but it was a beginning."

Jagers recognized new works and missions that had begun from September 1985 until August 1986.

Gary Robbins is the pastor of Line Fork Baptist Mission, Three Forks Association. The mission is the work of the First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, where Tom Stokes pastors.

Stokes told the group how the mission is meeting in a three-story settlement school. Since its beginning in June of this year seven persons have been baptized. Stokes said the church in Whitesburg had not once said that it could not afford to do this mission work.

Lawrence Spears' retirement after a lifetime as a pastor in Ohio didn't last long. He is now the pastor of Community Baptist Mission in the Cedar Grove community in Pulaski County. The mission is the work of the Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somersset.

Spears said the mission would dedicate its building Dec. 21 and the mission averaged 50 in attendance.

Approximately 60 people attended the luncheon.

—Virginia Flanagan



Harriet Kenyanjui (l) is seated with her husband Arthur (r) during the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Arthur Kenyanjui, moderator of the Kenya Baptist Convention, was featured speaker Tuesday afternoon.

Convention personnel

The following chairmen of committees of the convention were named by newly elected KBC president A. B. Colvin:

Committee on committees: David Akers, Somerset

Committee on order of business: Clarence Nemitz, Owensboro

Committee on credentials: James S. McKenzie, Russell

Committee on arrangements: James F. Gentry Jr., Bowling Green

Committee on resolutions: J. Robert White, Paducah

Committee on public affairs: J. C. B. Marquette, Lexington

Committee on obituaries: Gene Crowder, Elkhorn City

Committee on constitution and bylaws: W. Robert DeFoor, Harrodsburg

Committee on nominations: William F. Barnard, Alexandria

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

Preacher of annual sermon for 1987: J. Bill Jones, London

Alternate preacher for annual sermon for 1987: Verlin Kruschwitz, Mt. Washington

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Association; Name, Home; Term ends
Anderson; J. Tyre Denney, Lawrenceburg; 1989

Bell; Charles F. Jones, Pineville; 1989
Bethel; William Lynch, Russellville; 1989

Blackford; Phillip D. Basinger, Hawesville; 1989

Blood River; Mike Littrell, Benton; 1989
David Brasher, Murray; 1989

Boones Creek; Larry Brown, Winchester; 1989

James F. Smith; Irvine; 1989
Caldwell-Lyon; David Fambrough, Fredonia; 1989

Central; Brad Johnson, Springfield; 1989

Christian Co.; Robert K. Lowery, Hopkinsville; 1989

Crittenden; Henry White, Falmouth; 1989

Daviess-McLean; Taylor Bristow, Owensboro; 1989

Elkhorn; Jerry Tooley, Frankfort; 1989
Enterprise; John H. Woods, Prestonsburg; 1987

Franklin; Ed Talley, Frankfort; 1987

Pierce Dodson, Frankfort; 1989

Grayson; Chester Mayes, Caneyville; 1989

Greenup; Leo Buschur, Ashland; 1989
Earl Cathey, Worthington; 1989

Phillip Potter, Catlettsburg; 1989
Green Valley; Russell A. Hibbs, Henderson; 1988

Laurel River; Johnny Jervis, Corbin; 1989

Little Bethel; Daniel Knight, Madisonville; 1989

Long Run; Clarence Jones, Louisville; 1987

Dean Moore, Louisville; 1989
John Brandon, Louisville; 1989

Larry F. Orange, Louisville; 1989
David L. Hughes, Louisville; 1989

Lucy Stewart, Louisville; 1989
Jennye Bennett, Louisville; 1989

Doug McCall, Louisville; 1989
George Ransdell, Louisville; 1989

McCreary Co.; Jerald M. Burgess, Whitley City; 1989

Monroe; Bill Small, Tompkinsville; 1989

Muhlenberg; E. W. Greenwalt, Greenville; 1989

Nelson; Herman Wilkins, Bardstown; 1988

North Concord; Roger Wolfe, Flat Lick; 1989

Dennis Hammons, Barbourville; 1989
Northern Kentucky; William F. Barnard, Alexandria; 1989

Ernest Harris, Florence; 1989
A. Harold Pike, Covington; 1989

Ohio County; John Cashion, Beaver Dam; 1989

Owen County; Thomas L. Tackett, Owenton; 1989

Pine Mountain; Robert E. Yaden, Cumberland; 1987

Severns Valley; Gary Sharp, Elizabethtown; 1989

Norman Shumate, Vine Grove; 1989
So. District; Douglas Sharon, Lancaster; 1989

So. Union; Charles Mailo, Williamsburg; 1988

Tates Creek; Curtis H. Warf, Richmond; 1989

Taylor Co; Don Gowin, Campbellsville; 1987

Three Forks; Glenn Noe, Sassafras; 1989

Warren; Joe Causey, Bowling Green; 1987

West Kentucky; Robert H. Long, Clinton; 1989

West Union; Richard E. Edmiston, Paducah; 1989

WESTERN RECORDER

Term ending 1989

Greg Earwood, Murray
Richard Bridges, Bowling Green

Alan Jolly, Louisville
Garnett Hulette, Frankfort

KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Terms ending 1989:

Charles Jones, Pineville
William Burch Owen, Lexington

Louis Kerrick, Harrodsburg

BAPTIST HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Terms ending 1990:

Charles Boteler, Nortonville
Mrs. Dorothy Bailey, Bowling Green

Steven L. Hadden, Georgetown
Mrs. Jane Cross, Prospect

Mrs. Barbara White, Morehead

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

Term ending 1988:

Bill Tichenor, Princeton

Term ending 1989:

Mrs. Ginny Sisk, Lexington

Term ending 1990:

Rollie Graves, Georgetown
Ronald Meredith, Louisville

Randall L. Fox, Louisville
Franklin Ensor, Prospect

O. M. Kington Jr., Madisonville
David Nelson, Owensboro

William K. Skaggs, Taylorsville
Kyle Hubbard, Louisville

Dudley Webb, Lexington

CAMPBELLSVILLE COLLEGE

Term ending 1987:

Ted Sisk Jr., Lexington

Term ending 1990:

Don Zuberer, Owensboro

Joyce Rasdall, Smiths Grove
W. R. Mann, Campbellsville

J. Chester Badgett, Campbellsville
Fred Clem Jr., Elizabethtown

Mrs. Doris Mullendore, Bowling Green

B. G. Dunnington, Monticello
Herbert Keeton, Campbellsville

Ferrill Gardner, Louisville

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE

Term ending 1990:

Jim Roland, Williamsburg
Ray Kelley, Corbin

Bill Hacker, Corbin

Calvin Perry, Alexandria

William Lamkin, Louisville

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST SCHOOL

Terms ending 1989:

Elmer Gambrel, Corbin

Don Mathis, Corbin

Arnold Turner, Prestonsburg

Mrs. Mary Lou Salter, Richmond

J. C. Helton, Pineville

Samuel Sowder, Mouth Card

ONEIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE

Term ending 1988:

Mrs. J. Everett Bach, Jackson

Terms ending 1990:

Curtis Phipps, Georgetown

Wayne Roberts, Manchester

Preston Baker, Oneida

Roger Williams, Manchester

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Terms ending 1989:

Arnold Moon, Ludlow

Mark Hamm, Hartford

BAPTIST HOSPITALS, INC.

Term ending 1988:

Glenn R. Noss, Paducah

Term ending 1989:

Wm. P. Cubine, Paducah

Terms ending 1990:

Kenneth Burhans, Louisville

Billy W. Johnson, Versailles

Bob C. Jones, Lawrenceburg

Buddy Adams, Bowling Green

Ned Buchanan, Paducah

Howard Hawes, Mayfield

TEMPERANCE LEAGUE OF KENTUCKY

Terms ending 1989:

Orion H. Bell, Louisville

Dennis Brewer, Beattyville

Ernest Martin, Danville

Terry Sills, Hardin

Wm. L. Hancock, Louisville

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

Terms ending 1988:

Denzel Dukes, Owensboro

Warren Hale, Corbin

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Terms ending 1988:

James S. McKenzie, Russell

Ken Adkisson, Owensboro

Tom Stokes, Whitesburg

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Terms ending 1988:

Mrs. Jane Allison, Georgetown

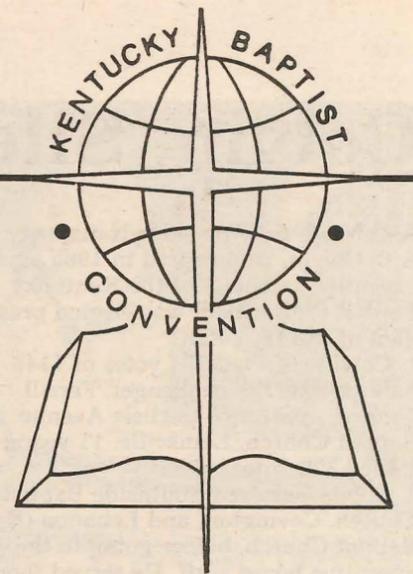
James F. Gentry Jr., Bowling Green

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Terms ending 1988:

David Lyons, Barbourville

Edgar Hatfield, Louisville



COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Terms ending 1988:

Rick Shannon, Greenville

Ted Sisk, Lexington

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Terms ending 1987:

Mrs. Wilbur Hutchinson, Dry Ridge

Terry Sills, Hardin

Terms ending 1988:

Don Downing, Pineville

Gene Crowder, Elkhorn City

Terms ending 1989:

Hicks Shelton, Princeton

James Casey, Greensburg

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Terms ending 1989:

Johnny Jervis, Corbin

Gary Coltharp, Madisonville

Bill Tichenor, Princeton

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Term ending 1988:

North Central Region

Mrs. Maribeth Hambrick, Lexington

Northeastern Region

Bill Messer, Ashland

William Neal, Means

Southeastern Region:

Roy Faulkner, Evarts

Roger Williams, Manchester

Southern Region:

Wilbur Powell, Franklin

Term ending 1987:

Wayne Hayes, Cave City

South Central Region:

James Wm. Barnett, Danville

Term ending 1987:

Roy Alexander, Somerset

Southwestern Region:

John Johnson, Cadiz

Western Region:

Phillip D. Basinger, Hawesville

David Bratcher, Henderson

Central Region

Ed Boyd, Louisville

Steve McSwain, Shepherdsville

SPECIAL REPORTS TO THE CONVENTION 1987

Cooperative Program:

Robert F. Browning, Somerset

Alternate: Marshall Johnson, Elizabethtown

Home Missions:

Wendell Romans, Lexington

Alternate: Robert Y. Simpkins, Hodgenville

Foreign Missions:

Larry Purciful, Elizabethtown

Alternate: Mrs. Glen Henderson, Marrowbone

Conventionwide Education:

H. Ray England, Winchester

Alternate: Bill McCaslin, Princeton

Four speakers address KBC

Reaching lost is common theme in speeches

Themes of commitment to God and the gospel directive to reach the lost were present in the addresses of four speakers to the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Elizabethtown Nov. 11-13.

Tuesday afternoon Arthur Kenyanjui, moderator of Kenya Baptist Convention, compared Kentucky Baptists to Moses at his calling from God.

"As in Exodus we read of Moses and his concern for the Israelites in bondage, Kentucky had the same concern when you agreed to come to Kenya. After God heard Moses' prayers, he came down so as to meet with Moses. But at this point Moses acted as if he had forgotten he had been thinking of his people and began feeling incapable of the task lying ahead of him. But God assured him of his presence.

"I want to tell you if you are feeling incapable and giving reasons as Moses did that you do not know the language or the customs that the same God who was with Moses on the mountain is that same one who has called you and said that he will be with you."

Kenyanjui reminded his audience of how God taught Moses obedience through turning his walking stick into a serpent and back again.

"The fields are ready for harvest. God is wanting to use Kentucky Baptists to help us reach 100,000 people for Jesus in Kenya in 1987. The Lord did not tell Moses to pick up the stick just any way and sometimes he commands us to do careful listening and obey the voice of God.

"If we will cast down our walking stick of our mind, vocation, body, etc., God will perform the miracles in our lives.

"Have you cast down your walking stick? Jesus has done everything for us. We are here on this mountain of God, we must cast down our walking sticks and let God use us to go. We are the ones to go. I challenge you in the name of Christ—Cast it down and God will save Africa and the United States," he affirmed.

Leon Simpson, president of Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, pointed out that as the world enters a new millennium Christian colleges are being challenged as never before and are going through a time of "evaluation and self-examination."

"There is evidence to suggest that most of our Southern Baptist institutions and agencies are currently "passing through a winter of discontent"

which inevitably follows a self-examination process," Simpson said.

Citing his almost 17 years of service in Kentucky Baptist institutions, Simpson said he felt qualified to give an opinion and offer an appraisal of the situation.

"First, it is my contention that Kentucky Baptist educational institutions are distinctively different in their constituency relationships.

"Kentucky Baptist schools are fellow servants of Jesus Christ with Kentucky Baptist churches and partners in the proclamation of the gospel. We share mutual loyalties and goals and bear the name 'Christian' and 'Kentucky Baptist' gladly," Simpson stated.

He also affirmed Kentucky schools are different in their roles. He reminded listeners that all the great schools begun in America's infancy were Christian.

The audience greeted Simpson's statements about the role of Baptist schools enthusiastically. He contended it is not enough to simply teach knowledge, but Christ must be central to the classroom.

"Kentucky Baptist educational institutions are distinctively different in their emphasis on values, their stress on basic morality by example as well as precept.

"The unique role of Kentucky Baptist schools is to teach values and send out Christian leaders into our society. Above all, we seek to develop in our students a capacity for sound judgment.

"Baptist colleges train our young people for leadership, but we also train them in discipleship. Increased knowledge and learning without an increased commitment to Christ is unthinkable in our Baptist institutions," he concluded.

Bill Long, consultant in the Church Extension Division of the Home Mission Board, exhorted listeners to be like Jesus in their compassion for the lost.

"Throughout the gospels, we note that Jesus went into all the cities and villages healing the sick, calming the winds and waves, and casting out demon spirits. He did not miss anyone or any place. As he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion upon them.

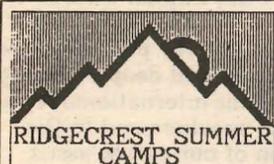
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"Jesus' heart is filled with compassion and our hearts must be like his. Such love-filled hearts are needed in planting churches," he stated.

"Today, there are more than 150 million unchurched Americans. Southern Baptists have been challenged to begin 14,000 churches by the year 2000. Though the challenge is real, it is attainable. We must be available for him to use us and we must take the great commission seriously.

"Southern Baptists must work diligently while people are so open to the message and ministry of Christ," Long emphasized.

On Thursday morning Lloyd Elder, president of Baptist Sunday School Board, spoke on "building lives that last."

"Southern Baptists are engaged in a worldwide, eternal mission—one that really matters here and now and forever after. Our purpose is building lives that last on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ and his word. And, the Baptist Sunday School Board belongs to you as Southern Baptists in that mission; it belongs in your hearts because since 1891 it has been at the heart of the denomination in building lives and building churches.

"Southern Baptists are at their best in building lives by hearing the words of Jesus; indeed, hearing the words of

Jesus is at the very heart of the mission of Southern Baptists. We must hear, everyone, one Baptist at a time."

"Our mission is to build lives on Jesus and his word—it starts with hearing—so let us share the word with the saved and the lost, the young and the old, the rich and poor, the insiders and outsiders, the lonely and loveless, our kind and your kind. Let us hear the words of Jesus, individually, universally, urgently.

"It is not just the hearing of the words of Jesus, as important as that is. But the singular difference in the text is the obedient response. For it is clear that the foolish man hears—but he does not act upon them, does not do them. Discipleship in the kingdom of Christ demands obedient action.

"We do our building against the destructive forces all around us. Let us face them squarely and realistically for as Southern Baptist believers in the 20th century, the rain still falls, the floods come, and the winds blow.

"For those who build life solidly on Jesus and his word, there is a practical and and happy benefit—life does not collapse under the destructive forces. Lives are built that last, that stand the test. The eternal mission of Southern Baptists is building lives that last."

—Cathy Butler with Beth Wyatt, Robin Oldham and Virginia Flanagan

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"Now I Care"

We are having to send some students home today for varying offenses. It is always depressing and discouraging when we have to do this. Not only has the student failed but we have a sense of failure, too.

We give many chances. But there are times when one must say "enough is enough." Among those leaving today is one with whom we have struggled for more than two years, only 8 weeks away from finishing the last of the graduation requirements. But it cannot be helped. I am feeling pretty low.

The mail has just come. My spirits have risen somewhat. A letter has come from a young man living in Topeka, Kan. He originally came to us from Texas. When we accepted him we were told he needed "structure and discipline, to be away from his present peer group; he is beginning to be rebellious."

We had our ups and downs with him but saw much progress. When his family moved they made a decision for him to return home. We were sad to see him go because we had seen much progress. He has now been gone from us for three months, since the end of the summer school session. He writes:

"I want to give you a big thanks. It was your school that changed me for the better. I don't argue with my parents, brother or relatives anymore. I admit I didn't like the school rules, getting licks, being "campused," or the suspension. But I took the punishments. I thanked Mrs. Smith (dean of

the school) for giving me the three week work suspension on the farm because I know I messed up. I served every day, minute and second of it without fail.

"I miss all my friends at Oneida. Everyone was close. We cared for each other. Before I went to Oneida I didn't care about anything or anybody except myself, money and drugs.

"Now I care. I care about school. I'm getting a 3.0 or above gradepoint average. I care about family, friends and just people in general. I have a job. I'm getting a lot of opportunities that my parents wouldn't have thought of giving me before. My parents know I've changed for the better.

"I especially want to thank Mr. Tillman (farm manager). He was a man that I could talk to and he told me something that made me feel good, and not something I wanted to hear. I love him for that.

"I want to say I'm sorry to Mr. Underwood (dean of boys). He gave me chances and chances. I hope he realizes during summer school I honestly tried hard. I want to thank him for everything he's done for me.

"Dr. Moore, I will be back to say 'hi' someday. Until then, Oneida and memories of it will always be with me."

Yes, I feel better. The fact that we have ministered to and helped change the lives of countless boys and girls over the years gives us courage to go on in the face of defeats. Even those we have had to expel often testify to being better people for having passed this way and heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

Other recent letters include: "We were so pleased and really carried away with the school, the grounds, your efficiency, and what's being done there. Personally I appreciate your discipline."

"Our two grandsons were overwhelmed with the immensity of your student activities. They were torn between wanting to be a part of Oneida and the protective apron strings of their mother."

From a 1947 graduate in a faraway state: "I always enjoy hearing all the great things happening at Oneida. It makes me happy to see how the Lord is working in that lovely spot. The Lord has blessed me with good health, a good job, and, more recently, an extra supply of money. I just wanted to share some of this money with friends I love and care about." In her letter was a gift of \$2000.



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sunday school lessons

Lesson for Nov. 23, 1986

Life and Work Series Worship

Genesis 2:1-3 After God completed the creation of the universe in six days, he rested on the seventh. He had completed the work he had begun, and he wanted to set apart that day.

Just as man's body needs rest from labor, so his spirit needs strength that comes from real worship. Anybody who does not observe the Lord's Day resting from labor and worshipping God is a loser, even though he profits financially.

Genesis 4:25-26 After Cain slew Able and became a wanderer, Adam and Eve were again childless. Eve gave birth to another son, whom she named Seth, which means "appointed." It is not surprising his family were the ancestors of the Lord Jesus.

Genesis 8:18-22 At God's time he commanded Noah to come forth from the ark bringing his family and every creature he had taken into the ark. Noah's next act was to erect an altar and offer sacrifices as an expression of his gratitude to God. This commendable deed was a revelation of Noah's character.

With the worship of these eight people around the altar God was highly pleased. From that altar ascended a sweet savour signifying the burnt offerings were acceptable. God pledged never again would he smite every living thing as he had done in the flood. God's gracious guarantee gave his hearers new hope.

International Series

A Remnant Rebuilds

Ezra 1:2-4 Through Jeremiah God said at the end of 70 years the Babylonian captivity would end. Due to the magnanimity of Cyrus, the pagan Persian king and conqueror of Babylonia, the captives were allowed to have their own homes and earn money. God stirred up Cyrus and put it into his mind to issue a proclamation in which he gave the Lord's people permission to return to their homeland and rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. While he did not force any to go, he gave them opportunity to do so. The monarch instructed those who remained to support the enterprise with their gifts.

Ezra 6:14-16 It was arranged the temple should be rebuilt before the walls of the city were restored. Over 40,000 responded to the call to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. Those who responded received treasures from their neighbors and friends for the erection of the temple. The foundations were laid amid great rejoicing and thanksgiving. There is always rejoicing when God is given his rightful place in the lives of his children, and his will is accomplished through them.

Nehemiah 4:15; 6:15-16 Grieved because Jerusalem was in ruins and his people were suffering, Nehemiah requested permission from Artaxerxes, king of Persia, to return to his beloved city and lead in the work of reconstruction. Unafraid of the threats, unmoved by the mockery and unashamed by the ridicule heaped upon them, Nehemiah and his co-workers continued their work and ignored what their critics said. They rebuilt the walls within 52 days.

When Christians encounter opposition in proving their love for the Lord by working faithfully for him, the best procedure for them to follow is to continue receiving orders from him and carrying them out, without being disturbed. To ignore criticism is the best way to have it sputter out.



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on mission together

The 149th: Historical

The 149th Kentucky Baptist Convention is now history. Most of the 1746 messengers and 407 registered visitors will have returned to their homes aware that this was one of their most significant conventions. There are reasons for that:

The messenger registration may yet be confirmed to be our largest ever. In all but two of the sessions the sanctuary was "packed" and overflow rooms used. The final session Thursday morning was the best attended of any of my four conventions as executive secretary.

The overwhelming vote to affirm the resolutions committee's recommendation to forego resolutions this year set a "conciliatory tone" from the outset. Exercising that kind of discipline upon

ourselves for what was perceived to be a greater good was in itself a healthy sign in our "body life." While the action did not bind us for the future, it acknowledged the deep desire of most Kentucky Baptists to contribute both to reconciliation in the larger family and to keeping the peace within our own state family.

The report of the special committee with subsequent amendments from the floor was received and adopted by a much larger majority than even the most optimistic imagined. The committee had done its two-year work well and most messengers were convinced the new covenant agreements with our institutions (see related articles) not only clarify for the first time but strengthen the relationships between the convention and our convention-related institutions.

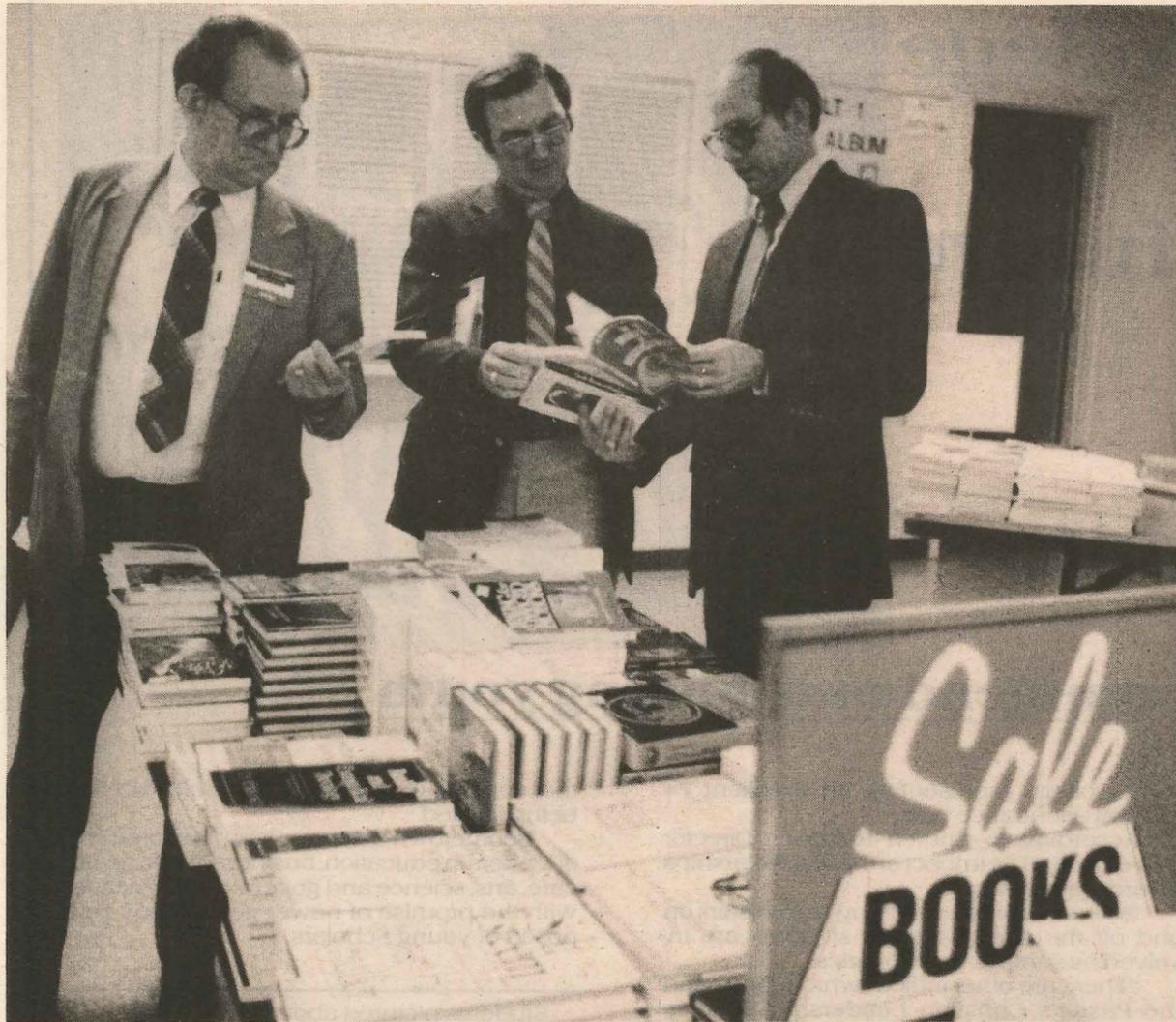
The extension of the special committee for one more year to (1) further refine the documents with the institutions and (2) develop a covenant document with Western Recorder and Bap-

tist Foundation should further strengthen the covenants.

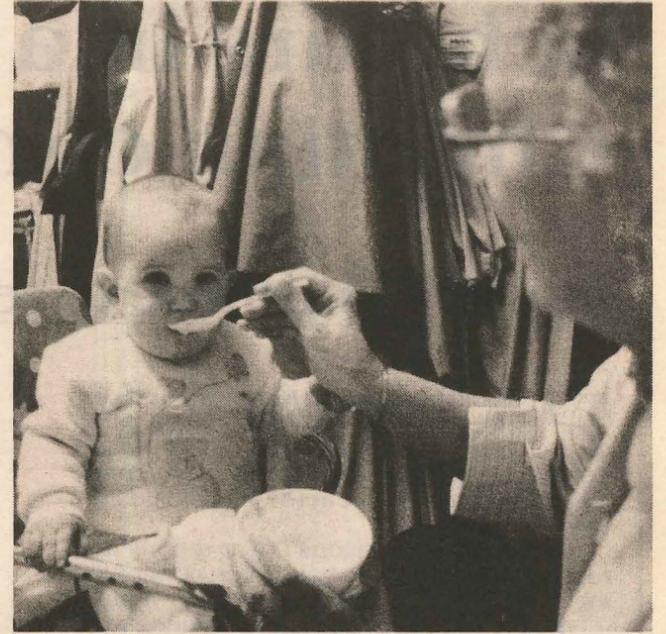
In my opinion, Kentucky Baptist history will regard this with even greater importance than the messengers to the 149th convention were prepared to experience. And it is not inconceivable the Kentucky Baptist model may now assist other conventions. (It is also tempting to recall that Kentuckians believe the Cooperative Program had its origin in the First Baptist Church of Murray!)

Missions was the prevailing tone from the majestic and deeply moving music, through the international representatives and speakers and to the intensification of our call to assist Kenyan Baptists and to reach the million-plus unchurched in our own state, aided by new church starts. Kentucky Baptists honestly seem excited about our mission together.

The 149th was a worthy and optimistic way to begin the year of our 150th celebration!



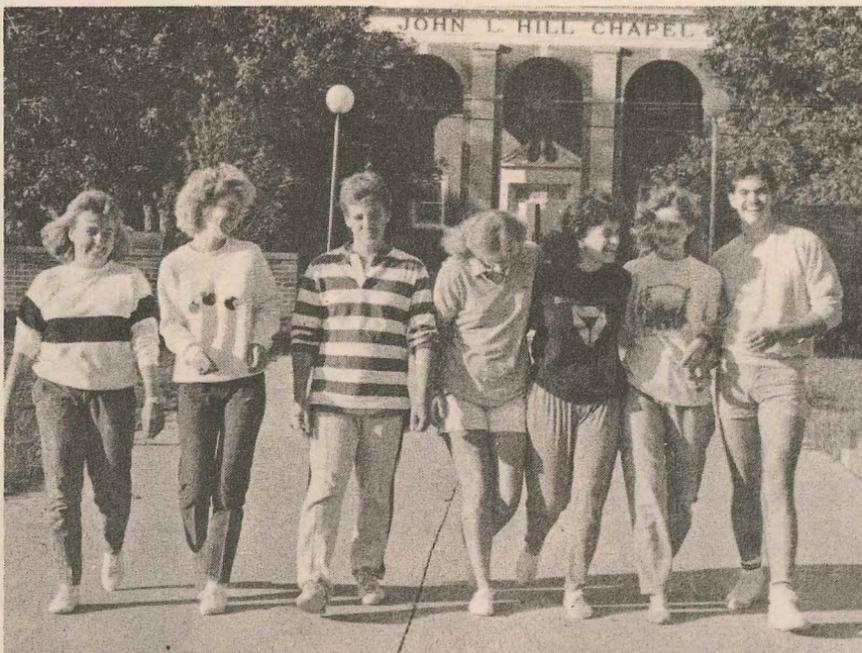
Views of a people with vision



A sale on books at the Baptist Book Store display caught the attention of pastors Ron Cruse (l), Central City, Gary Cruse, Princeton, and Curtis Rice (r), Water Valley. Long convention hours ate into feeding times for children in the nursery like Robbie Lynn Spears, E'town. Parliamentarian Eldred M. Taylor (l) confers with convention president Don Mathis, Corbin, while Willis Henson, Paducah, (r) looks on. Kentucky Baptist Chorale members Eugene F. Quinn (l), Larry Cook and Dick Ham (r) lift voices in singing while Bruce Richardson accompanies on tuba.

Chief photographer for this issue was Suzanne Darland, assisted by Greg Hancock and James H. Cox

Georgetown College serves a new generation of future leaders and scholars in a Christian climate



Pastors continue to recommend outstanding youth

Pastors from across Kentucky and several states are recommending gifted high school seniors for Christian Leadership Scholarships designed to enrich the educational climate at 157 year old Georgetown College.

The Church Relations Office reports in a recent release that 721 have been nominated for these awards over the past seven years.

Eighty five percent of the nominees were carefully chosen based on their satisfaction of several criteria.

Among the requirements measured by the College were Christian commitment, participation in church and community activities and leadership responsibilities fulfilled in these service opportunities.

The report also revealed that 453 of the 615 offered scholarships enrolled at George-

town College representing an excellent 74 percent attendance rate.

According to Church Relations Director Steve Cook, "The impact of these scholarships awardees is obvious.

"More students are serving as ministers on and off the campus. More students are involved as summer missionaries.

"There are other indices which commend the Pastor's Christian Leadership Scholarships," said Cook.

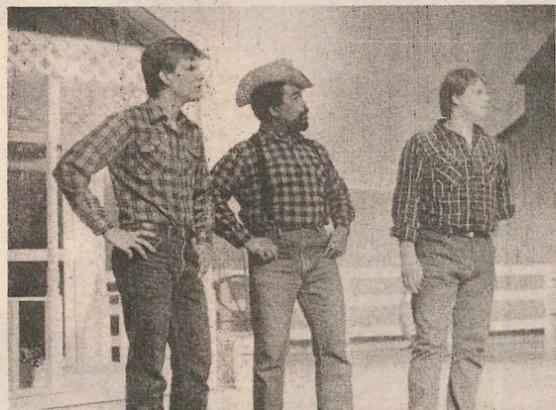
"They are the thoroughgoing enrichment of on campus Christian Athletes, our more than half century old Baptist Student Union and the Christian Ministries Fellowship," Cook said.

It is very clear to College officials that pastors are nominating their best youth for these scholarships. All of the measurable benefits

that come with careful positive selectivity are being fulfilled.

Georgetown College, a long time producer of leaders in education, business, work, health-care, arts, science and government is pleased with the promise of newer generations composed of young Scholars.

Students pictured above (l. to r.) are:
 Melissa Bickers, Fr., Madison, Indiana
 Tracy Valentour So., Moscow, Ohio
 Chad Reeb Fr., Louisville, Kentucky
 Susan Pitt So., Winchester, Kentucky
 Paula Borders, So., Owenton, Kentucky
 LaRaine Dail So., Owenton, Kentucky
 Greg Phelps, Fr., Meally, Kentucky



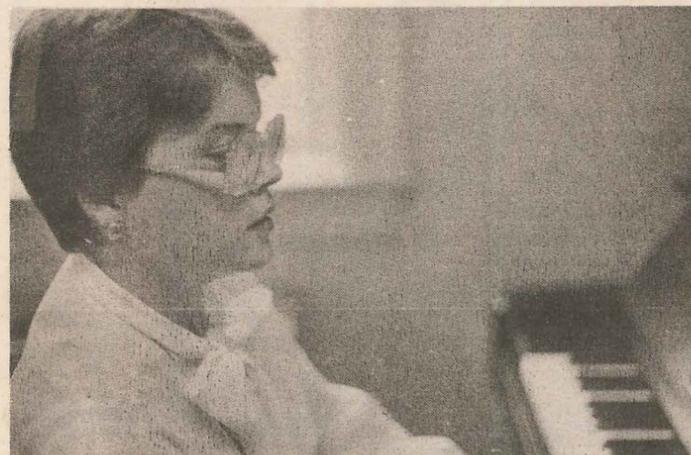
Oklahoma featuring (l. to r.) Eric Williams, Kenny Downs and Doug Pyles



Social life mixes well with academic. Seen are (l. to r.) Valarie Stidham and Todd Allen



Ann Fallis, a senior cheerleader, lends inspiration on a fall day.



Karina Lumbatis, a senior, gives careful preparation to a new assignment



A senior, Sharon Edwards, searches for answers



Art is a consuming interest for Georgetown junior, Theresa Philips