

ANNALS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Bowling Green, Kentucky

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Historical and Archives Committee

Recorders and Periods

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PREFACE

The main purpose of writing the annals of the First Baptist Church is to collect and make brief write-ups of significant activities or events that have had an important bearing on the progress of the church. It is hoped that by keeping and preserving such records that the membership will be kept aware of its heritage and have a greater appreciation of their church through an understanding of its part.

It is to be noted that the annals begin with October 1968, at the time of the Sesquicentennial Celebration. A complete history of the church has been written concerning the period from the date of organization to this important event. Information for these records has been gathered from minutes of secretaries of the various departments, together with personal knowledge of the recorder (s). It is assumed that these Annals may possess sufficient merit that will justify its writing for an indefinite period of time.

Codes used in designating sources of information: Personal Knowledge, (1); Church Builder (2); Church Clerk minutes (3); Woman's Missionary Union minutes (4); Minutes of Deacons meetings (5).

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Oct. 5 - 6 (2)

The Sesquicentennial Celebration of the founding of the church began with a reception on Saturday evening. Three services on Sunday were conducted by former pastors: Dr. Joseph R. Estes, Dr. H. Franklin Paschall and Dr. Harold J. Purdy respectively. Dr. R. T. Skinner, a former pastor and Mrs. J. O. Williams, the wife of a former pastor were special guests and participated in the services. Members serving on the Sesquicentennial Committee included Charles R. Bryant, Chairman, Mrs. Nell Dickey Bowen, Mrs. C. W. Duncan, Mrs. Lacy Settle, Miss Julia Neal, Mrs. Frank Hill, Tandy Faxon, Hayward Brown and Paul Markham. Others who contributed greatly were Jack Duvall, particularly for directing and recording the special music, Mrs. J. M. Hayes and Mrs. Eugenia Paxton.

The pastor in reflecting on the celebration summed up the feelings of the congregation by saying, "Let's give Him all the praise. How marvelously He was present in all that was said and done. How magnificently the Holy Spirit honored and glorified Him."

Oct. 9 (3)

The church approved a recommendation that a history and archives committee be appointed to: (1) Collect and safeguard all records of historical significance that can be found. (2) See that the church makes and keeps adequate records of current progress. (3) Help all members to appreciate their church through understanding its past. (4) Collect and preserve properties that have a significant bearing on the church's history. The first committee was composed of Hayward Brown, Julia Neal, A. N. Duvall, and Eugenia Paxton.

Oct. 13 (2)

A history of the First Baptist Church has been written and divided into three parts - the first concerns people and events connected with the original church and was written by Julia Neal; the second relates to the Main Street Church and was written by Hayward Brown; the third part concerns the history of the present building and was written by Charles Bryant. The manuscripts were edited and organized for publication by Miss Neal. This incidentally is the first complete history of the church.

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Oct. 16 (2)

In a called business meeting a letter of resignation from Jack C. Duvall, minister of music, was read and accepted to become effective November 1, 1968. Mr. Duvall moved to Greenville, Kentucky to become the minister of music at the First Baptist Church. He had served the First Baptist Church since June 15, 1963.

Nov. 6 (3)

Two important transactions were passed upon at the business meeting. (1) Approved the recommendation from the deacons that \$ 200 be given to the O. G. Lawless Holy Land Trip Fund. (2) A special committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities of organizing a youth center and obtaining a full-time director. Dr. Peggy Keck and the pastor were asked to serve in an advisory capacity.

Nov. 9 (4)

The Y.W.A. director, Mrs. David McLellan reported that the supper meeting in November was served at the B.S. U. Center by the current mission group of the Annie Armstrong Society. There were 28 present, including leaders.

Dec. 12 (4)

A missions banquet was held for all Baptist churches in the Warren County Association at the local armory. It was sponsored by the Baptist Student Union group. Dr. Wayne Dehoney former president of the Southern Baptist Convention was the main speaker.

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Feb. 18 (2)

"Ladies Night" was sponsored by the Brotherhood with a dinner in Fellowship Hall. Reverend Bill Tichenor, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Scottsville, Kentucky, was the speaker.

Feb. 23 (2)

This day marked the one-thousandth consecutive Sunday of perfect attendance at Sunday School for Harold Dalton. Even while out of the city he made a point to find some church where he could attend Sunday School. This is an enviable record!

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Feb. 24 (3)

Approval was given to the deacons' recommendation that Darrell Alsip be employed on a part-time schedule as Interim Music Director and that his salary of \$ 200 per month be made retroactive to January 15, 1969, the date on which he took over the duties as director.

March 9 (2)

Dr. Joseph R. Estes of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, and former pastor of this church conducted both the morning and evening services. These services closed the week of prayer for Home Missions.

March 23 (2)

Jim Fitch, staff member in the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board, was the speaker at the evening worship service. His message concerned the Long Range Planning Program that is being initiated in this church.

March 30 (2)

Dr. Herbert Caudill brought the evening message to members of the First Baptist Church and several churches in the Association that had been invited. Dr. Caudill recently returned to the States after nearly four years imprisonment by the Cuban Government.

April 27 (2)

The annual Girls Auxiliary Coronation Service was held in the church sanctuary at 7:00 p. m. Twenty-four girls took part in the service using the program theme, "To Tell the World." Members and friends witnessed an impressive service that reflected many achievements during the year under the direction of Mrs. Herbert Shadowen, the WMU president.

May 13 (3)

The International Group sponsored a dinner for International students this date. Approximately 70 persons attended, including 24 International students.

May 18 (2)

During the recent revival with Jim Henry, evangelist, and Bill Cox, music director, sixteen persons made professions of faith and thirteen presented themselves for rededication.

June 4 (3)

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June 4 (3)

The WMU report of the month indicated that \$ 346.86 had been received to send girls to G.A. Camp at Camp Joy. Eight girls from Andrew Mission and another group from Immanuel Baptist Church were provided with these funds.

July 9 (3)

f The church concurred in the recommendation from the deacons that full support be given to the Day Care Center at Andrew Mission by underwriting the budget. Several persons spoke in behalf of the proposed project and enlightened the members as to the intent and purpose of the program in this facility. Much work was done in preparing the facility for efficient operation. It was opened for service October 6. Open House and formal dedication services by Dr. Jeff Blackerby were conducted November 9, 1969.

Sept. 10 (3)

After reading a lengthy statement in which the existing situation in the church was described, Reverend Othar Smith offered his resignation as pastor. The resignation was accepted by a large majority vote of the members present. The members voted to provide Brother Smith a regular salary and housing for at least three months. Subsequently he moved on January 27, 1970 to W. Lafayette, Indiana where he became pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Oct. 5 (2)

Dr. Rollin S. Burhans, Louisville, Ky., had charge of the morning and evening services. He led the congregation in observing the Lord's Supper at the evening service.

Oct. 13 (2)

The pulpit committee began its work this date by electing Dr. Paul Parks as the chairman and Mrs. W. H. McLellan as secretary. Other Members of the committee included Mrs. Robert E. Lively, Mrs. C. W. Duncan, Tandy Faxon, Ralph Holman and Don Bailey.

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Oct. 16 - 19 (2)

A World Missions Conference was held in the First Baptist Church. The following persons brought messages relating to the country and the missionary work that was being done in the various places each ministered: Norman F. Lytle, Foreign Missionary to Israel; Victor T. Glass, Home Mission Board (Dept. of Work with National Baptists); James R. Pinkley, Superintendent of Missions in Bell County, Kentucky; Roy A. Fowler, Missionary to North Brazil; and Earl Jackson, Home Mission Board (Indians in Idaho).

Oct. 19 (2)

While singing a solo, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells" for the Agoga Sunday School Class, Johnny Mac Hayes was struck with a heart attack and expired instantly. Mr. Hayes was the song leader of the class and for many years a member of the sanctuary choir.

Oct. 27 (2)

After much planning under the direction of Dr. Paul J. Parks, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, the membership of the church was divided into 30 "Little Flocks" and assigned to each deacon. The deacon was responsible for the spiritual welfare of his designated area, by visiting the ill, counselling those under stress, and enlisting persons in the ministry of the church.

Nov. 5 (3)

The chairman of the Interim Pastor Committee presented the name of Dr. Rollin S. Burhans, Louisville, Kentucky to supply the pulpit during November, and beginning in December he would become the Interim Pastor for an indefinite period. (Supplied first Sunday in October and three Sundays in November and then served as interim pastor until April 1, 1970).

Dec. 10 (3)

Miss Edwina Jones' request was granted that she be appointed an official messenger from the church to the Baptist World Alliance which met in Tokyo, Japan July 12 to 18, 1970.

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Jan. 14 (3)

An officer in the WMU organization reported that \$ 5,316.41 had been given to the Lottie Moon Offering to date. She also reported 35 families had received baskets of food and gifts in December.

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Jan. (2)

The Budget for 1970 included the following significant items: Missions total \$ 65,645 which was an increase of \$ 14,715 over the previous year. Total budget for all purposes amounted to \$ 201,076 as compared with \$ 198,245 for the year 1969.

Jan. 25 (3)

The chairman of the trustees' committee reported that a consultant had been contacted in regard to air conditioning the educational units. The estimated cost was between \$ 45,000 and \$ 50,000. The trustees were authorized to proceed with the installation in accordance with the proposed plans.

March 22 (2)

At the close of the morning worship service, the Pulpit Committee recommended that the church call Dr. Rollin S. Burhans as her pastor. The recommendation was approved by a unanimous vote and Dr. Burhans accepted the church's call.

Dr. Burhans is a native of Missouri and was educated in that state. He had his college training at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo. and William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. Following the under-graduate study he entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he obtained the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees. He began his preaching ministry at the age of eighteen in his home state. He has held pastorates at Ormsby Avenue in Louisville and First Baptist Church, Clarksburg, W. Virginia. In 1946 he became pastor at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, where he remained for fourteen years. He was president of the Kentucky Association of Baptists and served on many committees of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In 1960 Dr. Burhans became the first and only president of Kentucky Southern College, Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. and Mrs. Burhans moved to Bowling Green April 1, and he conducted his first worship service as pastor April 4, 1970.

June 1 (2)

After hearing a recommendation the church voted to enter into a decorating and refurbishing program that was to include wall-to-wall carpeting of the sanctuary, installing or rebuilding pews, replacing plaster, paving parking lot, sand-blasting exterior walls and building a new bulletin board. Dr. Paul J. Parks was elected chairman of the refurbishing committee with Mr. Charles Scoggins as co-chairman. Nine days later three committees, involving forty-eight people, were appointed to implement the action with respect to the refurbishing program. One committee was responsible for selecting a professional consultant. A second committee was responsible for discovering ways

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and means to adequately finance the new program and the third committee was held responsible for supervising the work. The committees were expanded later.

June 10 (2)

The church in business session voted enthusiastically and unanimously to purchase a new Steiner Organ to replace the presently used organ which had been in use since 1915. The purchase price was 69,680 and installation would start the latter months of 1971.

Aug. 5 (3)

The secretary of the deacons brought a recommendation which was approved by the members. It was recommended that the Sunday School and Training Union organizations be reorganized to conform to the "Shaping the Seventies Program" as outlined by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Oct. 7 (2)

Option (60 days) was taken on the property adjacent to the church at 1232 Chestnut. Eleven days later in special session the congregation voted to purchase the property at \$ 35,000 to be used presently for staff offices and youth activities, but eventually for parking space. During the months that followed the building was remodeled, painted and the floors were painted and carpeted to produce an attractive appearance. A Halloween party, October 30, was set as the opening date of the Center.

Oct. 11 (2)

The Phoebean Sunday School Class recently made a \$ 500 gift to the organ fund as a tribute to Mrs. Nell Dickey Bowen. On this same date an "Old Fashioned Service" consisting of special music, Scripture reading, prayer and testimonies was presented by the young people. The program was given at the regular evening worship period.

Oct. 18 (2)

At a special business meeting Richard Bridges was extended a call to become the Minister of Education effective November 15, 1970. The call was accepted by a letter dated October 8. He and his wife Sandra moved from Waco, Texas, where he had been pursuing his doctoral degree in Theology from Baylor University. Mr. Bridges is a native of Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

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Oct. 28 (2)

The church voted unanimously that the L. L. Sams Company, Waco, Texas be employed to refurbish the interior of the sanctuary, front foyer and Twelfth and Chestnut Street vestibules at a price not to exceed \$ 280,000. The Renovation Committee obtained authorization to contract with the Forrester Pointing Company to sand blast, tuck point, repair and paint woodwork of the exterior of both the stone and brick buildings at a cost of \$ 23,585.

Dec. 11 (4)

"Family Mission Emphases" program followed the week of prayer for the Lottie Moon offering. Mrs. Burhans' sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Olive, missionaries to the Philippines gave informational talks concerning their work in that country.

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Jan. 6 (3)

A WMU official reported during the business meeting that \$ 5,015.18 had been received for the Lottie Moon Offering. Thirty families had been helped at Christmas and that between 30 and 35 dolls had been dressed. It was also announced that a letter from the Kentucky Baptist Board concerning the Child Care ministry contained a request that a member be appointed or designated to sponsor this cause. Mrs. Kathryn Ayers was chosen to promote this worthy cause.

May 5 (3)

The Finance Committee, Dr. W. P. Watts, chairman, reported the collection on "Demonstration Sunday" was \$ 21,000 plus and that \$ 11,000 had been paid on the \$ 85,000 note.

May 31 (3)

The committee appointed previously to secure a minister of music presented the name of David Caudill at the regular church business meeting. It was planned to have him begin his duties July 1, 1971 on a part-time basis and continue in this status until November 1, when, hopefully, he would have finished his doctoral dissertation and at which time he would become a full-time minister of music. Church approval was given to the recommendation and Mr. Caudill accepted the call.

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Mr. Caudill and his wife, Donna, and their two boys moved to Bowling Green to live. Mr. Caudill, at the time of the contact, was a student at Florida State University pursuing courses leading toward the doctorate degree in music. He has served as minister of music in various churches in Tennessee and Florida. The newly elected minister of music is a native of Memphis, Tennessee where his father, Dr. R. Paul Caudill, is pastor of the First Baptist Church.

July 20 (2)

"His Land" a Billy Graham film production was projected on the screen. It was proclaimed as "a meaningful worship experience." Approximately 300 were in attendance, and \$ 157.63 was contributed toward the work of this film ministry.

Aug. 6 (2)

A group of Senior Adults and other church members filled a chartered bus and attended a concert given by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in the Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee. "The concert was a majestic one, providing a moving thrilling experience to those of us who were fortunate enough to be in the audience."

Aug. 23 (2)

Following a Personal Evangelism Institute conducted at First Baptist Church, August 30 to September 1, under the leadership of Dr. James Bryant, associate pastor of Dallas, Texas, the Encounter Crusade began in a large tent erected in the Bowling Green Mall. Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church was the evangelist and Leroy Till was the director of music. There were 308 decisions of which 147 made professions of faith; 141 rededications and the remainder were for various commitments. About 12 of the professing people united with the First Baptist Church.

Oct. 24 (2)

The "New Congregation Singers," eighty-four in number, under the direction of the minister of music, David Caudill, presented the musical, "Tell It Like It Is" to an audience that filled the sanctuary to full capacity. It was a folk musical about God. This program was the first major production for this musical group, as well as the first for the new minister of music in our church. The pastor in commenting stated that, "the musical sound, the message, the staging, the lighting, the attendance, the response, all combined to make Sunday evening an experience long to be remembered."

Nov. 14 (1)

The church's oldest member, Mr. J. E. Stevens, was honored this date, it being his 100th birthday. Mr. Stevens came forward and stood near the pulpit where a group of young children sang "Happy Birthday." Members of the Agoga Sunday School Class presented the honoree with an engraved seventeen jewel wrist watch and sat in a group during the worship service. The youngest church member, Mary Ellen Bentley, presented this oldest member with a congratulatory letter from President Richard Nixon. Dr. Burhans expressed congratulations in behalf of the congregation. Mr. Stevens stated that he had been a church member since the age of 37 and a member of this church over 52 years. It is worthy of note that Mr. Stevens lives alone on a farm five miles from his church and drives each Sunday, health permitting, to attend Sunday School and church.

Nov. 24 (2)

The Community Thanksgiving Service was held in the church sanctuary at 7:30 P.M. The service was sponsored by the Bowling Green Ministerial Association, and the message was brought by the Reverend Phillip Mikel, minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green.

Dec. 5 (2)

A film, "Empty Shoes," concerning William Carey and his call to missionary service was shown during the regular evening worship service. This very informational and inspirational visual message was a part of the program for the Lottie Moon Offering.

Dec. 12 (3)

A station wagon load of toys and other gifts were delivered by the child care representative, Mrs. Reginald Ayers, to the headquarters at Middletown. Distribution of the gifts between the two children's homes was to be made by personnel at the office. The goal of the First Baptist Church which was set at \$ 2700 was exceeded by \$ 52.74 at the time of the report.

Dec. 12 (1)

Another accomplishment was announced at this meeting by the minister of education. The Sunday School attendance was 804 for this date - the highest since Oct. 27, 1968. Eight hundred and four represented 74 per cent of the total enrollment.

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Dec. 12 (1)

The Sanctuary Choir composed of 39 voices with a 15-piece orchestra under the direction of the minister of music, David Caudill, presented Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" at the regular evening service. "Gloria is a beautiful testimony of the faith and love of God."

"The new choir vestments, worn for the first time tonight, were given in loving memory of the late Mr. O. V. Clark, Sr., by his son and widow."

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January 2 (2) A five-year comparison of December giving: For the year 1967 - \$ 19,748; 1968 - \$ 16,137; 1969 - \$ 19,819; 1970 - \$ 24,690; 1971 - \$ 26,808.

January 23 (1) The Baptist Student Union Choir, composed of approximately twenty-five students from W.K.U., presented a musical program under the direction of Mr. James Kearce. Following the musical program, Rev. Tony Romeo, W.K.U Campus minister, gave a challenging and inspirational message. This service was conducted at the time of the regular Sunday evening worship service.

January 24 (1) A most important ministry was begun this date in providing physical therapy to David Koon, twenty-three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Koon. Mr. and Mrs. Koon and David are members of First Baptist. Approximately seventy members were assigned to five-member teams to administer the treatments. David's paralyzed condition was the result of a basilar aneurism. After many months of hospitalization and several surgical procedures, parents of a girl with the same ailment informed the family of the Nashville Institute for neurological development, Inc., who suggested the therapy. The opportunity for this service was presented to the congregation; members volunteered enthusiastically and the therapy was started immediately.

February 20 (2) A Billy Graham film, "Lost Generation" was shown at the evening worship service. This film portrayed the investigations of the attitudes and opinions of Americans of various backgrounds on the troubles of our times and included special appearances by Art Linkletter and Jack Webb. Highlights of some of Dr. Graham's crusade sermons suggested the solution to the problems facing the Nation.

March 6 (2) Miss Teresa Jenkins captured first place in the Associational Speakers Tournament held at Glendale Baptist Church. She gave the speech at the evening worship service on March 19. Miss Jenkins entered the State Tournament at Cedarmore, March 24 - 25. This was a splendid accomplishment.

March 12 (1) Eagle Scout awards were presented to Joe Holman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holman and David Shadowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shadowen. Both young men, ages 13, are members of this church and belong to Troop 73. This award is a distinct achievement since only about one per cent of those entering scouting complete the twenty-one merit badges which is the minimum requirement. The records indicate that only fifteen scouts of Troop 73 have received this coveted award previously.

March 12 (2) The highlight of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions was the presentation of the religious drama, "To Every Man" by the "Teen Drama Group." Those performing in the drama were: "Chuck" Hanes, Teresa Jenkins, Robert Chandler, Sara Tate, "Tim" Harrington, Tommy Katzman and Kathy Reagan. Others in charge of directing and producing the playlet were: Mark Keen, Barbie Manning, Becky Chandler, Chris Scantland, Jim Kearce (Director) and Mrs. Ray Mullendore (Asst. Director).

March 26 (1) A "Fellowship and Fair" sponsored by the Baptist Women was conducted in Fellowship Hall for all ladies of the church. Two features of the event were the honoring of new church members and to acquaint the women more fully with the missions opportunities of the church. The displays arranged on tables by sections consisted of posters, handwork, brochures, magazines, pictures, images, models, etc., which explained or illustrated very clearly the various facets of missionary work. A two-hour social was spent mainly in viewing the displays and enjoying wholesome fellowship and refreshments. Approximately 125 guests were in attendance. The five sections of the Fair were under the direction of the following: (1) Day Care Center - Mrs. J. C. Carpenter and Mrs. Larry Elliott (2) Missions in Action - Mrs. Gatewood Brown (3) Missions Program - Mrs. H. I. Roberts (4) Prayer and Bible Study - Mrs. W. H. McLellan and (5) Missions for Youth - Mrs. Don Bailey. The over-all direction was under Mrs. Paul Parks, president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

March 27 (1) The Pastor made a progress report covering the two years he had served as pastor. He reported that, with respect to financial support that the increase in total giving for all purposes during the last two years was \$ 5,000 more than the combined increase in giving for the previous eighteen years. The following comparisons support that fact: 1951 - 1955 gifts for all purposes increased from \$ 92,000 to \$ 116,000, or a total of \$ 24,000; 1956 - 1960 from \$ 116,000 to \$ 137,000, or a total of \$ 21,000; 1961 - 1969 from \$ 137,000 to \$ 178,000, or a total of \$ 41,000. During the period 1970 - 1972 the total gifts for all purposes increased from \$ 178,000 in 1970 to \$ 275,000 in 1972, an increase of \$ 97,000. -----

"the progress made during the past two years could not have been made without a change of climate, an elevation of spirit, a renewal of personal commitment to Christ, a deep sense of gratitude to God for giving us an opportunity to make a creative response to a difficult situation."

April 28 (1) The Alathean Sunday School Class celebrated its fiftieth anniversary this date with a luncheon meeting in Fellowship Hall. The program consisted of two vocal selections by David Caudill, minister of music, and a devotional by Richard Bridges, minister of education. The class president read excerpts from a brief history of the class that had been written by Mrs. E. F. Colboch, a former member, now deceased. A business meeting concluded the meeting which was conducted by the President, Mrs. Charles L. Taylor.

This class was "started" January 22, 1922, while Dr. Charles L. Greaves was pastor. Five persons participated in the initial meeting, namely Mesdames W. E. Payne, Clarence Neighbors, W. T. Lawrence, C. L. Burleigh and H. E. Davidson, who became the teacher for ten years. Twenty-four charter members composed the organized class and has continued active since its organization. The class contributed \$ 500.00 toward the construction of the Sunday School Annex and in recognition of its generosity was assigned a room, April 27, 1924, which the class has occupied to the present time.

The class at present is composed of fifty-one active and fourteen inactive members. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Charles L. Taylor; first vice-president, Mrs. D. P. Grider; second vice-president, Mrs. E. H. Hankins; third vice-president, Mrs. A. R. Edwards; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Richeson, assistant secretary, Mrs. Maude Masters; treasurer, Mrs. James H. Topmiller; chorister, Mrs. C. L. Downey; pianist, Mrs. Nell Stone. The teacher of the class is Mrs. W. M. Willey, Mrs. E. E. Traylor and Miss Ercell Jane Egbert are serving as assistants.

May 14 (1) The new Steiner Church Organ, which was recently installed was first played publicly in recital by Dr. Donald P. Hustad of the Southern Baptist Seminary's Music Department. Mr. Hustad's selections received great praise and revealed the many features of this wonderful organ.

June 2 (1 & 2) A great tragedy befell the congregation in that Mrs. Virginia Dumas and her husband, Province P., were killed in an automobile accident while on their way to a funeral of an aunt of Mrs. Dumas. The accident occurred near McLeansboro, Ill. Mrs. Dumas had been on the church staff for more than seventeen years, and for the last fourteen years had served as Financial Secretary. Under the caption "Pastor's Paragraphs," Dr. Burhans wrote the following: "I have never worked with a more sincere, faithful, competent and careful financial secretary. Her simple faith, genuine integrity, unalloyed goodness, faithfulness to duty and sense of humor made her a delightful and valuable staff member."

June 4 (1 & 2) "Natural High," a folk musical about God's Son and a sequel to "Tell It Like It Is," was presented by the New Congregation Singers at the evening worship service. The Director of the Choir, David Caudill, said of the choir's performance, "They all gave of themselves totally, unselfishly and completely to the cause of Christ."

June 6 - 10 (1) The New Congregation Singers, eighty-two in number, together with their director and a number of chaperones left Bowling Green on a Choir Tour. The first concert was in Disney World, Orlando, Fla. The next day the group traveled to Tallahassee for an evening concert; from Tallahassee they went to Tuscaloosa, Ala., where arrangements had been made to sing at Calvary Baptist Church, but instead the concert was presented at the Poyce Hospital, due to a necessary change in plans by the local church officials.

July 23 (1) Dr. C. R. Daley, Jr., editor of Western Recorder, occupied the pulpit and conducted both worship services in the absence of the pastor who was on vacation. The theme of the morning service was "Finding the Will of God" and at the evening service he conducted a "Talk Back" or dialogue with the participating congregation, using the same theme used in the morning worship period.

August 3 (1) Youth at Camp Joy - The youth - sixty-two in number, returned from a four-day retreat at Camp Joy near Brownsville, Ky. Richard Bridges, Minister of Education, served as director and was assisted by David Caudill, Minister of Music, and Dr. Rollin S. Burhans, Pastor. The daily routine of the activities consisted of two periods of Bible Study and personal determination, two periods of musical training and a devotional period conducted by the pastor. Additionally, there was a period for relaxation and recreation. Two of the boys made public commitments to enter the ministry of preaching, the first to make such a commitment during the pastorate of Dr. Burhans. The minister of education, in evaluating the youth retreat made this statement: "Camp Joy was a tremendously successful kick-off for our youth program for 1972 - 73."

August 4 (1) First Baptist ends up 14-0. This statement was the heading of a sports column that appeared in the local Park City Daily News. "First Baptist team No. 1 became the first church league to go undefeated during the regular season in over ten years. The league champs won over Eastwood Baptist by a score of 10 - 9, when three runs were scored in the seventh and the last inning with a line single by the winning pitcher Larry Elliott." The following persons composed the championship team: Clark Hanes (manager), Andrew Hussey, Larry Scantland, Ron Salings, Bob Rascoe, Carl Chelf, Richard Holstrom, Larry Elliott, Drew Harrington, Buddy Tate, Larry Holt, Jerry Motley, Bill McCann and Robert Simpson.

August 9 (1) The following recommendation was accepted by unanimous vote at the regular monthly business meeting of the church on this date. "The Deacons recommend to the church that (1) First Baptist accept the deed to Emmanuel Baptist Church, assuming the responsibilities and privileges associated with it, and (2) continue the ministries now in process at Emmanuel Church and (3) extend ministries through that facility as the Lord shall lead." This action became necessary because of a very great need of Emmanuel in leadership and additional finance. The current membership numbers about 117 and is composed of mainly young people under twenty years of age. The brick building, 40 ft. by 70 ft. in size has a full basement and is located on a lot at 901 W. Main Street, which contains approximately 1 3/4 acres of land. The church is located in a strategic area of the city for conducting an effective missionary program. The Rev. Bill Price is serving presently as pastor on a part-time schedule.

August 27 (2) A "First Things First" banquet to honor the students at Western Kentucky University at the beginning of the school year, was held in Fellowship Hall following the Sunday morning worship service. About eighty-three students were present. This occasion provided an opportunity for the students to become acquainted with the staff and the college ministry of First Baptist.

August 30 (2) A special service was conducted at the regular mid-week meeting in which Col. Jim Irwin, Apollo 15 Astronaut was the featured speaker. The service was sponsored jointly by First Baptist and Forest Park Baptist Churches. The auditorium was filled to capacity and marked a high point in the ministry of the churches. Col. Irwin related his personal experience as a Moon Walker and as a Christian layman.

September 3 (1) "Squad Day" was proclaimed this date by the church to honor the Western Football Squad and the coaches. The wives were also included in the invitation. Approximately 100 persons participated in the social affair which was sponsored by the active deacons of the church. John Oldham, Director of Athletics at Western and currently serving as a deacon, brought a message relating to his religious philosophies. He was assisted by three members of the squad, who gave their personal Christian experience. Head Coach Jimmy Feix, also serving as deacon, led the morning prayer.

September 16 (1) A church-wide picnic was held in Lampkin Park with an attendance estimated at between four and five hundred people. This event was an annual affair for many years and its revival was anticipated with great interest. The success of the picnic was due to careful planning and hard work on the part of many persons. The co-chairmen were Mrs. Don Bailey and Mrs. Larry Elliott. Games were planned to provide fun and fellowship for all ages. Three persons were recognized for the most years as members of First Baptist, namely: Miss Dawn Gilbert, sixty-two years; Miss Wilmot Brown, fifty-nine years; and Mrs. W. H. Richeson, fifty-nine years. The pastor, in commenting on the success of the picnic had this to say, "It was one of the most refreshing and spirit-refreshing experiences I have had since coming to Bowling Green."

October 13 - 15 (1) The Forty-fifth Kentucky Baptist Student Convention met at the First Baptist for their annual meeting. There were approximately 900 students from the various colleges of Kentucky in attendance at this meeting which began Friday evening and closed with the Sunday morning worship service. Richard Bridges, minister of education, directed the host church members with the arrangements, in cooperation with the pastor. Mr. Chester Durham, Executive Secretary of Baptist Student work in Kentucky, presided over the convention; Don Blaylock, Leader, Edwina Mills, organist, and Patricia Jo Kinman, pianist, directed the musical programs. Dr. William Pinson, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, brought the message at the concluding service during the regular worship period. Other featured speakers during the convention included Dr. Bill Sherman, Mr. Ed Seabough, and Dr. Franklin Owen, Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention.

October 26 (1) The "First Baptist Men" had their initial meeting as a dinner in Fellowship Hall. The meal was prepared and served by a group of men with the assistance of Mrs. W. H. Richeson. Approximately eighty-eight were in attendance. Mr. James Price presided. After singing of hymns, led by Tandy Faxon, Dr. Burhans gave an inspiring and challenging message in which he emphasized the many opportunities the men might serve their church more effectively. This meeting was considered a part of the church revival presently in progress. A committee was appointed to nominate a slate of officers and report at the next monthly meeting. The meeting was closed with prayer by A. J. Thurman.

October 31 (1) The Senior Adult Fellowship had its initial meeting in Fellowship Hall with an attendance of 125 men and women. Following the luncheon a program of music, entertainment and talks was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Bruce Hudson directed the group in singing hymns accompanied by Miss Mary Martha Delmar. Dr. David Caudill, minister of music, sang two selections and was accompanied by Mrs. Shirley Karrick, church organist. Mrs. Ruby Daniel gave a humorous reading to the delight of all present. Dr. Rollin S. Burhans, pastor, delivered a message in which he emphasized the importance of this group to the total ministry of the church. He cited a study to show how "people need people," especially in the older group and how loneliness is often a problem of aging. Mr. Richard Bridges, minister of education, participated by giving appropriate remarks. Hayward Brown, chairman of the steering committee, presided at the meeting.

The second meeting of SAF was held November 28 with 105 in attendance. The luncheon meeting included recreation, business and a program. The featured speaker was Robert K. Brown, Director of the Barren River District on aging. His talk was very informative and created much interest among those in the audience. The following persons were elected as officers: Hayward Brown, director; Edwina Jones, secretary; Jeff Stagner, treasurer (finance). Officers and chairmen of standing committees compose the steering committee. The meeting was presided over by the director, Hayward Brown.

December 10 - 17 (1) Christmas music, prepared and given by the church choirs was one of the most important events of the year. The sanctuary choir, composed of forty-two members and soloists presented the Christmas Oratorio by Saint-Saens, with David Caudill, conductor, Mrs. Cecil Karrick, organist, and Mrs. Mary Hoepfinger, harpist. The musical program was given at the regular Sunday evening service, and was acclaimed as a worshipful experience.

The graded choirs presented "An Evening of Christmas Music" at the worship service on December 17. The Beginner and Cherub combined choirs with 27 voices were directed by Mrs. Bill Weaver and Mrs. Bob Holman. Mrs. Robert Simpson was the accompanist. The Carol Choir, with 27 voices, was directed by Mrs. Louie Bentley, and was accompanied by Mrs. Janet Schwarzkopf. The Youth Choir, with 35 members was directed by Mrs. Jeffries Blackerby and Mrs. David Caudill. Mrs. Paul Manning and Mrs. Marshall Hughes were accompanists.

The New Congregation Singers, sixty-six members, was directed by David Caudill, minister of music, and David Smith was the accompanist for this choir. The entire musical program was presented skillfully and reflected careful preparation.

December 24 (1) The budget for the calendar year 1973 was presented at the morning worship service by W. C. Howlett, chairman of the budget-finance committee and was adopted. The total budget was \$ 306,829, the largest budget in the history of the church.

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January 25 (1) The Baptist men and the Baptist women of Warren Association held a joint meeting in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church to hear Reverend James F. McKinley, missionary to Bangladesh. His missionary work began in 1958 shortly after his appointment by the Foreign Mission Board. Brother McKinley, with his wife and four children planned to return to Bangladesh in June of this year. Mrs. O. G. Lawless, Director Associational WMU presided. The Baptist men of First Baptist had a dinner meeting preceding the associational service during which Brother McKinley answered questions. Mr. James Price, director of the men's organization presided. There were approximately 60 men in attendance.

February 15 (1) The Baptist men and the Baptist women had another joint meeting on February 15. The featured speaker was Mr. Lowell Lawson, Director of Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel, Louisville, Kentucky. The program theme, "Inner City Missions Conference" emphasized social action ministries. Special music was provided by the P. G. Gray musical group from Scottsville, Kentucky. There were slightly over one hundred persons in attendance.

March 14 (1) At a called business meeting the Long Range Planning Committee submitted schematic plans for a proposed addition to the church building and a recommendation that the plans be approved; that the architect proceed to draw up detailed plans and specifications. The moderator was requested to appoint a building committee.

March 20 (1) The Senior Adult Fellowship sponsored a hobby display at their regular meeting. There were forty-four entries consisting of a variety of interesting hobbies. Many of the one hundred and nine persons in attendance proclaimed the event as outstanding in many ways and commended the seniors on their skills and artistry.

March 24 - 25 (1) The Kent State University Choir, under the direction of Robert H. Foulkes, gave a concert in the sanctuary during Saturday evening and two special numbers during the worship service on Sunday.

April 15 (1) Twenty-two members of SAF returned this date from a workshop-cruise to Nassau. The leadership conference was on board the SS Emerald Seas and was directed by Adelle Carlson of the SS Board. Two members, Mrs. C. A. Ray and Mrs. Estel Burnett, were requested to give highlights of the conference at the meeting of the Senior Adult Fellowship.

April 20 (1) The painting of the ceiling in the sanctuary was completed and clean-up was completed this date. The painting became necessary to correct some unsightly conditions that occurred following the refurbishing program of last year. This work was done at a cost of eight thousand dollars, two thousand of which was borne by the church.

June 27 (1) A reception was given by the congregation of the church in honor of David A. Caudill, minister of music and his family, who moved to Cleveland, Mississippi. Mr. Caudill presented his resignation on April 29, 1973 to become effective July 15, 1973, after having served since July 1, 1971. He accepted employment at Delta State University, where he became an assistant professor in the music department.

Mr. Caudill's resignation was accepted with regrets, since he had endeared himself with members of the church and particularly with those participating in the various musical organizations. His contribution to the church services has been a very significant factor and will be felt noticeably after leaving the church. A monetary gift of \$ 225 was presented the Caudills.

July 4 (3) The church in regular business meeting voted to offer the Allen Lumber Company an amount not to exceed \$ 65,000 for the property which is located adjacent to the church parking lot. The Company subsequently accepted the offer and a transfer of ownership by deed was consummated with the trustees on June 14, 1973. Full possession was agreed to take place January 1, 1974.

August 12 (2) The following men were elected to serve as deacons for a five-year term: Russell Christian (to be ordained), Larry Elliott, Paul Hatcher, Neal Jackson, Chester Redmon and Jeff Stagner. These men replace James Feix, W. K. Harrison, Paul Manning, Jerry Martin and Hayward Brown who rotated from the deaconate.

August 1 (1) The annual church report to the Association included the names of members deceased during the previous year. They are: Mrs. C. L. Greer, J. C. Cameron, George Williams, Mrs. Edna Haynes, Mrs. W. B. Kerr, Mrs. Virgil Pruitt, kMrs. Roy Claypool, Thomas Ramsey, W. H. Richeson, Kenneth Hunt, Mrs. Bessie Hudson, Dr. H. L. Sinclair, H. P. Corley, Mrs. Charles Stovall, Mrs. Allie Garrett, Miss Bernice Jackson, Garland Willoughby, Sr., C. C. Hart, Mrs. Mabel Kitchens, Ray Branaman, Miss Alice Michaels and Mrs. Attye Bruce.

August 26 (1) Andrew Baptist Mission became a fully constituted church this date with Dr. C. R. Daley, Editor of the Western Recorder, as guest speaker. Brother Waymon Hayes, pastor of the new church, presided over the ceremonies. The First Baptist Church had sponsored the mission since 1954. However, the Baraca Class, Dr. Charles B. Stovall, teacher, provided the first ministry that developed into the mission. First Baptist granted the request of the Andrew congregation comprised of 297 members; that it be allowed to become an independent church. Two weeks earlier eight deacons from the mother church, namely, Robert Lively, Sr., C. R. Hines, Neal Jackson, Maxie Jackson, Joe Kimbrough, Hubert Houchens, Robert Fenstermacher and Hayward Brown assisted the pastor in ordaining the first group of deacons to serve Andrew Church. Their names: Rauben Goodman, Gerald ("Rod") Ramsey, Jerry Sharer, David McGubbin and Darrell Craighead.

September 9 (1) A one act play entitled, "Thank you God for Everything" was presented by the children's workshop under the direction of Teresa Jenkins at the regular evening worship service. The players who appeared in the performance were: Alisia Beckham, Amy Tate, Sheri Neat, Leigh Anne Roberts, Kaye Holman, John Thomas and Peter Bryant. This was the first production of this drama group.

September 15 (1) The annual all-church picnic was held in Lampkin Park under the sponsorship of the deacons and the general direction of the chairman Don Bailey. Following a period of recreation and fellowship, a covered dish supper was served. A singspiration concluded the program.

October 23 (1) The Brotherhood organization was reactivated this date and given "First Baptist Men" as the name in accordance with Southern Baptist terminology. There were seventy-two men in attendance. Following the dinner meal a film was shown depicting an active Brotherhood group. The president Dr. Kenneth A. Estes divided the group into 10 sections, each of which was led by a member of the Planning Committee. A list of projects were suggested that the program committee and class officers later incorporated into a program to be pursued as objectives during the ensuing year. Officers for the 1973 - 74 church year are: President - Kenneth A. Estes; Vice President - John Oldham; Secretary - Ed Hanes; Mission Leader - Maxie Jackson; Mission Activity Leader - Ray Mullendore; R. A. Leader - Jeff Blackerby; Song Leader - Tandy Faxon.

November 7 (1) The church in business session voted to deed the Andrew Baptist Church to the trustees of that church to become their property and if it ever ceases to be a Southern Baptist Church, that the property would revert to the First Baptist Church.

November 18 (2) Church Passes Building Program - "In a called business session Wednesday evening November 14, the congregation of First Baptist Church adopted the reports of the Building and Finance Committees and voted to proceed to let the contract on a new educational facility. The contract was let to the R. E. Summers Company of Bowling Green under a bid of \$ 634,977 ———construction financing for the project was provided by the Bowling Green Bank and Trust Company, Citizens National Bank and American National Bank, all local financial institutions."

"Immediately after passage of these proposals Dr. Burhans commented: This is the beginning of a new era for First Baptist Church, the dawning of another illustrious chapter in the history of this great congregation. May all of us accept God's call and begin now to dedicate ourselves afresh to His service."

December 2 (2) Groundbreaking for a new educational building followed a service of commitment led by the pastor at the regular worship service. The hymns, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" and "Lead on O King Eternal" were sung by the congregation under the direction of Denny Van Arsdale, minister of music, on the building site. Appropriate statements were made by Pastor, Dr. Rollin S. Burhans. The prayer of dedication was led by Richard W. Bridges, Minister of Education, and the benediction was pronounced by Francis Tallent, Executive Director, Associational Missions.

The following representatives from church groups participated in the ground breaking: Our oldest member, J. E. Stevens; our youngest convert, Thalia Newman; the pastor, Dr. Rollin S. Burhans; building committee, Paul Parks, deacons, Gene Farley; trustees, Russell Christian; finance, Reginald Ayers; Sunday School, Bobby Holman; Church Training, Jeffries Blackerby; Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. C. A. Ray; Baptist Men, Kenneth Estes; Senior Adult Fellowship, Hayward Brown; Music Committee, Mrs. Charles Owens.

December 16 (2) The Sanctuary and College Choirs of First Baptist Church presented Handel's Messiah at the regular evening service under the direction of Denny L. Van Arsdale, interim minister of music, with Mrs. Cecil Karrick assisting at the organ. The fifty-two voice choir was enhanced in the performance by a six-member orchestra. The soloists and chorus inspired the congregation with their production and indicated that much work had been spent in the preparation. After listening to this production one would agree with the critic who has described the 1742 oratorio as "the sublime, the grand and the tender;" adapted to the most elevated, majestic and moving words."

December 23 (1) The members of the Sunday School assembled in the sanctuary after taking records in their classes, to participate in an "Old-fashioned Christmas Sunday School Hour." Richard Bridges, minister of education, read the story of the birth of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of Luke. Little Debbie Weaver listened intently and answered questions while sitting on Mr. Bridges' lap as he read to the audience which filled the sanctuary. Pageantry included staging properties and costumes which added greatly to the portrayal of the scripture. A very uplifting service was witnessed and no doubt lasting impressions were made in the minds of many in the audience. The program was concluded by a special offering in which members walked by a cradle and deposited their gifts which amounted to \$ 20,156 and designated to the "Church Building Fund!" An additional \$ 1,323.44 was contributed the following Sunday. Immediately following the Sunday School hour, Dr. Burhans brought a very appropriate and heart-warming message on the subject, "Honoring the Christ of Christmas."

To the Pew, Sub Committee of the Refurbishing Committee:

The Historical Committe of this church has conferred and selected the following pieces of church furniture which we believe should be retained because of their historical significance.

The two shortest pews nearest the 12th Street and Chestnut Street side entrances respectively.

The six opera chairs (from the Main Street Building) locked together, near the Chestnut Street side entrance.

The single "W. H. Mitchell" pew, (to be reduced by half its length, using present ends. The plate bearing "W. H. Mitchell" is to be replaced on the cushioned pew.

The entire amount of the pulpit furniture, consisting of lectern, five seats and/or chairs, two pedestals and communion table.

The committee has assumed that suitable locations and appropriate use in the present or proposed new building may be found for the above furniture, and should it not be found final disposition can then be made upon approval of the Historical Committee.

Respectfully requested,

Hayward Brown

(Miss) Julia Neel

(Mrs.) Eugenia G. Paxton

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

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1974 ANNALS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

January 9 (1) Mr. Timothy Johnson, a Senior pre-ministerial student at Western Kentucky University, was elected to the church staff to serve as mission pastor of Emmanuel church in business session this date. Mr. Johnson, a native of Munfordville, Ky., possesses the qualifications that should enable him to lead the Emmanuel congregation in an effective manner. A covered-dish supper was served at Emmanuel January 26, primarily for the new pastor and members to get acquainted and have fellowship together. There were between 45 and 50 persons present.

January 13 (1 & 2) Minister of Music elected in a called business meeting - "Mr. William E. Keith, Jr., has been called to serve as minister of music beginning February 10, 1974. Mr. Keith is presently minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Kentucky. Mr. Keith is a native Missourian...He is a graduate of Asbury College and Southern Baptist Seminary. He received his Master's degree in church music from Southern Seminary in 1970.—Mr. Keith is active in our State music program and is highly recommended by all who have worked with him.—Mrs. Keith is an equally talented musician. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Northwestern University with a Master's degree in music from Northwestern.—We welcome the Keiths to First Baptist and look forward to having them on our team." Mr. Keith began his duties of minister of music today (February 10) and after a formal presentation by the pastor at the Sunday morning worship service, he and his wife, Anna, sang a hymn medley, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "God Is So Wonderful."

January 27 (1) Jim and Kate Amatseye presented themselves and were received for membership in First Baptist by transfer of membership by letter from the Lewis Lane Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky. This young couple are natives of Warri Nigeria and are products of Southern Baptist missionary endeavors in that country. Mr. Amatseye is a graduate student at Western Kentucky University where he is pursuing studies in Humanities and plans to teach in this educational area when he returns to Nigeria. The Amatseyes are the first blacks to have membership in First Baptist since February, 1871 at which time the black members withdrew to organize a church of their own.

February 21 (2) The Baptist Men and Women's organizations held their Annual Banquet in Fellowship Hall with an attendance of about sixty. Dr. Kenneth Estes, president of Baptist Men presided. Mrs. Doris Mullendore, WMU President, introduced the guest speaker, Miss Nadine Lovan, who is a missionary to Ghana, and presently on furlough. Miss Lovan's description of her missionary field and the program she has been conducting were presented in a very interesting way. Her talk was very impressive.

March 10 (2) The ordination service for Timothy E. Johnson was conducted at the regular evening service this date. Mr. Johnson, a Senior at Western Kentucky University, is presently serving as the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Chapel. The ordination service included the following: (a) Report of examining council by Dr. Rollin Burhans; (b) Charge to the Church, Dr. Drew Harrington; (c) Charge to the candidate, Rev. Wallace Morris; (d) Ordination prayer, Grant Minton, pastor of Brownsville Baptist Church; (e) Laying on of hands by all deacons and ministers in attendance. Rev. Francis Tallant, Director of Warren Association Missions, pronounced the benediction.

March 15 - 17 (1) The Youth of First Baptist attended a "Creations Workshop" at the River Terrace Motel in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Of the approximately 500 people in attendance, fifty-one were from Bowling Green and under their leaders, William E. Keith, Minister of music and his wife, Anna. Other adults making the trip and serving as chaperones included Martha Katzman, Dan and Jo Ann Miller. Transportation was provided by a chartered bus. The purpose of the Creations Workshop was to involve youth at all levels of their lives and Christian faith. It was an effort to help the young people to be creative and express themselves in writing, in One Act plays; in High School evangelism and witnessing, and multi-media communications. The workshop was conducted on a class basis by south-wide leaders who were recognized specialists in the particular area. The group returned home in time for the Sunday evening worship and shared their observations and experiences in a few brief reports. A more detailed report was announced to be presented at a later date. Mr. Keith in an evaluation of the workshop made the following statement: "It was one of the most positive and stimulating weekends of their lives." Reactions from the young people and leaders were in agreement.

April 4 - 6 (1 & 2) - The WMU Convention met at First Baptist with an attendance of over 900 registered persons. Visitors came from throughout the State. The officers responsible in conducting the Convention were as follows: Mrs. William Ellis, president; Mrs. H. C. Randall, vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Jaegle, treasurer; Mrs. A. L. Meachum, secretary; Mrs. Frank Hacker, assistant secretary and Mrs. Kathryn Jasper, executive-director. The main speakers were missionaries, namely, Mrs. George Beasley-Murray, Mrs. Freeda Harris, Bernice Elliott, and Stephen Neill. The local chairwomen, Mrs. Gene Farley and Mrs. Gatewood Brown, together with working committees, received many positive comments about the preparation and execution of the plans for the Convention.

April 12 - 14 (1). A Service of Meditation and Celebration was conducted in the sanctuary of the church as the pre-Easter Good Friday service. The service was unusual but impressive in that multi-media were used in the presentation of the program by the pastor, Dr. Rollin S. Burhans, minister of education, Richard Bridges, and Minister of music, William E. Keith. About fifty Easter Memorial Lilies were placed at the front of the pulpit in memory or in appreciation to persons who were close to the donors by relation or friendship.

May 30 (2) The First Baptist Men of the church held their regular monthly meeting at Camp Joy, Brownsville, Ky. The meal was served by the camp management at 6:45 p.m., with a program following concerning the Camp and its

uses by Ronnie Wallace the Camp Director.

June 9 (2) "It Is Cool In The Furnace" is a story of the three Hebrew children that were thrown in the fiery furnace was delightfully told and sung by the Junior Choir. Each person did his part well. The musical drama was directed by Mrs. Jeff Blackerby and was assisted by Mrs. Paul Manning as piano accompanist.

June 16 (2) The Minister of Music, William E. Keith, Jr., spent two weeks beginning June 18 at Ridgecrest where he directed a 150-voice group in the premier performance of "A Common Cup." This work was commissioned for the World Youth Congress to be held in Portland, Oregon later in the summer.

July 12 (2) The Training Union sponsored its first Backyard study at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Elliott. Approximately fifteen persons were led in the study, "Bible Text and Translation" by Dr. Margaret Howe, Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Western Kentucky University. The presentation was very informative in nature.

July 14 (2) "Dr. Robert Tarzier, an escapee from Communist-dominated Latvia was the guest speaker at the Sunday evening service. His subject was, "The Hardships and Difficulties of Evangelical Christians under Communist Domination." Dr. Tarzier was a pastor in Latvia when the Russians invaded the country and began to destroy the churches and execute pastors. His own father, a Moravian pastor was buried alive by the Communists. Dr. Tarzier, with his wife, three sons and one-year-old daughter, Anna, escaped to Sweden in a 1944. Two years later they came to the United States. Anna is now Mrs. William Keith, the wife of our minister of music. It is Dr. Tarzier's deepest conviction that Jesus Christ is the only adequate answer to Atheistic Communism.

July 25 - 31 (2) Our youth performed an unusual ministry during this week to children through a Vacation Bible School. The school included some concerts or witness services during the evenings. The trip was climaxed by attending a "Red's" ball game and an afternoon at King's Island. This youth group comprised of boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 17 were under the direction and supervision of Richard and Sandra Bridges and William and Anna Keith.

August 19 (2) "The Show-me Singers," the youth choir of Memorial Baptist Church, Columbia, Missouri, gave a concert in the sanctuary under the direction of Ronald D. Teague, minister of youth and music. The choir was composed of approximately eighty-four Junior and Senior High School students. The concert was well given and praised by the audience. The pastor of Memorial Baptist Church is our own Dr. Robert Lively, Jr., whose parents are active members in First Baptist. It was a privilege to welcome his young people to our church and to our homes.

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September 5, 1974 (3) Deceased members - The First Baptist Church report to the Annual meeting of the Warren County Association, September 5, 1974 indicated that the following members had died during the previous church calendar year: Mr. G. Everett Allen 3-20-74; Mr. Fred Austin, 12-12/73; Mrs. B. R. Buchanan, 3-26-74; Mr. Gus Burks, 6-16-74; Mrs. Arthur Elam 6-20-74; Mrs. W. B. Fisher 9-?-73; Miss Abbie Gaines 9-27-73; Mr. James L. Hall 7-3-74; Mr. Hugh Hardy 7-22-74; Mrs. Eugene King, 3-22-74; Mr. Jones E. Mercer 11-24-73; Mr. Allen Dale Thomas 11-24-73; Mrs. Nelle G. Travelstead 6-19-74

Oct. 12 (1) Landscaping of the New Educational Building was done on this date by Mitchell Leichhardt, manager and owner of Leichhardt Hillview Nursery of Bowling Green. The plantings, at no cost to the church, were made as a memorial to his father, Max Leichhardt and his grandfather, W. H. Mitchell. The church records reveal much evidence that Mr. Mitchell was a faithful member and was active for many years. The plantings consist of approximately fifteen well-chosen varieties of shrubs and ornamental trees and truly enhance the beauty of the building and grounds. This generous act of Mr. Leichhardt is most commendable and is a very appropriate memorial to his parentage.

The appearance of the parking area around the church was improved noticeably by grading and paving a new parking lot on the Chestnut Street side of the church; a driveway at the rear entrance; and by paving the remainder of the parking areas.

Nov. 3 & 10 (2) The largest budget in the history of First Baptist was approved by the membership in a called business meeting Nov. 10. The grand total of the budget was \$ 403,000 and may be divided into six divisions as follows: (1) Missions - \$ 82,916; (2) Salaries and allowances \$ 112,205; (3) Education and music \$ 22,229; (4) Service ministries \$ 25,750; (5) Building and equipment \$ 59,900; (6) Capital funds (indebtedness) \$ 100,000.

The pastor in commenting on the special collection in which the members were requested to give one fifty second part of their annual church offering as a commitment stated "the total offering Sunday was \$ 10,580. The undesignated offering was \$ 9,180. Allowing for several gifts which were evidently more than 1/52 of their anticipated gifts for 1975 Sunday's offering would indicate that our people are both willing and able to underwrite our proposed budget for 1975."

Nov. 24 (2) A Series of revival services were conducted between November 10 and 17 by the pastor and with the assistance of Dr. Louis Drummond of the Southern Baptist Seminary. William Keith, minister of music, directed the special music and led the congregation in singing. There were fifty-six decisions during the revival - 16 for baptism; 14 by letter; 1 by statement; and 25 rededication. The pastor's comment with reference to the revival, "How long has it been since we have seen such a demonstration of His presence and power?"

Nov. 24 (1 & 2) The Cornerstone laying ceremonies of the New Educational Building took place at the conclusion of the regular morning worship service. The pastor used as his sermon topic, "The Chief Cornerstone" based on the Scripture - Ephesians 2:19-22. All of the musical numbers emphasized the sermon theme. Documents placed in the Cornerstone during the service consisted of the following: Bible, Church Constitution and Bylaws, Church Organization Literature, Senior Adult Fellowship Picture; Church Hymnal, Building Plans, appropriate church bulletins and Builders, Church Roll, Church Budgets for 1969 - 1975, Signed Covenant Cards, Church History, Western Recorder, Minutes of Warren Association of Baptists, 1973; Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual, 1973, Book of Reports, 1974, Southern Baptist Convention Annual, 1974, Park City Daily News, Sunday, November 24, 1974, Coins: 1¢, 5¢, 10 ¢, 25¢ and 50¢.

The Covenant Cards referred in the list of documents above were those of commitments made by the members during an intensive visitation effort the previous week. The commitment of "our time, our talents, and our treasures to the continuing ministry of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through channels of First Baptist Church was requested of each member who would willingly sign the covenant.

Dec. 31 (1) The closing month of the year 1974 is one that dates several events of interest and will be enumerated briefly together. On Sunday, December 8 the Pastor announced the publication of the Church History covering 150 years and would be available to the members. Charles Bryant, chairman of the Church History Committee, presented a complimentary copy to the pastor in behalf of the church. On Tuesday, December 10, Dr. Harold Purdy, Madisonville, Ky., former pastor, was the featured speaker at the Senior Adult Fellowship luncheon meeting. Dr. and Mrs. Burdy's visit and messages were enjoyed by those present. Mrs. J. O. Williams, a former pastor's wife, now residing in Nashville, Tennessee, gave meditation messages before the Phoebean and Alathean Sunday School Classes on December 10 and 13 respectively. Mr. Bridges held an interview with Mrs. Williams and recorded it for the historical archives of the church. Christmas musical programs directed by William Keith and his associates added much inspiration and joy during the pre-Christmas services.

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Jan. 19 & Feb. 2 (2) Several events of significance occurred during the first month of 1975. The annual Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference was held at First Baptist January 20 and 21. Featured speakers were: Franklin Paschall, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee; James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of Southern Baptist Convention and William Pinson, Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. Hicks Shelton, evangelist for Kentucky Convention planned the Conference and presided over the five sessions. The theme for the Conference was "Reconciliation through Christ." Dr. Rollin Burhans, in commenting on the Conference stated, "The days January 20 and 21 will be long remembered as one of the finest weeks in the life of our fellowship. The Kentucky Baptist Evangelistic Conference, with one thousand participants, was a rich spiritual experience for all of us - laymen and clergy alike."

January 26 (2) Jim Kearce, a member of First Baptist and formerly associated with the local (WBKO) television station, was featured in a sacred concert at the regular evening worship service. Mr. Kearce chose selections from his recently released album, "I Just Came to Praise the Lord." The program was inspiring and well received by a large, appreciative audience.

February 2 (2) The Sunday School Classes moved into their newly furnished rooms after many weeks of waiting and inconvenience. The Minister of Education, Richard W. Bridges, in collaboration with officers and teachers had made room assignments and proper orientation prior to the day of occupancy. The new facilities provide adequate areas for teaching

and a new challenge to carry out an effective teaching program throughout the church.

February 9 (2) The Celebration Congregation, a musical group composed of approximately 90 singers and 10 instrumentalists from the various churches of Bowling Green, presented the contemporary composition, "I'm Here, God's Here - Now We Can Start." The production reflected intensive preparation and was under the co-direction of Rick Carpenter, William Keith, Mary Anne Kell and Mike Moore. The sanctuary was filled to capacity and the audience responded with an enthusiastic note of appreciation.

March 8 (2) Deacons currently active on the Board and all others as members of the church engaged in a retreat in the new social center of the church this date. The retreat began at 9:15 a.m., and was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Chester Redmon presided at the luncheon meeting which featured as speakers Mr. David Nelson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Owensboro, and Ashton Wilson, a deacon of Lewis Lane Baptist Church of the same city. Dr. Nelson spoke on "Honoring the Deaconship" while Mr. Wilson shared with the group his experiences in the ministry of lay witnessing. This program, first of its kind at First Baptist, provided the spiritual leaders an opportunity to take a good hard look at themselves in relationship to the responsibilities and privileges of deacons as servants of God. The deacons reported that the meeting was well attended and the accomplishments most satisfactory.

March 17 (2) The North Georgia College Chorale and Women's Chorus presented a musical program in the sanctuary of the church. The group composed of 70 students was organized and directed by Mike O'Neal, son of the Melvin O'Neals - long time members of our church. The

performance was presented well and received by a very appreciative audience.

March 30 (2) A climactic event in the history of the church took place this date. The day was designated as "A Service of Praise and Dedication." Several activities were engaged in by the church staff and congregation. A goal of one thousand attendance in Sunday School was exceeded and likewise the goal of fifteen hundred for the worship service. Dr. Burhans inspired the audience with a resurrection message entitled, "Joseph's Lovely Garden." Following the sermon Dr. Paul J. Parks, chairman of the building committee, presented the new educational building and newly renovated facilities "to be dedicated to the Glory of God and the service of man." A liturgy followed which marked the dedication ceremony. Approximately forty madonna lilies, which had been placed as memorials to loved ones, flanked the altar and provided a very beautiful setting for the service. The evening service was given to an "Easter Festival of Choral Music" by the graded choir ministry under the direction of the minister of music and a large number of voluntary leaders. It was a memorable day in the life of the church and will be recognized as a great historical event in years to come.

May 11 through June 15 - Debt Reduction Campaign. Few events, if any, have transpired during the long and glorious history of First Baptist Church as has been the Campaign to reduce the indebtedness on the church from \$730,000 to \$500,000. This debt was created by the construction of an educational building plus needed improvements in other places of the physical plant. Dr. Burhans reminded the members of the finance committee of the necessity of developing plans that would eventually clear the church of her obligations. After several meetings

and much discussion, a goal was set to raise \$230,000 in cash to be applied on the debt before considering the long-time financial plan. Accordingly, an organization was set up in which Reginald Ayers was elected chairman to lead the campaign with Paul Hatcher and Sterling Willoughby as co-chairmen. A steering or advisory committee composed of persons representing a cross section of the entire membership was selected and it served faithfully and effectively. The selected committee members were Don Bailey, Paul Corts, Wilma Elliott, Gene Farley, Tandy Faxon, Dee Gibson, James Hawkins, Ralph Holman, W. C. Howlett, Carl Kelley, Jerry Martin, Russell Morgan, Doris Mullendore, Robert Nelson, Chester Redmon, Milton Roe, Ollie Settle, John Tudor and George Wells. Richard Bridges, minister of education, because of his close acquaintance with individuals who were financially able to give substantial gifts, assisted the committee in securing donations from these people. He also helped with the promotional activities of the campaign. Dr. Burhans enunciated a slogan which was accepted readily and became the motivating spirit with all the people - "Duty says we must; Faith says we can, and Love says we will." This slogan stimulated the people and contributed greatly to the success of the Campaign. Testimonials given at various worship services added much to the success of the program. The speakers were as follows: Wilma Elliott, Milton Roe, Reginald Ayers, Tim Harrington, Robert Simpson, Sterling Willoughby, Beth Bailey, George Wells, Mary Holman, Russell Morgan, Peggy Keck, Stan Markham, Paul Corts, J. A. Bryant, Lorena Parker, Paul Hatcher, Keith Shaver, Tandy Faxon, Don Bailey, Gene Farley and W. A. Patterson.

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Much excitement and enthusiasm were developed as the campaign progressed. Individuals withdrew funds from the banks and savings accounts; many made bank loans, while others gave bonds, diamonds and antique collections to the church that were converted into cash. The committee extended the Campaign by a week and on June 15 announced the results. It was a day of great rejoicing when the chairman, Mr. Reginald Ayers and the pastor informed the congregation that the goal had not only been achieved, but had been exceeded by \$8000. In the minds of many the impossible had taken place. The evidence was clear that the people had responded from a spirit of love and generosity and the blessings of the Lord had been upon this great undertaking.

June (1) Foreign Mission Board Appointees - The pastor, Dr. Burhans, after his return from the Southern Baptist Convention, held in Miami during June, announced his appointment to the Foreign Mission Board as a representative from Kentucky. This appointment honors the pastor and is a singular distinction of First Baptist since Mrs. Ray (Doris) Mullendore, a leader in the WMU organization, had been appointed in June, 1973 and is currently serving on the Board in the same capacity. Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, can assuredly expect efficient service from these two mission-minded people of First Baptist.

July 13 (1) Wayman Hayes preached his first sermon at the Emmanuel Church Mission this date after receiving the call at a previous business meeting of sponsoring church. Brother Hayes came to Bowling Green from the pastorate of the Liberty Baptist Church which is located in Casey County. Mr. Hayes is a native of West Virginia. He received his ministerial training at

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Cumberland College South Christian College of Winchester, Ky., and Clear Creek, Pineville, Ky. Additional training has been done at Western Kentucky University. The pastor is married and has three children presently in Cumberland College.

September 3 (1) The church letter to the Warren Baptist Association indicated that the following member had died during the preceeding church year (July 31, 1974 - July 1, 1975): Mrs. R. E. Aspley, 6-20-75; Mrs. Nell Dickey Bowen, 11-7-74; Mrs. Aubrey Brooks, 11-20-74; Mrs. Hayward (Zella G) Brown, 12-2-74; Mrs. Willa Myers Brownfield, 8-25-74; Miss Alta Mae Bunch, 7-31-75; Mr. Carroll Burton, 1-7-75; Dr. L. K. Causey, 8-10-74; Mrs. Margaret Chatfield, 10-17-74; Miss Ercell Jane Egbert, 12-25-74; Mrs. W. R. Gardner, 3-10-75; Mr. Joe Gorin, Jr., 8-25-74; Mr. Maxie Jackson, 3-22-75; Mr. Eugene King, 12-17-74; Mrs. B. C. Parker, 1-11-75; Mr. Paul Kinchloe, 6-9-75; Mrs. Edgar Kitchens, 8-30-74; Mr. Garnett Stoutt, late '60's or early '70's; Mrs. Mary D. Strahl, 8-26-74; Mr. Carson Woodward, 8-25-75; and Mrs. Alice Zavitz, 1-9-75.

September 4 and 5 (1) The pastor and several members of the church served as messengers to the Warren Association of Baptists that was conducted at Richpond, first session, and at Plano, second session. The reports of the various associational activities, together with the annual and doctrinal sermons were sources of information and inspiration to those present.

September 7 (1) A church-wide picnic was held in Municipal Park on Sunday afternoon and evening. This event was the first of its kind and proved to be very successful. After a period of play, recreation and fellowship a pot-luck supper was served to the delight of all. The pastor preached a sermon following a song service that was very spiritual

up-lifting in nature. Eight people responded to the invitation and were received joyfully. Many expressed commendations of this new activity and no doubt will be repeated another year.

September 14 (1) The music ministry of the church presented "Beginnings" a praise concert at the evening worship hour. Mr. William E. Keith, Jr. directed the program and was assisted by Ragan Courtney, Actor Lyricist; Mr. Jim Jones, Soloist; Mrs. Shirley Karrick, organist; and Mrs. Wenonah Manning, pianist. The sanctuary was filled by an audience that spoke highly of the performance as a worshipful experience in witness and praise.

October 26 (2) The congregation was honored and had a rare privilege of having Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, occupy the pulpit at the regular morning worship. This "dynamic, spirit-filled man of God" spoke about his twenty-one years as a leader in missionary endeavors, particularly concerning the progress that he had observed. Dr. Cauthen said, "Few churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are so privileged as our church. He must have had in mind the fact that two of its members are serving on the Board, Dr. Burhans and Mrs. Ray Mullendore. His message was heart-warming and challenged all to be faithful in the cause of missions.

November 14 (2) Approximately 65 International students of Western Kentucky University were guests at a banquet in the Social Center. An interesting program was conducted and the occasion provided an excellent opportunity for local church members to get acquainted with these students who come from many nations to attend the University.

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November 23 (1) The subject of Pastor Burhan's sermon this date was, "Thanksgiving 1975" and included several references to the Bicentennial celebration in the founding of our country. He reminded the audience that the church had a great influence in the establishment of this government and in guiding the officials in subsequent years. The pastor related many instances where dishonesty, corruption and loss of integrity have lowered moral standards and the way of life generally. The sermon was very timely and preached with great power and sincerity. It indicated careful selection of content and delivery. The message challenged the people to follow right living, the way of life Jesus proclaimed and thereby exercise Christian virtues that are so badly needed in the lives of individuals, the church and our country.

December 7 (1) The "Demonstration Sunday" this date was planned to have 900 in Sunday School and an opportunity for members to make a commitment relative to supporting weekly the 1976 church budget. The Sunday School attendance was 816 - a bit short of the goal due mainly to inclement weather. The offering for the day was \$10,845.75 of which \$8,902.28 was undesignated and \$1943.46 was designated mainly for the Lottie Moon Offering.

December A church pictorial directory was prepared containing pictures, names and addresses of church members. It also contained information and pictures concerning various church programs. The directory was prepared to meet two significant needs, namely, to get acquainted with the large number of new members and as a tool in visiting prospects for membership and evangelism. The pictures were taken and the directory printed by the Graham-Johnson Studios of Bowling Green. Mr. Bill Moore served as general chairman of this project.

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December 14 (2) The proposed church budget for 1976 was adopted at the morning worship service after being presented by the Finance Committee and discussed in detail at the regular business meeting on Wednesday preceding this date. A few statistical facts are indicated to show comparisons with the 1975 budget.

| Item | 1975 | 1976 |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Grand Total | \$403,000 | \$382,972 |
| Debt Service | 100,000 | 69,460 |
| Total Missions | 82,916 | 85,860 |

The records show that through November 24, the congregation gave \$528,046 in total offerings and gifts in calendar year 1975. Of this amount \$255,303 was undesignated and \$272,743 was designated. And still have five of the greatest Sundays yet to come and be added. The evening service was an hour of music and art during which the college choir and three screen presentations of "The Life of Christ," were featured. This service was under the direction of Mr. Keith, the minister of music.

December 18 (1) The Senior Adult Fellowship craft display was a showing of the crafts made since the beginning of the program in the Center. The exhibitors were complimented for their many projects. Dr. Franklin Owen was the guest speaker at the regular meeting and offered an excellent program.

December 21 (1) Other events occurring during December are worthy of brief noting. An old-fashioned Sunday School hour celebrated the birth of Jesus in which the minister of education narrated the story with the aid of children. A birthday offering was made to Jesus (Building Fund and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) by Sunday School classes depositing their offerings in a "manger" located near the pulpit.

A service of candlelight and carols was presented by the graded choirs, sanctuary choir and orchestra. This service of inspiring familiar Christmas music was the finale of a month-long celebration of the birth of Jesus our Saviour.

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Feb. 8 (2) The local Baptist Student Union Drama group presented, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" at the regular evening worship service. The musical drama was written by Elwyn Wilkinson, Jr., the director of the BSU of Western Kentucky University and was presented under his direction. The group, composed of approximately twenty-five students portrayed the main events in the life of Christ in a very descriptive manner, staging and lighting added much to the presentation.

Feb. 13 (2) The annual Sweetheart Banquet sponsored by the Baptist men and Baptist women was held in the Social Center at 6:00 P.M. this date. Dr. Kenneth Estes, director of the men's organization presided and was assisted by Mrs. Edith Banton, Director of Baptist women. The pot-luck meal was served to about 265 people. The tables were decorated in an unusual manner in that old kerosene lamps furnished most of the light. Customary Valentine decorations were used effectively. Dr. Joe Dick Estes, a former pastor and presently pastor of the DeLand Florida Baptist Church, brought a very stimulating message on missions in which he emphasized the importance of putting "action" in the programs.

Feb. 23 - 24 - The Warren Association Evangelistic Conference was conducted at Glendale Church. A large delegation from First Baptist participated in the conference. Speakers included J. H. Taylor, pastor of Mt. Zion; Rollin S. Burhans, pastor First Baptist; Lonnie Mattingly, pastor of Shawnee Church; Francis Tallant, Executive Director Warren Association and Jaroy Weber, president of Southern Baptist Convention. This conference was designed to help prepare for a simultaneous revival effort during next April.

April 4 - 11 - The Spring Revival was conducted at First Baptist in accordance to previous plans with Joe Dick Estes as the evangelist. Special music was provided by Russell Newport, Springfield, Missouri and David Ford, Nashville, Tennessee. There were about twenty-two additions to the church and fifty-six rededications.

May 23 (2) First Baptist celebrated the U.S. Bicentennial this date with appropriate ceremonies both at the morning and evening services. A commemorative service was conducted at 10:50 A.M., during which the congregation assembled in the sanctuary and then traveled to the Pioneer Cemetery for a memorial of charter members of the church. After suitable remarks by the pastor and Julia Neal, singing of selected hymns, floral wreaths were placed on the graves of charter members, including Mrs. John Burnham, Elizabeth Smith, John and Winey Sulser, and three other members whose graves are unknown. Graves of former pastors, Dr. James Madison Pendleton and his wife, Catherine Garnette Pendleton, James Bent and Henry Ray, located in Fairview Cemetery were decorated. At the evening service, "The New Congregation Singers" of the church presented "Revolutionary Ideas" by Grace Hawthorne and Buryl Red, a musical drama that depicted freedom and democracy in 1773, as a way of life which were regarded as revolutionary ideas. It was written from the viewpoint of a young person changing from a British subject to an American. The cast consisted of Jim Mefford, Jeff Mefford, Peter Bryant, Scott Neel, Dickey Jo Scott, Diana Harris and Melody Morris. About 60 young people participated in the chorus under the direction of William E. Keith, minister of music.

The above events were sponsored and directed by the Bicentennial Committee composed of Julia Neal, chairperson, Hayward Brown, Edith Curry, Curtis Logsdon, A. J. Thurman, Jerry Martin and Drew Harrington.

July 4 (2) A second Bicentennial program, a musical Saga entitled "Stearns and Company" was presented by the sanctuary choir, composed of about fifty voices, including those who had dramatic roles. Rhw minister of music directed the production. The costumes, lighting and color slides added much to the presentation. The program was effective and indicated much work had been done in its preparation. The same program was repeated on September 12 at the evening service.

July 18 (2) A joint recommendation from the Trustees, Deacons and Finance Committee was approved in business meeting to purchase the Associated Electric Building and the Town and Country property at the rear of the church. The purchase price was set at \$45,000. The purpose of the purchase was four-fold, namely, (1) provide more adequate parking space, (2) Open the church property to Park Street, (3) make flow of traffic easier, safer and more desirable and (5) avoid possibility of being compelled to pay premium prices if and when further expansion became necessary.

Sept. 9 - In the annual report to the Warren County Association, the following significant facts were noted: Value of church property \$2,540,000; (2) Total to missions during year \$111,272; (3) Grand total of present membership 2613; resident 1778; (4) S.S. enrollment 1298 and (5) Total receipts \$392,203.

Persons who became deceased during the year were as follows: Miss Reed Potter, Mr. W. Embry Smith, W. Paul Jones, James Hawkins, Herbert Simpson, Mrs. Myrtle Todd Towery, Mrs. James Robinson, Mrs. L. G. Glass, E. W. Duncan, Mrs. Pearl Austin, Byron Scantland, O. W. Thompson, Mrs. Gerard Daily, Norman McLellan, Mrs. H. J. McNair, Mrs. Margaret Ruley, Mrs. W. E. Wilson, Mrs. W. L. Bray, Miss Ruth Owens, Mrs. Lettie Hardcastle, Mrs. E. L. Carder, Miss Beulah Ellis, Mrs. R. B. Lowe and Miss Nora Ham.

Sept. 12 (2) The following men were elected to the office of deacon during the worship service this date: Don Bailey, Tandy Faxon, John Foe, Ed Hanes, David Mefford and Hertert Shadowen.

Sept. 22 - 26 (2) Dr. Wayne Ward of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was the evangelist at a meeting at First Baptist. The following was taken from the Builder, "We have been inspired by the preaching of Dr. Ward and by the music of Bill Keith and our choirs, "We know that this revival will be a memorable one in the history of the congregation."

Oct. 3 (2) Governor Julian Carroll was the featured speaker at Western Kentucky University. This service, one of three conducted in the State was a part of the "Bicentennial Festival of Faith." The music was in charge of Bill Keith and Jim Jones. John Oldham served as regional chairman of this event.

Oct. 3 (2) The equipping center approach in Adult Church Training was begun with a marvelous attendance and a spirit of enthusiasm. Three classes were organized to study the following topics: "Discipline in the home," led by Larry Elliott; "The Reluctant Witness," led by Dr. Burhans and "Survey of Baptist Doctrine," led by David Mefford.

This is a new program in Church Training and First Baptist was among those chosen to conduct it as a pilot program in Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Morgan spent a week previously at Ridgecrest in orientation and planning for this program.

Nov. 7 (2) One thousand and twenty was the goal set for high attendance in Sunday School for Nov. 7. The attendance was 992. While the number was a bit less than desired, "the day was one of those long to be remembered, when every program and ministry seemed to be hitting on all eight cylinders."

Nov. 24 (2) One of the highlights during the year was the community Thanksgiving Service conducted at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The sanctuary was filled to capacity and many persons had to stand during the service. Rev. J. Harold Coomer brought the message and was assisted by other members of the ministerial association. Many favorable comments were expressed about the service.

Dec. 12 - The pre-Christmas musical programs were presented as usual in a high degree of excellence in each performance. "The Many Moods of Christmas" was presented at the Sunday evening worship hour by the Sanctuary Choir, Plus One, Sixteen Men and twenty-five piece instrumental ensemble. This was a thrilling hour of familiar carols and hymns that took us back through years of wonderful Christmas celebrations.

Dec. 19 (2) A service of candlelight and carols was conducted at the evening worship service by all the graded choirs. The new congregation singers were featured in performing "Celebrate Life." This traditional annual service was loved by all the family. Each youth and adult in attendance received a candle which was used in the Service of Light at the end of the service. The program was beautiful and received by an appreciative audience.

Dec. 19 - The Church budget for the year 1977 was presented at the monthly business meeting in December for discussion and any necessary changes. It was presented again at the regular morning service when unanimous approval was given. The grand total budget for the ensuing year was set at \$399,787. The major categories were allotted as follows:
Missions - \$85,912, Salaries and Allowances - \$132,575, Education - \$13m755, Music - \$6,750, age group activities - \$7,750, Service Ministries - \$22,225, Building and Equipment - \$57,850, and Debt Service - \$72,970.

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Jan. 16 (2) First Baptist in profile:

(a) Membership - resident is 1802, non-resident is 837, a total of 2639. Sunday School enrollment is 1268. The budget for 1977 is \$398,300.

(b) Affiliation: First Baptist is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention which operates in fifty states with a total membership of 12 million plus.

(c) Five groups of adults in Training Union began a series of studies by registering in the "Equipping Centers." Titles of the studies pursued in class - "The Work of the Holy Spirit," "Evangelism according to Christ," "The Journey of Life," "Beginning Sign Language" and "Intermediate Signs."

Feb. 18 (2) The annual men and women's banquet was held in the Social Center with Reverend Othar O. Smith, a former pastor, as guest speaker. It was with great expectancy and joy that the members looked forward to the occasion. The evening was one of Christian fellowship in the warm spirit of Christian love. Brother Smith expressed in a letter his joy and pleasure in being invited to speak to the group.

March 13 (2) The youth of the church took over all church responsibilities as part of youth week. The various tasks were performed in a commendable manner and the participants displayed evidence of devotion and sincerity that was inspiring to observe. Jim Mefford, Peter McNally Bryant and Mark Simpson were the speakers at the regular worship service.

May 15 (2) A recognition service was conducted for "Girls in Action" and "Acteens" this date. The program reflected the mission education that was accomplished during the recent months. The program was well presented and reflected good work had been done.

May 26 Dr. John Warren Steen, Jr. of the Sunday School Board was the featured speaker at the regular meeting of the Senior Adult Fellowship. Dr. Steen is the editor of "Mature Living" which is a magazine that is published particularly for senior adults. His message was very appropriate and most appreciated by an audience over one hundred in attendance.

May 29 In the absence of the pastor who was on a trip to the Holy Land, Dr. Joseph R. Estes, a former pastor, preached at both worship services to the delight of a large audiences. The Reverend Norman Howe, who recently returned from pastoral and missionary work in Kenya conducted the morning worship service on the following Sunday.

May 31 A fifth Sunday special offering was taken this date. The response was \$12,529 which was slightly less than the goal of \$14,500. The total undesignated offering for the month of May was \$39,104 - the second highest total for any month in the history of the church.

June 26 Dr. Burhans commented on his trip to the Holy Land last month by stating "words cannot describe what our Holy Land Tour has meant to Mrs. Burhans and me and will continue to mean in the years ahead." Reports of the trip were made by use of slides which indicated excellent photographic skills that added much to the presentation.

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July 3 The pastor made the following report concerning twenty-six young people who participated in mission work in Kalamazoo, Michigan. This project was directed by Richard Bridges, minister of education, Bill Keith, minister of music, and their wives Sandy and Anna respectively. Janet Coatsney contributed much toward the success of the project.

(1) Enrolled 220 in Bible Study (2) Surveyed a 100 square block in a section of the city; (3) Great interest in progress of Bible study on part of enrollees; parents became very interested; (4) Youth Choir presented a 15 minute television program on a local station. Rev. Joe Jones and Rev. Claude Ray of Kalamazoo served as local coordinators. This proved to be a great experience for the young people who were richly blessed in the experience.

July 24 The "Bold Action Thrust" program designed to enable the church to concentrate on its main purpose - the enlisting of people in studying the Word of God, winning the lost to Christ, strengthening the Christian fellowship and encouraging growth toward Christian maturity was announced at this time. A series of meetings were conducted to prepare members for the tasks to be accomplished. An intensive visitation program called for contacts of all those in the community not engaged in regular Bible study. The Sunday School enrollment was increased 30% in one week.

August 7 (2) The Builder indicated the resignation of Bill Keith as minister of music effective August 30. Mr. Keith accepted a similar position in the First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida. Every phase of the music ministry has progressed under his direction. Mr. and Mrs. Keith gave a concert at the evening service to a large audience that came to hear them sing and to bid them farewell. Their program consisted of the hymns which were recorded in their album, "Shout It Out." "Mr. Keith and Anna are loved by old and young alike, both for their musical talents and their Christian commitment." Mr. Richard Ham, consultant in the Church Music Department of the Southern Baptist Convention was named to succeed Mr. Keith as interim minister of music.

Sept. 11 (2) The annual church wide picnic was held in Covington Woods Park this date. The event provided for recreation, food, fellowship and worship for the entire family. It was well attended and the participation was excellent.

Sept. 13 Deceased church members during the church calendar year as reflected in the report to the Warren County Association are as follows: Bloch, Mrs. Oscar; Hardaway, Hubert; Thurber, Mrs. J. L.; Phelps, Mrs. W. D.; Brandon, Mrs. T. E.; Hill, Mrs. J. A.; Graham, Mrs. Robert; Daugherty, Miss Birdie Mae; Natcher, Frank; Duncan, Mrs. E. W.; Wagoner, Mr. E. L.; Smith, Robert S.; Ellis, John; Stieff, Francis G.; Lowe, Robert Y. and Natcher, Mrs. J. N.

Sept. 25 Deacons elected September 18 for a five-year term included Jeff Blackerby, Paul Corts, Jimmie Greenway, Stan Markham, Paul Parks and Bobby Rascoe. The last named man was ordained with the customary ceremonies.

October 2 This date marks two important events in the church, namely, (1) a new approach to adult training - "Equipping Centers" in which five modules were selected and begun in as many areas. This is a pilot program for First Baptist and promises to be an improvement over the manner of study in previous years. The second event - "The Church Triumphant" was presented by the Sanctuary Choir assisted by an instrumental ensemble. A large audience witnessed the production.

October 26 - An unusual drama and workshop was given by "The Tenth Coin," a group from New York on tour. This group consisted for the most part by non-hearing young people. The program was most interesting and offered a moving exoeruebce,

November 4 - The annual dinner honoring the International Students at Western Kentucky University was held in Fellowship Hall with approximately 140 students in attendance. Arrangements for the dinner were made under the direction of Mrs. Herb Shadowen and Mrs. Gatewood Brown.

November 13 - This date was a special day when special emphasis was given to a campaign to reduction of the church debt. The urgency of debt payment was emphasized because of the saving of much interest over a long period of time. The grand total offering was \$55239.74. "This wonderful offering means that the congregation continues to underwrite God's program for First Baptist in a faithful sense.

November 13 - A committee was appointed to search for a minister of music and make recommendations to the church. The committee was composed of the following: David Mefford, chairman, Mrs. Boyce Tate, co-chair person and eighteen other persons that represented a cross section of all ages of the church membership.

November 23 - A community-wide Thanksgiving service was conducted in the First Baptist Sanctuary. The principal speaker was Rev. Kenneth Lyle, pastor of Christ Methodist, Bowling Green. Special music was provided by the Sanctuary Choir of the host church. A collection was taken to defray expenses of the Bowling Green Ministerial Association.

December 4 - 25 - The various musical organizations of the church presented programs to celebrate the birth of Jesus. On December 4 the University Choir directed by Dick Ham presented "Love Came Down." December 11, the new congregation Singers and Exodus presented an evening of music and drama. December 18, the graded choirs presented their annual service of carols and lights. December 25 an old-fashioned Sunday School at Christmas was led by Mr. Bridges. The climax of Christmas celebration was the worship service led by our pastor Dr. Burhans.

December 18 - The 1978 Budget was presented and approved at the close of the regular morning worship hour. The summary is as follows: (1) Missions - \$94661; 2. Salaries and Allowances - \$158,417; (3) Education \$15555; (4) Music \$6750; (5) Age Group Activities \$10,050; (6) Service Ministries - \$23550; (7) Food Services - \$1250; (8) Building and Equipment \$59550 and (10) Debt Service \$73110. Grand Total Budget \$442,893. The grand total budget for 1977 was \$399787 which indicates an increase in the budget for 1978 of \$43106.

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Jan. 1 (2) In the "pastor's paragraph" of the Builder Dr. Burhans related that the Christmas Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering reached a total of \$19,021. when our original goal for 1977 was \$7500. The amount raised will support the 2800 Foreign Missionaries and their workers in 80 countries of the world for three hours and eighteen minutes. Think of it! What glorious things can happen for Christ in those three hours and eighteen minutes the total income for all missions during 1977 was \$122,000.

Feb. 26 (2) We are happy to report that seven of our students have been appointed for mission services during the coming summer. They are: Paula Parks, foreign mission in Chili; Chip Tobey, Foreign mission 2-years journeyman to Nigeria; Erlene Grise, Home Mission US 2-year, Atlanta, Ga.; Gary Hughes and Karen Cohron, BSU summer missionary to Washington; Eddie Russell, summer missionary to New York and Janet Hanson, summer missionary selected but to have seven is most unusual.

March 5 (2) The church staff announced the adoption of a new format for The Builder. This action was necessary to facilitate this operation of the recently acquired printing equipment. The eight-column format is a flexible and useful form that can communicate news of the church and its members in an attractive and efficient manner. The cost of printing has been reduced by 50% from the commercially printed procedures.

March 26 (2) The celebration of the Easter Faith was conducted by the pastor on Good Friday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper was observed in a very impressive manner in addition to appropriate music for the occasion.

March 29 (2) The ordination service for Mr. Richard Bridges was conducted at 7:00 p.m., this date. Dr. W. Payton Thurman of Charlottesville, Va. preached the ordination service. Dr. Thurman was Richard's pastor at First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Ky., when Mr. Bridges was converted and later felt the call to enter the ministry. It was during Dr. Turman's pastorate also that Mrs. Bridges (Sandy) was converted and became a member of the church. Following the ordination, the church elected Mr. Bridges, who had minister of education, to the office of associate pastor.

April 2 (2) A service of dedication of our New Hymnals was conducted at the Sunday evening service by Dr. William Reynolds, Department Head in the Church Music Department at the Sunday School Board in Nashville. Dr. Reynolds gave several solos and led the congregation in hymn sing. A liturgy of dedication was led by Dr. Burhans.

April 23 and 30 (2) A lay witness team arrived from England directed by Dr. Alex Steen. The evangelistic emphasis program began Sunday evening and was concluded Wednesday evening with a service ow witnessing and sharing. Other team members were: Lee Sunderland, Betty Searston, Gary and Joan Stephenson, Colin and Jean Button, Fred Payne, Michael Webster, Phillip Benham, Ann Filipezak, and Anne Law. All members of the group were residents of Nottingham and go to the same church except Lee Sutherland, who lives in a suburb of London. Several hundred local people were visited and a great spiritual impact was made upon our people.

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May 16 (2) The annual meeting of Warren Association was held at White Stone Quarry Church, May 16. Following a pot-luck supper and song service, the moderator, O. G. Murphy, and the doctrinal sermon by our Rollin Burhans, respectively, provided the audience with much information and inspiration.

June 4 (2) Mr. Jimmy Gentry, who was ordained to the ministry, April 9, 1978, by his home church at Cadiz, Kentucky, and presently pastor of Emmanuel Church, gave a report on certain achievements that indicated the excellent ministry being done by the pastor and members of the mission church. "Plans have been made for the Vacation Bible School to begin June 12, and conclude with VBS commencement June 18. The painting of the sanctuary has been completed by four members of the church. A new Wur-litzer piano has been installed in the sanctuary that was badly needed. Tommy Katzman, who grew up at First Baptist, has joined the staff as song leader. It is encouraging to note the progress that is taking place at Emmanuel."

June 11 (2) Mr. Carl Moman, Jr., received an enthusiastic and unanimous call at the regular business meeting, June 7, to become the new minister of music. He comes to Bowling Green from Raytown, Missouri, a suburb of Kansas City. He is a graduate of William Jewell College and has completed all his work, except the dissertation for the Ph.D degree from Washington University. Mr. Moman has a wide experience in music education and developed an outstanding musical program at Raytown. His wife, Mary Lou, is also an accomplished musician and worker with young people. The music committee, with David Mefford as chairman, is to be commended for the excellent work in securing the new minister of music. Subsequently he began his work on June 18 and sang, "I Am Redeemed," as his first solo. A reception was given the Momans following the evening service June 25.

June 25 A reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ham in recognition of his service as interim minister of music during the past ten months. Mr. Ham performed a most effective ministry for the church. His leadership was felt in all the choirs and the direction given in congregational singing added much to the worship services.

Mr. Moman made the following statement after a few days of serving at First Baptist. "Let me conclude this first article with a personal note of Thanksgiving for each of you. Mary Lou, Chris, Claire, and I have been overwhelmed with your gracious reception of us. We can't really put our feelings in words, but we have come to love you in two short weeks, and we feel at home. We thank the Lord and you for calling us to serve among you at Bowling Green."

September 3 (2) "The church-wide picnic last Sunday, August 27, was a marvelous experience. It was the best attended picnic of the last several years. So many helped in so many ways, and we want to thank everyone for participating and making it possible." Appropriate music and a brief message by the pastor followed the supper.

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September 17 (2) The mission pastor, Jimmy F. Gentry, reported that the Big "E" Club name was adopted for the Friday night missions which was organized with a group of Emmanuel youth and children during the school year 1976 - 1977. The average attendance that year was 13 and has increased to 33 during 1978. The Big "A" curriculum of the Women's Missionary Union has been followed as the suggested procedure for conducting such a ministry. This organization which is led by University students is designed to meet the needs of children and their families in the Delafield Community. Mr. Gentry stated the "E" stands for Emmanuel, and he felt that more of the children would identify the ministry with Emmanuel. Brenda Stamper and Stan Brown, members of the Mission Committee of the College Council, worked diligently during the summer months to get this ministry implemented at Emmanuel Chapel.

September 24 (2) Beginning this date group pictures were made by Graham Photo Center of all classes in the Sunday School. Copies of the pictures were placed in the Church Archives for viewing and future historical reasons.

September 24 (2) The annual rally day for all Baptist women in this area was held at the Glasgow Baptist Church. A large delegation from our church attended the meeting. Mrs. Ray Mullendore told the group of her mission tour of the Caribbean. The program provided much inspiration and information to those in attendance.

October 1 The minister of education's report for the Sunday School year 1977-1978 was bright and promising. "Last Sunday's attendance of 856 was a wonderful conclusion to a fine year of effort in the Sunday School wide-spread cooperation by classes and groups of the Bold Action Thrust has been in evidence." The participation by University students increased 25% over last year. The establishment of new classes helped and the Nursing Home classes, staffed by University students, also added much to the teaching ministry. The average attendance for the year was 718; this is compared to 568 in 1970. A challenge was made with a real spirit and determination to make 1978-1979 the greatest year yet for First Baptist Sunday School.

October 13 (1) One of the most important activities engaged in by the Senior Adult Fellowship was in attending the Senior Adult Chautauqua at Ridgecrest, North Carolina October 9 - 13, 1978. The 39 members traveled in a chartered bus and reported a very pleasurable and profitable trip. The Chautauqua consisted of a number of sections which dealt with various topics of interest to senior adults. The music, the messages, the food, and the fellowship all contributed to a very pleasant and successful trip. It is expected the benefits derived should enhance the ministry in the SAF organization at First Baptist.

October 15 (2) The film, "The Bridgebuilders" was shown at the regular evening worship in the sanctuary. The film was about Kentucky Baptists and was produced by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and sponsored by the Kentucky WMU. The film created inspiration and challenged all to become more interested in mission endeavors.

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November 10 (1) A dinner for approximately 150 International Students was sponsored by the International Committee through our church. It has been reported that over 200 Internationals currently are enrolled at Western. This project affords an excellent opportunity to exchange cultural and religious experiences and to establish favorable relationships with young men and women of many foreign countries.

November 26 (2) The Warren Association of Baptists sponsored a conference for Senior Adults under the direction of James Whaley, coordinator of church services for the Kentucky Convention of Baptists. Special conferences on health, leadership, and other topics were conducted for this age group. The "Joyful Noisemakers" of our local SAF group, presented "Count on Us" which was well received and a special feature of the meeting. A sack lunch with drinks added much pleasure and fellowship to this event.

December 3 (2) President Ben Elrod of Georgetown College was welcomed to the pulpit and preached during the Sunday service. It was stated that, The future holds God's own plans for our young people and Baptist institutions like Georgetown College are playing a dramatic role in influencing young men and women for God's Kingdom "Work." Dr. Elrod's message reflected this idea.

December 6 (2) The proposed budget for 1979 was presented by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Carl Kelley, after being recommended by the deacons.

A summary of the report indicates a few areas of the budget: Total Missions - \$111,637; total salaries and allowances - \$169,042; education ministry - \$15,830; age group activities - \$11,550; service ministries - \$25,780; food service support - \$3300; building and equipment - \$70,100; debt service - \$70,930. The total budget becomes \$499,819 for 1979 as compared to \$443,387 for 1978 budget. The budget was approved by church action December 10, 1978.

December 24 (1) The pre-Christmas music was superb this year. The various programs conducted by Carl C. Moman, minister of music, and the different age-group directors were recognized for their outstanding services in preparing the programs. The four programs presented are as follows: December 3, University Choir and "Plus One" Choir presented "Carols by Candlelight"; December 10, Sanctuary Choir with the assistance of an Orchestra and Hand Bell Choir, presented, "The Story of Christmas." December 17, New Congregation Singers, presented "Shepherds Rejoice" and the Children's Choirs presented, "Gather Around the Christmas Tree; December 24 - Early Vesper Service led by the ministerial staff.

December 31 (1) A review of this year's records concerning the Women's Missionary Union work indicate great interest and much effort was expended in accomplishing many goals. The following schedule of programs and/or activities indicates some of the important events of 1978.

March 1: Home Missions, church-wide study. The Annie Armstrong Offering was \$3,370.

June-August: Sponsored nine retreats for different age groups at Camp Joy.

April-May: Conducted "Mini Course in Direct Witnessing" in co-operation with Senior Adult Training Union section.

May 21: Conducted a recognition service for Girls-in-Action and Acteens. Special programs were held to promote the State Missions. The Eliza Broadus offering totaled \$1734. Associational Missions were emphasized for the first time and an offering for this cause amounted to \$1109.

August 23: Conducted Mission Fair (in cooperation with Music Department) for children ages 3 - 11.

September 28: Baptist Young Women Cookout at the home of Jo Jean Scott.

October 19: Baptist Women General Meeting program, "The Japanese Woman at Home, in the Church and in the World."

December 3 - 10: Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

The Lottie Moon Offering amounted to \$23468.

December 31 (2) Dr. Burhans in the "Pastor's Paragraphs" made the following announcement, "As Christmas approached, Dr. R. T. Skinner, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church slipped away from us to enter the Father's House above. Although he had been in failing health for several years, it was not until Wednesday before Christmas that he took his departure ---For more than three quarters of a century, he had faithfully served his Christ as church member, pastor, editor, and denominational servant. Twelve of those years, 1934 - 1946, he was the beloved pastor of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, and another eleven years, 1946 - 1957, editor of the Western Recorder, our Kentucky Baptist State paper. In both positions as pastor and editor, Dr. Skinner served with great distinction and honor. Although 32 years have passed since he served as pastor here, we could not have achieved what we have achieved and will achieve in the future, without the splendid work he did during the 12 years as pastor. Upon foundations he laid, we are still building." Funeral services were conducted in Bowling Green at the Arch L. Heady-Johnson Funeral Home and interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Bowling Green, December 26. A brief memorial service was conducted by Dr. Burhans for Dr. Skinner at the worship service December 31.

December 31 (2) The following statements were taken from The Builder concerning the Christmas Sunday offering. "Once again you opened your purses and your hearts to bring the service of Jesus the largest Christmas Love Offering in the history of our church - \$30978. - 75% for Lottie Moon and 25% debt service---Remember, we have until the last of February to reach the Bold Mission Lottie Moon goal of \$25000, and who would dare doubt that the goal of \$25000 will be reached?"

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Deceased members 1977 - 78 (church year): Mrs. Hugh Thacker, Mrs. Walter Hawkins (Retha), Mrs. Amelia Odell Dalton, Dr. Waller Griffing, Mr. Goebel Webb, Mrs. Augusta Hicks, Mrs. Douglas Smith, Sr. (Dorothy), Mr. David Devasier, Mrs. Howard Jeanette, Mr. C. A. Tygrett, Mrs. A. R. Edwards (Pearl), Mr. J. E. Stevens, Miss Ermine Claypool, Mrs. Thomas Ramsey (Elizabeth), Mr. Erle Duff, Mrs. T. P. Boston, Mr. John Bohanning, Mr. Leigh Gilliam, Mr. Gene Parker, Mr. Millard Gipson, Mr. Philip Brunson (non-resident), Mrs. Quintilla Hardcastle, Mrs. A. M. Logan (Vivian), Mrs. Nell Wilson, Mrs. J. Palmer Brown (Lena Mae), Mr. T. A. Taylor, Mr. Charles Richey

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January 14 (1) - Pastor's desire and goals in 1979 were expressed in the following statements: "Let me share with you my heart's desire for 1979. My immediate concern is for the lost people whose names are on the roll of our church. These are those members who have fallen by the wayside. They are lost to the church. How to restore them to a place of active service is the most important question of the moment. Our goal between now and Easter Sunday, April 15, is to get every member of the church to participate in one or more worship services unless providentially hindered. The pastor and members alike were thrilled in the response of a large number who came as families and individuals to unite with the church, renew their vows, and follow Christ in baptism. Among the members were Miss Bucky Omokaiye and Mr. Joseph Adeshakin, who are International students at WKU and from the country of Nigeria. While several black people have united with the church by letter, Miss Omokaiye was the first one to make a public confession and be baptized at First Baptist. Incidentally, the pastor announced the forthcoming wedding of the couple at an early date and that a large number of friends and relatives from out-of-town were expected to attend the wedding.

February 16 (1) - The annual banquet of the Baptist men and Baptist women was held in the Social Center. Persons joining the church during the past year were special guests. The program feature was Carl and Mary Lou Moman who presented the musical, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." The musical was superb in its presentation and was thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Paul Parks welcomed the group and Dr. Burhans presented the guests. John Foe presided during the meeting.

March 18 (1) - Seventy-two students, including junior and senior high school and university age levels attended the annual conference at Gatlinburg, Tennessee March 16 - 18. The trip was made by a chartered bus and the overflow in cars. The group was under the direction of Carl Moman, minister of music, with the help of his wife, Mary Lou and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller.

This Christian Conference had as its main purpose fellowship and was led by Ken Medema, who is blind and a well known composer of religious music. He was very inspiring and made a very favorable impression upon the young people. Representatives of the different age groups gave interesting reports at the evening service on their activities and observations. Each reporter indicated he or she had a good time and expressed their gratitude to those making the trip possible. The director's evaluation of accomplishments was that the conference was moderately effective.

March 25 - The Joyful Noisemakers of the Senior Adult Fellowship presented the musical drama, "Count On Us," at the regular morning worship service this date. The choir, composed of thirty-four voices was directed by Kathryn May Duncan with the assistance of Elaine Johnson as the accompanist. The ladies wore dark long skirts and white blouses; the gentlemen, dark trousers and white shirts, with black bow ties. "Count On Us" was composed by Sarah Walton Miller and Don L. Madaris and was the first composition of special interest to senior adults. It describes clearly the feelings and memories of most people of this age group. The audience expressed its appreciation of the presentation with an extended standing ovation.

Old and young alike expressed their appreciation individually to the choir members who were requested to form a line at the front of the sanctuary. Mr. Moman described the performance by stating it was "tremendous!" Dr. Burhans wrote these comments in the church Builder: "They brought tears to our eyes as they let the stream of memory flow through all the seasons of life. Then, for one climactic moment, they caused our hearts to leap for joy as they brought us to the present moment and left us securely in the hands of God." " . . . Thank you!!! All Senior Adults. What would we do without you? We have counted on you. We do count on you. We shall continue to count on you to support the church..."

April 8 (1) - The "Last Supper" was presented or re-enacted at the regular evening church service by the deacons, sanctuary choir and the New Congregation Singers under the direction of Carl C. Moman, Jr., minister of music. A handbell choir had an important part in the musical program. The "Last Supper" based on Leonardo da Vinci's painting, was written by Robert Westenburg and was witnessed by an audience that filled the church to capacity. The presentation combined the choral music with a dramatic tableau which allowed the audience to meet the disciples as they told their stories. Dr. Burhans did the narration and the disciples were portrayed by Ed Hones (Bartholomew), Sterling Willoughby (James), Jimmy Felix (Andrew), Bob Simpson (Peter), Herbert Shadowen (Judas), David Hildreth (John), Reginald Ayers (Thomas), Paul Parks (James the minor), Russell Morgan (Philip), John Foe (Matthew), Gene Farley (Thaddeus), Don Bailey (Simon), and Bobby Rascoe portrayed Jesus. The whole performance was done well and reflected much work in preparation. An appreciative audience gained both inspiration and information from this musical drama.

April 29 - The Georgetown College a cappella choir, composed of 40 people and directed by W. Wayne Johnson, presented masterpieces of church literature, American spirituals, and contemporary sacred selections at the Sunday morning worship hour. The choir had performed before a nation-wide conference of Southern Baptist musicians, at the Southern Baptist Convention, and at the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Professor Johnson is a native Kentuckian and has been director of Georgetown's a cappella choir since 1959.

May 13 - The Baptist Women held a church-wide reception honoring Mrs. Ray Mullendore, who was recently elected by acclamation First Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board of our Southern Baptist Convention. She is the first woman in the 134-year history of the Southern Baptist Convention to serve in this capacity. Mrs. Mullendore is not only a strong advocate of Foreign Missions, but she actively supports every phase of our total ministry, local and world-wide.

June 6 (1) - At the regular monthly business meeting, the church voted unanimously to call Rev. Ron Williams, of Madison, Indiana, to serve as minister of Youth and Outreach. Mr. Williams began his ministry July 1, 1979. Churches served in Kentucky were at Sligo, Grace and McHenry. "He brings a rich experience of pastoral ministry to this important responsibility in our congregation."

Mr. Williams is a native of Central City; Mrs. Williams (Elaine) of Franklin, Ky. The Williams have three sons: Ronald, Jameson, and Matthew. Ron preached his first sermon at the evening service July 15, and a reception for the Williams followed the worship hour.

June 10 - 2 - At the regular business meeting on this date, the church voted to sell the parsonage and provide the pastor with a housing allowance of \$8,000, beginning with the 1980 budget. An interest free loan of \$20,000 was made available by the church to Dr. and Mrs. Burhans for their use in purchasing a home. The transaction was done with the full knowledge and approval of the pastor and his wife.

August 12 - The church staff announced as a coming event of importance the taking of pictures August 27 through September 1 for a new church directory. A directory is necessary in knowing the membership as individuals and families.

September 2 - The minister of education, Richard Bridges, and director of Church Training, Russell Morgan, announced the beginning of several new modules in the Church Training program for Adults. The modules are designed as short-term, interest-based Adult Training studies and represent rare opportunities for study. The four modules selected were:

- a. Christians confronting world issues
- b. Christians confronting the cults
- c. Born again: The doctrine of salvation
- d. How to study the Bible

September 16 - The church report to the Warren County Association indicated the following names in memoriam of those who had died during the church year August 1, 1978 - July 31, 1979: Mr. Franklin Berry, Mrs. Forest Borders, Mr. Omar Borders, Miss Wilmot Brown, Mr. Marvin Burnett, Mrs. E. E. Cornwell, Mrs. Nell Faxon, Mrs. Julian Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Alma Grubbs, Mrs. Nettie Kemp, Miss Blanche McGinnis, Mrs. Lou Millsbaugh, Mrs. Sue Overby, Mrs. Hubert Powell, Mrs. Estelle Renick, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. Al Soriero, and Mr. O. W. Townes.

October 14 - The fall revival at First Baptist was conducted October 21 through October 24 by Dr. David Burhans as the revival preacher. He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Rollin S. Burhans. Dr. Burhans is a graduate of William Jewell College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently serving as chaplain to the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia. The pastor expressed the following statement concerning the revival spirit. "The response of the congregation and guests to these special services is an indication of the working of God's spirit in our lives and in our concerns. How grateful we are for this time of revival together."

September 30 - 1 - The Providence Knob Baptist Church, located in Warren County and the mother church of First Baptist celebrated its 175th anniversary this date. The church was organized in September 1804. Delegations from the four churches organized by this mother church were recognized and a plaque was presented to each. The four were First, Clear Fork, New Gasper, and White Stone Quarry. The Pastor, R. B. Hooks, Jr., presided during the day and preached at the morning service. A history was presented and revealed outstanding preachers that included such pastors as J. M. Pendleton, Joseph Taylor, W. C. Taylor, Boyce Taylor and J. R. Graves.

October 5 - 6 (1) - Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood Convention was held at First Baptist on these dates. Forest R. Sawyer, director Brotherhood Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, directed the convention program. The Convention was divided into four sessions with the following men presiding: Charles Baird, Adairville; G. T. Cowan, Winchester; and Steve Chilton, Avoca. The Convention theme was "When they saw the Boldness" Acts 4:13. Featured speakers included J. J. Owens, James H. Smith, William Tuck and Gordon Smith. The musicians were Greg Ritchey, pianist; Tony Whitfield, music director; and Bud Lee, director for Pioneer Congress. The Convention was conducted for Baptist Men and Boys, Grades 7 - 12. The speakers delivered wonderful messages pertaining to the "Bold Mission Thrust" and all in attendance left the Convention better informed about missionary work and with the challenge to support it in the very best ways possible.

December 16 - Christmas music had as the theme, "Christmas Festival" and featured the children and sanctuary choirs. The presentation reflected much work had been spent in preparation, and a wonderful performance was witnessed by a large appreciative audience. The following groups were directed and led by their respective musicians: (a) Preschool I Choir - 13 members, Mrs. Fred Miller, Director, (b) Preschool II Choir - 15 members, Miss Beverly Tucker, director, Darlene Redmon and Joni Parrent, Leaders; (c) Music Makers I - 17 members - Mrs. David Hildreth, director, Judy Harris, leader; (d) Music Makers II - 27 members, Mrs. Boyce Tate, Director; and Mrs. Paul Manning, leader. Other musical groups gave programs during the Christmas season that included the children's choir that presented, "Gather Around the Christmas Tree," directed by Mary Jo Wilcher, Bonnie Hildreth, Amelia Tate, and Libby Blackerby. The "New Congregation Singers" directed by Carl C. Moman sang the production "Shepherd's Rejoice" and "Love Came Down" as a second special program. The Youth Puppet Team produced "Christmas Is a Live Turkey" that was entertaining in its nature and also carried a good message. The last special Christmas service featured "The Carols of Carl Moman" and "Hearts that Ponder" by Richard W. Bridges.

December 18 - Twenty-two SAF members and two drivers visited "Cheekwood" one of the tourist attractions at Nashville, Tennessee to see the "Trees of Christmas." The evergreen trees were decorated by local chapters of the Horticultural Society of Davidson County, in conformity with Christmas traditions of at least thirteen countries in various parts of the world. Words cannot convey the beauty observed nor the spirit that is aroused in seeing how the nationalities express their feelings toward the birth of Jesus. One was greatly inspired by the magnificence of the display. It was a great day for members of Senior Adult Fellowship. The trip was made on a perfect day weather wise. Two new 12-passenger vans were used for the first time and were comfortable to ride. These vans were made possible by bequests from the estates of Mrs. Nettie Kemp and Mrs. Al Soriero through the cooperation of Jimmie Greenway, who added some extra features for riding comfort and ease in getting on and off the vans, particularly by older and handicapped persons. The SAF members are grateful to the donors of the vans and to the church in providing such good transportation vehicles.

December 30 - The annual birthday offering to Jesus was taken this date with four goals set for achievement: (1) \$41,600 for the regular monthly budget needs, (2) \$30,000 to clear the decks of all obligations, (3) \$27,200 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and (4) \$36,000 to take care of an open note for the Craddock property. Because of the faithfulness and commitment of the membership, the first three goals were met and a substantial portion of the fourth goal was secured. Total offerings made during December amounted to \$101,914.

The Builder conveyed the following statement by a church staff member, "As the final curtain falls on the Decade of the Seventies, I think I can hear the Master saying: "Well done, well done, my good and faithful servants! You have been faithful through the fast-flying years of the Seventies, behold! the curtain rises on the challenges and opportunities of the Eighties, and for you at First Baptist - The Best is Yet to Be!"

December 30 (1) - The Minister of Youth, Ron Williams, was requested to make an evaluation of his ministry covering the six-month period he has served the church. He reported on a few of the many accomplishments to be recorded in the "Annals." The most significant accomplishment for 1979 (last half of the year) was in his opinion, the development of a Youth Bible study in Philipians. The group's name was entitled as "Youth Core." It was begun with a "fall round-up." (kidnapping) which resulted in enrolling over eighty youth of the church and community. An average attendance on a weekly basis has been about thirty-five and the number to be reached during the months ahead should increase substantially the present enrollment. This activity has enriched the life of the youth, and Mr. Williams is to be congratulated upon the achievements.

Other events or activities became important regiments of the youth program directed by Mr. Williams. A puppet group was organized, trained and presented numerous programs successfully to the delight of audiences.

A record event worthy of note was the organization of a Youth Council which was and is composed of two youths selected per grade from the public school classification of grades 8 to 12.

The youth participation in and support of the fall church revival was a very rewarding experience and proved to be a significant blessing. It is an inspiration to one who observes the growth and spiritual development of this group.

1980 ANNALS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

January 6 (1) The chairman of the Finance Committee, Carl Kelley presented the "Giving Program" for the coming year. The proposed budget includes: Missions, \$116,039; Personnel, \$205,963; Education, \$17,810; Music, \$13,150; Activities, \$12,385; Administration, \$30,130; Buildings, \$73,650; and Debt Service, \$62,730. These items amount to \$531,957.

Mrs. Anne Redmon reported on the Day Care Center at Emmanuel, which has been in operation eleven years. "The original objectives: (1) to establish a center where children are taught in the name of the Lord; (2) to promote the spiritual, economical, social, physical, and educational welfare of the child, and (3) to help raise the standards of home life, are still the main goals of our Day Care Center." Forty to forty-four children gather to spend eight or more hours each day of their young lives under the guidance of First Baptist Church, Helen Austin, Director.

February 3 (1) Youth Week was announced. A youth Valentine banquet was scheduled for February 14. The following earned parts in a drama that was presented March 16, during the evening service: Steve Ayers, Alesia Beckham, Paul Frisbee, Laura Hatfield, Doug Mefford, Wendell Smith, David Turner, Amy Tate, Calvin Watts, and Cinda Watts made up the cast.

February 10 (1) Wilma Elliott reported factual information concerning women missionary services. The women of First Baptist have been doing systematic mission work for over 100 years. "By 1891, the organization had 54 members and had voted to hunt up Baptists not identified with our church work." The first Christmas offering in 1895 netted only \$16.00, but after a few years the women were supporting a missionary pastor in Japan. "From May, 1893 to September, 1911, \$13,612.13 had been given by the women of Kentucky in mission giving so many years that others wrote asking how they were so successful."

February 17 (1) The men and women's annual banquet was held February 16. After a delicious pot-luck meal, an evening of good fellowship and entertainment took place. The guest speakers were Norman and Martha Lytle who are missionaries to Israel.

February 24 (1) The pastor presented a chart that showed the increase in undesignated offerings for the first seven Sundays of the year.

| | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 |
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| Sunday 1 | 7130.00 | 5036.00 | 10123.00 |
| Sunday 2 | 7109.00 | 7393.00 | 6597.00 |
| Sunday 3 | 5919.00 | 4167.00 | 9338.00 |
| Sunday 4 | 5706.00 | 11328.00 | 6367.00 |
| Sunday 5 | 5922.00 | 9551.00 | 9574.00 |
| Sunday 6 | 7311.00 | 6866.00 | 9959.00 |
| Sunday 7 | 8172.00 | 4492.00 | 11066.00 |
| Total | 47269.00 | 48833.00 | 63024.00 |

It is observed the December Financial Emphasis was the most successful month in the history of our church with the exception of June, 1975, when \$240,000 was raised.

March 2 (1) A Week of Prayer for Home Missions was conducted March 3 - 7. The missionary service that Rose Marlow rendered during 1921-1956, was reviewed with interest and enthusiasm. Nancy Curtis, Executive Secretary, WMU, North Carolina, provided the conference with much information and inspiration during the week.

March 4 (1) The Western Kentucky University choir and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Charles S. Hausman, presented a unique concert of choral music in the church sanctuary. Mr. Hausman is Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at WKU.

April 1 (1) "The Living Last Supper" was presented by the deacons, combined Sanctuary and University choirs. The cast was as follows: Bartholomew, Ed Hanes; James, Sterling Willoughby, Andrew, Jimmy Feix; Peter, Bob Simpson; Judas, Herb Shadowen; John, Dave Hildreth; Thomas, Reginald Ayers; James the Minor, Paul Parks; Philip, Russ Morgan; Matthew, John Foe; Thaddeus, Gene Farley; Simon, Don Bailey; Jesus, Bobby Rascoe. The service was presented with reverence and inspiration. Carl Moman, Minister of Music, directed the production and Shirley Karrick played the organ.

The Sanctuary Choir presented an Easter cantata, "We Have Seen the Lord" by Claude L. Bass. The solo cast was composed by the following: Mary, Pam Hanes; Jesus, Glyn Martin; Cleopas, Danny Spillman; Other Disciple, Marvin Daniel; Peter, Jimmy Hussey, and Thomas, Kevin Redmon.

April 6 (1) The following announcement appeared in the Builder this date. "We are proud to announce the selection of one of our fine young people to serve as a Sojourner Missionary this summer. Angela Logsdon will be appointed to serve in New England under the direction of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

April 13 (1) A great deal of work has gone into refurbishing the second floor of the white house adjacent to the church. As a result of much youth labor, the young people of our church now have a place to call their own. Each week on Friday evenings from 6:00 - 11:00, youth are invited to drop-in for a time of fun and games. Up until now we have averaged about twenty-five people.

April 27 (1) The following young people were selected to serve as a part of the Youth Revival Team serving in Gary, Indiana July 8 - 14: Steve Ayers, Alesia Beckham, Phil Cunningham, Lynn Daniel, Kerrie Elliott, Paul Frisbee, Robin Harrington, Doug Mefford, Alicia Neat, Connie Pankratz, Kim Smith, Amy Tate, David Turner and Calvin Watts. The team was under the direction of Ron Williams who did the preaching. The youth was involved in various activities - Vacation Bible School, Backyard Bible Clubs, surveying, and personal witnessing. On their

return home favorable reports were given at a regular evening service. The revival was successful and afforded a rich experience for each member.

May 18 A recognition service was conducted this date for Girls-In-Action and Acteens. The girls related what they had done to merit the recognition and indicated much work had been done in training the girls for Christian service.

Two weeks earlier a special recognition was given to Royal Ambassadors to describe the work being done by the boys. Both of these recognition services afforded an opportunity to observe the excellent work that is being done for the youth who will be called upon for leadership in church activities in future years.

Special recognition was given during the Sunday morning worship honoring the High School and University graduating Seniors. These young people were commended on their achievement thus far and were encouraged to continue their educational endeavors and thereby enhance their skills and knowledge for church leadership in later life.

June 1 (1) The Adult Church Training began a study of the Book of Acts. This class, along with others, was being led by the associate pastor Richard Bridges. These studies are very informative and challenges the participants to become more effective teachers and leaders in the work at First Baptist. Mr. Bridges conducted his classes in a very effective manner.

June 13 (1) Adults and younger people alike were entertained by David Garrard in his fascinating world of magic. The program was enjoyed immensely by all who were in attendance.

June 15 (1) Following the Sunday evening service ten groups numbering between 15 and 20 members each assembled in the Social Center for refreshments and fellowship. It had been explained that the church roll was divided among the deacons for the purpose of visitation and caring for the needs and other ministries.

June 22 At the regular monthly SAF meeting in June was given to a review of the work of Conventional, State, and Associational levels. James Whaley, State headquarters, and Francis Tallant, Association Executive Secretary of Warren County Association, led in a discussion on the lights of their work respectively. The discussions were very informative and resulted in a better understanding of the work being done on the different levels.

June 29 (1) "Little Bit More" was the slogan adopted to stimulate stewardship for the year. "Our church is a family, and family members share in the privileges and responsibilities of the family." The "Little Bit More" emphasis gives everyone the opportunity to participate in the total stewardship plan. A strong appeal was made to cooperate together with God's spirit leading can make a great difference for 1980 in the stewardship in our church. A wonderful response followed. On June 29, despite a dark, stormy morning the offering for the day amounted to \$10,144 then on the following Sunday \$11,185. was contributed - a total for the two Sundays \$21,329, undesignated. "How grateful we are for a congregation

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that responds to need with dedication and consencration" was the reaction of one of the ministers. He also made this statement - the goal set for this year is twofold: (1) enlist every member in giving something each week to the work of the church and (2) bring the weekly offering up to \$10,119 to meet 1980 budget requirements by August 31. It was observed further that when the emphasis began, the average weekly offering was \$8900. For the last fifteen Sundays the average weekly offering has increased to \$9850.

August 24 (1) The annual church picnic was held August 17 at Covington Woods - a real success. After a period devoted to games and good fellowship, a pot-luck supper was served under the direction of Susan Locke, the church hostess. A musical program and a meditation talk concluded the picnic. Angela Logsdon was invited to share her experience concerning her summer missionary work in Connecticut. Part of the evening service was devoted to this report.

L. Harold Lee, Jr. "Buddy", another recent University graduate student and one of the leaders among the students volunteered for Sojourners missionary service and was assigned to Nairobi, Kenya, E. Africa by the Foreign Mission Board. "Buddy" is a promising young Christian and should do effective work in this new endeavor.

September 7 (1) A Shirt-Sleeve Worship Service was conducted on the parking lot this date. Jim Gentry, our mission pastor, did the preaching. A watermelon cutting followed the service.

September 28 (1) The pastor made the following announcement in the Builder. The young people, under the leadership of Ron Williams, our Minister of Youth and Outreach will lead us in our Fall Revival, October 26 - 29. This is not a Youth Revival. It is a youth-led revival aimed at reaching all age groups for Christ and the Church. The revival was considered a success - good preaching and leadership by the youth were the responsible factors.

September 24 (1) The Western Recorder printed some remarks this date by Bailey Smith, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, that aroused Southern Baptists with resentful reactions. His statement:

With all due respect to those dear people,
my friends, "God Almighty does not hear the
prayer of a Jew."

It was feared repercussions would create problems at the Southern Baptist Convention, but they were not mentioned, and feeling among the leaders seemed to subside and the misunderstandings cleared the minds of all.

September 28 (1) "By successfully defending his Doctoral Dissertation a week ago Monday. Dr. Moman has been awarded the coveted academic degree, Doctor of Philosophy, by Washington University, in St. Louis, Missouri.

"It has been through sheer determination, indefatigable energy, mastery of subject matter, creative writing, and self-discipline that this goal has been achieved." This statement was made in the Builder by Dr. Burhans.

October 5 (1) This Sunday is also an opportunity for all of our adults. Promotion in the Adult classes can be an important contribution to the growth and development of the entire Sunday School. Adult classifications for 1980 - 81: Young Adult, Ages 18 - 35; Mid Adults, ages 36 - 65; Senior Adults, ages 66 and up. It was expected that members in the various classes within each classifications would promote themselves to the proper class.

November 23 (1) "Blessings" composed by Bob Oldenburg and set to music by Lanny Allen was presented by the University Choir as a part of the Thanksgiving Celebration. The choir was composed of 115 students. Ten narrators and 13 soloists participated in the production.

November 23 (1) The "High Light" of the year within our church was in entertaining the State Convention, November 11 - 13. The general theme of the Convention was "Bold Missions." The reports of the work of the Convention indicated satisfactory achievements. The Convention was concluded with a "Bold Mission Rally," held in the Diddle Arena where a mass choir was conducted by Eugene Sutherland and a climactic heart-warming message by Keith Parks, President of the Foreign Mission Board. His message was entitled, "The Urgency of Bold Mission." The attendance was gratifying and proved to be a blessing to members of First Baptist. The leaders of the Convention responded later with this statement: "Thank you! Thank you! for being wonderful hosts to the Kentucky Baptist Convention."

A memorial report to the Warren Association revealed the following list of members of First Baptist who had died during the past church year: Mr. Lee Woodcock, Mr. Allen A. Ball, Mrs. O. W. Thompson, Mrs. C. L. Smith, Mr. Luther Keen, Mr. William S. Haynes, Mrs. V. J. Gillespie, Mr. Frank Morehead, Dr. Lerond Curry, Mrs. Josephine Daugherty, Mr. J. A. York, Grace Coulter, Mr. Charles Richard Woodcock, Mrs. Doris Hinton Duvall, Miss Dawn Gilbert, Miss Florence Newman, Mrs. Ruth Kirby Hurt, Mr. Travis Hays, Miss Regina Wingfield, and Mrs. J. C. McCubbin.

December 11 (1) The Senior Adult Fellowship program for December 11, will long be remembered because of its historical significance. The six former pastors and their wives preceding the coming of Dr. Burhans had been invited to a "homecoming." A special get-together in the Sanctuary was held before the luncheon during which time the pastors or their representatives expressed greetings which brought back many fond memories. Introductions of the former pastors was made in chronological order:

Dr. J. O. Williams, 1932 - 1934. Mrs. J. O. Williams was to have represented her husband and introduced by Belma Traylor, program chairperson. Mrs. Williams was not able to be present due to health problems.

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Dr. R. T. Skinner, 1934 - 1946, was represented by his son, Bill, who was introduced also by Mrs. Traylor.

Dr. Harold J. Purdy, 1947 - 1951, was introduced by Hayward Brown, SAF Director, 1972 - '74; 1976 - '77.

Dr. Franklin Paschall was introduced by Mrs. Ruby Daniel, SAF Director, 1977 - '79.

Dr. Joseph Estes who could not come due to illness, was to have been introduced by Hubert Houchens, SAF Director 1974 - '76.

Rev. Othar G. Smith, 1961 - '69, was introduced by Mrs. Almedia Stringer, SAF Director, 1980.

This was a memorable occasion!

December 21 (1) Various programs given prior to Christmas reflected "Our Gifts of Worship, Christmas 1980, December 21;" Old fashioned Sunday School hour at Christmas - The joint meeting of classes during which a birthday offering was made to Jesus. The graded choirs composed of Pre-School I, II, and III, Music Makers I and II, and Young Musicians, presented programs at the evening service. At the morning worship service the Sanctuary Choir presented Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria," with the aid of an orchestra. A Christmas message was preached by Dr. Burhans, the last Christmas program on Christmas eve. It featured a candlelight Christmas vesper with Baptism and Celebration of the Lord's Supper led by the ministering staff.

December 28 (1) A report of the previous Sunday's offering disclosed that \$21,164 was contributed. This permits payment of \$15,000 on the Marshall property, and \$20,110 toward the Lottie Moon Offering. All current bills could be paid, "thus enabling First Baptist Church to enter the Decade of the Eighties unhampered by an old debt and free to move in whatever direction the Spirit of God should lead us to meet the spiritual needs of the day."