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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, OWENSBORO

The First Baptist Church of Owensboro, Kentucky was organized in 1835. The Sesquicentennial was celebrated May 12-15, 1985. Wendell H. Rone, Sr., who was the writer of her history, penned these words:

"One of the foremost congregations of Baptist Christians in the State of Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Convention. For one hundred and fifty years (1835-1985) the church has been a Beacon Light of the Baptist expression of the Christian Faith in its community, possessing also the distinction of being the first and oldest of all the various denominations to have an organized congregational life here."

The First Baptist Church of Owensboro celebrated her Sesquicentennial with the following program personalities: Dr. Duke K. McCall, President of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Harold C. Bennett, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention Dr. Jess C. Moody, former pastor of the church. Additional features were a concert by David Ford, a Baritone of Nashville, Tennessee and an historical pageant presented by members of the church.

Dr. David Andrews Nelson, Ph. D., wrote the new history's Introduction. Dr. Nelson has served the church as pastor since December 31, 1961. Excerpts from that "Introduction" are carried here.

"Owensboro's First Church of any denomination was organized on Saturday, May 9, 1835. After the first forty years or so it was known as the First Baptist Church, since by that time other Baptist churches had been organized in Owensboro.

"In preparation for the Sesquicentennial, the church secured the services of a noted Baptist historian, Wendell Holmes Rone, Sr., to write and prepare for publication a complete history of the church. As a church, we are happy to present the history to our membership and to the public at large.

"I count it an honor to have known all of the pastors of this church since 1918. Dr. W. C. Boone was pastor from Sept. 1, 1918 until 1927. In addition to his pastorate here and denominational service elsewhere, Dr. Boone closed out his service as Executive Secretary of Kentucky Baptists. During his pastorate the sanctuary building and educational building were erected.

"Dr. Boone was followed by Dr. Robert E. Humphreys who served the church for the longest period in her history. ... The years of service from 1927 through 1955 were years of growth and expansion. During Dr. Humphreys' years of service the church reached out in establishing a number of new churches and helping other churches get established. In addition, property was secured across Third Street from the church.

"Dr. Jess C. Moody succeeded Dr. Humphreys as pastor in 1956. This vigorous and dynamic preacher left his impact upon the church. We could not sum up all of his contributions but at the top of the list must stand the Educational Building entered at the beginning of 1962 ... That building helped seal the commitment of downtown Owensboro and provide the vehicle for service for the future.

"It has certainly been a privilege for me to serve as pastor for twenty-three years. This is a church with a glorious heritage. We stand in a noble train. The history of this church is almost a roll call of heroes of the faith. To read about and re-live the past years is an humbling experience.

"But what of the future? I believe the First Baptist Church has many great years of service left. During the year of 1983, the First Baptist Church entered upon a Capital Funds Campaign called the Building For The Future Campaign to raise pledges to finance a new Christian Life Center.

"During this campaign, our members pledged \$1,118,000.00 toward the building to be paid over a three-year period. As we go to press for the publication of this history, our members have contributed \$608,492.20 toward the building. The building is now well along toward construction and should be ready for use in early fall of 1985. (Editor's note - the building has been in use for several months.)

"I believe it is indeed Building For The Future. It says that the days of the downtown church are not over. It says that we will do more than ever before to reach our city for Christ. Dr. George W. Truett once used a phrase - 'Hats off to the past; Coats off to the future.'

"Paul wrote to the church he loved so much, 'Being confident of this very thing that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.' (Philippians 1:6) Our future depends both upon the promises of God and our faithfulness to proclaim the Gospel. May there be another day and another generation which one hundred and fifty years from now (if the Lord tarries) will write of what God had done in the intervening years!"

--David A. Nelson Pastor

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EARLY BEGINNINGS OF WALNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY

by

Carson Bevil

The Walnut Street Baptist Church of Owensboro, Kentucky is the result of a number of forces having played significant roles in its creation and development, all of which this paper does not intend to cover. The major emphasis will be on two of the more significant groups that came together to help create the church.

In the early fall of 1876 a revival meeting was underway in the A. J. Turpin Tobacco Factory located on the corner of Fourth and Elm Streets approximately two blocks from the present location of the church building. The Reverend J. M. Peay, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, was serving as the evangelist and was being assisted by Dr. J. S. Coleman.¹ Peay and Coleman had worked together during the winter of 1864-65 and estimates were made that they baptized over 400 people in this time frame.² Coleman was later selected as the second pastor of the Walnut Street Church. The revival at the factory, though not sponsored by any one church, produced a large number of converts.

A crisis was precipitated when Turpin announced he would need his building for business purposes. Mrs. P. Collins and Mrs. Sue Phillips came to the rescue by allowing the group to meet in their building, known as the "Vaughan Seminary," located on the corner of Fourth and Walnut Streets.³

A number of options were considered as to the future of the group. The First Baptist Church of the city presented one option and some consideration was given to uniting with that church. However, no decision was made at this time.⁴

A second major group in Walnut Street's history began meeting in a school building located approximately four miles west of the city. The school was known as the Ash Valley School of the Daviess County System and was in District 57.⁵ The Reverend D. E. Yeiser began revival services here in October of 1876. The results were 50 conversions and 21 other additions. This meeting resulted in the formal organization of the Ash Valley Baptist Church on November 5, 1876 with 30 charter members.⁶ On December 28, 1876 Yeiser was selected to be the first pastor.⁷

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In 1877 Ash Valley applied for and received membership in the Daviess County Baptist Association. Messengers W. T. Lea, G. Hagerman, E. G. Adams, and R. M. Fuqua received the hand of fellowship from the Moderator on behalf of the Association.⁸

The immediate problem faced was that of finding a suitable place of worship. Some members moved to the Birk City Church and joined what later became the Stanley Baptist Church. The remaining members of Ash Valley turned toward the city and began attending services at the tobacco factory with the J. M. Peay group.

A portion of Peay's report to the Daviess County Baptist Association in 1879 reflects this development:

"Under the joint appointment of your own body of the Board of the Owensboro Church, I held a meeting in the West End of the city of Owensboro, Kentucky, in Mr. Turpin's tobacco factory. Dr. J. S. Coleman opened the meeting on Tuesday night, September 24 and preached three nights. I arrived on Friday night and preached thirty days, Dr. Coleman preaching two sermons after my arrival and the Reverend Yeiser two. Bro. Yeiser was with me during the entire meeting, doing good services, talking and exhorting and laboring from house to house. Dr. Coleman also labored in similar capacity throughout the meeting. During the meeting, Ash Valley Church, three mile out of town, had a called meeting and by vote removed the church into the city, to said tobacco house and was there permanently located in the city, The converts of the meeting joined the two churches as the meeting progressed. We had during the meeting somewhere between 75 and 100 conversions. At the close I baptized 43."⁹

Thus, the two groups which began meeting separately were now united under one roof. On October 12, 1878 the Ash Valley group came to town and began meeting with the J. M. Peay group.¹⁰ In view of this development two things remained to be accomplished. First, in a business meeting on November 28, 1878 the church gave itself a new name, "Walnut Street Baptist Church."¹¹ Secondly, a lot at the corner of Fifth and Walnut Streets was purchased as a possible building site.¹²

With the purchase of the lot on Fifth and Walnut, plans were made for the erection of a new building. By the summer of 1879 the church moved into the first house of worship owned by the congregation. All records of such activity have been destroyed, except for the preservation of one eye witness who wrote the following description of that first building:

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"The Church was about half the size of our present auditorium...platform in the center on the east wall and to the pastor's left was the Amen corner, and to the right the choir, platform being continued over to the North Wall. The church building had a middle aisle and a side aisle on the north and south next to the windows. The pews were new and had a division in them extending to the floor, making four sections entirely separate from each other. The south section next to the windows was always occupied by the men...no women...although some few men sat with their wives and families in the other portion of the church. It continued this way for years. Mrs. Jack Walsh was the first woman to invade these pews, and afterwards others followed.

"Our church windows were of frosted glass, with a design mostly brown and a little blue. We had a good dark red carpet on the pulpit and choir platform, and then down each of the aisles. Our church had called Rev. J. S. Coleman to be the pastor and he selected the pulpit chairs, and they were of very fine carved walnut, reupholstered in heavy red goods. They were of Gothic design, shaped at the top like our windows, which were the best feature in our church architecture. We had bronze chandeliers...everyone then used gas...with beautiful shades."13

From the spirit of cooperation that manifested itself between two Christian groups there emerged what has come to be known as the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky. Now in its 110th year since the founding of the Ash Valley Baptist Church, Walnut Street has ministered to the people of its community and at the same time maintained an intense interest in the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

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 DAVIESS-McLEAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
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James Spaulding

The first permanent settlement in what is now Daviess County was in 1799 at Yellow Banks, which is now Owensboro, by William Smithers. The first Baptist Church in what is now Daviess County was Rock Springs, which is now Yelvington. This church was organized on June 30, 1813. This church was a member of Salem Association in the beginning. The church became a constituent member of the Daviess County Association in 1844.

The first Baptist Church in what is now McLean County was Buck Creek. Buck Creek was first called "The Church at Tanner's Meeting House", and was organized in August, 1812. Station and Mt. Liberty Baptist Churches were both organized in 1840.

The minutes of the twenty-eighth Annual Session of the Goshen Association reveal the beginning of the Davies-McLean Baptist Association. The minutes read, "Letters of dismissal were called for by the following Churches: Rock Spring (now Yelvington), Buck Creek, Green Briar, Bethabara, Bell's Run, Owensboro (1st), Pleasant Grove, Mount Liberty, and Fredonia (now extinct), for the purpose of organizing a new Association. A motion being made and seconded, the clerk was instructed to furnish said Churches with letters of dismissal in the customary form." These churches met at Bethabara Meeting House in Daviess County on Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1844. The total membership of the nine churches was 1,021. Eight of their ministers were ordained. They reported a total of 85 baptisms for the previous year.

By 1876, at its 33rd session, the Association had grown to 34 churches, 151 baptisms, 4,259 members and 23 ordained ministers.

Wendell H. Rone, in his book, A History of The Daviess-McLean Baptist Association in Kentucky, identifies the period of 1877-1900 as a period of growth, and indeed it was! By 1900 the total membership of the churches had reached 10,303. There were now 57 member churches which had baptized 639 souls during that church year. In the 1900 annual meeting minutes it was stated, "For the first time in history the Women's Missionary Union was granted space for their report in the associational minutes".

In 1901 fifteen member churches in Ohio County asked to be dismissed from the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association to form a new association called the Ohio County Baptist Association.

The WMU was experiencing continual growth in 1902, and young people's work was beginning to be noticed.

In 1902 Owensboro First Baptist Church gave \$1,200 to build Bowman Avenue Mission which was to become Hall Street Baptist Church in 1908.

The minutes of the 1906 annual meeting show Bethabara was paying half the salary for foreign missionary, J. W. Sheppard of Brazil. Bethabara also reported a weekday Bible School during the summer which seems to be a forerunner of our Vacation Bible School.

In the 1907 meeting letters of dismission were granted to the Bethlehem, Central City, Greenville, South Carrolton and New Hope churches to go into the Constituting of the Muhlenberg County Baptist Association. All of these churches were located in Muhlenberg County.

In the 1926 meeting at South Hampton Baptist Church the constitution was amended to change the name of the association from The Daviess County Baptist Association to the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association. During that same meeting it was voted for the host church to no longer serve a meal at the annual meeting! From then on, everyone was to bring their own lunch.

The years 1844 to 1944 marked the first century of the association. The second century began in 1944 with 46 churches and 14,398 members.

In 1947 Owensboro became the location for the second Baptist Bookstore in Kentucky.

In 1950 the association voted to begin a camp program and accepted the offer from Rev. Henry Schafer to accept property in Hancock County. In 1953 a new Tabernacle was erected at Camp Schafer by the Brotherhood of the association.

In 1960 the association voted to buy a lot across the street from Kentucky Wesleyan College. The present Baptist Building and Director's house were built on the lot at a total cost of \$112,000.00.

In 1968 the 125th anniversary of the association was observed. The meeting was held at Bethabara Baptist Church where the association was organized in 1844. The 50th anniversary of the Association in 1893 and the centennial (100th) meeting were held in Bethabara. The 100th anniversary was held in 1943. The association had 59 churches in 1943.

In 1968 Dan Hughes became the first full-time Camp Director of Camp Schafer.

In April, 1979, Mike Oliver became director of Christian Social Ministries and Christian Education.

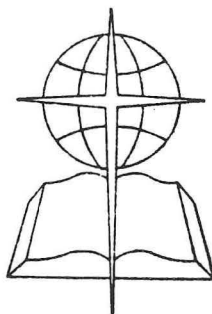
In September, 1984, Rev. J. V. Case retired after serving as Director of Missions for sixteen years. Case Hall was named in honor of Rev. Case and was constructed in 1980 at Camp Schafer. In addition two winterized dormitories were built. Hughes dormitory was named in honor of Dan Hughes, camp director. Anthony dormitory was named in honor of Donald Anthony, a former Director of Missions for the association.

In the 1985 report of the 142nd annual session, the association showed 55 churches and one mission with a total membership of 26,690 and a resident membership of 19,477.

James Spaulding, Director of Missions
Daviess-McLean Association of Baptists
Owensboro, Kentucky

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July 24, 1986

To Members of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society:

Due to the need to give some concerted time to the completion of my doctoral studies while at the same time giving quality time to my responsibilities as pastor, it has become necessary for me to resign as the president of our Society. Completing these studies, maintaining an effective pastorate, and being a good husband to Donna is going to demand all the time that I have for the next year or two.

I deeply regret having to step down in the middle of the year. This regret is only heightened by the fact that as a Society we are in an important period of transition. With the able help of Wendell Rone, Barry Allen, and Doris Yeiser, we have in the past year been able to write and adopt a new constitution. The guidelines within this new document give the Society the potential of becoming a much stronger entity within the life of our Kentucky Baptist Convention. I would have liked to have seen the Society through this period of transition; but, the truth is that with the other matters with which I am trying to do, I would not have had adequate time to have done an effective job of leading.

Our Vice-president, Dr. Gerard Howell, is prepared to assume the responsibility of leading the Society. Dr. Howell is a capable leader and will serve us well. I trust that you will join me in giving him your full support in the days ahead.

I remain committed to the work of the Society and will look forward to seeing you at our dinner meeting in November during the Kentucky Baptist Convention and next year at our annual meeting in Middletown.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Duncan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Michael R. Duncan

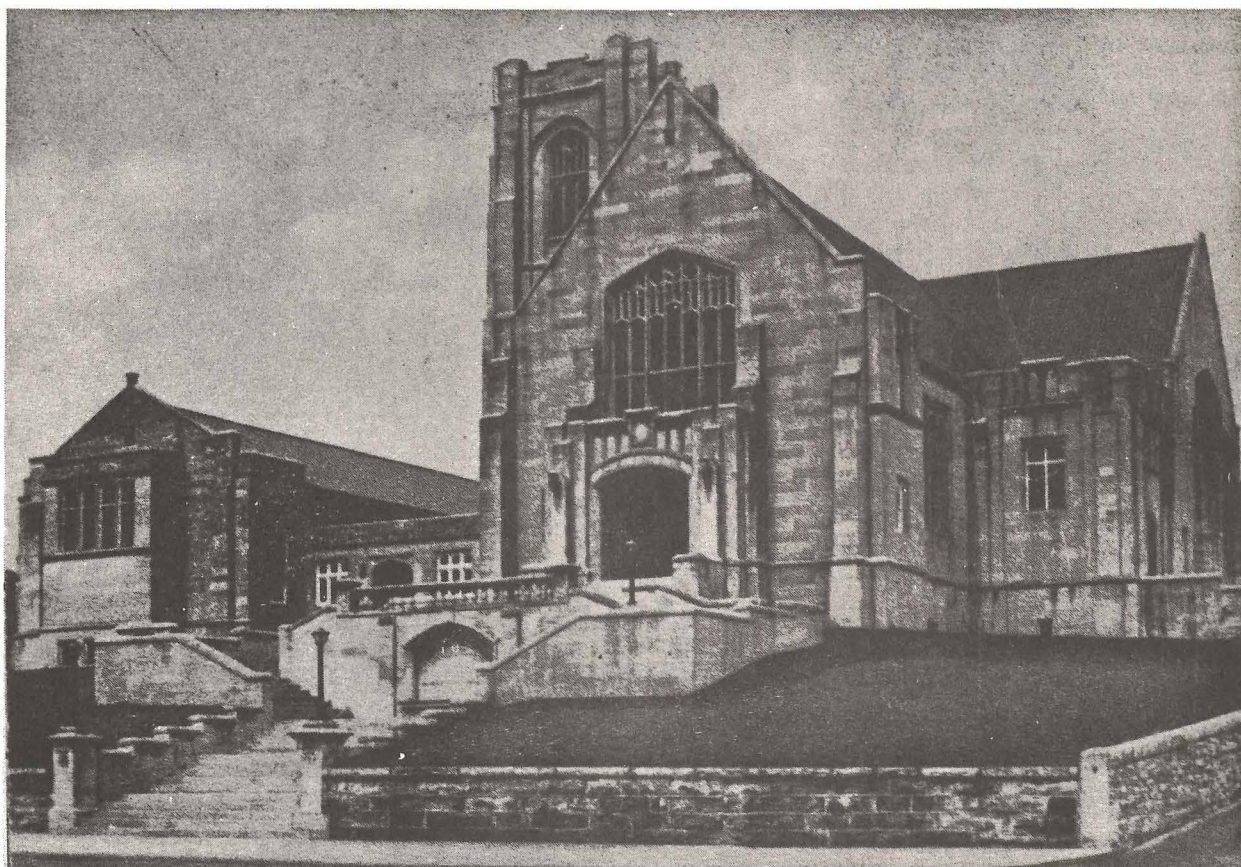
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200 YEARS OF SERVICE

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IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARIES AMONG KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

Compiled by Wendell H. Rone, Sr.

- I. 1836 -- Little Bethel Association - 1986
(Founded on September 10, 1836)
- II. KENTUCKY BAPTIST CHURCHES:
- 1786 - BiCentennial - 1986
Lexington, First Elkhorn Association 1786-1986
- 1811 - 175th anniversary - 1986
- | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Pleasant Point | Lincoln County Associaton | 1811-1986 |
| 2. Little Union | Nelson Association | 1811-1986 |
| 3. Fair View | Ohio County Association | 1811-1986 |
| 4. Salem | Shelby County Association | 1811-1986 |
- 1836 - SesquiCentennial - 150th Anniversary - 1986
- | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Hawesville | Blackford Association | 1836-1986 |
| 2. Marcus | Crittenden Association | 1836-1986 |
| 3. Mt. Olivet | Graves County Asociation | 1836-1986 |
| 4. Green River | Ohio County Association | 1836-1986 |
| 5. Pleasant Ridge | Owen County Association | 1836-1986 |
| 6. New Hope | West Kentucky Association | 1836-1986 |
- 1861 - 125th Anniversary - 1986
- | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Harmony | Bell Association | 1861-1986 |
| 2. Pellville | Blackford Association | 1861-1986 |
| 3. New Harmony | Blood River Association | 1861-1986 |
| 4. Horse Creek | Booneville Association | 1861-1986 |
| 5. Sugar Grove | Daviess-McLean Association | 1861-1986 |
| 6. Big Poplar | East Union Association | 1861-1986 |
| 7. Richland | Gasper River Associaton | 1861-1986 |
| 8. Little Flock | Goshen Associaton | 1981-1986 |
| 9. Hawk Creek | Laurel River Association | 1861-1986 |
| 10. Bethany | Ohio Valley Associaton | 1861-1986 |
| 11. Clay, First | Ohio Valley Association | 1861-1986 |
| 12. Beattyville | Red River Association | 1861-1986 |
| 13. Pleasant Hill | South Union Association | 1861-1986 |
| 14. Salem | Taylor County Association | 1861-1986 |
| 15. Oak Forest (Smith Grove) | Warren Association | 1861-1986 |
| 16. Silent Grove | General Grouping (Edmonson) | 1861-1986 |
- 1886 - Centennial - 100th Anniversary - 1986
- | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Sharon Grove | Bethel Association | 1886-1986 |
| 2. Ewing | Bracken Association | 1886-1986 |
| 3. Casky | Christian County Association | 1886-1986 |
| 4. Pleasant Green | Crittendent Association | 1886-1986 |
| 5. Mt. Carmel | Fulton Association | 1886-1986 |
| 6. Millwood | Goshen Associaton | 1886-1986 |
| 7. Indian Creek | Jackson County Associaton | 1886-1986 |
| 8. Pleasant View | Little Bethel Association | 1886-1986 |
| 9. Parkland, Louisville | Long Run Association | 1886-1986 |
| 10. Faber | Mt. Zion Association | 1886-1986 |
| 11. Fellowship | North Concord Association | 1886-1986 |
| 12. Cane Valley | Russell Creek Association | 1886-1986 |
| 13. Paint Lick | Ten Mile Association | 1886-1986 |
| 14. Cedar Bluff | Warren Association | 1886-1986 |

(Important Anniversaries Continued)

<u>1911 - Seventy-Fifth Anniversary - 1986</u>		
1. Hamlet	Blood River Association	1911-1986
2. English	Breckinridge Association	1911-1986
3. White Oak	Laurel River Association	1911-1986
4. Watts Chapel	Lincoln County Association	1911-1986
5. Concord	Logan County Association	1911-1986
6. Beechmont, Louisville	Long Run Association	1911-1986
7. Carlisle Avenue, Louisville	Long Run Association	1911-1986
8. Goldbug	Mt. Zion Association	1911-1986
9. Warren	North Concord Association	1911-1986
10. Marion, Second	Ohio River Association	1911-1986
11. Hempridge	Shelby County Association	1911-1986
12. Parmley's Grove	Wayne County Association	1911-1986
<u>1936 - Fiftieth Anniversary - 1986</u>		
1. Bennett's Fork	Bell Association	1936-1986
2. West Pineville	Bell Association	1936-1986
3. Calvary	Upper Cumberland Association	1936-1986
4. Riverside	Upper Cumberland Association	1936-1986
<u>1961 - Twenty-Fifth Anniversary - 1986</u>		
1. West Cumberland	Bell Association	1961-1986
2. Lyttleton	Booneville Association	1961-1986
3. Oak Grove, First	Christian County Association	1961-1986
4. White Sulphur	Elkhorn Association	1961-1986
5. Emmanuel	Franklin Association	1961-1986
6. West Broadway	Graves County Association	1961-1986
7. Watson Lane Chapel	Green Valley Association	1961-1986
8. Deer Stable	Irvine Association	1961-1986
9. Camp Ground	Laurel River Association	1961-1986
10. Chapel Park, Louisville	Long Run Association	1961-1986
11. Davis Memorial, Louisville	Long Run Association	1961-1986
12. New Salem	Long Run Association	1961-1986
13. Oak Grove	Long Run Association	1961-1986
14. Wakefield	Nelson Association	1961-1986
15. Wickland	Nelson Association	1961-1986
16. Hebron	Northern Kentucky Association	1961-1986
17. Highland Hills	Northern Kentucky Association	1961-1986
18. Bethel	Upper Cumberland Association	1961-1986
19. Strathmoor	West Union Association	1961-1986

Note: The Churches are listed by Associations and the Associations are listed alphabetically. Information taken from Kentucky Baptist Convention Annuals of 1980 and 1984 and compared.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF THESE CHURCHES AND TO LITTLE BETHEL ASSOCIATION!

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ARCHIVES - KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION

By Doris B. Yeiser

Some months ago Dr. Wm. W. Marshall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer suggested the possibility of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board beginning the function of the archives. At that time he mentioned to the above writer of this article that she may be the person to consider as the archivist. After considerable thought and prayer, she agreed to accept.

Beginning the first of 1986 we began working toward that end. On February 17th, the process of moving what archival materials we had to Room 126 of the Kentucky Baptist Building began. The processing, classifying and cataloging the materials has begun.

The archivist attended an Institute for Archivists at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. This two-weeks experience was most helpful.

The Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission at their annual meeting in Owensboro March, 1986, heard a report from Dr. Ronald Deering, Librarian, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which was in response to a request from the Commission. That request was an inventory of the Kentucky Collection at Southern Seminary and whether he and the late Dr. Leo T. Crismon thought there would be any such holdings that could be added to the newly created archives at the Baptist Building. We have received three deliveries from Dr. Deering which includes bound volumes of the Western Recorder, associational annuals/minutes, old correspondence and other items.

The KBC Archives Collection Has Been Defined

1. Executive Board Minutes; Committees both standing and Special.
2. Kentucky Baptist Convention (formerly the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky) Proceedings (Annuals).
3. Convention Committees Minutes - Standing and Special.
4. Associational Annuals (Minutes).
5. Western Recorder (Bound volumes).
6. KBC Churches: Notes - file on each KBC Church.
7. The Kentucky Baptist Heritage.
8. Original Documents furnished to Archives for Preservation.
9. KBC Artifacts.
10. Selected Media "pieces", ie Kentucky Edition.
11. Research prepared by Executive Board, Agencies and Institutions.
12. SBC "Reference Publications.
13. Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission Records
Kentucky Baptist Historical Society Records.
14. WMU Minutes & Proceedings (Should WMU want it).
15. KBC President's Address at Annual Meeting & Annual Sermon.
16. Published/Printed KBC Church Histories.

Collection will not include:

1. Denominational periodicals, ie, SS magazines, Church Training, FMB/HMB.
2. KBC Program Pamphlets & Tracts.
3. Catalogs of Colleges & Schools (except current).

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE KENTUCKY BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The officers of the Society want to enlist all who read this publication to encourage those friends and acquaintances who are interested in history to become a member of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society. The Society needs them. We need to broaden our ability to assist the churches in maintaining and preserving their historical materials such as newsletters, bulletins, records of all kinds. Minutes of business meetings are vital in preparing a church history. These must be preserved.

A membership form is included in each issue of the Heritage.

There are a number of things the Society could do to assist the churches with preserving records. Conferences, clinics, and workshops could be planned for various sections of the state. As the membership of the Society increases the Society will be better equipped to do promote some additional assistance for the churches.

As Kentucky Baptists strive to preserve their history and heritage we also become a part of the Southern Baptist history and heritage. However, another way to become more knowledgeable and helpful is to join the Southern Baptist Historical Society. Their regular membership fee is \$12.50, Senior Citizen (65+) is \$8.50, and Student membership fee is \$8.50. You may send a check to the Historical Commission, SBC, 901 Commerce Street, Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203-3260. Your subscription includes a subscription to Baptist History and Heritage and Baptist Heritage Update.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Kentucky Baptist Historical Society Dinner will be held Tuesday, November 11, 1986 at 5:00 P.M. at Stone Hearth Restaurant, Highway 62 or 1001 North Mulberry, Elizabethtown. The price including tax and gratuity will be \$10.50. It is possibly that Dr. A. Ronald Tonks, Asst. Executive Director of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, will be speaking. More later!

The 1987 Kentucky Baptist Historical Society meeting will be held in the Franklin Owen Chapel, Kentucky Baptist Building, 10701 Shelbyville Road, Middletown on March 20th. The program is being planned to include the Kentucky Baptist Convention past presidents and others. Please mark you calendar now.

Cumberland College through President James Taylor has invited the Society and the Commission to meet with the college during 1988 as the college will be observing its Centennial.

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The November issue of the Kentucky Baptist Heritage will be dedicated to the memory of Dr. Leo T. Crismon who gave so much to the Society and the history of Kentucky Baptists.

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---Joseph Anderson

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---Theodore Roosevelt

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BAPTIST RESOURCES

The purpose of this page is to furnish our readers with the Title and Author of books which reflect the history of Baptists.

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