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# Editor's Chronicles

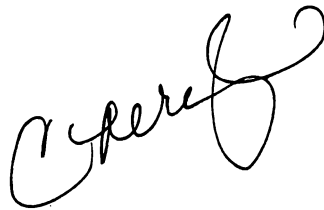
This year has been one of numerous changes for Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission! The Society was disbanded and the replacement is called "Friends of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission." Most Society members joined as Friends, but there are still some who haven't. We hope you do soon, but "Life" members will remain on our mailing list and receive all information whether or not they become "Friends."

We are now publishing four publications each year—the *Heritage* will continue to come out in November at Convention time and three newsletters regarding local and state historical news will be sent in February, May and August. We need your suggestions and input for both publications! If you have news you want printed, send it to me the month before each publication date. If you can write an article on a local or state historical Baptist figure, building, incident, etc., I'd be glad to publish it in the *Heritage*. If you feel that you are not a "writer," send me what you can gather and I'll "polish" it up or write something from the source materials you furnish. The article on Buell Kazee is just such an article—a very long, previously published article was sent to us last year and I condensed the information and tried to keep it interesting reading. So you really can do something to help! And if you like research, you'd love what it takes to look for materials on a particular subject, glean information from all your sources and write an article—or prepare it to the point where I can write one for the periodical.

KBHC also hired a part-time administrative support person—ME!—to help where needed. I'm really enjoying the work and the people I've met and worked with. I do not work for KBC Archives—that person is Becky Rice—so if you call with questions on KBHC I will be able to help, but if you call with Archives questions, Becky will help. I am not located in the Archives office, but am close enough, via running, phone or computer mail, to get

any messages to them! Hopefully I will meet many of you at meetings and workshops over the next few years.

The next meeting of KBHC will be held in conjunction with the history workshop. We are hoping that those who are interested in history, but cannot commit to two different meetings each year, will be better able to join us. We try to have interesting personalities and programs for the annual meeting, so we hope you'll plan to join us in May 1995 in Owensboro. And for those interesting in writing church histories, the workshop is always relevant and the KBHC program can be a source of ideas also.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Perry".

# Calendar of Events

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
15 Jan 1995	February newsletter articles due	Cheryl Doty, editor KBHC
Feb 1995	Friends of KBHC newsletter	To all members
15 Apr 1995	Tax returns	Revenue depts.
	May newsletter articles due	Cheryl Doty, editor KBHC
May 1995	Friends of KBHC newsletter	To all members
19-20 May 1995	Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission meeting and History Workshop	Owensboro
15 July 1995	August newsletter articles due	Cheryl Doty, editor KBHC
Aug 1995	Friends of KBHC newsletter	To all members
1 Sept 1995	Articles, etc., for November issue of <i>Heritage</i> due—this annual periodical takes two months to prepare and print	Cheryl Doty, editor KBHC P.O. Box 43433 Louisville, KY 40253-0433
Nov 1995	<i>Heritage</i>	To all members

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|----------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>14-15 Nov<br/>1995</b>        | <b>KBC Annual Meeting</b>  | <b>Owensboro, Executive<br/>Inn</b>          |
| <b>6 Dec 1995<br/>12:00 Noon</b> | <b>Kentucky Baptist Hist-<br/>torical Commission<br/>meeting</b>                       | <b>Kentucky Baptist Bldg.<br/>Louisville</b> |
| <b>17-18 May 1996</b>            | <b>Kentucky Baptist Hist-<br/>orical Commission meet-<br/>ing and History Workshop</b> | <b>Murray</b>                                |
| <b>Spring 1997</b>               | <b>Kentucky Baptist Hist-<br/>orical Commission meet-<br/>ing and History Workshop</b> | <b>Lexington</b>                             |
| <b>Spring 1998</b>               | <b>Kentucky Baptist Hist-<br/>orical Commission meet-<br/>ing and History Workshop</b> | <b>Louisville</b>                            |
| <b>Spring 1999</b>               | <b>Kentucky Baptist Hist-<br/>orical Commission meet-<br/>ing and History Workshop</b> | <b>Cumberland College/<br/>Williamsburg</b>  |



# **KBC Archives**

Archives of Kentucky Baptist Convention and its Executive Board began in mid-1986 as an effort of the Executive Secretary to organize and preserve its papers, information and official documents for posterity, research and in-house information for use by staff and Baptist constituents through the years. Archives began in a vacant committee room, as no other space was available, and is presently overflowing.

The collection of annuals for the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky dates from 1875 with the exception of a few prior to 1911. Earlier copies have been microfilmed and are available at Southern Seminary's Library.

The collection of church histories represent approximately 1,000 churches. Histories of 35 churches have been received during 1994. Many in the collection are early church histories gathered from associational annuals, and it is possible that many do not now exist but are part of our early history.

The Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission has held church history workshops for the past four years to assist and encourage churches in writing their histories. These have been held in the central, western, southeastern and northeastern areas of the state. Other areas may be covered in the future.

A collection of Southern Baptist Convention annuals from 1913 to the present is available for research.

The reference section on individual churches and associations, which began in the Executive Office and accumulated over the past 30 years, is another collection of valued information, though not all churches are represented.

Another valued and important, albeit incomplete, collection includes "Minutes" of Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board, its committees and Convention committees. It can be interesting to note the process involved as a group worked towards various

decisions although there were years when minutes and work folders of Convention committees were not received by the Executive Office.

Southern Seinary Library has been most helpful in delivering Kentucky materials, especially those which were on deposit there from the early years of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society when the library was designated as the depository.

There is a very sizeable collection of Associational annuals (entitled "Minutes" during the earlier years), including those of associations which no longer exist or merged with other associations through the years.

Ministers and associational leaders are encouraged to forward copies of any of these materials in excess of your own needs to the Archives at the Baptist Building, 10701 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

Archives is open for your visit on Monday mornings and Tuesday through Thursday. Come visit your Archives, browse and use our collections.

***Doris Yeiser, Archivist***

# Church Archives Preservation Starter Kit

Are you interested in keeping your church's historic photos, minutes, bulletins, and other documents from becoming brittle and yellowed? If your church is ready to preserve its history the right way, the Church Archives Preservation Starter Kit from the Historical Commission, SBC, will help get you started.

The kit contains:  
instructions for how to preserve church archives  
one document storage box  
one record storage box  
one clam shell box  
30 archival quality folders  
10 sleeves for storing photos  
and a list of vendors for purchasing archival supplies

**New item!** The Church Archives Preservation Starter Kit can be purchased from the Historical Commission, SBC, by calling toll-free **1-800-966-BAPT**.

# **Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children**

## **Celebrating 125 Years of Love**

The War Between the States hit Kentucky particularly hard. As a border state, she was claimed by both North and South. Families were torn apart as divergent loyalties pitted brother against brother and father against son. The war dealt harshly with Kentucky and the reconstruction was very difficult.

In the midst of these troubled times, a group of women from Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville began to look beyond the harassments of the present to a future that would offer shelter and security for the sometimes forgotten victims of the war—the children. In 1866, through the leadership of their pastor, the Rev. George Lorimer, they founded the Orphans' Aid Society to reach out to orphaned and destitute children. At first, the ladies worked to raise funds and help children by finding them homes or by paying their rent in local boarding houses.

Funds for a more formal ministry were raised by 1869 and on June 21, 1869, the first meeting of the Society for the Baptsit Home for Helpless Children was held. Just nine days later, on June 30, 1869, three children were received into care in a rented house at 828 West Walnut Street. They were joined a week later by the new Home for Helpless Children's first superintendent, Mary A. Hollingsworth.

Early in 1870, a lot at First and St. Catherine Streets was donated for the purpose of building an orphanage and construction on a new building soon began. By the end of the year, Baptists were caring for children at what was called the Louisville Orphans Home.

In the first decade of its ministry, the Home struggled and faltered under financial burdens. Each time it seemed as if the Home would close, however, Christian administrators stood firm

on the faith that had called them to minister to children and the ministry weathered the storm.

Baptists continued to care for children in downtown Louisville for the next 78 years. Then in September of 1948, ground breaking ceremonies were held on 76 acres of land purchased near Middletown for a new and modern children's home campus. The program was renamed Spring Meadows Children's Home at the time of the move.

Earlier, a second Baptist children's home was established in Glendale, Kentucky in 1915. The two children's programs operated separately until 1954 when the Kentucky Baptist Convention created a single board of child care which later became Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children.

A third campus, Pine Crest Children's Home, opened in Morehead in 1956. It served children until its closure in 1971.

The decades of the 1980's brought tremendous growth to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. In 1980 and 1981, new cottages were constructed for Glen Dale and Spring Meadows. An emergency shelter was established in Elizabethtown in 1982. That was followed by the opening of the Dixon Temporary Shelter the next year. A third shelter, the Baptist Youth Shelter at Morehead, was opened in eastern Kentucky in 1988.

The late 1980's also saw the beginnings of the Center of Independence which helps older youth in care make the transition to adulthood.

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children established its first residential treatment center in 1989 when the shelter in Elizabethtown became the Baptist Youth Ranch. This new ministry helped Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children to begin reaching out to boys who had suffered severe abuse, neglect and family crisis.

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children has continued its growth in the 1990's. An earlier-closed adoption program was reopened in 1990 as the First Step Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption Service. The new name reflected the new program's focus on expanded services to birth parents and adoptive families.

Then in 1992, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children established a Christian counseling ministry called Cornerstone. The new

program began providing professional, Christian counseling to individuals and families at an office in Bowling Green through a partnership with the Warren Baptist Association. Cornerstone offices have since opened in Ashland, Erlanger, Frankfort, Hopkinsville, London, Madisonville and Pineville.

1993 saw the addition of the Genesis Home in Mayfield to the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children system. Genesis Home provides residential treatment services to up to 15 girls who have suffered from severe abuse, neglect or other family trauma.

Also in 1993, an expanded emphasis was given to foster care to help meet the needs of younger children and children whose emotional needs cry out for the close, personal attention of a caring foster family.

In 1994, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children was asked to acquire the Operation Hope youth shelter in Somerset which had operated for more than a decade in that community. Acquiring this 12-bed facility, now called the Southern Region Shelter, helped the agency to realize a long-held dream of providing residential services in southern Kentucky.

Today, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children continues its heritage of reaching out in love to the children of Kentucky. Each year, this special ministry touches the lives of more than 700 children and adults.

In the beginning, Kentucky Baptists embraced the orphans of war. Today, they embrace orphans of a different kind — children who have been orphaned by such tragedies as neglect, abandonment and family crisis.

***Robert Reeves, Associate Director for Communications  
Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children***

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# Mary Hollingsworth was Mother to Many

She was known as “Miss Mary” and never married, but for literally hundreds of Kentucky’s children, Mary Hollingsworth was their mother.

When Baptists first ventured into child care in Louisville in 1869, Mary Hollingsworth was not far behind. The first three children were received into care in a rented house on June 30 and on July 6, she joined them as the new ministry’s first matron.

Over the next 35 years she gave her heart and soul to the new Baptist work, serving through the original construction in 1870 and later expansion of the new ministry’s first building at the corner of First and St. Catherine streets, and the growth of hundreds of children who came into her care during those years.

According to early editions of the *Orphan’s Friend*, the orphanage’s newsletter, when Mary Hollingsworth wasn’t caring for children, she was talking about them as she traveled the state by train and wagon to visit churches and tell of the children’s needs. Although necessary, she found it difficult to leave the children for these trips and made it a point to kiss each one before she left.

Children around the state were especially interested in seeing “the lady with 50 children,” according to the *Orphan’s Friend*.

“Miss Mary” served the children until poor health forced her retirement in March 1905. The Board continued paying her salary until she died at the home of a niece in Howell, Indiana in 1911. Her funeral was held at the Louisville Baptist Orphans’ Home.

***Robert Reeves, Associate Director for Communications  
Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children***

# Join Today!

Help keep Kentucky Baptist history alive for  
future generations

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Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission

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CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Celebration Ideas from Kentucky Churches**

From Magnolia Baptist Church's 100th Anniversary 1893-1993:

1. Commission church history for publication
2. Pastor's Sundays: former pastors are invited to preach at their own special Sunday Service
3. Letters/memories from members, former pastors, etc., to be shared with congregation and printed in history
4. Commission stained glass window to commemorate anniversary
5. Someone from the church compose a celebration song
6. Commemorative baseball caps
7. Commemorative postcards
8. Commemorative t-shirts
9. Commemorative Christmas ornaments
10. Updated church directory
11. "Celebration" park or garden on church property
12. Newsletter noting anniversary events
13. Various contests: poster, cooking, etc.

From Bullittsburg Baptist Church's 200th Anniversary 1794-1994:

1. Bicentennial quilt
2. Bicentennial scrapbook
3. Commemorative t-shirts

# Kentucky Baptist Historical Commission Annual Meeting

Bullittsburg Baptist Church: Celebrating 200 years

15-16 April 1994



*Lewis Craig* as portrayed by Richard Vaughn,  
Associate Pastor, Williamsburg First Baptist Church



**Bullittsburg Burial Vault, above**  
**Bullittsburg Keyhole Outdoor Baptismal Pool, below**



# New Video Available from SBCHC

## *One Sacred Effort*

They began in Augusta, Georgia, in 1845, with their own ideas for doing missions and organizing themselves for action. Today, Southern Baptists are the largest Protestant denomination in America.

Share these stories of yesterday and today in the new video *One Sacred Effort*, available exclusively from the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Journey across time through letters, diaries, and photos of Southern Baptist leaders. Learn about the obstacles and opportunities that have challenged Southern Baptists to share the love of Jesus Christ. **A great video for your church media library and for use with youth/adult Sunday School, Discipleship Training and special study classes (comes with suggestions for use)!**

### **SPECIAL OFFER!!!**

Every order of *One Sacred Effort* received prior to January 1, 1995, will receive a 20% discount off the regular price of \$19.95!

**To order your videotape, call the commission toll-free at  
1-800-966-BAPT**

# **Buell Kazez: Pastor & Folk Singer**

At the head of Burton Fork, Magoffin County, in the the mountains of eastern Kentucky, Buell Hilton Kazez was born August 29, 1900, to Abbie Jane, a ballad singer, and John Franklin Kazez, a hymn singer. The entire family, parents, two daughters and four sons, spent much time singing among a community where fiddles and banjos were common instruments. Buell began picking the banjo at the age of five after begging his cousins for their “old, worn out” one. His style was to pick with thumb and forefinger, picking most of the melody with his thumb. He would hit the thumb string, then the melody string, and would then begin to frail (no melody at all). He learned to pick out the tune with his forefinger, picking down with the back of his nail.

Buell lived his entire life with the conflict between religious and secular music. His mother was condemned by neighbors for letting her six children hold dances, which she was was morally against. Concern for evil and righteousness was part of the fabric of life for the community and the two churches at nearby Mash Fork were at the core. One was a Missionary Baptist (Southern Baptist) church with more revivalistic music and the other was a United Baptist church, which was more rigorously Calvinistic and used unaccompanied “lined-out” singing. Buell learned both types of music, professed a religious commitment at the Missionary Baptist church, Mash Fork, and was preaching by age 17. By the age of 12 or 14 he was picking all of the tunes, hoedowns and ballads that he did in later years, but after he joined the church he felt the conflict with the unvoiced notion that banjos did not go with religion. Eventually, that conflict decreased but he instinctively never mixed his preaching and revival singing with his banjo picking and entertainment. These separate careers kept folks in each “camp” from knowing about the other.

He entered high school at Magoffin Baptist Institute with his eye on the ministry. While there, with his strong interest in music, he became exposed to other traditions by listening to mostly classical records on a phonograph. After high school, he spent a year of preaching and missionary work. At Georgetown College, where he majored in English, Greek and Latin and studied voice, he soon realized that the ballads he was studying in his English course were some of those sung "back home," and his native tales, words and expressions were related to those found in his literature courses. The banjo he had left at home, feeling it would be inappropriate at college, was soon brought to school and he began to give programs.

After college, he went to Oklahoma as a director of education and music at Chickasha First Baptist Church. Finding numerous problems in the church, he came back to Kentucky and soon found a job in Ashland as business manager at a music school. He then opened his own private studio, taught voice and studied with a visiting New York City tenor. He was then called to Cumberland College as voice and Bible teacher.

While in Ashland he was "discovered" by a local music store owner who was also a scout for a New York company. He was taken to New York City and recorded nine records for \$40 each, but with expenses he had very little left when he returned to Ashland. He also had to contend with many re-recordings in order to remove his trained vibrato and resonance so he would sound country. He was disappointed that his trained voice was not of interest to the recording company but employed it in most of his subsequent singing, with the exception of folk songs which he sang as natives did.

Buell hoped his recording career would help pay off college debts for voice lessons, but found the flat fee with no royalties didn't much help. Between April 1927 and July 1929, he cut 58 sides, of which 52 were released. He was not willing to travel the country and play county and state fairs or help popularize his music by singing every chance he could. His life's goal was to preach.

In 1928 Buell married, a son was born in 1930 and another in

1933, and in 1940 his wife left him. This brought him “great anguish and embarrassment” and a personal and spiritual dark period, but his strong faith held and the experience made him more humble, tolerant and sympathetic toward others and heightened his sense of tragedy. He reared his sons, both of whom became Baptist ministers in Tennessee, with the help of his high school aged niece and married again in 1950.

After his work at Cumberland College and a southeastern Kentucky Baptist junior college, he considered other secular pursuits, taught private voice students in Corbin and Williamsburg, then ran music and appliance stores with his brother-in-law in Corbin and Harlan. Those stores went bankrupt during the depression, as did the New York recording company, putting an end to Buell’s recording career. He began preaching full time and singing at revivals and other religious functions. He served a church in Morehead for 22 years, taught seven years at Lexington Baptist Bible College, served a church in Lexington for 12 years and retired in 1969.

As a traditional person, Buell thought that many church practices and modern preaching were not what scriptures taught and he would scold denominational church members, theologians and administrators. He published two books on religion, was working on a third at the time of his death, wrote an unpublished autobiography and had begun a book on his banjo techniques. He composed songs, an operetta and wrote skits.

After his death in 1976, an effort to make a memorial album of his music was begun by fans, friends and admirers to acquaint many others with this extraordinary man. They are pleased with their memorial tribute.

Taken from: “Buell Kazee: Biographical Notes” by *Loyal Jones*

# HC Celebration Guidelines

The Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission has suggested guidelines for preparing to celebrate the Convention's 150th anniversary. Here are excerpts from those guidelines.

## PREPARE TO CELEBRATE!

**Appoint a church committee to coordinate celebration activities.** Your church history committee or an elected special committee can handle this task. Either way, name the committee and make careful plans in 1994.

The committee should sketch out potential projects and request money in the church's 1995 budget to cover the costs of anniversary events.

Secure church support for planned activities and budgetary needs by working closely with the pastor/church staff, deacons and church council. Present a formal recommendation to the church regarding proposed events, schedule and financial needs.

The suggested projects, history writing contests, resources and meetings which follow can assist your planning.

## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY PROJECTS

**Note:** Urge your church to adopt projects to help members share in the Southern Baptist Convention's 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Resources required to do the following projects are listed in the section of those guidelines titled "Helpful Resources Available from the Historical Commission, SBC."

1. **Plan one or more worship services which feature Bap-**

**tist heritage sermons and hymns written and/or composed by Baptists.**

**2. Write, produce and present a drama relating to some significant aspect of Southern Baptist history.**

**3. Consider sponsoring creative writing, speech and poster contests for children, youth and adults.**

**4. Research and publish the contributions which your church has made to the Southern Baptist Convention.**

**5. Suggest that your church media library prepare special displays and exhibits on Southern Baptist heritage.**

**6. Communicate the story of your church and its relationship to the SBC.**

**7. Hold special study classes on Baptist history and beliefs.**

**8. Form a church history committee, if your church does not have one.**

**9. Microfilm your church's records.**

**10. Urge your church media library to join the Southern Baptist Historical Society.**

**11. Write and publish your church's history.**

**12. Conduct oral history interviews with older members of your church.**

**13. Visit your state Baptist history collection and/or the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives (SBHLA).**

**14. Visit the mission boards.**



15. **Organize an archives in your church.**

16. **Participate in a special 150th anniversary volunteer missions tour.**

**HELPFUL RESOURCES FROM THE  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, SBC  
1-800-966-BAPT  
(Orders only)**

1. **“One Sacred Effort”**—New video designed to help Southern Baptists know more about the origin, growth and present status of their denomination. Every church, association, state convention, college and seminary will find this treatment unique and helpful. This video will have ongoing value beyond the 1995 SBC anniversary. **Orders received prior to the January 1, 1995, release date will receive a 20% discount off the regular price of \$19.95.**

2. **Understanding Southern Baptists**—A set of eight pamphlets designed to help readers understand features of Southern Baptist history, identity and practices.

3. **Southern Baptists and the Global Missions Challenge**—October 1994 issue of *Baptist History and Heritage*. Contains four major articles on the history of Southern Baptist foreign missions and the Foreign Mission Board, plus a guest editorial by FMB President Jerry Rankin. Special issue in honor of the 150th anniversary of the FMB.

4. **Southern Baptists and the Home Missions Challenge**—April 1995 issue of *Baptist History and Heritage*. Contains four major articles on the history of Southern Baptist home missions and the Home Mission Board, plus a guest editorial by HMB President Larry Lewis. Special issue in honor of the 150th anniversary of the HMB.

**5. Resource Kit for Your Church's History**—A 23-item kit designed to strengthen the history work of your church. Contains a handbook for your history committee, ten how-to pamphlets, two posters, a bulletin insert and other valuable helps.

**6. Making History Videotape Series**—A series of six videos, five of which focus on the practical aspects of your church's history: how to collect, preserve, write, communicate and celebrate it; and on the work of a church history committee. A sixth video offers guidelines for the history work of a Baptist association.

**7. Church History Committee Guidelines**—A pamphlet designed especially for churches without history committees but useful for all churches.

**8. Baptists, Meet Your Past**—Ten short plays focusing on key persons and events from Baptist history in America.

**9. Documenting the Spirit Manual**—Provides guidelines to help your church record its congregational life using innovative methods and activities.

**10. Church Archives Starter Kit**—A sample collection of archival containers to help your church preserve its records the right way. Also includes a list of vendors for purchasing more archival supplies.

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**11. History Helps for Baptist Churches**—A product catalog listing more Baptist heritage pamphlets series, issues of *Baptist History and Heritage* and other helpful resources.

**BROADMAN & HOLMAN RESOURCES**

**Purchase by calling**

**1-800-458-BSSB**

**1. William R. Estep, Jr., *Whole Gospel—Whole World:***

***The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1845-1995*** (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1994). A 150-year history of the Foreign Mission Board. Available 9/15/94.

2. **Jesse C. Fletcher, *Southern Baptists: A Sesquicentennial History*** (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1994). A 150-year history of the Southern Baptist Convention. Available 9/15/94.

3. ***Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists***, 4 vols. plus index (Nashville: Broadman, 1958-82).

#### FOREIGN MISSION BOARD RESOURCES

Order by calling

**1-800-866-FMB1**

1. **Free resource materials** for a literature display: a brochure on FMB purpose and history, a world map and the latest annual report. Available 10/1/94.

2. **Video segments** on FMB history available on Foreign Missions Update (FMB Video Magazine, subscriptions available) and will be compiled on one tape (available for purchase).

3. **The Commission**—April 1995 issue. Excellent for displays or bulletin boards.

#### HOME MISSION BOARD RESOURCES

Order free by calling

**1-800-634-2462**

1. ***A History of Home Missions***—A pamphlet presenting a trip through the fascinating history of the HMB [limit 10].

2. ***A Heritage of Caring People: Home Missions Map***—

Color map highlights historical HMB sites and depicts home missions territories [limit 5].

### SPECIAL EVENTS TO ATTEND IN 1995

1. **Augusta, Georgia, May 8-10, 1995**—The Historical Commission, SBC, and Southern Baptist Historical Society will meet for a special program. “The Spirit of Southern Baptists, 1845-1995,” to celebrate 150 years of SBC life.

Consider sending one or more representatives from your church to this significant anniversary event in Augusta, birthplace of the SBC, by requesting money in your church’s 1995 budget to help pay members’ expenses.

For information regarding registration and accommodations, write the Historical Commission, SBC.

2. **Atlanta, Georgia, June 20-22, 1995**—The official “SBC 150th Anniversary Celebration” will be a focus of Southern Baptist Convention meeting sessions, including a special event on June 20.

SBC churches, large and small, should make a strong effort to send one or more messengers to this historic meeting.

The SBC’s next major anniversary (its 175th) will not take place until the year 2020, so let’s make plans to gather in Atlanta in 1995.

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# Baptist History Writing Contest

Sponsored by Historical Commission, SBC  
January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1994

In preparing to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1995, Southern Baptists will be taking a new look at their history. To encourage Southern Baptists to reflect creatively on their heritage, the Historical Commission, SBC, is sponsoring a "Baptist History Writing Contest." All Southern Baptists (and non-Southern Baptists writing on Southern Baptists topics) are invited to participate.

## CATEGORIES

- A. Books dealing with the history of Southern Baptist subjects, such as institutions, persons, issues, events, or periods
- B. Histories of local churches and associations
- C. Unpublished manuscripts (3,000-5,000 words) focusing on the theme: "The Spirit of Southern Baptists, 1845-1995" (The writer may develop this theme generally or through detailed focus on some aspect of Southern Baptist history such as freedom, cooperation, preaching, organization, worship, education, stewardship, theology, music, etc.)

## AWARDS

- Category A - First place (\$200 plus a certificate)  
Category B - First place (\$200 plus a certificate)  
Category C(1) - Students and lay historians  
First place (\$200 plus a certificate)

Category C(2) - Professional historians

First place (\$200 plus a certificate)

Second- and third-place winners in each category will receive certificates.

### REQUIREMENTS

1. All entries must be postmarked no later than December 31, 1994.
2. Only entries formally submitted will be considered. Use entry form below.
3. Each entry becomes the property of the Historical Commission.
4. The Historical Commission shall have the first option to publish manuscript entries in Category C.
5. Each entry must be submitted in duplicate.
6. All manuscripts submitted in Category C must be word-processed or typed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, double-spaced, and adequately documented.
7. Local-church and associational histories will be considered only if they have been printed or otherwise duplicated for distribution.
8. No book or history of a local church or association in Category A or B published prior to July 1, 1993, will be eligible.
9. The writing and submission of manuscript entries in Category C must be initiated and completed during the contest period 1/1/92 - 12/31/94.
10. Winners will be selected by 3/1/95, and awards will be presented during the Historical Commission's annual meeting May 8-10, 1995, in Augusta, GA.

Entry Form on next page!

## ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Circle category of entry: A B C(1) C(2)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Title of entry \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:     History Writing Contest  
              Historical Commission, SBC  
              902 Commerce Street, Suite 400  
              Nashville, Tennessee 37203-3630  
              Telephone: (615) 244-0344

# "MY FAVORITE BAPTIST HERO"

To help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1995, enter the "My Favorite Baptist Hero" writing contest!

The first-place winner in the children's division (grades 4-6) will receive \$30.00 and a plaque. The second-place winner will receive \$20.00; the third-place winner will receive \$10.00.

The first-place winner in the youth division (grades 7-12) will receive \$50.00 and a plaque. The second-place winner will receive \$30.00; the third-place winner will receive \$20.00.

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

## Requirements:

- 1 Entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form.
- 2 Entries should be no longer than 400 words (for children's division) or 700 words (for youth division), handwritten or typed double-spaced. Essays will be judged on content and creativity.
- 3 Entry should be written about an important person in Baptist history.

Entries will be accepted January 1 - December 31, 1994. To receive an entry form or for more information, write the Historical Commission, 901 Commerce St., Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203-3630 or call (615) 244-0344.



**All entries must be received by the Historical Commission before December 31, 1994**

### ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I am in the \_\_\_\_\_ grade at \_\_\_\_\_ school.

I attend \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church  
in \_\_\_\_\_ (city, state).

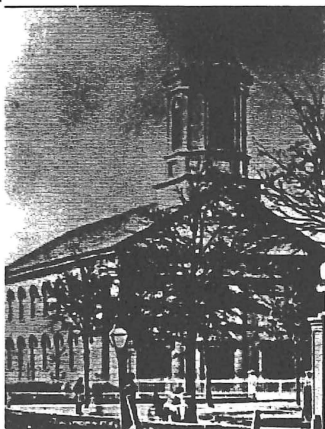
Check category of entry: Children's Division (grades 4-6) \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Division (grades 7-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out this form and mail it with your entry to:

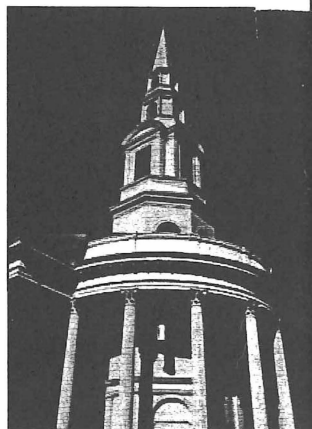
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**The Beginnings of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1845 -**  
Marty Bell, Belmont University  
**The Southern Baptist Spirit, 1845 and 1995 -**  
Slayden Yarbrough, Oklahoma Baptist University  
**Cooperation and Crisis as Shapers of Southern Baptist Identity -**  
Leon McBeth, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
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