

John R. Knott

If every man would like to leave something of permanence and value behind him, John R. Knott left much. Although he is dead at 71, his mark lingers on Charlotte's life.

Knott once said that the three big moments in his life were his part in the organization of the Charlotte Executive Club, the Myers Park Baptist Church and the company which was to become the American Credit Corporation. But high points though they may have been, his contributions to the community and the state were many more than those three.

His devotion to his church continued throughout his life; and so did his loyalty to his alma mater, Wake Forest College, where he had only recently established the John R. Knott scholarship fund. The arts in Charlotte profited from his

attentions as did other civic projects. He served as chairman of the board of trustees of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

John Knott's pace was a fast one, but never so fast that it overcame his humanity. He was throughout a warm man, known among his friends for generosity and charm. His forte was responsibility and hard work, and it was in his nature that whenever he accepted an assignment or a responsibility, he discharged it.

This was especially true in projects designed for the public interest. He was quick to undertake them and sure to handle them faithfully. The community is better for it, and marks his death as a loss.

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DR. W. PERRY CROUCH, General Secretary-Treasurer, Baptist State Convention, Raleigh—"This is a day of specialization. Our Baptist Hospital has the latest modern equipment, and medically trained men and women to deal with every illness. In addition, trained ministers deal with the spiritual needs of our people. The Hospital is worthy of our best support."

DR. OLIN T. BINKLEY, President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest—"This Offering is in harmony with the original intention of the Hospital to make available medical assistance to those who need it most. It provides opportunity for constructive expression of Christian compassion for persons in distress."

REV. OSCAR CREECH, of Ahoskie, former Vice President of Chowan College and Pastor—"The Offering gives me the opportunity right in my own church to help our Hospital to be the Good Samaritan to hundreds of good people who, through no fault of their own, are not able to pay hospital bills. Jesus said: 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"

E. L. DAVIS, JR., President and Treasurer, Atlas Supply Co., Winston-Salem—"My contribution to the Mother's Day Offering is the best investment I can possibly make. It pays rich dividends in the relief of human suffering; it restores mothers and fathers to good health for the care of their children; it provides a wholesome Christian atmosphere for improving body, mind, and spirit. Our Hospital is one of the great missionary institutions of our denomination."

"From a strictly business point of view, how much better return on an investment could I expect than eight for one? Each dollar that I give on Mother's Day makes possible eight dollars worth of healing service. These other funds come from welfare funds, insurance, foundation contributions, and other sources. They would not be available and could not do the job except for the Mother's Day Offering."

CHARLES B. DEANE, Past President, Baptist State Convention, former member of the U. S. House of Representatives, Rockingham—"Can you say 'Our' Baptist Hospital by your interest and support? Having been a patient in the Baptist Hospital, I have been challenged not only by the skill but by the dedication and selfless care of physicians, nurses, technicians, staff—yes—the sympathetic consideration of the cashier's office. I am convinced that our Baptist Hospital is not just another hospital, but one with a heart so wide there are no limits at all. Lead with Your Heart this Mother's Day of '66."

JUDGE E. B. DENNY, former Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, Raleigh—"I have always considered my contribution each year to the Mother's Day fund as one of the most effective ways available to me in which I could render aid and assistance to those in need of hospital care but unable to obtain it. I urgently request our people to support the Mother's Day Offering more generously than ever in 1966."

REV. HOWARD J. FORD, Immediate Past President, Baptist State Convention, Pastor Winter Park Baptist Church, Wilmington—"There are many good reasons for a church to emphasize the Offering. Chief among them is the fact that many people are sick. Some of these people have been beaten down economically in our competitive society. Others have lengthy illnesses in the family which no hospital insurance or family resources will fully provide for."

"The Mother's Day Offering is a blessing to the church that participates. When active Christian compassion is awakened within us, we receive in spiritual uplift far more than we have given. It is still true that: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

H. FLEMING FULLER, M.D., Physician, Kinston—"My contribution to the Mother's Day Offering each year allows me to have a tiny part in the wonderful work going on at our Baptist Hospital. The child awaiting open heart surgery, the mother leaving her small children for surgery and cobalt therapy for an early cancer, or the father who, after neurosurgery, can work again. These people weren't able to pay their hospital bills. I helped a little with my gift. It gives me a warm, happy feeling and I like it."

CLAUDE F. GADDY, Past Interim Secretary, Baptist State Convention, and Past Executive Secretary, Council on Christian Education, Gaddy Real Estate Company, Raleigh—"As one of 10 children whose mother never knew the ministry of any hospital, I welcome the opportunity on each Mother's Day to honor her in the special offering for mothers and others unable to pay for the blessings of the best medical care available in our great Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem."

DR. I. G. GREER, former Superintendent, Baptist Children's Homes, Past President, Baptist State Convention, Chapel Hill—"Money and things have value in terms of their relationship to people. Selfish, self-centered people are never happy. They live circumscribed lives behind iron curtains. The Christian citizen who makes a gift that soothes and heals and blesses someone in need has discovered the secret of happiness. The North Carolina Baptist Hospital is not only a place where people are physically and spiritually healed but it is a channel through which on Mother's Day the Baptists and other citizens may enrich their lives and witness something of their own immortality in those they have served. Let us make this Mother's Day one which we will remember with pride and with gratitude to our Heavenly Father."

C. E. HAMILTON, Vice President, Odell Hardware Company, Greensboro—"Other than the winning of lost people to Christ, I know of no better way that we as laymen can serve our Master and at the same time pay special tribute to our mothers than by helping to care for the needy sick through our Baptist Hospital on Mother's Day and throughout the year. Let us remember that we are only stewards of that which has been entrusted to our care and it is only by God's grace that we are able to share rather than to be one of the many who suffer and are in need of a helping hand. So, may we be good stewards by sharing the gifts God has granted to our care with those less fortunate."

DR. ENGLISH E. JONES, President, Pembroke State College, Pembroke, First Vice President, Baptist State Convention—"It is a joy to speak to the hearts of North Carolina Baptists and to express my sincere love and appreciation for all the social service ministries of our Convention. Springtime, however, focuses our attention on Mother's Day and our Baptist Hospital. The needs of the physically disabled are very much in evidence. I urge all those who truly love the Lord and want to become a part of this great healing ministry to make a liberal offering to the Hospital on Mother's Day. I count it a joy and a privilege to be a participating member of this great crowd of Christian witnesses—supporting such a noble cause."

JOHN R. KNOTT, Director of American Credit Corporation and former Vice Chairman of the Board of the Home Finance Group, Charlotte—"Every day, several hundred people who are sick and cannot pay are being treated and made well again at our North Carolina Baptist Hospital. I consider it a privilege to participate in the Mother's Day Offering for their benefit. Since the need is greater this year, I will give more."

REV. E. W. PRICE, JR., Pastor, Green Street Baptist Church, High Point, President, General Board, Baptist State Convention—"I counsel occasionally with people who need to be hospitalized but do not have the money to pay for these services. In such hours I have contacted our Baptist Hospital and the leaders have always helped to provide these needy people with the finest of medical services and a loving spiritual ministry in the name of Jesus. I continually remind our church that this Christian ministry is provided through our Mother's Day Offering."

W. C. REED, Promotional Consultant, former Superintendent, Baptist Children's Homes, Kinston—"Jesus said 'Heal the Sick.' His command must be obeyed. A Mother's Day Offering of \$300,000 will release other moneys and services of about \$2 million, making a grand total of \$2,300,000 in medical services for the needy sick. What a bargain! Let's all increase our offerings 10 per cent or more this year."

REV. NANE STARNES, Pastor, West Asheville Baptist Church, Asheville, Past President, Baptist State Convention—"We have repeatedly been delighted with the reaction of our people who become patients at Baptist Hospital. For us the greatest need met is the extraordinary case that cannot well be treated or diagnosed at a local hospital. One of our ladies had very successful heart surgery. Her recovery and praise were made possible by the Mother's Day Offering."

COLIN STOKES, Executive Vice President, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem—"I believe we get our greatest happiness from helping others and that the Mother's Day Offering provides a sure way of doing this. The Hospital is extremely careful about the use of our gifts, making certain that they go to those who are in great need of medical treatment and hospital care but are unable to pay the cost of these services."

"Also, as a Baptist, I feel deeply responsible for the support of our program for the needy sick, for this program is the real heart of our healing ministry and the central purpose for which our Hospital was established."

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Jacksonville: Where God Sent a Mission Field to the Churches

(Editor's Note: When the RECORDER editor spoke recently at First Church, Jacksonville, he asked the pastor to write this article to let people in other sections of the state know of the peculiar ministry of churches in the military areas. We are indebted to Mr. Nation for his cooperation in giving our readers this insight into the work of churches in this section of the state.—MG)

**By Robert M. Nation
First Church, Jacksonville**

For half a century First Church, Jacksonville, ministered to a people strictly local, only to get up one morning 25 years ago to find that the world had moved in next door.

Camp Lejeune Marine Base had been born, and the Marines came in such numbers that they had to live in tents, "Tent City." A sleepy little village of 600 travailed and brought forth a growing city of 20,000, with twice that many more not more than 15 minutes away. Perhaps, it was because the church had failed to go to the mission field. That God sent the mission field to the church.

The many Southern Baptist churches serving the military-impacted areas are engaged in a ministry which is unique. It is one which defies labels and the usual standards of measurements. Whatever we are to do for these people must be done quickly, so mobile are they. The father of that junior boy who made a profession of faith last Sunday may be transferred before you can get the lad baptized. Some who move their church letters one Sunday find themselves 1,000 miles removed within the week.

It was not a usual week but not an unusual one when within seven days our church lost by transfer a lieutenant colonel and his family of five, a school teacher and his wife who is a music teacher, plus a medical doctor and his wife, not to mention some others who had been more casual and occasional attenders.

Lose 12 Families

According to the pastor of one of our nearby sister churches they now have 12 families with "orders," and those families have been contributing \$175 weekly. They must now look for 12 new families just to stay even on the record. Another church has re-

ceived 150 new members since last July, but they have lost 146 by transfers.

The Vietnam situation is presently adding poundage to our problems. Reports from various areas of the military community indicate that service personnel are being sent out faster than recruits are arriving to replace them. Thus, gaps appear in the church ranks, attendances suffer, and contributions are strained to pay for new buildings erected to care for the military-connected populace. Generally speaking, churches within the military community are breathing a thin atmosphere foreign to them since the days of the Korean conflict.

However, our burdens are not greater than our blessings. Testimonials come to us from all over the land and on the sea to the effect that the church is touching and blessing lives, in spite of the severe limitations under which she must work. Last June 22, a man in Athens, Greece, made his will "after much prayer." The Foreign Mission Board and Gardner-Webb College were designated as beneficiaries and our church, the executor of the will, provided "she continues in the true doctrines of Christ." Yet, this man's contact with our church had been so casual that no one here knew him.

We met and passed like ships in the dark, and each was better for the meeting.

Baylor Hires First Fulltime Negro Teacher

WACO, TEX. (BP)—Baylor University, the nation's largest Baptist school, has hired its first fulltime Negro faculty member.

She is Vivienne Mayes, wife of Dr. James J. Mayes, a Waco dentist. She will teach in the mathematics department beginning next September.

Mrs. Mayes received her doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Texas, and earned bachelor and master of arts degrees from Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

The first Negro faculty member at Baylor actually was Robert Bell, a doctor of philosophy degree graduate of the University of Texas, who teaches part-time in the psychology department.

Florida Congregation Accepts Two Negroes

ORLANDO FLA. (BP) — Two Negro ladies who presented themselves for membership at the Tangelo Church in Orlando, Fla., on Easter Sunday, have been accepted as members by unanimous vote of the church.

The church's pastor, R. L. Jones, said it was the first time a Southern Baptist church in his area of the state had admitted Negro members, "and as far as I know, a first for the state."

There was no opposition; not even any discussion during the church's regular business session during which time the church traditionally acts on all membership requests. "This is not to say all has been easy," said the pastor, "but we have come a long way and we feel most of our trouble is behind us."

In June of 1965, when a new Air Force outfit moved into Orlando, several Negro families moved into the community. "Several deacons and I visited these families just like we did any other newcomer," the pastor said. "Within a month or two, several (Negro) children enrolled in the Sunday school, we only lost two or three families as a result of this."

Jones said that the two new Negro members, Mrs. Carrie Seale and Mrs. Doris Toomer, had been attending the church for three months.

"They joined our church because our folks have shown a Christian attitude," he said. "It was a joy to see folks who a year ago were hard-core segregationists to go forward and welcome these people."

W. Asheville Lady Writes New Play, "The Slave Girl"

Mary U. (Mrs. O. W.) Glazener, drama director at West Asheville Church, is author of a new one-act play to be released May 15 by Broadman Press.



The setting of the play, "The Slave Girl," is a prison during the latter days of the apostle Paul's ministry.

Mrs. Glazener is author of another Broadman play "The Stumbling Block" (1961). She has served in her present position for the past 15 years.

Colorado Pastor Says Change In Name of Convention Needed

By Autry Brown, Pastor
Immanuel Baptist Church
Ft. Collins, Colo.

Southern Baptist churches in Colorado evidently are learning not to include the word "southern" in their name. Of the 36 churches listed in the 1965 Colorado Baptist General Convention annual, and which use "southern" in their name, only five have been organized in the last five years. Twenty-two were organized in, or before, 1955, the year of the convention's organization.

The annual minutes of the Colorado convention reveals that of the 41 churches which have at one time called themselves "First Southern Baptist church," 11 of these have changed their name to eliminate the word "southern." Others retain it only for information purposes: they want those moving in from other Southern Baptist churches to recognize them as being the same convention. Others feel that the word "first" should be included in the church's name, because many Baptists moving into the new areas will go to a "first church" regardless of the convention with which it is affiliated.

Although several factors no doubt would influence the selection of a name, there seems to be good reason to believe that experience has been a wise teacher, and Southern Baptist churches in Colorado have found that names which denote sectionalism are undesirable.

Other pioneer areas would agree that this is a wise procedure. If Southern Baptists are to be most effective in reaching people for Christ in these

"new lands," then they should give prayerful consideration to a change in the name of their convention. Every effort possible should be made to implement convention action taken in 1951 to go into all parts of the United States, without regard to geographical boundaries or territorial restrictions. Anything which would hinder this work should be eliminated.

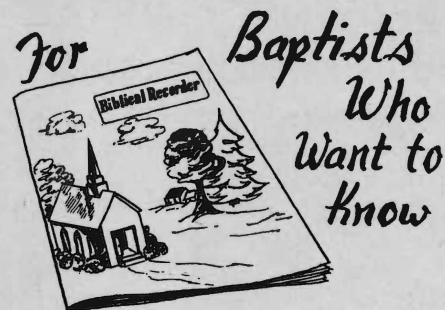
This writer has not agreed always with the opinion that the convention's name should be changed. He, like many others, felt that the name "Southern Baptist" stood for doctrinal convictions and evangelistic zeal which was recognized by multitudes of people, and was, therefore, of great benefit for that reason.

He first became pastor of a Southern Baptist church in Colorado in 1950. (His father was a minister in the state before that, serving both as a pastor and associational missionary.) For a time, there seemed to be some merit in identifying these churches with the Southern Baptist Convention by using the word "southern" in their name. As the matter was studied, and adverse experiences were encountered by the use of the name, this seemed to be not best.

Different Meaning

People, other than Southern Baptists, often regard the term "southern" as referring to a group of Baptists who are out of place outside of Dixie. Some are quick to say that they do not live in the South and are not about to attend a southern church. Others are more polite, but the effect is the same. Many, in their limited understanding, conjure up images of provincialism, racism, and bigotry when the word "southern" is mentioned. Evidently, the name does not mean the same to members of Southern Baptist churches as it does to those whom Southern Baptists are attempting to reach.

Perhaps another name would be more descriptive of present positions than is the word "southern," and would eliminate geographical connotations. Of several good names that have been mentioned, the Cooperative Baptist Convention seems to be excellent from the standpoint of description, brevity,



and freedom from sectional connotations.

Many, if not most, of the messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention in Detroit will favor changing the convention's name. The major problem seems to be in deciding to change the name and selecting the name itself at one time. Some would hesitate to vote to change the name without knowing specifically what the name would be. Others would favor a particular name, and would vote against a proposal to change to any other name, hoping to "wait it out" until their preference is presented.

Perhaps a proposal could be brought to change the name of the convention to one of a half-dozen names that may be listed. Then, the convention would select from the list the one it prefers. This would get the matter before the convention messengers without their having to agree on a single name at the same time.

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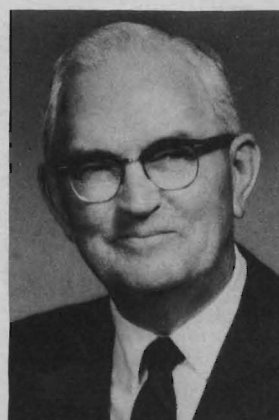
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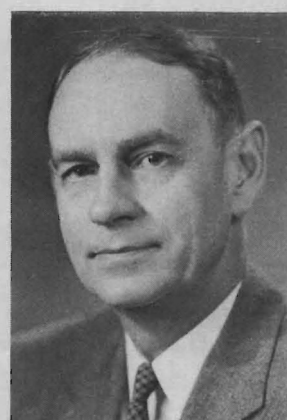
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