

# Bro. George A. Stack In Memory

*January 22, 1926 – March 31, 2002*

Reverend George A. Stack was born January 22, 1926, in Batesburg, South Carolina. He was one of nine children of Fletcher Ruff Stack and Leone Clayton Stack. Six children survived to adulthood. George grew up on the family farm near Batesburg. His mother died when George was six years old. Fletcher, his father, never remarried, and was able to manage home and farm with the help of the children, ages six to fifteen at the time. Through the years the Fletcher Stack family demonstrated good work ethic, kindness to others, integrity, and good values in all areas. They were supporters and workers in their church.

George accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of fifteen, while alone in a cotton field. George joined the congregation of New Holland Baptist Church near his home. He served there as general secretary, Sunday School Superintendent, deacon, and later pastor. He was ordained by his home church. He also served as interim pastor at Mt. Ebal, Batesburg, South Carolina, and assistant pastor at Downtown Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia. He graduated from North Greenville Junior College and Furman University, both in Greenville, South Carolina. In January, 1958, he graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He was called to Owen County and Ten Mile Baptist Associations as Director of Missions in March, 1958. He married Joyce Ann Roland in September, 1958. They have two sons, Sam and Greg, daughter-in-law, Sue, and three grandchildren: Steven, Rebecca, and Gregory.

Brother Stack's primary emphases were on training, leadership, and education through ongoing series of clinics, seminars, schools, and conferences. Leadership training was provided for Sunday school, discipleship training, Brotherhood, music, Vacation Bible School and other areas. He was a faithful supporter of Woman's Missionary Union. Mission and evangelism opportunities such as county-wide revivals, fair booths, services at Eagle Valley Campground and annual G.A. camp were made available.

Another goal was to lift the vision of the people to a worldview. A World Mission Conference was held every four years from 1962 through 1999. Each participating church learned about mission experiences around the world as they hosted International, Home (U.S.), and State (Kentucky), missionaries.

He assisted the churches on an individual basis as needed or requested, often preaching or assisting in ordination

services. In the early years, he taught many study courses and conducted Vacation Bible Schools.

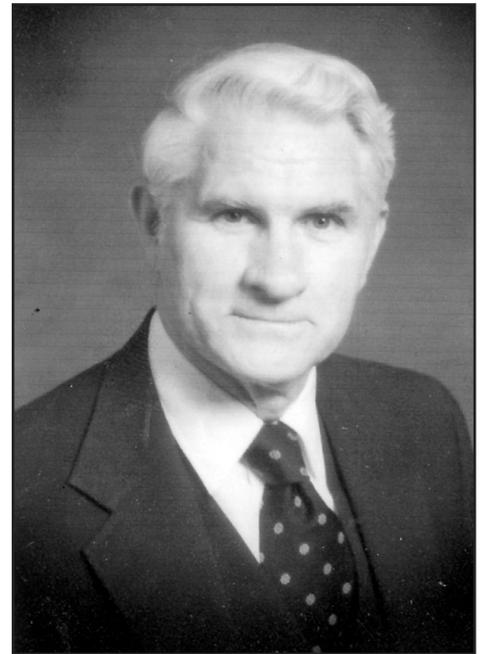
Brother Stack led the two associations to become self supporting. In addition, members' giving to outside causes had tremendous growth. Gifts to the Cooperative Program increased tenfold from 1959 to 1997. At the same time, annual gifts to the association, state, home, and international mission offerings jumped from \$9,500 to \$121,000 per year.

Early in his tenure, he organized a church softball league, which included churches of several denominations. He was named "Director of Missions of the Year" by his peers in 1984.

Brother Stack also enjoyed participating in community service. As a member of the Rotary Club, he served as Rotary President three terms and as secretary of the student loan program for many years. He served as a member of the Northern Kentucky Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board for a number of years. He retired as Director of Missions on October 1, 2000, and continued to serve as interim DOM until May 31, 2001, a total of 43 years. He died Easter Sunday, March 31, 2002.

Brother Stack was greatly loved and respected for his many Christlike qualities. He was known for his selflessness, kindness, compassion, patience, wisdom, and love. However, he was humble and unassuming, not drawing attention to himself. George was loved and adored by his family. He taught by the way he lived. He was the same person at home in private, as he was in public and in church.

He is our hero. *The Stack Family: Joyce, Sam, Sue, Greg, Steven, Rebecca, Gregory.*



*Bro. George A. Stack, Home Missionary.*