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L. A. Foster, President

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MANY GOOD THINGS COULD BE EXPRESSED in this first newsletter of the Missouri Baptist College. Among these surely must be our note of rejoicing in Dr. L. A. Foster accepting the presidency of Missouri Baptists' newest college.

Inspiration came with the recent action of the St. Louis Baptist Mission Board in acknowledging gifts and pledges already received as sufficient to authorize their officers signing the \$1,250,000 note. This makes available to the college necessary funds to erect the first buildings.

Our architect has been redesigning some of the buildings to offset rising construction costs yet retaining the desired quality and space within our economic limitations.

Plans are being made for an early campaign to business and individuals within the metropolitan area. These additional funds are urgently needed for the school to provide beyond mere basic facilities to meet expected future growth.

The trustees covet YOUR continued prayers and wholehearted support as we pledge the best of ourselves toward building an accredited academic community upholding basic Baptist principles.

Frank B. Kellogg, President  
Board of Trustees

A STRONG CHRISTIAN WITNESS established in our largest cities is not a new idea. It is as old as New Testament Christianity and the mission activities of the early Christians. Southern Baptists now are placing more and more emphasis here since 70 - 80% of our population will be living in metropolitan areas.

For a number of years there has been real interest in a Baptist college here in our largest city of the State. Since the fall of 1957 we have carried on an educational activity at the Tower Grove Baptist Church which is accredited through Hannibal-LaGrange College. We have known, of course, that accreditation under these circumstances could not be a permanent arrangement.

There has been an interest in and a deep concern for a Baptist college in this area not only in the St. Louis Association but also out over the State. Step by step we have come nearer the time when our hopes and aspirations will become a reality.

It is my deep conviction that this could well be St. Louis Baptists' greatest hour. I doubt whether any investment we make pays as great dividends as that invested in the Christian growth and education of our youth. It is my earnest prayer that all of us, as St. Louis Baptists, will rally to this unprecedented challenge for the youth of today and tomorrow.

Homer E. DeLozier  
Executive Secretary  
St. Louis Baptist Mission Board