

Other publications were also produced by the church through Bro. Walker's influence. Probably the most famous and helpful is the book entitled *The Trail of Blood* by J. M. Carroll. This book is still being printed by Bryan Station Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky. Another well loved book was by Buell H. Kazee entitled *Faith Is The Victory*. The church also printed the book entitled *Orchard's History of the Baptists*.

Bro. Walker was truly a Baptist. No one could call him anything else. Actually, he was known by many as Mr. Baptist, and evangelist Bill Beeny wrote a book about Bro. Walker entitled *Mr. Baptist*, a fitting tribute to his life and work.

Bro. Walker's wife went home to be with the Lord on December 30, 1967. Bro. Walker left this life on August 11, 1968. His influence is still felt in the hearts of those who loved the man and even in those who hated him. He was strongly convicted concerning the doctrines of the Bible, and all who heard him understood that.

Those thundering words coming from his conviction, his strong looks, his overwhelming smile, and his love for people will not be soon forgotten; for they live in the hearts of those who have been touched by his words, his humble spirit, and his love for God and the Bible. How can we be anything but Baptist after a man like this has infected us with that same conviction and love?

Bro. Ross Range's words as he preached Bro. Walker's funeral are apt and appropriate: "He being dead yet speaketh" (Hebrews 11:4).

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## *A Dedication To Pastor Clarence Walker 1890 - 1968*

Pastor of  
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church  
Lexington, Kentucky  
For 50 Years

**Pastor | Evangelist | Educator**

Clarence Walker, who was pastor of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky, for 50 years was one of the most influential preachers in Kentucky and had an influence around the United States and in Canada, where he used to hold revival meetings every year for many years.



Bro. Walker was born on May 29, 1890 in Trimble, Tennessee. He was saved when he was eleven years of age and united with the Ormsby Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He was elected as church clerk when he was thirteen years of age and ordained as a deacon at the age of fourteen. Feeling the call to preach, Bro. Walker surrendered and was licensed to preach in 1909 by Ormsby Baptist Church. He was then nineteen

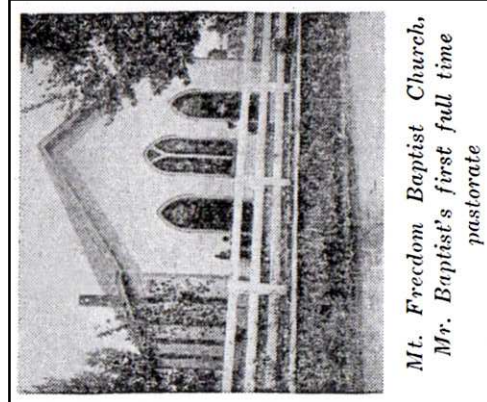
years of age.

His first pastorate was at Shiloh Baptist near Corinth, Kentucky. This is interesting to me, because my uncle, Burnie Wolfe, was pastor there, also, at a later time. While pastor of Mt. Freedom Baptist Church in Wilmore, Kentucky, he met the lady who would become his wife. Her name was Glorenna Bush. He always called her Glo. He would mention her in

one way or another in almost every sermon he preached at Ashland Avenue Baptist Church while I was a member in the 1960's.

He became pastor of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church the first Sunday in November, 1916.

There were only forty-four members at that time. The church grew exponentially, and his ministry there touched lives all around the world. He led the church to begin



*Mt. Freedom Baptist Church,  
Mr. Baptist's first full time  
pastorate*

a publication known as The Ashland Avenue Baptist. When I was a member, the church was printing and sending out 110,000 papers per week and also sending bundles to many churches, who used the paper for Bro. Rosco Brong's outlines for the Sunday School lesson for that week.

Bro. Walker held many tent revival meetings, and multitudes were saved as a result. He impressed many a young preacher so much that many of them were called Walkerites.

Under his leadership Ashland Avenue Baptist Church began the ministry of Lexington Baptist College. Many young men and women are still ministering the word of God as a result of their education at LBC. We have a reunion every year and enjoy our fellowship and our memories of this school, the school that Bro. Walker called the "preachers' school" and "an old man's dream." The school began as a Monday night class and grew into a school with a full curriculum designed to teach preachers. The school was first called Lexington Baptist Bible Institute. Then in 1952 the trustees applied for a school charter to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree. The first classes met in the Ashland Avenue Baptist Church Sunday School rooms. In the mid 1960's a new building was built on Walton Avenue to accommodate as many as 200 students. I had the privilege of teaching at LBC for several years. When the new building was built, our offices had no paint on the walls; we sat surrounded by gray, concrete-block walls. There was a large room for a library and several offices.

Being an educator, Bro. Walker was an avid writer. He wrote several little booklets that have been a great help to

preachers and churches everywhere. He wrote *Sinners, Lost Sinners, Saved Sinners*, and also *The Death of an Infant* after the death of a grandchild. He wrote a book after the death of his brother, Walter, entitled *Walter Doesn't Live Here Any More*. These were all printed by Ashland Avenue Baptist Publications and were sent out by hundreds throughout our nation and other nations as well.

