

--Above-mentioned statement adopted unanimously on 29th April 2000 in session of the messenger body of the Japan Baptist Association.

Michio Kawahara President, Japan Baptist Association”⁷

Morris Linton Cloud (84)

Bro. Morris Cloud was born June 3, 1927. His parents were Thomas R. and Lila Cloud (Tom Cloud was a Baptist preacher.) He was saved in the fall of 1940 at the Second Baptist Church, Monticello, AR. He was baptized in a pond north of Monticello, AR.

He was married to Louise Summers in May, 1945. The Clouds were blessed with three children: sons, Randy Cloud, Th.D., Joe Cloud, M.D., and daughter, Pat Harris, married to Bro. Muncie Harris; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Louise Cloud went to be with the Lord on December 25, 2011.

Bro. Cloud wrote, “Mom and I were married 66 yrs, 8 months. She was an example and ideal preacher’s wife. She assisted me in my ministry thru teaching S.S., B.T.C., VBS, as well as ladies work and choir in the churches I was the pastor. She deserves recognition. I could not have done what I did without her cooperation and support.”

Bro. Cloud served in the United States Navy, 1945-1946.

Then he answered God’s call to preach the gospel in 1947, and was ordained to the gospel ministry in September, 1948, by Pauline Baptist Church, Monticello, AR. He preached at Mist, AR in a community building while attending seminary in Little Rock, AR

Bro. Cloud received the Th.B. from Texas Baptist Institute and Th.D. from the Oklahoma Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary, Marlow, OK in the 1950’s. He later served as an Instructor for four years, also in the 1950’s.



Churches Pastored

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, south of Hamburg, AR, 1947-1948; Harper Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Huttig, AR, 1948-1950; Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Enterprise, TX, 1950-1952; Fifth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Marlow, OK, 1952-1959; Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Spring Hill, LA, 1959-1961; Second Baptist Church, Malvern, AR, 1961-1967; Mayfair Park Baptist Church, Houston, TX, Aug, 1967-Nov, 1967; First Baptist Church of Bryant, AR, 1967-1974; Calvary Baptist Church, Hazen, AR, 1974-1978;

⁷ 1981 Minute, 2000, p. 48-49

Glen Rose Baptist Church, Malvern, AR, 1978-1988; Midway Missionary Baptist Church, Donaldson, AR, 1988-2000; Bethany Missionary Baptist Church, Atkins, AR, 2011-

Bro. Cloud served on the Standing Missionary Committee for the churches of the American Baptist Association in the 1950's. He also served on the Baptist Sunday School Committee for the churches of the American Baptist Association in the 1960's.

He served as moderator for the Saline Baptist Association (AR) for six years and as Moderator of the Red River Baptist Association (OK) for two years.

Bro. Cloud was Moderator of the Baptist General Assembly in Oklahoma in 1956-1957.

He served as president of Corporate Committee of Baptist Children's Home in Oklahoma in the 1950's.

In his continued interest in underprivileged children, he served as trustee of the Texarkana Baptist Orphanage in Texarkana, AR, for 50 years, 37 of those years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He was then elected as Trustee Emeritus in Public Relations for the Texarkana Baptist Orphanage, now known as Texarkana Children's Home.

James Coyle Kelley (85)

Brother J. Coyle Kelley was born May 4, 1918, in Bryant, Arkansas. He departed this life in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on May 20, 2002, survived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Dola Qualls Kelley, two sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He surrendered to preach in July of 1951. He was ordained in September of the same year and became pastor of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church at Benton, AR. In November, 1953 he moved to pastor First Missionary Baptist Church at Mabelvale, and stayed there until 1956 and then moved back to Oak Grove. Bro. Kelley was pastor at Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church in Malvern from 1956 until May, 1962. From May, 1962, he was pastor at Central Baptist Church, Fort Smith. Brother Kelley attended Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock and pastored Arkansas churches in Benton, Mabelvale, Malvern, Fort Smith, Sheridan, Searcy, Bauxite, Batesville and Farmington.



He served as Moderator of the Saline and Mt. Hope Associations. He was moderator of the State Association in 1965 and 1966. He served as moderator, clerk, publicity director and member of the Missionary Committee of the State Association, as well as on the Standing Missionary Committee of the American Baptist Association.