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**WMU Convention Will  
Feature Missionaries**

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (BP)--The annual Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMI) Convention scheduled here May 29-30 will feature addresses by several Southern Baptist missionaries and five sessions comparing the ministry of first century Christians and twentieth century Christians.

Theme for the annual women's convention, scheduled just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention here May 30-June 2, will be "In His Name."

The theme and program personalities were announced jointly by the president of the Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Robert Fling of Cleburne, Tex., and the executive secretary of the organization, Miss Alma Hunt of Birmingham, Ala.

Each session will open with addresses by J. Lyn Elder, professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Metropolitan Opera Soloist Irene Jordan of New York will sing at each session of the convention.

A Baptist missionary to the Dominican Republic, Mrs. Howard K. Shoemaker, and the Cuban Baptist Woman's Missionary Union president of Miami, Fla., Mrs. Josefina Benitez, will tell of Baptist work in these strife-torn countries.

Both will speak during one of five sessions which feature a section on the role of twentieth century Christians in a complex world. A dramatic tableau or episode preceding each will depict first century Christians.

Closing major address for the women's convention will be delivered by Jimmy R. Allen of Dallas, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Other major addresses will be brought by Roy F. Lewis, loan officer for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. Daniel Gruver, medical doctor in Panama City, Panama; Dr. Martha Jordan Gilliland, medical missionary to Nigeria, Miss Hunt and Mrs. Fling.

Other speakers include Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, Girls' Auxiliary director for North Carolina Baptists, Raleigh; Mrs. Ben Thompson, former Georgia Baptist WMU president now living in Yazoo City, Miss.; Dr. Joseph Pipkin, dentist in Orlando, Fla.; Freddie Neel of Chicago and Neil Jones of El Paso, both Southern Baptist Home Mission Board US-2 missionaries; and Mrs. Jamie C. Maiden, SBC missionary associate in Nigeria.

The WMU Convention will begin Monday morning, May 29, at 9:30 and continue through Tuesday afternoon, May 30, concluding just prior to the opening Tuesday night session of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 30-June 2.

Sessions for the WMU Convention will be held at the Miami Beach Auditorium adjacent to the Convention Hall where the SBC and the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet.

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Stagg To Teach, Study  
In Brazil and Europe

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--A professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here will travel more than 10,000 miles this summer on teaching and study responsibilities in South America and Europe.

Frank Stagg, who is James Buchanan Harrison professor of New Testament interpretation, has been invited to lead three one-week conferences for Southern Baptist missionaries in Brazil.

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He will teach from his textbook material on the Book of Acts, which has recently been translated into Portuguese. Workshops will be held in Belem, Recife and Rio de Janeiro June 28-July 17.

Immediately following the Brazilian tour, Stagg will leave for Europe on a \$4,000 faculty fellowship given by the American Association of Theological Schools toward study at Tuebigen, Germany.

The award is the highest monetary grant given by the accrediting association, and will enable the Southern Baptist scholar to spend a full year in consultation and research with noted European professors Ernst Kaesemann and Otto Michael. While in Tuebigen, Stagg will prepare the final manuscript for a forthcoming book on the biblical doctrine of man.

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Seminary Trustee Calls  
Baptists Super Promoters

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FORT WORTH (BP)--There is a distinct danger that we Baptists have become the greatest religious promoters the world has ever known, a Baptist pastor told trustees and students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

"In the circus world such promoters are known as hucksters, in the underworld con men," said James Riley, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Houston.

Riley charged that some Baptists are worshipping at the shrine of the promotion of material success rather than at the shrine of heaven. "While criticizing others for having their St. Jerome, St. Matthew, St. Anne or St. Jude, we have our own saints--ourselves."

Baptists are caught in a vicious circle, the Houston pastor surmised. Believing that "the people" demand success by the world's standards, the leaders seek to achieve it.

"In this maniacal religious promotion, preachers have lost much of their ethical sense," he commented. "They tend to be careless of souls but careful to count."

He listed shallowness, ignorance, uselessness, impotence as spreading characteristics of many Baptists even though they are "hidden behind pious faces and glossed over by pretenses."

He issued a challenge to Baptists to look at themselves through the eyes of others. "It may be that some of the superiority we feel will begin to dissolve in the laughter and tears such inspection will bring."

Riley stated that in some ways it would be wise for Baptists to compare themselves with Jews and Catholics. Mentioning some of the "beautiful names" associated with their observances, Riley compared their emphases to those of Baptists.

"We have our Promotion Day; Pledge Day; Join the Church Day; Child Care Day; Baptist Colleges, Schools and Seminaries Day; Student Night; Watch Night; "M" Night; Associational Sunday School Action Night; Sunbeam Band, GA and YWA Focus Week; Sunday School Leadership Preparation Week; Music Expansion Week; a Week of Prayer (and we do it in about 10 hours); Make Your Will Month; and at Christmas a convention-wide Carol Sing," he enumerated.

When someone says, "You Baptists really do know how to do things in a big way," we simply blush, according to Riley.

"If we Southern Baptists really examine our posture it will result in laughter but we will find that we are laughing in tears," he added.

"Through laughing and weeping we may find our redemption," he said. "We will learn the meaning of sweating blood in our own Gethsemanes and be purged and anointed with tongues of fire."

Riley spoke to a chapel audience during a recent meeting of the seminary's trustees.

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Alaska Board Approves  
Building, Giving Increase

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP)--The Alaska Baptist Executive Board voted here to increase its percentage of missions giving to causes outside the state, and gave initial approval to constructing a new Baptist building not later than 1971.

The board approved increasing its percentage of contributions to Southern Baptist Convention causes each year from 1968 until 1971, stepping up the 28 per cent now being contributed to SBC causes each year.

The board also voted to build a new office building on the present location or other suitable property, and asked the convention's executive secretary to study planning and financing aspects of the building and report to the August meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

In another major action, the board adopted an organizational manual which provides structural and procedural reorganization of the state board.

The program committee of the board recommended the establishment of a trust loan fund to provide short-term interim financing for construction of new churches and purchase of future church sites.

Two five-year pastoral missionary pilot projects were approved for the Tongass and Tanana Baptist Associations in Alaska, in cooperation with the SBC Home Mission Board.

An appropriation was approved to help support a team of students from the Tennessee Baptist Convention who will construct a new building this summer for the University Baptist Church, College, Alaska.

An up-dating of the convention bookkeeping and accounting procedures was reported by the board's finance committee, and a four-year audit of the convention books was adopted. A proposal to institute machine bookkeeping was deferred until the volume of transactions increased.

An additional \$1,500 was appropriated by the board for development of the convention's exhibit and booth at the A-67 Fairbanks' Exhibition this summer commemorating the 100th anniversary of the purchase of the Alaskan Territory by the United States. The centennial exhibit is expected to attract about 300,000 visitors.

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Missouri Baptist  
Accountant Dies

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--Miss Mary E. Sanders, 59, general accountant for the Missouri Baptist Convention here for 19 years died at the University Medical Center in Columbia, Mo., after undergoing spinal surgery in a Jefferson City hospital a month earlier.

Miss Sanders was employed by the Missouri Baptist Convention in 1948 following 7½ years as research analyst with the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, Mo.

A native of Alabama, she attended Alabama College in Montevallo and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Miss Sanders, an accomplished musician, taught music in Alabama and at the University of Arkansas before coming to Missouri.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church here March 3, with her pastor, G. Nelson Duke, officiating, assisted by Earl Harding and T. W. Nelson. Harding is executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention and Nelson is head of the convention's Foundation.

A second service was conducted March 5, at Miss Sanders' old home church at Wilton, Ala., with burial in the Montevallo, Ala. Cemetery.

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## SBC WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION Annual Meeting

Miami Beach Auditorium  
Miami Beach, Florida

May 29-30, 1967

THEME: In His Name

MONDAY MORNING, May 29  
9:30 o'clock

Organ Meditation - Mrs. Charles Walker, Miami, Florida

"To Preach the Gospel to the Poor" - J. Lyn Elder, professor, Golden Gate Baptist  
Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California

Song Service - W. Hines Sims, church music secretary, Sunday School Board, Nashville,  
Tennessee

First Century Christians

A Bible Episode

Twentieth Century Christians

"The Gift of Going" - Sara Ann Hobbs, North Carolina Girls' Auxiliary  
director, Raleigh

Mrs. Ben Thompson, Yazoo City, Mississippi

Dr. Joseph Pipkin, dentist, Orlando, Florida

Congregational Hymn

Solo - Irene Jordan, Metropolitan Opera Company, New York City

"To Build in His Name" - Roy F. Lewis, loan officer, church loans division, Home Mission  
Board, Atlanta, Georgia

Meditation Hymn - Irene Jordan

Adjournment

MONDAY AFTERNOON, May 29  
1:45 o'clock

Piano Meditation - Mrs. W. G. Stroup, Jacksonville, Florida

"To Heal the Brokenhearted" - J. Lyn Elder, Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, California

Song Service

First Century Christians

A Bible Episode

Twentieth Century Christians

"A Loaf or a Coat in His Name" - Mrs. Howard L. Shoemaker, missionary,  
Dominican Republic

- Mrs. Josefina Benitez, president,  
Cuban Women's Missionary Union,  
Miami, Florida

Hymn

Solo - Irene Jordan

"Pulse Beat in Panama" - Daniel Gruver, M.D., Panama City, Panama

Meditation Hymn - Irene Jordan

Adjournment

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SBC Woman's Missionary Union Program

MONDAY EVENING, May 29  
7:30 o'clock

Organ Meditation

"To Proclaim Deliverance to the Captives" - J. Lyn Elder, Golden Gate Seminary, California  
Song Service

First Century Christians

A Bible Episode

Twentieth Century Christians

"To a World in Revolution" - Missionary Appointees  
- Missionary Journeymen  
- Missionary Associates

Presented by Jesse C. Fletcher, personnel  
secretary, Foreign Mission Board,  
Richmond, Virginia

Hymn

Missions and Music - Irene Jordan

"Encounter with Pain" - Martha Jordan Gilliland, M.D., missionary to Nigeria

Meditation Hymn - Irene Jordan

Adjournment

TUESDAY MORNING, May 30  
9:30 o'clock

Piano Meditation

"To Preach Recovery of Sight to the Blind" - J. Lyn Elder, Golden Gate Seminary, California  
Song Service

First Century Christians

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Twentieth Century Christians

"US-2 Missions. . . On the American Scene"

- Freddie Neel, Inner City and Language Missions,  
Chicago, Illinois  
- Neil Jones, Juvenile Rehabilitation, El Paso,  
Texas

Hymn

"Herein Is Love" - Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham,  
Alabama

Solo - Irene Jordan

"The Cross and the Crossroads" - Jimmy R. Allen, executive secretary, Christian Life  
Commission, Baptist General Convention of Texas,  
Dallas

Meditation Hymn - Irene Jordan

Adjournment

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, May 30  
1:45 o'clock

Organ Meditation

"To Set at Liberty Them That Are Bruised" - J. Lyn Elder, Golden Gate Seminary, California  
Song Service

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Twentieth Century Christians

"What Do Missionaries Do" - Mrs. Jamie C. Maiden, missionary associate,  
Nigeria

Solo - Irene Jordan

"Deep Is the Hunger" - Mrs. Robert Fling, president, Woman's Missionary Union, Cleburne,  
Texas

Meditation Hymn - Irene Jordan

Adjournment