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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION ANNUAL MEETING

Atlanta Civic Center
Atlanta, Georgia

June 11-12, 1978

Theme: "Think On These Things"
". . . if there be any praise, think on these things."
Philippians 4:8 (KJV)

Sunday, June 11: The Need For Bold Mission Thrust

Monday, June 12: The Response For Bold Mission Thrust

Sunday Afternoon and Evening, June 11, 5:30 p.m.

- Praise:** "I Love Thee"--Congregation
The Centurymen in Concert, Buryl Red, New York, N.Y., director
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"--Congregation
- Worship:** Helen E. Falls, professor of missions, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Prayer:** Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary and director of program planning, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.
- Feature:** Discovery--Beverly Hammack, assistant director, department of Christian social ministries, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta
--Dan B. Martin, editor, news services, Home Mission Board, Atlanta
--William R. Wakefield, secretary for Southeast Asia, SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.
--Davis L. Saunders, secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.
- Commitment:** Prayertime led by Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, Danville, Va., president, Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention
- Praise:** "Joy to the World"--Congregation

Monday Morning, June 12, 9:30 a.m.

- Worship:** Helen E. Falls, New Orleans, La.
- Praise:** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"--Congregation

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Monday Morning, June 12, 9:30 a.m. continued

Interview: Interviewer--Mrs. Charles Caldwell, lecturer, Houston, Texas

Response of Career Missionaries

- Mrs. A. J. Silva, home missionary, Atlanta
- Fayiz Saknini, home missionary, Smyrna, Ga.
- Crea Ridenour, foreign missionary, Colombia
- Other missionaries (to be announced)

Prayer: James H. Landes, executive director, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas

Praise: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"--Congregation

Promotion Feature: Teach Missions--B. R. Yarborough, pastor, and Mrs. Edwin Howard, WMU director, First Baptist Church, Norcross, Ga.

Introduction of Acteens National Advisory Panel

Praise: "Jesus is All the World to Me"--Congregation

Special Music

Address: "By His Grace"--Mrs. Elizabeth Newby, author, wife, mother, lecturer Cincinnati, Ohio

Prayer: Dorothy Pryor, executive secretary-treasurer, Georgia Woman's Missionary Union, Atlanta

Monday Afternoon, June 12, 2:00 p.m.

Worship: Helen E. Falls, New Orleans, La.

Praise: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"--Congregation

Business: Election of Officers

Promotion Feature: Baptist Women Year in the Church--Mrs. Robert Calvert, homemaker and writer, Piedmont, Ala.

Interview: Interviewer--Mrs. Charles Caldwell, Houston, Texas

Response of Short-Term Volunteers

- Dr. and Mrs. Lee N. Allen and Leland and Leslie Allen, Birmingham, Ala.
- Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Miner, Birmingham, Ala.
- Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Lee, Menomonie, Wisc.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Price, Pittsburg, Pa.

Prayer: Alma Hunt, retired executive secretary, SBC Woman's Missionary Union, and now consultant, SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Special Music

Address: "The Response to World Hunger"--John R. Cheyne, associate coordinator, hunger relief and disaster response, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Prayer: Mrs. Kathryn Grant, Beltsville, Md., executive director, District of Columbia Woman's Missionary Union

Monday Evening, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

Worship: Helen E. Falls, New Orleans, La.

Praise: "Serve the Lord with Gladness"--Congregation
"O Zion Haste"--Congregation

Report of WMU Executive Director: Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala.

Interview: Interviewer--Mrs. Charles Caldwell, Houston, Texas

Response of Church WMU Leaders

- Mrs. Joyce Irons, Colfax, West Va.
- Miss Toni Berry, Pensacola, Fla.
- Mrs. John Isaacs, Tallahassee, Fla.
- Mrs. Harold Burrell, Metter, Ga.
- Mrs. Eva Marie Dyke, Springfield, Va.

Prayer: Mrs. Robert Fling, promotion associate in new areas, SBC Woman's
Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.

Praise: "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit"--Congregation

Feature: Response of Women Working Together
--Mrs. John W. Williams, Kansas City, Mo., president, North
American Baptist Women's Union
(Introduced by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Texas, president,
Women's Department, Baptist World Alliance)

Special Music

Challenge Address: "Response to Bold Mission"--Grady C. Cothen, president, Baptist
Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Benediction: Jimmy R. Allen, president, Southern Baptist Convention, pastor, First
Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas

WMU Officers

President-- Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, Danville, Va.
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WMU Will Confront
Response to World Need

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ATLANTA (BP)--Participants in the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Woman's
Missionary Union will "think on" a variety of world needs and individual responses to those
needs when they gather in the Atlanta Civic Center, June 11-12.

The WMU meeting is one of a number of pre and post convention sessions surrounding
the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 13-15, at the Georgia World
Congress Center in Atlanta.

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Convening under a theme, "Think on These Things," the SBC woman's auxiliary will vote its Sunday, June 11, session, which begins at 5:30 p.m., to confronting the world needs which precipitated the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust goal. During Monday morning, afternoon and evening sessions, the program will focus on ways individuals have and may respond to those needs. Bold Mission Thrust is the SBC plan to let everyone in the world hear the message of Christ by the year 2000.

Four representatives of the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards will lead a Sunday "discovery" feature which will outline world needs. They are Beverly Hammack, assistant director, Christian social ministries, and Dan B. Martin, editor of the news service, both of the Home Mission Board, and William R. Wakefield, secretary for Southeast Asia, and Davis L. Saunders, secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, both of the Foreign Mission Board.

Special features during Monday sessions include interviews with career missionaries, short-term mission volunteers, and church WMU leaders by Mrs. Charles Caldwell, a lecturer, of Houston, Texas, exploring individual responses to need.

She will interview home missionaries, Mrs. A. J. Silva, Atlanta, and Fayiz Saknini, Smyrna, Ga., foreign missionary, Crea Ridenour of Colombia, and other missionaries to be announced on Monday morning.

On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Caldwell will interview four couples about their response to short-term mission programs. They are Dr. and Mrs. Lee N. Allen, Birmingham, Ala., and their two children, Leland, 11, and Leslie, 8; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Price, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Miner, Birmingham; and Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Lee, Menomonie, Wisc., the first volunteers appointed by the SBC Mission Service Corps.

Monday night interviews include Mrs. Joyce Irons, Colfax, W. Va.; teenager Toni Berry, Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. John Isaacs, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. Harold Burrell, Metter, Ga.; and Mrs. Eva Marie Dyke, Springfield, Mo., all WMU leaders in local churches.

Other program features include major addresses by John R. Cheyne of the Foreign Mission Board, on world hunger; Grady C. Cothen, president, SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, who will close the meeting with a challenge to respond to Bold Mission; and Mrs. Elizabeth Newby, an author and lecturer from Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Newby, who spent her childhood in a migrant worker's family, will discuss how Christians may move from the receiving to the giving end of missions.

Helen E. Falls, professor of missions at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will lead worship at each session; Carolyn Weatherford of Birmingham, national WMU executive director, will deliver her annual report; Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., national WMU president, will lead a special prayer of commitment to world needs during the Sunday session; and Mrs. Robert Calvert, Piedmont, Ala., will lead a feature presentation on "Baptist Women Year in the Church," a WMU emphasis for 1978-79.

Features on response of women working together and on teaching missions will be led respectively by Mrs. John W. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., president of the North American Baptist Women's Union, and by B. R. Yarborough, pastor, and Mrs. Edwin Howard, WMU, director, First Baptist Church, Norcross, Ga.

The program will feature a variety of special music, including a concert by The Centurymen, 100 Southern Baptist ministers of music, directed by Buryl Red, New York, N.Y., when the WMU meeting opens on Sunday.