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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION Annual Meeting June 9-10, 1985 Dallas Convention Center Arena

THEME: First Love

"I have something against thee... thou hast left thy first love..."
(Revelation 2:4)

Sunday, June 9, 1985

2:45—Missions and Preparation

- Pre-session Inspiration—"Living Song," Texas Baptist All-State Ensemble, directed by Loyd Hawthorne, Abilene, Texas
- Missions and Prayer
- "Remember, and repent"—Prayer, Betty Gilreath, WMU, recording secretary, Charlotte, N.C.
- Music—Forbes Woods, concert artist, Dallas
- Missions and Pioneers
- "...do the first works"
- Ministering to Orphans, Ruth Womack, Nigeria
- Missions and People
- "First, love"—in Lebanon, Nancie Wingo, missionary
—in Harlem, Michael Williams, missionary
- Music—"Living Song"
- Missions and Promotion
- Missions and Problems
- "...somewhat against thee"—in Reaching Hispanics, Miguel Mojica, missionary, Austin, Texas
- Music
- Missions and Partnership
- "...hast borne, and hast not fainted"—in China, C.K. Chang, University of Anhui, China
—in Mexico, Esther de Fuentes, president of Mexico
WMU
- Solo—Forbes Woods
- Missions and Priorities
- "...else I will come quickly and remove thy light"
- Keynote Address—Carolyn Weatherford, WMU executive director, Birmingham, Ala.
- Missions and Promises
- "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says"
- Music—Jennifer Jones, student, Cincinnati, Ohio

Monday Morning, June 10, 1985

9:15—Missions and Preparation

- Pre-session Inspiration—Scott Bennett, head of organ department, Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Forbes Woods
- Missions and Prayer
- "Remember, and repent"
- Prayer—Alma Hunt, retired executive secretary, WMU, Richmond, Va.
- Missions and Proclamation
- "I know thy labour and thy patience"—at Home, Norma Mackey, WMU leader, Waynesboro, Miss.
- Missions and Pioneers
- "...do the first works"—with K' kchi Indians, Jane Parker, Guatemala
- Music—"Living Song"

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- Missions and People
- "First, Love"--behind Political Walls, John David Hopper, East rn Europe
 - on the Streets of America, Michael Elliott, missionary, Louisville, Ky.
- Missions and Problems
- "...somewhat against thee"--in a Hungry World, John Cheyne, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.
- Music
- Missions and Partnership
- "Thou hast borne, and hast not fainted"
- Foreign WMU Presentation
- Solo--Forbes Woods
- Missions and Priorities
- A Call for Love in Action..."else I will come quickly and remove thy light"--C. Anne Davis, dean of social work, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
- Missions and Promises
- "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says"
- Music--Jennifer Jones

Monday Aft noon, June 10, 1985

1:45--Missions and Preparation

- Pre-session Inspiration--Scott Bennett and Jennifer Jones
- Missions and Prayer
- "Remember, and repent"
- Prayer--Susan Brindle, president, WMU of New England
- Missions and Pioneers
- "...do the first works"--as a veterinarian in Bophuthatswana, Dale Beighle, missionary
- Music--"Living Song"
- Missions and People
- "First, love"--in Central America, Joe Bruce, missionary
 - in Vermont, Connie Markham, missionary
- Missions and Promotion
- Business: Election of Officers
- Music
- Missions and Priorities
- Woman's Missionary Union--in Times Like These, Report of the Executive Board
- Solo--Jennifer Jones
- Missions and Partnership
- First Love for a Lifetime--Marjorie McCullough, WMU member, Alexandria, La.
- Missions and Promises
- "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says"
- Music--Forbes Woods

Monday Evening, June 10, 1985

MONDAY MISSIONS NIGHT

A rally around M.A.P.S.—Missions and Prayer, People, Places Pricrities Jointly sponsored with Woman's Missionary Union by the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board, the Baptist Sunday School Board, the Brotherhood Commission, in cooperation with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and Directors of Missions Conference.

Featuring premiere of production music from the new Bold Mission Thrust dramatic musical "2000 A.D." by Wesley Forbis and Mark Hayes.

7:15--Pre-session Music--Scott Bennett, Jennifer Jones, and Forbes Woods

7:30--Missions and Prayer

- Dramatics and Slides--scripted by Millie Bishop, president of Texas WMU
 - staged by "PraiSong," Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas
 - visuals by Kendall Kirk, Baptist General Convention of Texas
- Prayer
- Missions and People
- Missions and Places
- Missions News Summary--presented by R. Keith Parks, Foreign Mission Board, and William G. Tanner, Home Mission Board

Africa: John Cheyne, Human Needs Ministries, Foreign Mission Board; Central America: Joe Bruce, associate area director; China: C.K. Chang, Anhui University; Eastern Europe: John David Hopper, Austria;

Middle East: Nancie Wingo, Lebanon; Washington, D.C.: Marilyn Prickett, missionary; Harlem, N.Y.: Michael Williams, missionary; New England: Jim Markham, Montpelier, Vermont; Texas, USA: Charles McLaughlin, Missions Director, BGCT

—Missions and Partnership

In Amarillo, Texas: Winfred Moore, pastor, First Baptist Church; In El Paso, Texas: Elias Benitez, pastor, Hispana Baptist Church; In the WMU Building: Mrs. Dotson M. Nelson, minister of pastoral services, Meadow Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

In Augusta, Maine: Cushnoc Baptist Church, Robert H. Brindle, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, director of associational missions; In Baltimore, Md.: James E. Willey, director of associational missions

—Missions and Priorities

--Pushing Ahead with Bold Mission Thrust—Practical presentation by the Missions Agencies

--M.A.P.S. for First Love

--Final Address—Bill Pinson, executive director, Baptist General Convention of Texas

—Missions and Promises

—Music—Jennifer Jones

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Scripture, Mission Action
Explored At WMU Dallas Meeting

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DALLAS (BP)—The accomplishments of Southern Baptist mission efforts—and some of the unmet needs—will be outlined against scriptural guidelines June 9-10 at the annual national meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The two-day meeting, held in the Dallas Convention Center arena immediately prior to the annual Southern Baptist Convention, has been built around a theme taken from Revelation 2:4—"I have something against thee...thou hast left thy first love."

Mission speakers from Harlem, New York; Vermont; Texas; Kentucky; Washington, D.C.; New Hampshire, Maine, and Maryland will focus on home mission efforts while missionaries to Lebanon, Guatemala, Eastern Europe, Bophuthatswana and nationals from China and Mexico will look at what Southern Baptists are doing to evangelize those outside the United States.

A highlight will be the Monday evening "rally around M.A.P.S.—Missions and Prayer, People, Places and Priorities." It will be sponsored jointly with the Women's Missionary Union by the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board, the Baptist Sunday School Board, and the Brotherhood Commission in cooperation with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Directors of Missions Conference.

The night will include the premiere of production music from the new Bold Mission Thrust dramatic musical, "2000 A.D." and a missions news summary presented by R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, and William G. Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board which will look at four states in the USA and five geographic areas around the world.

Bill Pinson, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will give the closing address.

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Valentine Urges
Social Involvement

By David Wilkinson

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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (BP)—Equipped with "a growing sense of thical concern and social responsibility," Southern Baptists now have unprecedented opportunities "to ffect social change for God's glory and humanity's good," Foy Valentin believes.

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Valentine, executive director of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke during the Luce Lecture Series on Religion and the Social Crisis sponsored by Wake Forest University.

The Baptist ethicist noted "there is among Baptists a generally growing sense of ethical concern and social responsibility, even though that growth is not uniform, geographically or chronologically.

"Prospects for a significant impact for social justice and public righteousness were never better."

But to capitalize on the opportunities, Valentine added, the denomination must overcome some "serious perils" which now beset the Baptist movement, including "creeping creedalism and resurgent Fundamentalism on the right, non-experiential religion on the left symbolized by a mushy perception of the importance of believer's baptism, and cheap grace in the radical middle."

Other obstacles in the path toward effective social action, he noted, are an overemphasis on individualism, the tendency for the church to identify with its culture and a fear of controversy.

"Controversy," he pointed out, "attends social concern that issues in social action as bees attend honey." But, he said, "controversy also attends the clarification of doctrines, mission programs, education and even stewardship.

"When the choice must be made between conformity to the world and controversy for Christ, the Christian has no choice but to contend. It is not only unChristian but it is extremely unbaptistic to fear controversy and to shun confrontation as much as many do today."

Southern Baptists, Valentine said, must constantly be reminded "Christian social ethics and Christian social concern are not options but imperatives for the people of God.

"If God's people cannot or will not confront the great, overreaching ethical issues which affect the lives of humanity with the reconciling gospel of Jesus Christ in such a way as to convince unbelievers, then evangelism is empty and missions is mockery."

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Graham Blames
Satan For Division

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DALLAS (BP)—One of the tricks of the devil is to divide Southern Baptists so they will neglect their Bold Mission Thrust goal to reach the world with the gospel by the year 2000, according to evangelist Billy Graham.

Graham expressed his concern over the "inerrancy" controversy among Southern Baptists just before coming to Dallas March 24 to accept an honorary Doctor of Christianity Degree from Dallas Baptist University.

He also spoke at 25,000-member First Baptist Church, Dallas, where he is a member.

The evangelist said he would not attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas Jun 11-13 because he did not want to get involved in the controversy centered around charges that some Southern Baptist seminaries and colleges are drifting toward liberalism.

"I am an evangelist, and I must appeal to as wide a range of people as possible," he said. "I believe in the holy, inspired word of God, but I have friends on both sides."

Graham said, "There are some things on both sides of the battle that are almost irreconcilable. It will be difficult to bridge the gap. But there is one thing that can reunite the Baptists, and that is the preaching of the gospel. They can all agree on that."

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Bush Trip Benefits
Anti-Hunger Movement

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The publicity surrounding a recent fact-finding trip to drought-scorching Africa by Vice-President George Bush has produced two important results that will aid the hunger relief movement, a Southern Baptist hunger expert believes.

Robert Parham, director of hunger concerns for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, said Bush's seven-day, three-nation journey led the American media to focus again on the hunger crisis and underscored the widespread impact of the devastating drought.

"The media's attention span is very short," Parham said, noting news of the African trip competed with other major events such as the death of Soviet President Chernenko and the opening of the Geneva arms talks. "People must remember that hunger exists even after the TV cameras stop rolling."

Bush announced the purpose of the trip was "to see what more can be done to insure that no calamity like this happens again." After traveling 4,500 miles in 100-degree heat, the vice-president observed the crisis was the "result of ecological disaster and human failure."

Bush visited the Sudan, Nigeria and Mali—an itinerary, Parham said, that "reminded people that the African famine is not confined solely to Ethiopia."

In the Sudan, he noted, American officials and international relief authorities now believe the situation in that country is far more serious than previously reported. One-fourth of the Sudanese population risks starvation, and the crisis has been compounded by the influx of an estimated one million refugees who have fled famine and fighting in neighboring countries.

Nigeria is experiencing its worst drought since 1905, and Mali is encountering its worst drought in history. The Niger River, which runs through both countries and is sometimes referred to as "the Nile of West Africa," is at its lowest level in 50 years.

"Bush's visit illustrates yet again the absolute necessity for bipartisan legislation for African relief and famine recovery," Parham said.

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Gene Iba Becomes
Baylor Basketball Coach

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WACO, Texas (BP)—Baylor University officials have signed Clarence Eugene "Gene" Iba to a four-year contract to coach the Bears' basketball team.

Iba, 44, previously had been head coach at Houston Baptist University. Since going to HBU in 1977, Iba had compiled a 128-96 record, which included three consecutive 20-win seasons from 1983-85. He replaces Jim Haller, who resigned following the Bears' last game in the wake of an internal investigation into the Baylor basketball program.

Iba's 1984-85 HBU team posted a 21-8 record. His 1983 team was 20-9, and his 1984 squad finished 24-7, the most wins ever in the school's history. His team also won the Trans America Athletic Conference title that season, the TAAC tournament and established 18 school records and seven conference marks. Iba leaves the Huskies as the winningest coach in TAAC history.

Iba earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Tulsa University and his master's degree in business education from Oklahoma State. He coached high school basketball in St. Louis before becoming assistant coach at the University of Texas-El Paso in 1973, where he stayed until accepting the head coaching position at Houston Baptist.

"I'm thrilled to be coaching in the Southwest Conference, but even more thrilled to be at Baylor," Iba said. "I promise to work hard here. I'm going to try hard to justify their (basketball search committee's) faith in me, and I think I can."

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