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1988 SBC statistics indicate
some gains, but flat trends

By Jim Lowry

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Although increases outnumbered decreases for Southern Baptists in 1988, the denomination appears to be mired in a period where statistically significant gains are elusive and long-term trends are flat, according to figures released by the convention's Sunday School Board.

In the gains column for the 1987-88 year, eight of the 10 key reporting areas were higher than the previous year, figures from 36,874 Uniform Church Letters received in the board's research services department showed.

Increases included baptisms, where the total was 346,320, an increase of 7,825, or 2.3 percent, over the previous baptism total of 338,495. This increase follows a decrease of 6.8 percent in 1987. Baptisms have dropped four of the last six years.

The church membership increase of 0.6 percent, or 90,726, brings the total membership in Southern Baptist churches to 14,818,496. This gain, of slightly more than two new members per church, is the smallest increase in church membership since 1930.

The number of churches in the denomination increased by 0.8 percent, or 281, to a new total of 37,567. The 111 net gain in the number of churches is the largest net gain in number of churches since 1965.

Sunday school, the denomination's largest program, decreased in 1988 by 0.4 percent, or 30,733, to a new total of 7,911,373. It was the biggest loss for the Bible study program since 1978. In 1986-87, Sunday school maintained a virtual status quo in enrollment, registering a 0.0 percentage change, with a numerical drop of less than 2,000.

Church training, which registered a similar break-even year in 1986-87, had a gain of 2.0 percent, or 39,801, to bring the total enrollment for the denomination's discipleship training program to 1,993,738. It was the first gain for church training since 1983, when an identical 2.0 percent increase was achieved.

Church music enrollment in Southern Baptist churches registered the 23rd consecutive increase, with a gain of 2.1 percent, or 35,724, to a new total of 1,774,018. Churches first reported church music participation on the Uniform Church Letter in 1957, when an enrollment of 553,021 was listed. Except for losses in 1960 and 1965, music enrollment has increased to become the third-largest program in Southern Baptist churches.

Enrollment in Woman's Missionary Union increased by 0.5 percent, or 6,450, in 1988 to reach a total of 1,203,929. It was the third consecutive gain for WMU, which has gone up almost 39,000 since 1985.

Brotherhood enrollment declined by 8.3 percent, or 47,476, to a new total of 525,511. Changes in program age-grouping and the reporting process on the Uniform Church Letter affected the size of the loss for Brotherhood, said Martin Bradley, director of the research services department.

Mission expenditures by Southern Baptist churches grew by 4.1 percent in 1988. It was an increase of almost \$27 million, to reach a new total of \$689,598,220. The percentage increases for mission expenditures for the past three years have been below increases of previous years, all of which were between 7.3 and 12.7 percent since 1972.

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Total tithes, offerings and special gifts given through churches was \$4,129,259,580, a 3.0 percent increase of more than \$120 million over the previous year.

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Overseas baptisms down;
church starts increase

By Eric Miller

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Baptisms related to Southern Baptist work overseas dropped almost 3 percent in 1988, but the number of churches grew 8 percent, according to Foreign Mission Board statistics.

Overseas baptisms totaled 197,863 in 1988, compared to 203,824 in 1987. The 1987 total topped 200,000 for the first time in the mission board's 143-year history.

Baptist churches overseas grew from 17,769 to 19,199 in 1988. Missionaries and overseas Baptists started about four churches per day, compared to nearly three per day the previous year. More than 3,800 Southern Baptist missionaries were working in 113 countries last year.

Despite the decrease in baptisms, the overall picture looks good, considering that 2 million Baptists overseas are baptizing almost half as many people as 14 million Southern Baptists in the United States, said FMB President R. Keith Parks.

An average of one person was baptized for every 10.6 Baptist church members overseas in 1988. In the United States, 43 Southern Baptists were required to produce one baptism.

"We would love to get it down to eight or nine members for every baptism" overseas, said researcher Jim Slack, a missionary to the Philippines and scholar-in-residence at the mission board.

Another concern is that overseas church membership dropped from 2.15 million in 1987 to 2.1 million last year.

However, the declines in baptisms and church memberships can be blamed partly on uneven statistical reporting because of economic, political or internal problems -- especially in major countries such as Brazil, South Korea and the Philippines, noted Clark Scanlon, FMB director of research and planning.

"I'm disappointed any time we don't show growth in every area," Parks said. "We try to learn from it and go on."

Highlights in the just-completed 1988 overseas report include:

-- Brazilian Baptists finished the year with 4,071 Baptist churches, the highest of all countries. Nigeria was second, with 3,027, while Kenya had 1,351; Korea, 1,334; and the Philippines, 1,239. Of 106 countries reporting, 58 counted a net increase in churches; 48 reported losses or no gains.

-- Brazil also led baptisms, with 52,763, followed by Nigeria, with 27,960; Kenya, 16,089; and Tanzania, 16,001. Fifty-six countries reported increases in baptisms, while 50 reported downturns or no gains. Thirty-eight countries reported 50 or fewer baptisms.

-- Southern Baptist missionaries began sharing the gospel with 22 new people groups in 15 countries. Baptist work moved into 110 new cities in 41 countries.

-- Southern Baptists appropriated a record \$10.9 million for overseas relief and world hunger last year, surpassing the amount received in 1985 during the Ethiopian crisis. The money supported a record 245 projects in 50 nations.

-- The Nigerian Baptist Convention's total of almost 28,000 baptisms in 1988 exceeded the 1987 record by 17 percent. Nationwide simultaneous revivals helped produce the increase.

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-- The partnership between Kenyan and Kentucky Baptists resulted in numerous converts, with more than 25 percent culminating in baptisms. Church membership in Kenya increased by 32 percent to 75,334.

-- Bangladesh, a Muslim country, witnessed a 37 percent increase in Baptist churches when 23 joined the Baptist convention. Much of the progress occurred among the Hindu minority.

-- The Central Baptist Association of Mexico City saw seven churches, 20 missions and 58 preaching points organized through "Evange-Mex-'88," an eight-month evangelism effort.

-- Medical missionaries and workers treated almost 1.56 million patients in 1988, a small increase over the previous year.

-- Through electronic media, missionaries and Baptists reached an estimated audience of 446 million in 1988, up from 250 million the year before. They distributed 8.8 million Christian periodicals, 2.8 million books and 11 million tracts.

An "alarming" part of the report is the low number of Baptist "preaching points" and mission congregations that constituted as churches overseas last year, researcher Slack said.

Baptists overseas began the year with 18,872 preaching points and mission congregations, but only 5 or 6 percent of them matured into churches, Slack reported. The rate should be at least 25 percent, he said.

An average mission congregation overseas organizes as a church in three years, he explained. In South Korea and Brazil, the birth-to-organization period takes between nine and 18 months. But in Japan it takes five to seven years.

Factors such as literature shortages and doctrinal misunderstandings hamper maturation of missions into churches, Slack said. Seminars overseas and conferences for furloughing missionaries in the United States are dealing with church-growth dynamics.

"We're not going to see an increase in baptisms and new churches if we don't address how to encourage preaching points to mature faster," Slack said.

Missionaries are learning what conditions are needed for church multiplication, such as increases in Sunday school enrollment and discipleship of new believers. As members are trained in discipleship and evangelism, additional people are brought into the churches, and baptisms increase. Strategists are encouraging missionaries and overseas conventions to modify their methods to promote church growth.

A total of 18,644 believers enrolled in discipleship training such as MasterLife in 1988, more than doubling the 8,804 in 1987.

While Baptist membership dropped, money in overseas church offering plates grew from \$94 million in 1987 to \$99.8 million last year -- a 6 percent increase.

The increase in giving especially is significant because inflation percentages soared to triple digits in some countries, Slack said, and some overseas currencies lost value against the U.S. dollar.

The number of overseas Baptist pastors increased from 16,680 in 1987 to 17,561 in 1988 -- an average of almost 17 new pastors each week last year.

Meanwhile, 12,222 Baptists studied in theological seminaries, Bible schools and institutes in 1988, compared to 11,023 in 1987. The number studying in seminary extension courses rose by 3,781, to 15,000 in 1988.

The Foreign Mission Board appointed 358 new missionaries last year, down from 407 in 1987. The net gain in the mission force was 28 in 1988 -- compared to 83 in 1987 -- after subtracting retirements, resignations and deaths, bringing the total force to 3,867 for 1988. Southern Baptists still are on target to meet the revised Bold Mission Thrust world evangelization goal of 5,600 missionaries in 125 countries by the year 2000, Slack said.

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Although missionary appointments dropped, Southern Baptist volunteers abroad in 1988 topped 10,000 for the first time. The original Bold Mission Thrust goal called for sending 10,000 volunteers overseas annually. Southern Baptist leaders boosted the goal to 20,000 a few years ago.

The 10,813 volunteers in 1988 are a "bright spot in the report," Parks said, because volunteers develop into more enthusiastic church members, and many become missionaries. Churches sending volunteers often form a stronger interest in missions and give more to the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget and mission offerings, he said.

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Audit of foreign missions work
since 1950 shows need for change

By Art Toalston

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Numbers alone -- no matter how impressive -- are not the best way to assess the effectiveness of Southern Baptist missionary work with overseas Baptists, a recently completed computer analysis of Southern Baptist foreign mission work from 1950 to 1987 shows.

The analysis recommends further strengthening of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's evangelism, discipleship, and church starting efforts and deployment of more workers and resources to areas of the world where people have few opportunities to hear the Christian message.

Three years ago, FMB President R. Keith Parks voiced "serious doubt" about missions-as-usual in his report to trustees. Parks advocated change.

Missionaries and staff members began researching and rethinking the approaches to foreign missions. New strategies for communicating the gospel in today's world were proposed and approved by trustees, a process that is continuing.

The analysis of foreign mission work from 1950 to 1987 was undertaken by Jim Maroney, Foreign Mission Board evangelism and church growth consultant, and missionary Jim Slack, church growth director for Southern Baptist work in the Philippines.

The proliferation of computer technology has made the time right for such a study, Slack said, adding, "We've not been able to gather all this data and do all this analysis until recent years."

The research shows numerical growth in Baptist work overseas has been "appreciable" over the years, but adds that a "more analytical approach ... reveals poor growth" in most areas of foreign missions.

Overseas baptisms, for example, increased from 15,620 in 1950 to 203,824 in 1987. But the average annual growth rate decreased from 9.3 percent during the 1950s to 7.6 percent since 1970, according to Maroney and Slack.

Focusing on the 1970-1987 period, the researchers found that many believers who were baptized did not remain involved with Baptist congregations. Overseas Baptists reported 444,090 more baptisms than church members in those years.

Clark Scanlon, board director of research and planning, said the research supports current board strategy calling for analysis of church growth trends.

"These studies, made with openness and honesty, are for the purpose of analyzing where we are, where changes are to be made," Scanlon said. "Right now we are considering plans for 1990 and beyond that come out of the insights gained from these studies."

Maroney called the research "an audit of our evangelism and church growth for the past 37 years." Slack added it is "careful yet aggressive," and said it depicts "what the status of the church is in the face of an unevangelized world." Without such inquiry, Baptists might become "complacent and feel like we're doing quite well."

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"The Holy Spirit has a greater opportunity to lead us into needed areas of work when we have an accurate picture of the world we live in," Slack said.

The study touched on Bold Mission Thrust, a 25-year program adopted by Southern Baptists in 1976 and aimed at helping every person in the world hear the gospel by the year 2000.

The original Bold Mission Thrust goal of 5,000 Southern Baptist missionaries by the year 2000 will be surpassed, according to projections. The goal has been revised upward to 5,600. Volunteer goals already have been surpassed.

But reaching Bold Mission Thrust goals in baptisms, new churches and other overseas categories is doubtful in light of current growth rates, the researchers said. Some 800,000 baptisms per year, for example, were envisioned at the outset of Bold Mission Thrust. But the researchers project less than 520,000 baptisms for the year 2000.

Recommendations in the report call for Southern Baptist missionaries and overseas Baptists to explore ways to achieve 11 percent annual growth in the various categories instead of the current 6 to 8 percent growth.

The researchers' findings also reflect lopsided global evangelization efforts.

Reviewing statistics from 1986 for mission work in 104 countries, Maroney and Slack noted that seven countries accounted for 78 percent of the increase in churches: Brazil, Nigeria, the Philippines, South Korea, Kenya, Mexico and India.

In five of the "big seven" countries -- Brazil, Nigeria, the Philippines, Kenya and India -- 100 or more churches were planted. Ten missionaries were assigned to India at the time; 752 were working in the other four countries -- an average of 188 per country.

The remaining 97 countries reported only 313 new churches. Fifty-five countries reported no growth or a decrease in churches. Nearly 1,000 Southern Baptist missionaries were assigned to those 55 countries, an average of 18 per country. In 34 countries, a two-year plateau or decline was evident.

Only 14 countries reported 10 or more churches planted in 1986, the researchers reported.

Counting all 16,699 churches assisted by Southern Baptist missionaries in 1986, 51 percent were in Brazil, Nigeria, the Philippines and South Korea. And 22 countries accounted for 87 percent of all churches. Meanwhile, 38 countries shared less than 1 percent of the churches.

In 1985, 25 countries accounted for 83 percent of all churches, 89 percent of all baptisms, 86 percent of all church members and 88 percent of all Sunday school members. And 90 percent of all preaching points, or possible future churches, were in 25 countries. According to Slack, other denominations also report much of their growth in a relatively small number of countries.

Elsewhere throughout the world, "encouraging growth cannot be found in heavily unevangelized countries and heavily populated areas with the possible exception of India," the researchers pointed out.

Missionaries and Baptists in each country should work to "identify each unevangelized population segment, establishing a priority of attention" based on such factors as population and potential responsiveness to the gospel, the two researchers recommended.

Within countries where church growth has been minimal or negative, they say, special efforts should be made toward starting at least one new church a year.

Southern Baptists must be careful not to "overindulge our presence" in countries where Baptist numbers are strong, Slack says. Southern Baptist personnel work in countries populated by only 68 percent of the world's 5.1 billion people, the report says.

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Sunday school, leader training
in trouble overseas, study warns

By Art Toalston

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Sunday School is "dying" among Baptists overseas.

That warning comes from two Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board researchers who base their alarm on that fact that 92 percent of overseas Baptists were Sunday school members in 1970, while only 68 percent were enrolled in 1986.

Jim Maroney, the Foreign Mission Board evangelism and church growth consultant, and missionary Jim Slack, church growth director for Southern Baptist work in the Philippines, have produced a computer-era analysis of the agency's cooperative work with overseas Baptists since 1950.

Focusing on the 1970-1986 period, the researchers point out that Sunday schools, or small Bible study and discipleship groups, grew only at about 60 percent of the rate of church membership.

The researchers recommend "deliberate steps in reviving" overseas Sunday schools and Bible studies because they remain "the greatest source for evangelism" and discipleship.

Slack also warns of "a mounting crisis" in leadership training.

The current enrollment in various theological institutions and programs equals 52 percent of all pastoral leader positions at churches and preaching points. An ongoing church planting effort, however, requires an enrollment equal to at least 75 percent of pastoral leader positions, Slack says.

Brazilian Baptists alone account for 60 percent of all theological education enrollment, leaving other countries undernourished in terms of future leaders.

An expansion of local training opportunities, especially in areas where church planting is proceeding or planned, is recommended by Maroney and Slack.

The researchers' report includes 1981-1987 overseas growth comparisons of Southern Baptist-related churches and five other denominations: the Assemblies of God, Conservative Baptists, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Church of God (based in Cleveland, Tenn.) and United Pentecostals. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or Mormons, and Jehovah's Witnesses also were studied.

The Assemblies of God reported the largest number of churches and members overseas -- more than 85,000 and 9.5 million, respectively. Jehovah's Witnesses were second with nearly 44,000 churches and 6.5 million members. Mormons reported some 7,000 churches and 6.2 million members.

Conservative Baptists recorded the largest average annual increase in churches, 13 percent; United Pentecostals counted the largest increase in members, 14 percent.

Southern Baptist-related churches ranked third in the number of churches and preaching points; fourth in total membership and increase in preaching points; and fifth in increase of churches and membership and the maturing of preaching points into churches.

Baptists ranked second in total baptisms (a category not recorded by the Assemblies of God and Church of God), third in baptism increases and first in Sunday school enrollment (not recorded by four other groups).

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Lawmakers, president focus
attention on child care

By Kathy Palen

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Child care appears to be high on the agenda for the new Congress and the Bush administration, according to the attention it received in the last month.

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During the opening weeks of the 101st Congress, lawmakers introduced more than a dozen child-care-related bills. In addition, the House Education and Labor Committee held a hearing on the general issue of child care.

George Bush also reiterated his commitment to a federal child-care plan during his first address as president to a joint session of Congress.

The president's proposal, which would cost an estimated \$331 million for fiscal year 1990, would establish a refundable child tax credit for low-income families with children 4 years old and younger. It also would make the existing child-care tax credit refundable for families whose incomes are so low that they do not pay federal taxes.

Two child-care proposals from the 100th Congress have been re-introduced.

The Act for Better Child Care, known as the ABC bill, has undergone some changes.

The proposal would authorize the distribution of \$2.5 billion in fiscal 1990 -- and additional funds in the subsequent four fiscal years -- to states for child-care services. The states then would issue certificates to parents for the purchase of child-care services.

The Senate version of the bill -- sponsored by Sens. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., and Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah -- would allow certificates to be used for child-care services provided by center-based providers, group home providers, family providers or other providers that are licensed or regulated under state law and that satisfy federal, state and local requirements.

In addition, the Senate proposal would allow payment to relatives caring for grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

The Senate bill would target assistance to families with children under age 16 and whose incomes do not exceed 100 percent of the state median income. Priority would be given to children from low-income families.

The plan would require child-care providers -- excluding relatives -- to meet health and safety standards set by the state. Within four years, providers would be required to meet minimum federal standards to be established by a national advisory board.

The House version of the ABC bill -- sponsored by Reps. Dale E. Kildee, D-Mich., and Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine -- differs slightly from the Senate plan.

Both versions would allow child-care centers sponsored by religious institutions to qualify for federal funds if they avoid religious instruction, worship or other sectarian activities. Church-related programs also would not be allowed to discriminate on the basis of religion against children whose care is subsidized with federal funds.

The other bill, re-introduced by Rep. Clyde Holloway, R-La., would establish a refundable tax credit -- ranging from \$150 to \$400 depending upon annual income -- for dependents who are below the age of compulsory school attendance. The proposal -- known as the Holloway bill -- also would repeal the current child-care tax credit.

New child-care proposals range from direct-funding programs to tax-credit plans.

Receiving the most attention is a bill sponsored by Rep. Augustus F. Hawkins, D-Calif. Under the proposal, \$2.5 billion would be appropriated for fiscal 1990 to fund equally:

-- Expanded Head Start services, which would provide service to additional poverty-level children and extend part-day programs to full-day programs for children of working parents.

-- School-based child care and development, which would provide programs in public schools for 4-year-olds and before-school and after-school care for children from families in which parents work or are in educational or training programs.

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-- Infant and toddler child care, funding for which would be distributed through the states to community-based organizations; public and private non-profit organizations; resource and referral agencies; and individual family day-care providers.

Hawkins' Child Development and Education Act would target assistance to low-income families.

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Jesus' name focus of
WMU annual meeting

By Susan Todd

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(WMU)

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LAS VEGAS, Nev. (BP)--The name of Jesus will be the focal point of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting June 11-12. "In His Name" will be the theme.

Those attending will celebrate his name through music, hear how his name is being proclaimed around the world and be challenged to minister in his name by the examples of others.

The first session begins at 2:20 p.m. Sunday, June 11, in the Rotunda of the Las Vegas Convention Center. The final session begins at 7 p.m. Monday, June 12.

Giving examples of ways Southern Baptists are proclaiming Jesus' name will be: Jack Johnson, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention executive director; C.B. Hogue, Southern Baptist General Convention of California executive director; and Ernest Myers, Nevada Baptist Convention executive director.

Jack and Avah Shelby, employees of Cooperative Services International in Hong Kong, will describe ways the name of Jesus is being proclaimed in non-traditional ways in areas closed to traditional missionaries.

Highlighting the Sunday evening session will be a presentation of missions today, including the traditional and innovative methods used by Southern Baptists. Three missions leaders will speak: Larry Lewis, president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board; Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; and Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU.

Weatherford will bring the executive board report during the Monday morning session.

Daily program events will include features by home and foreign missionaries and special music. Speakers slated for the program include: Pamela Plath, director of health care services for the Central Baptist Association in Phoenix, Arizona; Sylvia Boothe, national consultant on alternatives to abortion for the HMB; Richard Harris, director of the HMB Mass Evangelism Department; Alberta Gilpin, Missouri WMU executive director; Robert Dilks, missionary to Japan; and Wana Ann Fort, emeritus missionary to Zimbabwe.

A video presentation of a recent China tour by The Centurymen will be shown on Sunday evening. The Centurymen is an all-male singing group sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

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Las Vegas Convention Center Rotunda, Las Vegas, Nevada

Theme: "In His Name"

Sunday Afternoon, June 11, 1989

Scripture -- Philippians 2:9-11

2:20 Celebrate His Name Through Music -- Jean P. Shepherd, organist, Waco, Texas, emeritus missionary, Japan; Ruth M. Wood, pianist, executive director, Arizona WMU, Phoenix

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2:30 "Glory Be to the Father"

Hollowed be His Name -- June Whitlow, associate executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.

The Word -- Stan Hill, video specialist, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham; Judy Bishop, Fort Worth, Texas; Jennie Stillman, EL Paso, Texas

Call to Order -- Marjorie J. McCullough, president, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Alexandria, La.

Praise His Name

Proclaim His Name

In the West -- Jack B. Johnson, executive director, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix; C.B. Hogue, executive director, California Southern Baptist Convention, Fresno; Ernest B. Myers, executive director, Nevada Baptist Convention, Reno

In Las Vegas -- David Meacham, director of missions, Southern Nevada Baptist Association, Las Vegas; Jay Durham, director, media department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Glory to His Name -- Seminary Vocal Ensemble, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., J. Phillip Landgrave, director

Partners in His Name -- Louisiana Woman's Missionary Union and Nevada Woman's Missionary Union; Beverly O'Reagan, president, Louisiana WMU, New Orleans; Nelda Seal, executive director, Louisiana WMU, Alexandria; Linda Johnston, president, Nevada WMU, Reno; Cindy Still, executive director, Nevada WMU, Reno

Witnessing in His Name -- Nancy Curtis, executive director, North Carolina WMU, Cary

Sunday Evening, June 11, 1989

Scripture -- Acts 4:12

6:50 Celebrate His Name Through Music -- Jean P. Shepherd, organist; Ruth M. Wood, pianist

7:00 "Glory Be to the Father"

Hollowed Be His Name -- Bobbie Sorrill, associate executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

The Word -- Stan Hill, Judy Bishop, Jennie Stillman

Praise His Name

Flag Processional and Recognition of Missionaries

Glory to His Name: Witnessing Through Music in China -- Beryl Red, director, The Centurymen, New York

Proclaim His Name in Uncharted Ways -- Jack and Avah Shelby, Cooperative Services International, Hong Kong

Praise His Name

Missions Today: Tradition, Innovation -- Larry L. Lewis, president, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; R. Keith Parks, president, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

Witnessing in His Name -- Nancy Curtis

Monday Morning, June 12, 1989

Scripture -- Matthew 25:40

9:20 Celebrate His Name Through Music -- Jean P. Shepherd, organist; Ruth M. Wood, pianist

9:30 "Glory Be to the Father"

Hollowed Be His Name -- Joyce Mitchell, director, interpretation section, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

The Word -- Stan Hill, Judy Bishop, Jennie Stillman

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Recognition of Local Committee

Business

Executive Board Report -- Carolyn Weatherford

In His Name in the Second Century -- Catherine Allen, associate executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

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Caring in His Name -- Pamela Plath, director, Health Care Services, Central Baptist Association, Phoenix; Sylvia Boothe, national consultant on alternatives to abortion, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Ministering in His Name -- Nancy Curtis

Monday Afternoon, June 12, 1989

Scripture -- John 3:18

1:50 Celebrate His Name Through Music -- Jean P. Shepherd, organist; Ruth M. Wood, pianist

2:00 "Glory Be To the Father"

Hollowed Be His Name -- Lynn Yarbrough, director, publications section, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

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The Word -- Stan Hill, Judy Bishop, Jennie Stillman

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Proclaim His Name in Appalachia -- Rita Mahon, Pennington Gap, Va.; Jimmie Winter, promotion associate in new areas, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

Our Land for Christ -- Richard Harris, director, mass evangelism department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Praise His Name

Ministering and Witnessing Through Mission Action -- Alberta Gilpin, executive director, Missouri WMU, Jefferson City

Proclaim His Name in Japan -- Robert Dilks, foreign missionary, Japan

Witnessing in His Name -- Nancy Curtis

Monday Evening, June 12, 1989

Scripture -- Isaiah 25:1

6:50 Celebrate His Name Through Music -- Jean P. Shepherd, organist; Ruth M. Wood, pianist

7:00 "Glory Be to the Father"

Hollowed be His Name -- Pat Richie, manager, training design group, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

The Word -- Stan Hill, Judy Bishop, Jennie Stillman

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Acteens Witness and Minister in His Name -- Deborah T. Aye, Valencia, Calif.; Lourdes Florida (Flory) Carrera, Columbia, S.C.; Pat Griffin, Fairfax, Va.; Michelle L.

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A Family Continues to Proclaim His Name -- Wana Ann Fort, emeritus missionary to Zimbabwe, Dallas

Praise His Name

Glory to His Name -- Seminary Vocal Ensemble, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

In His Name: Proclaim -- Teresa A. Gunter, Tallahassee, Fla.

Ministering in His Name -- Nancy Curtis