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**\$100,000 Drive Started
To Aid Storm Victims**

ALEXANDRIA, La.--(BP)--A campaign to raise \$100,000 for emergency relief for the victims of hurricane Audrey has been launched by a special committee of the executive board of Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The committee, headed by James Middleton, of Shreveport, designated July 7 as hurricane disaster emergency fund day and appealed to the 1,200 Baptist churches to make a special offering during the day.

To begin the emergency relief fund, First Baptist Church of Shreveport gave \$2,500. Meanwhile several thousand dollars has been given by Baptist churches in Lake Charles.

The first part of the two-fold plan is to minister to the needy in the Cameron Parish area, regardless of denominational affiliation. This will be done under the direction of a special commission set up in Lake Charles. Cameron bore the heaviest damage of the hurricane.

The second part of the program is to restore Baptist churches and parsonages and replace ministers' personal assets lost in the hurricane.

To promote the offering, a special issue of the state Baptist organ, the Baptist Message, was published. The paper, which has a circulation of 61,000, devoted its entire space to first-hand reports and pictures from the disaster area.

Serving with Middleton on the committee are W. L. Sewell, pastor of Bossier City First Baptist Church and George Ritchey, Pastor of Mansfield First Baptist Church and president of the Convention's executive board.

Gifts will be channeled to Executive Secretary Robert L. Lee's office in Alexandria.

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.....Floyd F. Roebuck, pastor of Selmont Baptist Church, Selma, Ala., has resigned to become assistant to the pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta. Roy McClain is pastor of the Atlanta church.

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.....John E. Huss, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C., has resigned effective July 7 to become pastor of Main St. Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

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.....James L. Adkins, pastor of Walnut St. Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky., has resigned to become pastor of North Atlanta Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. He assumes the new pastorate Aug. 1.

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.....Gertrude Mauk, principal of Greenup High School, Greenup County, Ky., has been named dean of women at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.