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*"Jesus himself drew near, and went
with them"* Luke 24:15

At the beginning of this new year we may have the assurance that Jesus himself draws near to each of us and goes with us into the unknown days of 1963—guiding, guarding, and encouraging.

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A *New Year*



75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union

January, 1963, begins an important year. It is the 75th year of Woman's Missionary Union. Throughout the year anniversary meetings will be held in state conventions, in associational meetings; and in Kansas City, Missouri, May 6-7, 1963, the anniversary meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will be held.

Local Woman's Missionary Unions will keep the 16 anniversary goals before their organizations and associational Woman's Missionary Unions will be seeking to attain the 6 associational goals. See pages 12-21 in the 1962-63 WMU Year Book for presentation of each of the goals.

On the local level the following committees will assume leadership for the goals which pertain to their phase of work.

Publications Committee

- 75 per cent of members receiving WMU magazines

Mission Study Committee

- 75 per cent of members reading a mission book
- Study of WMU history
- Study of World Awareness

Stewardship Committee

- 15 per cent increase in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 15 per cent increase in Annie

Armstrong Offering

- 15 per cent increase in tithers
- Special Cooperative Program presentation, "To All the World Through the Cooperative Program"

Enlistment Committee

- 15 per cent increase in members

Prayer Committee

- Five-day observance of Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
- Five-day observance of Week of Prayer for Home Missions

Community Missions Committee

- Organize or participate in the work of one mission

President and Executive Board

- Anniversary Prayer Retreat
- 75 per cent of leaders holding current leadership cards
- At least one Honor WMU organization
- Representation at association state or Convention-wide anniversary meeting (see *Royal Service*, cover page 3)

Recognition will be given for the attainment of 12 or more goals.

YWA, GA and Sunbeam Band directors will keep the goals before the youth organizations and lead them to participate in the goals which apply to their organizations

World Missions Year

1963 has been designated by the Southern Baptist Convention as World Missions Year. Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has been chairman of the committee planning for this significant year. He says, "There will be concentrated thought upon sharing the gospel of Christ with all the peoples of the world. . . . World Missions Year will focus attention upon what is being done and should be done in the name of Christ beyond the confines of the church and its local community. . . . The chief value of the year . . . will come in the deepening of conviction about the world mission task, conviction which will bear fruit and strengthen the cause of world missions for all the years to come."

See cover 2 for Commitment to World Missions. Encourage WMS members to make this commitment. "My Personal Commitment" cards are to be used by pastors in giving

emphasis to World Missions Year. Pastors may request quantities of these cards from state convention offices.

April 22-26, 1963, is World Missions Week and during this time churches in the Southern Baptist Convention will enter into a week of mission study. Books to be studied are—

Adult: *Christianity and World Religions*, Luther Copeland, 75c

Young People: *Missions Today*, Ross Coggins, 75c

Intermediate: *Missions and Me*, Ivyloy and Amelia Bishop, 35c

Junior: *Keep Telling the Story*, Roberta Ryan, 35c

Primary Unit: *God Loves Everybody*, Jester Summers, 35c

Beginner Unit: *Helping Others Learn About Jesus*, Marjorie Stith, 35c

Order these books from your nearest Baptist Book Store.

A *New Quarter*

Mission Study



January begins a new quarter (second in the WMU year). This quarter, January-February-March, we study the new home mission book, *The Chains Are Strong*, by W. C. Fields, 75c from your nearest Baptist Book Store. Teacher's Guide, 40c, may also be secured from Baptist Book Stores.

This book may be studied at circle meetings and substituted for circle programs this quarter or it

may be studied by the society with all circles meeting together.

The impressive reading, "Voices from Private Worlds," page 5, *Royal Service*, may be used at circle or general WMS meetings to announce this study of the church's ministry to persons of special need. The reading might even be used with selected Scripture passages and songs at prayer meeting or with a Sunday school or Training Union

assembly program to make the church aware of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions with the Annie Armstrong Offering.

See 1962-63 WMS Round Table Booklist and *World in Books* catalog for study helps and supplementary books. Other books in the 1963 Home Mission Graded Series which will be helpful for the teacher of *The Chains Are Strong* are—

For YWA: *The Vacant Hearted*, compiled by Kate Ellen Gruver, 75c

For Intermediate GA and RA: *Son of Israel*, A. Jase Jones, 50c

For Junior GA and RA: *Butch*

Discovers America, William N. McElrath, 50c

For Sunbeams: *The Happy House*, Doris Curtis Tubbs, 50c

The free Mission Study Supplement provided by the Home Mission Board will also aid teachers in their preparation of the book, *The Chains Are Strong*.

The Mission Study Supplement may be secured from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

Read and use the article, "Using Social Work Agencies," page 7, *Royal Service*.

Week of Prayer for Home Missions

March 4-8, 1963

The theme for the Week of Prayer is, "If My People . . . Pray" 2 Chronicles 7:14. The following daily topics will increase interest in this five-day observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

Monday—Witness unto All Nations. Matthew 24:14
(Covering all phases of language group missions)

Tuesday—Seek Those Gone Astray. Matthew 18:12
(Juvenile rehabilitation)

Wednesday—Go Everywhere Preaching. Acts 8:4
(New churches)

Thursday—Arise and Go into the City. Acts 9:6
(Mission centers in downtown areas)

Friday—Enter Open Doors. 1 Corinthians 16:9
(New opportunities—Hawaii, Puerto Rico, etc.)

Effective observance of the Week of Prayer will require advance planning. Confer with your pastor, the Sunday school superintendent, Training Union director, and the Brotherhood president in your church and plan how every member of the church may have a part in the Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Sunday school periodicals will carry suggestions for Home Missions Day in the Sunday school on March 10 and for distribution of offering envelopes through the Sunday school on the Sundays before.

Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions

The 75th Anniversary goal and the 1963 Jubilee goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions is \$3,310,000—an increase of 15 per cent over the amount given last year. Promote the offering as a church goal and invite all who will to participate. At each day's observance of the Week of Prayer plan an opportunity for an offering to be given. The pastor will decide whether or not there

shall be an ingathering during the Sunday worship services. People should be given an opportunity to give to the Annie Armstrong Offering on March 10 also (Home Missions Day in the Sunday school).

Sunday school and Training Union leadership will find Dr. Redford's article (page 1, *Royal Service*) helpful in introducing and promoting this Home Missions Day.

A New Month

Christian Witnessing

The January program topic for circle or second WMS meeting is the third Aim in WMS Aims for Advancement, Christian Witnessing. The purpose of the program is to show members how experiences in Christian witnessing help a woman develop into a mature Christian.

Following this program check up on your society's sustained program of soul-winning visitation. Is it reaching the lost in your community? Is it involving WMS members in efforts to win lost souls?

Check up on the participation of WMS members in planned community missions. What percentage of your members regularly have a part in community missions?

How long has it been since your WMS participated in a WMU community missions survey? Do you know the current physical and spiritual needs of your community?

Are these needs kept paramount in the planning of your community missions each month?

Our 1962-63 community missions emphases are:

Soul-winning visitation
Distribution of Bibles and Christian literature.

The purpose of next month's circle program will be to present these two emphases. Look forward to this important discussion in the February circle program.

Soul-winning Commitment Day

January 6 is recognized as Soul-winning Commitment Day. Lead WMS members to participate in the observance of this important day in your church. Commitment Cards may be secured from Bapt. Book Stores, price 75c for 100.

EXPANSION *for an Enlarged Ministry*

January's general missionary program topic is "Expansion for an Enlarged Ministry." This program on the underlying philosophy and principles determining and guiding our Home Mission Board work should stimulate WMS members to greater praying and giving during

the Week of Prayer for Home Missions in March. Work for high attendance at the January missionary program meeting by making special efforts to have all circle members present. Give special recognition to the circle having the largest attendance.

Representation at Association, State, or Convention-wide Anniversary Meeting

This month we feature this 16th anniversary goal. Keep before WMS members the dates for these anniversary meetings of the association, state, and the WMU annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, May 6-7, 1963.

Reproduce on a large poster board page 7 in the 1962-63 WMU Year Book and place the poster on a prominent bulletin board in your

church.

The article, p. 28, "Come on to Kansas City," is an inspiring one. Encourage every WMS member to read it and make plans now to attend the historic meeting of WMU during our 75th Anniversary.

Listed below are the dates and places of state WMU annual meetings during the Anniversary Year

Ala.	March 26-28, 1963	Montgomery
Alaska	August 12-13, 1963	Anchorage
Ariz.	Nov. 13-14, 1962	Tucson
Ark.	April 2-3, 1963	Little Rock
Calif.	Nov. 12-13, 1962	Sacramento
Colo.	Oct. 8-9, 1962	Denver
D. C.	Oct. 5, 1962	Washington
Fla.	April 23-25, 1963	Panama City
Ga.	March 11-13, 1963	Columbus
Hawaii	Nov. 5-6, 1962	Honolulu
Ill.	April 4-5, 1963	West Frankfort
Ind.	April 18-19, 1963	Whiting
Kan.	Nov. 12-13, 1962	Wichita
Ky.	April 2-4, 1963	Lexington
La.	April 3-4, 1963	Alexandria
Md.	March 26, 1963	Baltimore
Mich.	April 22-23, 1963	Taylor
Miss.	March 26-27, 1963	Jackson
Mo.	March 21-23, 1963	St. Louis
N. Mex.	Nov. 12-13, 1962	Roswell

N. C.	March 12-14, 1963	Charlotte
Ohio	March 28-29, 1963	Columbus
Okla.	Nov. 12-13, 1962	Shawnee
Ore.-Wn.	Oct. 22-23, 1962	Wenatchee, Wash.
S. C.	March 19-20, 1963	Spartanburg
Tenn.	April 11-13, 1963	Chattanooga
Tex.	Oct. 29-31, 1962	Fort Worth
Va.	March 19-21, 1963	Richmond

Your WMS should be represented by a large group of women at the associational anniversary meeting. Publicize this meeting and encourage every WMS member to attend. It will be a time of looking backward and forward, and a time of evaluating the present work of Woman's Missionary Union.

Those planning for this anniversary

meeting and others will want to use the Anniversary Program Covers, 25c doz. If there is to be an anniversary banquet the Anniversary Place Cards may be used. These are 35c a dozen. All may be ordered from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.

A New Day

More Than One WMS in a Church

At the close of World War II, there were 19½ million women in the labor force; 15 years later, in 1960, there were 23 million. This increasing number of women workers made it necessary for Woman's Missionary Union to study again WMS work. Business women are capable of taking greater responsibility in Woman's Missionary Society work than just that of a circle. If the Missionary Society is to be as significant as it should be for business women, they should enter into the full planning and participating in a Woman's Missionary Society. Then there were women who found it more convenient or who preferred going to a night meeting. What was the answer? It seemed to be a night Woman's Missionary Society.

In a recent survey it was discovered that those enlisted in WMS

were in the following age brackets. (Percentage of age groups enlisted in WMS as compared to Sunday school enrolment in these age groups)

Married young women, ages 16-25, in WMS, 31.7 per cent

Women, ages 26-30, in WMS, 38.8 per cent

Women, ages 31-40, in WMS, 45.8 per cent

Women, ages 41-above, in WMS, 48.9 per cent

These figures point up the tremendous enlistment potential there is among women in all ages, with the largest number unenlisted in the younger age bracket, 16-30. In the working world, the largest percentage of working women are also in these ages. In some churches the young adult Woman's Missionary Society has been the means of enlisting many more young women.

The retired business woman and the senior adult have become a challenge to many Woman's Missionary Societies. In some churches these women need to be organized into a WMS that will more nearly meet their needs.

See pages 40-41 in the 1962-63 WMU Year Book and pages 5-13, WMS Manual for a discussion of more than one WMS in a church.

Discuss with your WMU executive board the need for more than one WMS in your church.

Recently one WMU president wrote, "We have started the B Plan and we are very much encouraged, having more women enlisted in leadership than we had enrolled last year."

Sunbeam **Nursery**

The Sunbeam Nursery provides suitable learning experiences for children, birth through three, while mothers attend the Woman's Missionary Society meetings. By organizing a Sunbeam Nursery young mothers are often enlisted in the Missionary Society. The Sunbeam Nursery may meet during the gen-

eral missionary program meeting, circle meetings, or any other meeting of the society. Only those children brought to the nursery by the mothers are enrolled.

The Sunbeam Nursery explains how to organize a Sunbeam Nursery. **Order from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala., price 95c.**

WMU Enlistment Week

The purpose of Enlistment Week is threefold: enlistment, enlargement and improvement. This intensive, concerted endeavor helps reach all prospects for Woman's Missionary Society, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, and Sunbeam Band. To enlist prospects there must be adequate organizations, competent leadership, and constant attention given to improving the organization program.

The Enlistment Week pamphlet has been sent to WMU presidents and pastors. Additional copies are available at 10c each from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.

WMU Magazines in the *Church Budget*

Royal Service, *The Window*, *Tell*, and *Sunbeam Activities* are essential magazines for leaders and all members of Woman's Missionary Union. The surest way of knowing that individual members have their own magazines is to have them included in the church budget just

as is literature for Sunday school and Training Union members.

Subscriptions for magazines are on a cash basis—each \$1.50 a year (Ala. customers add 3% sales tax).

See pages 54-55 in 1962-63 WMU Year Book for discussion of the plan.