

WOMEN'S MINISTRY/ WMU/SIS

1898

A Women's Missionary Society (WMS) was organized by Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, president of the WMU in the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. H. T. Chapin was its first president.

1920-1930

Reported ministries and activities from the 1920's and 1930's included: providing bed jackets to sick members; preparing and selling birthday calendars; visiting the sick; helping a needy family at Christmas; sponsoring a Thanksgiving Pounding (providing pounds of food items) for Miss Maggie Horne.

1929

Miss Pearle Johnson, PBC's missionary to China, sent notice that she would return to the U.S. in 1930 with a young man to be educated, and asked if the Sandy Creek Association would give \$200 to the cause. Missionary Society agreed to their "proportional part."

1930

Miss Pearle Johnson, missionary returned from China, gave "a most interesting talk" to the Women's Missionary Society.

1943

Tribute to Mrs. R. P. Johnson. She was an adult Sunday School teacher and president of the Missionary Society. She was married, first to Dr. Balentine of Jonesboro, then to Prof. R. P. Johnson of Pittsboro. One of her children, Miss Pearle Johnson, became a missionary to China.

1952

To raise money for the new education building, the PBC women prepared boxed meals of fried chicken, pimento cheese sandwiches, and homemade desserts to sell to Carolina football fans and rivals traveling through Pittsboro on their way to Chapel Hill on Saturdays. The women would stand on the corners (there was no courthouse traffic circle) and deliver through car windows the \$2 boxed meals.

1950's

Visiting the sick, taking sunshine baskets, collecting magazines, games etc., for TB Hospital at UNC. Over the years the group sent several girls to camp.

Ladies investigated how WMS could be of help to the "colored" churches. Gave \$100 to purchase materials for Son Shine Band of Negro Baptist Church in Pittsboro.

Gave canned goods and a case of canned milk to a needy family. Clothing collected and distributed to needy school children and families. This was done almost every Aug and Sept. There was frequent communication between WMS and Pearle Johnson including \$10.00 sent when Pearle Johnson was very ill at Rex Hospital.

Contributed gifts to various Margaret Fund students at colleges: Wingate and Mars Hill.

1959

WMU responded to a request from WMU Headquarters to send clothes to Hong Kong. Response was so overwhelming that WMU was unable to supply postage. The Griffin Bible Class provided postage for the clothes.

All Missionary Circles met together at church for a covered dish supper meeting for the 1959 Home Mission Study Course, "Ways of Witnessing." Harold Davis was the teacher.

1961

Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 6-10. The sanctuary was open March 10, 7a.m. – 7p.m. for silent prayer for our missionaries and home missions.

1962 & 1963

Sunbeams, GA's, and WMU were active groups.

1964

First Baptist Women's Day was held February 23. Mrs. William Griffin brought the message. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering was \$673.75, the largest remembered by any of the members.

December: Mrs. Luther Copeland, a missionary in Japan and India, spoke for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

1965

WMU Week of Prayer, March 8-14, prayer services held in sanctuary Mon- Wed, 7p.m.

The Annie Armstrong offering was \$215.25. The goal had been \$170.

Dec. 5 - Baptist Women's Day – women in charge of the service

Circle names: Fannie Moore Circle, Annie Chapin Circle, Alice Nooe Circle

Sunbeams ages 4- 8 and Jr. GA's age 9 up

1971

Week of Prayer for Home Missions March 8- 12 with emphasis on sharing.

1974

New Baptist Young Women group organized, ages 20-30, led by Marilyn Tyndall

Baptist Women held monthly covered dish luncheons.

WMU sponsored Mission Dinner Theater

1979

WMU, under direction of Mrs. Dorothy Miller had 78 members.

1984

WMU had 99 enrolled members.

1985

WMU – Judy Beaver, Director -nine members attended a Leadership Workshop.
Committee appointed for the celebration of the WMU Centennial in January, 1986
Betty Sue Griffin: Acteens – adopted a grandmother, Linda Craft; sponsored Angel Tree
Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal -\$3000, received- \$3659.20
Impressive installation service was held in the fall.
Nine attended a foreign mission study at Love's Creek

1986

January 1986: The WMU of N. C. celebrated its 100th birthday. On January 12, 1986 everyone was invited to a real birthday party in our church. It began with a fashion show that included 100 years of women's fashions, modeled by women of our WMU. A cake with 100 candles was the highlight of refreshment time following the fashion show. Seventeen from PBC attended the general meeting and 12 attended the home mission study.

1987

WMU – Kathy Meetz, Director: 88 enrolled in WMU
May 7-Annual Acteen – GA Mother- Daughter Banquet
Acteens held coronation in November ,sponsored Angel Tree
Lottie Moon Christmas offering, \$5200, exceeding \$5000 goal

1988

WMU – Kathy Meetze- All age groups meeting weekly rather than bi-weekly to have more times for programs
Jane Nooe presented a study of WMU history
New Baptist Young Women group began meeting in January
February 14- WMU Focus week, women in charge of the morning service
Jane Nooe recognized at Baptist Women Happening associational meeting at Mt. Olive Baptist Church for outstanding work with Baptist Women at PBC
Sandy Creek Associational WMU meeting held April 19th at PBC, 245 attended
WMU collected toothbrushes and toothpaste for women's prison
Dec--WMU and Brotherhood collected 10 boxes of food for the needy. Sunday school classes also collected food, toys and games.
Acteens put up an Angel Tree.

1989

Feb.--GA/ Acteen Recognition Service. The theme was "Reach, Teach, Touch."
The G.A.'s, Mission Friends and three groups of Baptist Women were active in mission studies and outreach at Keller's Rest Home, sending cards to missionary kids, and ministering to a family where the parents had cancer.
October -joint meeting Brotherhood/ breakfast held with WMU, 34 attended
November -Foreign Mission Study
The WMU emphasis for 1989 – 1990 "In the Name of Jesus"
Four ladies formed a Mission Action Afternoon Group.

Brotherhood and WMU provided food for ten families at Christmas
Acteens sponsored the Angel Tree.

1990

WMU – Kathy Meetze

New mission group, Mission Action Group, 6 members meeting 2nd Tuesday afternoon at 2p.m
Year of the Acteen- Acteen/GA Coronation Service Feb. 18, successful

Six women went to NC Correctional Institute for Women in Raleigh and had good experience
doing mission work there, Brenda Cooper coordinated project (*Note: beginning of ministry that
lasted several years.*)

2 GAs went to Camp Mundo Vista, 2 Acteens went for a week, 6 girls and moms went for an
overnight (June)

6 Baptist women attended the annual State WMU meeting at Ridgecrest in March

GA/Acteen Mother- Daughter Luncheon held April 28

GA's and Acteens had a lock-in foreign ministry study.

Dec.- Acteens sponsored the Angel Tree.

1991

Mission VBS held for residents of Walnut Grove Apartments in their recreation room. Avg.
attendance 10 each day. Eleven of our GA's went to sing. Activities included Bible study, prayer,
games, crafts, music, refreshments.

May 12 -Acteen/GA Coronation Service

A GA Mother-Daughter Sleepover sponsored by the Sandy Creek Association was held at our
church.

A new Baptist Women group was started

The ladies collected body lotion for the Women's Prison

Acteens sponsored the Angel Tree

A special turning of the white Christmas Tree into green (with money) for Lottie Moon Offering.

1992

March 6, 1992 -World Day of Prayer

WMU collected toiletries for local migrant workers.

Summer: 7 GA's and 2 Acteens went to Mundo Vista in July

GA – Acteen Recognition in November

WMU collected boxes of powder for the women's prison

Baptist Young Women collected toboggans, scarves, and mittens for a Charlie Brown Tree.

1993

Jan. 17 – Mrs. Connie Clark spoke at the meeting showing slides of a Russian mission trip.

The GA's went to see the "Star of Bethlehem" at the Morehead Planetarium.

March – 14 ladies went to the WMU conference at Ridgecrest

Acteens started a "Mile of Pennies" campaign for Baptist Children's homes of NC

Summer- 8 GA's and Acteens went to Mundo Vista

GA's and RAs collected and sent 21 pairs of glasses to a Texas missionary

GA's gave a housewarming for Dennis and Mildred Hand, whose home had burned.
WMU collected roll-on deodorant for the Women's Prison.
New Baptist Women's group formed, "Partners in Missions," Sharon Lloyd was leader
Ladies sponsored a yard sale to finance new curtains for the Fellowship Hall
Missionary nurse Debra Noris spoke to Baptist Women
November – GA /Acteens recognition service
Acteens sponsored Angel Tree for 30 children and helped a family at Christmas

1994

UNC student Tonya Jap spoke to WMU about how the Lottie Moon offering played a part in her becoming a Christian.

Feb 13-19 – WMU week and Home Missions study
WMU requested 55 Bibles to be given to the UNC Burn Center
Summer: 9 GA's and 6 Acteens went to Camp Mundo Vista
November- GA /Acteen recognition service
Ladies of all ages went caroling to a nursing home
WMU and Baptist Men distributed Christmas boxes to 40 families

1996/1997

A new WMU group formed to discuss missions and to have a time of prayer. In 1997, the group named themselves the Jane Nooe Mission Group "in honor of the one in our church who is the 'keeper of the mission flame.'"

1999

Lunch Break Missions Group, a new group formed under direction of Jane Nooe, met the third Monday of each month at 12:30p.m. at S&T's, for missions, outreach, Bible study.
Brotherhood and WMU began a new program together collecting canned food each Sunday or Wednesday for the Salvation Army.
Jane Nooe Mission Group sponsored the first *Lighting the World* event, December 11, lining the streets of Pittsboro with luminaries. Donations of \$2 each for a name on the bag went to PBC mission projects.
Caswell Women's Retreat: *A Woman God Can Lead*, March 12-14

2000

PBC WMU –church hosted the WMU Associational meeting
Acteens reactivated
Jane Nooe Mission Group sponsored the second *Lighting the World* in December lining the streets of Pittsboro with 1000 luminaries. \$1500 was raised for mission projects.

2001

Projects – World Craft Fair, Recipe book
Jane Nooe Group sponsored the third *Lighting the World* in December lining the streets of Pittsboro with 1000 luminaries.
Favorite Recipes, a cookbook compiled by the Lunch Break Missions Group, was published as

a missions fundraiser. It was dedicated to Jane and Fred Nooe for their leadership in encouraging mission activities at PBC.

2002

Trip to Caswell for Women – April 19-21

Chicken supper April 13 in support of Spanish Mission

Jane Nooe Group sponsored the fourth and final *Lighting the World* in December lining the streets of Pittsboro with luminaries.

2004

Jane Nooe Group sponsored Spring Retreat to Caswell, April 2-4; retreat speaker/leader Jan Kempe – Caswell trip for ladies - \$88

2005

World Craft Party sponsored by the Jane Nooe Mission Group.

Two active mission groups – Jane Nooe Group and Lunch Break Mission Group

WMU Day, March 13, was special,

Annie Armstrong offering exceeded goals of \$1500, received: \$1881

Women's Retreat April 15-17;

10 women attended Beth Moore conference, July 29-30

Jane Nooe Mission Group-Angel Tree sponsor

Women's Retreat Oct 29 held at Hope Clark's house, Sims Poindexter presenter

2006

Jane Nooe Group started a food pantry with donations from church members. Food stored in fellowship hall, distributed by administrative assistant who often would get requests from visitors seeking assistance. Pantry existed for several years

Ladies' Caswell retreat -March 3-5

WMU associational rally hosted by PBC April 18

Lunch Break Mission cookbook prices reduced to encourage purchases for Christmas

WMU monies given to Krystal Pister for July mission trip

2007

The Lunch Break Missions Group published the cookbook *Pleasures from the Good Earth* to raise funds for mission activities.

2008

The Jane Nooe Mission Group sponsored an Angel Tree at Christmas for the children of Freedom House clients.

2010

The Women's Ministry changed its name to Sisters-in-Service (SIS) with a focus on fellowship.

Pastor's wife, Amy Harmon was the Director of Women's Ministries. All women of the church were invited to attend the meetings which were held every other month.

2013

Sisters-in-Service (SIS) Amy Harmon: SIS meetings are regularly scheduled for the first Friday in even months.

Twenty-one attended a Coastal Women's Retreat at Caswell in February where they had a great time, good Bible study and fellowship

Fall retreat overnight locally.

The Lunch Break Mission Group collected gift cards, non-perishable food and supplies for the Baptist Children's Home "Food Roundup."

Sisters-in-Service collected Pillow Pets for the UNC Children's Hospital, chemo care bags for the UNC Oncology Department and packed baby boxes for Central Carolina Hospital.

2014

Twenty-eight women attended and enjoyed the Women's Retreat at Caswell, February 21-23.

SIS partnered with the Relay for Life Team, for fund-raising activities including a Pampered Chef party and raffle.

The women collected cereal for the Baptist Children's Homes

Fall--there was a successful mission fund-raiser luncheon held by the Lunch Break Missions Group.

Carolyn Johnson stated that the church cook books had all been sold.

2015

25 women from PBC and New Salem had a great time at the February retreat at Fort Caswell. The Lunch Break Missions Group collected pancake mix and syrup for the Baptist Children's Home

SIS sent care packages to four young adults who would not be home for the Christmas holidays.

Truth Be Told painting party, where attendees created a painting with scripture. Proceeds to the Women's Shelter.

2019

Fifteen women attended the retreat at Caswell, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

Group assisted with the Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser.

Lunch Break Mission Group collected Kleenex boxes for the Baptist Children's Homes.

Jenny Sears, new Director of Sisterhood - December 7th, an outreach Christmas Tea with over 60 women in attendance. Guest speaker, Ellen Stevens.