

## Who was Janie Chapman?

In 1902, Janie Weston Chapman was elected the first president of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to South Carolina Baptist Convention. She was the wife of a prominent upstate pastor, J.D. Chapman. In 1937, WMU's state missions offering was named "The Mrs. J.D. Chapman Offering for State Interests" to honor Mrs. Chapman's strong missions leadership. In 1985, the name was changed to the "Janie Chapman Offering."

Read more about Janie Chapman in the new SC WMU history written by Mary Foster, *We the Women, Telling His Story* available through the SC WMU office or visit the SC WMU website:[www.scwmu.org](http://www.scwmu.org).

The permanent logo of South Carolina Woman's Missionary Union's Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education and Empowering Kingdom Growth appropriately combines symbols of WMU and South Carolina.

The torch which gives the logo its defining focus was taken from the permanent insignia of Woman's Missionary Union where it symbolizes the taking of Christ, the light of the world, to the world. Placed within the outline of South Carolina, it symbolizes the task of all South Carolina Baptists to take that same light to South Carolina.

The double fish head, which provides a shield upon which the torch and the state are placed, also comes from the WMU insignia. Early Christians used this sign to assure fellow believers that they were followers of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior (the first letters of which in Greek form the word fish). Here it reminds us that, like those early Christians, we are to be imitators of Christ and take to our state God's message of salvation and hope.

