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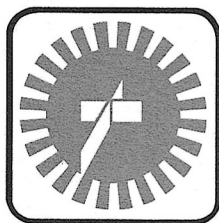
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**Shaw, Frances** (1938- ) was born in Galveston, Texas the daughter of Earl and Clara Frances Shaw. She graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and East Texas Baptist College. Shaw served as Director, Women's Missions and Ministries Department for the Florida Baptist State Convention, 1978-2003.





**Frances Ann Shaw**

Director, Women's Missions and Ministries Department  
Serving the Convention since 1978

**Primary Responsibility:** To plan, conduct, supervise and evaluate programs of Woman's Missionary Union and women's ministries in churches, associations and in the state, providing supervisory oversight to the Women's Missions and Ministries Department personnel.

**Office of Public Relations**

**Birth:** Galveston, Texas, November 28, 1938

**Education:** Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, M.R.E., 1969  
East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas, B.S., 1961

**Professional Publications**

**Training:** Mississippi Education Department, Jackson, Mississippi, Teacher Effectiveness Training Course, 1978

**Previous Experience:**

Associate, Woman's Missions and Ministries Department, 1978-1999  
Consultant and Baptist Young Women Director, Woman's Missionary Union Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Mississippi, 1969-1978  
Assistant Camp Director, Girls' Auxiliary camps, Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly, Talladega, Alabama, 1968  
Writer, Girls' Auxiliary material, Week of Prayer for State Missions, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, Texas, 1967  
Co-Writer, Adult material, State Missions Season of Prayer, Woman's Missionary Union Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Mississippi, 1975  
Editor, *Mississippi Notes*, a quarterly bulletin of Woman's Missionary Union Department for associational officers, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Mississippi, 1976-1978

**Church**

**Membership:** Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

FOR

FRANCES A. SHAW

WHEREAS, Frances A. Shaw has served the Florida Baptist Convention since May, 1978, and will retire as director, Women's Missions and Ministries Department, on December 31, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Frances Shaw accepted Christ as her personal Savior at the age of seven and was baptized in the Broadway Baptist Church, Galveston, Texas; and accepted the call of God to Christian ministry in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Frances Shaw graduated from East Texas Baptist College with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1961; and earned a Master of Religious Education degree in 1969 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; and

WHEREAS, during her career in the missions education ministry, Frances Shaw served in a variety of capacities for the Woman's Missionary Unions of several state Baptist conventions including, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and the Missouri Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, Frances Shaw has not only written about missions education and led numerous state and national training events for Woman's Missionary Union leadership, but Frances Shaw has participated in hands-on missions activities throughout her ministry career; and

WHEREAS, during her twenty five years service with the Florida Baptist Convention, including the past five years as director of the Women's Missions and Ministries department, Frances Shaw has diligently sought to strengthen the role of Florida Baptist women in their commitment to and involvement in missions education, missions support and women's ministries in the local church; and

WHEREAS, Frances Shaw, through her own words and deeds of praying, giving and going, has exemplified a lifelong passion for mission outreach that is committed to making Jesus Christ known to all peoples throughout Florida and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Frances Shaw's service to Florida Baptists has been characterized by her favorite scripture from Philippians 2:1-2, which says, "If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being like-minded. . ."; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida Baptist State Convention meeting in annual session, November 10-11, 2003, in Tampa, Florida, express gratitude to God for the faithful and committed service of Frances A. Shaw, given to our Lord and to Florida Baptists; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we pledge to Frances A. Shaw our prayers, concern and support and that a copy of this resolution be presented to her as an expression of appreciation and promise of continued interest in her service for our Lord.

# East Texas Univ. grants Shaw alumni award

**F**rances Shaw, director of the Woman's Missions and Ministries Department for the Florida Baptist Convention, was one of two of the school's graduates to receive the annual Alumni Achievement Award for 2002 from East Texas State University in Marshall.

"Frances Shaw has accomplished many outstanding achievements in her profession and life, which have brought distinction and special recognition to East Texas Baptist University," said Paul Tapp, director of alumni relations for the university.

"Her years of faithful service and contributions to Southern Baptist life have earned her respect and affection across five states and several foreign countries."

Shaw, a 1961 graduate of the university, has served on the convention staff since 1978. She served as associate director of the Women's Mission and Ministries Department (formerly

the Woman's Missionary Union Department) from 1978 until her promotion as department director in 1999.

Prior to that she served as a consultant and Baptist Young Women Director, WMU, in Jackson, Miss., from 1969 to 1978; and assistant camp director, Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly in Talladega, Ala., in 1968.

Shaw has served the denomination by participating in Woman's Missionary Union, an auxiliary of SBC, as a Baptist Nursing Fellowship consultant, a writer for the periodicals and presently as the first chairman of Christian Women's Job Corps Advisory Council. For many years, she taught mission classes at The Baptist College of Florida, Graceville

She also has participated in overseas ministry projects in Korea, Japan, Tanzania, Mozambique and Malawi.

Shaw, native of Galveston, Texas, received a Bachelor of Science from



**ALUMNI AWARD**—Frances Shaw, director of the Women's Missions and Ministries Department for the Florida Baptist Convention, recently was honored with the Alumni achievement award from Eastern Texas State University. ETSU Photo

ETBC and the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in 1969.

The award was presented at Homecoming 2002 during the Alumni & Friends Luncheon Oct. 19 on the ETBU campus. (FBC)

## Burton, Kathy

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**From:** Denman, Barbara  
**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 1999 11:16 AM  
**To:** All-Approval Required  
**Subject:** Action taken by the State Board of Missions on Jan. 29

Frances Shaw, a 20-year employee of the Florida Baptist Convention, was elected as the director of the Women's Missions and Ministries Department during the Jan. 29 State Board of Missions meeting.

Since 1978, Shaw has served as an associate in the department. Since August of last year, she served as interim department director after Barbara Curnutt resigned to take a similar position with the Georgia Baptist Convention.

In 1996, the Florida Baptist Convention became a pioneer in work among women by blending the Florida Woman's Missionary Union and the women's ministries assignment into one cohesive department. That direction will continue, according to John Sullivan, executive director-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Shaw, as the newly-elected department director will provide general oversight for the department and will lead the WMU side of the department's task.

A women's ministries specialist who can provide leadership to that emphasis among Florida Baptist churches will fill the position vacated by Shaw.

Prior to coming to Florida, Shaw, 60, served as a consultant and Baptist Women's director for the WMU of Mississippi Baptist Convention. During her tenure in Florida, she traveled to a variety of mission fields to undergird missionaries, including Japan, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Austria, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. She also participated in the Korean Major City Evangelistic Crusade.

In other action, the board created a new staff position, director of disaster relief/associational partnership coordination.



## Frances Shaw

Florida Woman's Missionary Union Associate 1978-1998

Florida Women's Missions and Ministries Director 1998-2003

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." —Philippians 3:6-7, 13 (NIV)

# Frances Ann Shaw

Frances was born in Galveston, Texas to Earl and Clara Frances Shaw. She graduated from LaMarque, Texas High School in 1957 and from East Texas Baptist University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1961.

As a student summer missionary, Frances served for the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board) in North and South Dakota Fellowship. She also served on WMU/GA camp staffs in Missouri and Alabama.

After graduating from East Texas Baptist University, she taught English and Speech for four years in Wilmer-Hutchins Texas School District. During this period she served as a volunteer worker with Texas WMU.

Frances returned to the classroom as a student and in 1969 graduated with a Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Immediately following, she accepted the position of Baptist Young Women Consultant, Baptist Convention of Mississippi and served there until 1978. During this time, she taught WMU Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers, and in numerous state WMUs. She served as a writer for WMU, SBC periodicals and materials for Mississippi WMU.

In 1978 the Florida WMU staff welcomed Frances as Baptist Women Consultant. In 1998 she became the director of the Women's Missions and Ministries Department, Florida Baptist Convention and will retire in December 2003. She has continued to serve as WMU Conference leader for National WMU and in Florida Partnership States as well as writing for Florida State Missions and National periodicals.

Serving on numerous committees for National WMU and Florida Baptist Convention, Frances has strongly contributed to the development of new areas of ministry including the organizational Task Force for Christian Women's Job Corps, a ministry of WMU, beginning in July 1994. Frances has continued serving on the National CWJC Advisory Council where she presently serves as the first chairman.

Frances serves as the Florida Baptist Nursing Fellowship Consultant. She developed the Florida WMU language ministries and materials. She taught mission education classes for 17 years at Baptist Bible Institute (now The Baptist College of Florida), Graceville, and through Florida partnerships she participated in mission ministry projects in Korea, Japan, Tanzania, Mozambique and Malawi.

During these 34 years Frances Shaw made outstanding contributions in missions education through Woman's Missionary Union and exhibited many leadership qualities in churches and associations.