

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRINTING BULLETINS

Note: Print half as many lasers as needed since each sheet of paper has 2 bulletins.  
Printing on a light tan or cream colored paper will provide a more historical look.

***If using a printer which prints 2-sided:***

Print page 2 on the front side and page 3 on the back side—landscape (horizontal) printing.

***If using a printer which prints 1-sided:***

Print page 2, then flip paper, place back in tray and print page 3—landscape (horizontal) printing.

After printing, cut printed bulletins in half. A swing-arm cutter works best.

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Twelve years after the Boston Society was founded, Baptists in 1812 formed their first national missions organization, the Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel in India and Other Foreign Parts. This new society came into being in order to support the work of Adoniram and Ann Judson and Luther Rice, who had traveled to India to serve as Congregational missionaries but had accepted Baptist teachings, been immersed, and now sought backing from the Baptists. The Judsons soon moved to Burma and began mission efforts there, and Rice returned to the United States, in order to stir up support from the Baptists.

In 1814, as a result of the leadership of Rice, the General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions was founded. Because this new organization held meetings only every three years, it became known as the Triennial Convention. From 1814 to the present, Baptists in America have been actively involved in official support of the mission movement.

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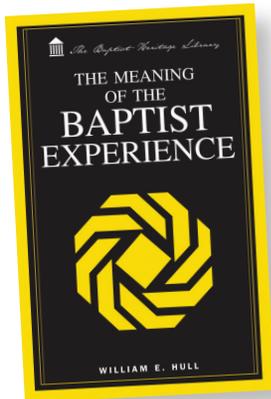
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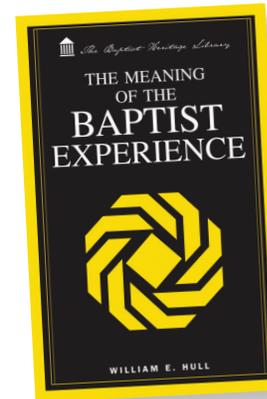


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