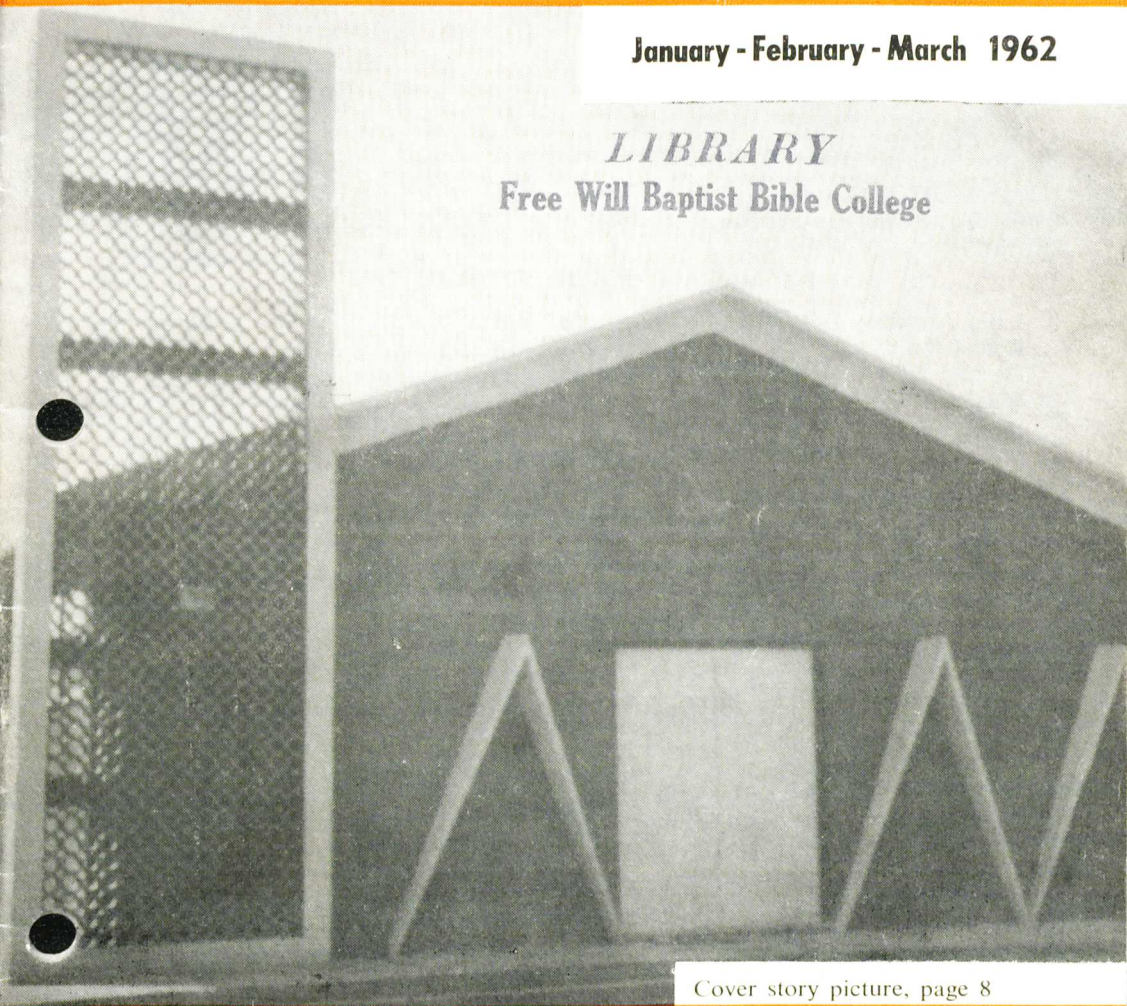


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Let's use

God's Secret Weapon! Well, really it is not a very well-kept secret, for the Master continuously urged His disciples to use it.

It is somewhat trite to say Christians are engaged in a death struggle. Evidences of battle are all about us. Christians who once were staunch allies are now "warming" at the fires of the enemy; some show unmistakable signs of "battle fatigue". But instead of our churches resembling battlefields, most resemble "first-aid" stations. Why? All because **God's Secret Weapon** lies unused.

The Christians are engaged in a life-and-death struggle, while our strongest, most potent weapon lies unclaimed.

The **secret weapon**? You know what it is without my telling you—Prayer.

Prayer—persistent, untiring, continuous prayer opens the reservoir of God's heaven and enables Christians to rout the enemy. Our weapons are "not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

"Hid (Christians) with Christ in God" the Christian can gain personal victory, win souls, defeat Satan, realize new, vital, life-giving, needed power in his own life and thus in the services of the church. Outside that place of security and authority the Christian is helplessly inadequate for Satan's onslaught.

Through the years the auxiliary has set aside nine a.m. as their prayer hour. Do you observe it? If you do not, why don't you? Analyze your situation. Ask yourself these questions. The answers will astound you, I'm sure. You will discover such simple little things as a neighbor's visit, a child's demands, the ringing of the telephone, etc., has, **and is** stealing from you this precious time of fellowship with God. Even though we are separated by thousands of miles, this daily prayer time has proven so valuable that we dare

not slacken. Rather, it must gain in momentum and devotees.

Our missionaries are counting on us to help them overcome the enemy, our churches can reasonably expect spiritual **help** from our auxiliaries; and the most important reason is that our Lord is expecting to meet us at the place of prayer.

The battle in which we are engaged is a spiritual one. Programs, organizations, methods mean nothing without the Divine power of God to enervate them. Christians are utterly useless and lifeless apart from the power of the living Christ.

Satan attends our services more regularly than most of our members. Instead of him going away the defeated one, I fear it is too often, the Christian.

You know it is high time we awoke from sleep and get out our **secret weapon** and then **use it**. Please, dear co-laborer, don't fail us nor our wonderful Lord.

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Denominational Calendar

1962

JANUARY

Woman's Auxiliary enlistment month
Master's Men enlistment month
National Youth Week (Jan. 28-Feb. 4)

National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn. (July 10-12)

AUGUST

Christian Camp month

FEBRUARY

World Day of Prayer (Feb. 11)

SEPTEMBER

Christian Education month
Stewardship Emphasis month
National Sunday School Week (Sept. 30-Oct. 7)
Memorial Student Loan Fund month for Woman's Auxiliary

MARCH

Revival Crusade month

APRIL

Foreign Missions month
Bible Conference, Free Will Baptist Bible College, (April 2-5)
National Library Week (April 8-14)
Pre-Easter Week of Prayer (April 16-20)
Foreign Missions Sunday (April 22)

OCTOBER

Sunday School month
Missionary Conference, Free Will Baptist Bible College, (Oct. 1-2)
Reformation Sunday (Oct. 28)

MAY

Christian Home month
National Family Week (May 6-13)
Chaplains and Servicemen Sunday (May 27)

NOVEMBER

Home Missions month
Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer (Nov. 12-16)
Home Missions Sunday (Nov. 18)

JUNE

League month
Vacation Bible Schools
Superannuation Sunday (June 17)

DECEMBER

Universal Bible Sunday (Dec. 9)
Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer (Dec. 17-21)

JULY

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, Nashville, Tenn. (July 9-10)

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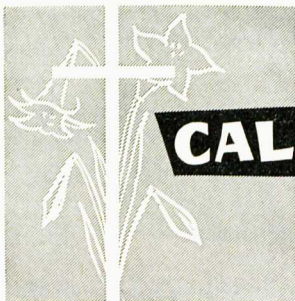
Mrs. John Warren, Corning, Arkansas, wrote the YPA Program Book for 1962. We were delightfully surprised to receive also a Sponsor's Supplement to be used in correlation with the Program Book. Mrs. Warren has done an excellent work and the Supplement is "chock full" of good ideas. She brings to this work not only her own ingenuity, but also her experience of actually having served as a YPA Sponsor for the past two years.

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CALL TO PRAYER

for Missions

by Mrs. J. D. O'Donnell, 411 Bowling Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee

Recently I read several missionary autobiographies. One of the main features I noted was God's continued, direct answer to prayer. There is not space to share all of these related experiences of prayer with you, but there is one emphasis that I would like to share. In two of the books the authors emphasized the fact that when mail was received and people related the fact that they were praying definitely for the work, these were the times when they experienced the most souls saved, when revival fires burned, and when Christians were drawn closer to the Lord. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Will you join with me in prayer this quarter that God will bless on each of the designated fields of labor and that revival fires will begin to spread?

AFRICA:

Africa is presently a land of turmoil, strife, and civil war. The last decade of this century has seen a revolution in African political affairs. Africa has ceased to be a mystery and has become a challenge. Despite the increased interest of missionaries, explorers, and traders in Africa, the needs of this great continent are staggering to consider. Most areas are still primitive and undeveloped. Yet, we cannot think of Africa as a "land of jungles." Many cities can boast tall buildings, modern roads, and modern conveniences such as we have in the cities of the United States. There is a spiritual challenge in Africa for our denomination. Our efforts to extend the Master's kingdom in this continent are increasing. Doctor Laverne Miley and family will soon be going to Africa to begin work as our first medical missionaries. They will arrive on the field shortly after the first part of the year. Their work will be located at Doropo which is one of the villages located in the northern part of the Bondoukou Circle. Dan Merkh is building the first medical unit at Doropo. A special need for prayer concerns the need for building supplies such as cement blocks, windows, and other materials. In addition to the medical unit at Doropo, Mr. Merkh has built two other stations, one at Koun and one at Goumère. Continued prayer is needed for the translation work in Africa by Lonnie Sparks and Bill Jones. Lonnie has translated the Gospel of Mark into Kulango, and Bill has translated the gospel of Mark into Agni. The problem now is perfecting the translations and getting them into the hands of the people who are to read them. Pray that they will soon have the perfected, written translations into the hands of the unsaved in Africa. Constantly pray for the needs of all of our missionaries in Africa. Write them a personal letter at the following addresses.

Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks, Mission Protestante Evangelique, B. P. 54, Goumère Par Bondoukou, Ivory Coast, Africa.

Birthdates—Mr. Sparks, December 14, Mrs. Sparks, March 19, Paul Michael, February 4.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh, Mission Protestante Evangelique, B. P. 54, Goumère Par Bondoukou, Ivory Coast, Africa.

Birthdates—Mr. Merkh, April 11, Mrs. Merkh, January 29, Elizabeth, November 26, Daniel, Jr., January 14, Timothy, November 5.

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones, Mission Protestante, B. P. 24, Angnibilekro, Ivory Coast, West Africa.

Birthdates—Mr. Jones, February 3, Mrs. Jones, November 23.

Mrs. Josephine Stevens, South Africa General Mission, Mseleni Mission Station, P. O. Mkuzi Zululand, South Africa.

Birthdate—Mrs. Stevens, December 15.

Dr. and Mrs. Laverne D. Miley, 9 Route de Versailles, Anthony (Seine) France.

Birthdates—Dr. Miley, September 9, Mrs. Miley, November 26, Lynne, November 28, Lynette, July 27, Larry, November 28.

BRAZIL:

God is working in the country of Brazil through our Free Will Baptist missionaries. Although there has been some political strife in the country of Brazil, the Lord is still blessing and saving souls. Our missionaries are opening areas other than Campinas. The first work that has been established outside of Campinas is in the city of Jaboticabal. Sammy and June Wilkinson have moved to the city of Jaboticabal, which has a population of 27,000. In the services here, as many as 50 people have attended, and great interest has been shown. The Wilkinsons are making exploratory trips to other areas to investigate the possibility of opening other fields. Pray that the Lord will lead them in a very definite way. Miss Esther M. Ruehle has returned to the States. Pray for her that she will be able to make the many adjustments that will be necessary for taking up life here in the States again. All of the missionaries in Brazil would love to have a letter or some form of personal remembrance from you. You can write them at the following addresses:

Rev. Dave Franks, Caixa Postal 630, Campinas, Estado de Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America.

Birthdate: Mr. Franks, October 5.

Rev. and Mrs. Ken Eagleton, Caixa Postal 273, Campinas, Estado de Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America.

Birthdates—Mr. Eagleton, July 1, Mrs. Eagleton, April 27, Kenny, May 26, Terry Wayne, September 3, Andrew James, April 14.

Miss Eula Mae Martin, Caixa Postal 273, Campinas, Estado de Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America.

Birthdate—Miss Martin, April 22.

Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson, C. P. 217, Jacoticabal, Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America.

Birthdates—Mr. Wilkinson, May 13, Mrs. Wilkinson, June 29, Kevin, May 11, Kimberley, August 26.

Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock, Caixa Postal 273, Campinas, Estado de Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America.

Birthdates—Mr. Aycock, April 1, Mrs. Aycock, September 3, Debra, Rebecca.

SOUTH INDIA

Miss Volena Wilson is laboring in the land of India. She is stationed at Nilgiris, South India. Volena has labored for many years under the Free Will Baptist banner for her Savior. She heads the work in South India. Miss Wilson reports that they have completed a very fruitful year of work there. The year was marked by an unusual ministry among young people and a very fruitful conference. This con-

ference ministry can be likened to our Bible Conference. The conference drew a large crowd in September and they experienced about 50 decisions for Christ. Since this is the oldest field of foreign missions for Free Will Baptists, we truly praise God for this wonderful report. Miss Wilson would enjoy hearing from her friends in the states. Write her at this address and let her know that you are praying for her regularly.

Miss Volena Wilson, "Westfield", Kotagiri, South India.
Birthdate—March 11.

STUDENTS IN LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Switzerland:

Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer are preparing for service in the Ivory Coast of Africa. The Palmers should arrive in Africa around the first of the year.

Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, 24 Rue Du Bugnon, Lausanne, Switzerland.
Birthdates—Mr. Palmer, March 9, Mrs. Palmer, January 4, Kathy, May 24, Marion, March 17.

Costa Rica:

Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman are studying the Spanish language in Costa Rica.

Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman, Apartado 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Birthdates—Mr. Moehlman, February 10, Mrs. Moehlman, December 15, Regina, February 7, John Stephen, April 5, Nathan, June 11.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr. are taking a refresher course in the Spanish language. The Moehlmans and Willeys are planning to make an exploratory survey of Central America with the view to opening a new field for Free Will Baptists. This is a matter of real prayer concern.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Jr., Apartado 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Birthdates—Mr. Willey, July 13, Mrs. Willey, December 19, Alicia Ruth, December 17.

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher, Apartado 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Birthdates—Mr. Fulcher, May 6, Mrs. Fulcher, November 4, Billy, December 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson are studying the language in anticipation of opening a new work in Uruguay.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson, Apartado 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Birthdates—Mr. Robinson, June 20, Mrs. Robinson, May 13, Kenny, February 13.

Pray that God will direct the minds of each of the students in language school as to location, etc.

ALASKA:

Free Will Baptists entered this state in 1958 through the ministry of **Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley**. Mr. Whaley is now pastor of the growing Anchorage church. More recently, **Rev. and Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin** have gone to Fairbanks, Alaska as national home missionaries. The **Whaleys** write, "We had a most wonderful revival and the Lord really strengthened all of us. There were only two decisions, a young couple, but several rededications; the church as a whole was helped. We are still realizing revival fires, and the Lord gave us four souls Sunday night and several rededications. I believe the church is in the best soul-winning condition that it has ever been. We are so grateful for God's blessing on it. A Free Will Baptist couple has joined the Godwins and they seem very encouraged in their field. They had a slow start, but now things seem to be going forward wonderfully." Write the **Whaleys** and **Godwins** at the following addresses:

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley, P. O. Box 277, Anchorage, Alaska.

Birthdates—Mr. Whaley, November 7, Mrs. Whaley, January 8, Vernon, October 6, Rodney, February 26.

Rev. and Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin, Box 855, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Birthdates—Mr. Godwin, May 12, Mrs. Goodwin, April 26.

NORTHWEST U.S.A.:

This area was opened to Free Will Baptists in 1955 by the National Home Missions Board. The first missionary couple was Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite, who are now directors of the work in the state of Washington. The work in Oregon and Washington is a result of these efforts. The three churches in Washington state are: East Wenatchee, Yakima, and Rockport. There are other churches in Oregon and Idaho. Remember this missionary couple in prayer daily. Write them at the following address:

Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite, 100 North Street, Cashmere, Washington.

Birthdates—Mr. Postlewaite, April 5, Mrs. Postlewaite, October 25, Joseph, December 22, Susan, September 14, Samuel, January 14, Leah Ruth, September 29.

NEW ENGLAND:

In this area which in 1780 gave birth to the Free Will Baptist movement we now have a revived work as the result of home mission work by Rev. and Mrs. Mack C. Owens and Rev. and Mrs. Mark Vandivort. Mr. Owens is director of Canada-New England missions, while Mr. Vandivort is pastor at Twin Mountain, New Hampshire. The work is advancing in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont and promises much in the Maritime Provinces of Canada. Write a word of encouragement to our home missionaries in New England.

Rev. and Mrs. Mack C. Owens, 225 Main Street, Littleton, New Hampshire.

Birthdates—Mr. Owens, November 7, Mrs. Owens, February 16, Rebecca, August 7, Andrea Marie, September 1.

Rev. and Mrs. Mark Vandivort, 11 Snow Street, Whitefield, New Hampshire.

Birthdates—Mr. Vandivort, July 23, Mrs. Vandivort, October 23.

OTHER WORK IN THE U.S.A. MAINLAND:

Work in Colorado was opened by the National Home Missions Board in 1960. The missionaries are Rev. and Mrs. Roy Thomas. The church in Denver was organized September 21, 1961 after a successful revival.

Work in the state of Iowa was opened by the National Home Missions Board in 1961, and the first church has been organized at Davenport. The missionary pastor is Rev. Dale Skiles.

Work in Washington, D. C. is under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker.

Miss Bessie Yeley and Rev. and Mrs. Melitino Martinez are working with Latin Americans in Miami.

Miss Mollie Barker is on leave of absence to further her education before returning to work with Latin Americans as a nurse.

Write to our home missionaries at the following addresses:

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, 2603 S. Green Court, Denver 19, Colorado.

Birthdates—Mr. Thomas, September 14, Mrs. Thomas, October 1, Patsy Lee, December 27, Mark Randall, January 4.

Rev. and Mrs. Dale Skiles, 2238½ State Street, Bettendorf, Iowa.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker, 515 North Nelson Street, Arlington, Virginia
Birthdates—Mr. Walker, September 18, Mrs. Walker, June 14.

Miss Bessie Yeley, 267 N.W. 3rd Street, Miami, Florida.
Birthdate—November 26.

Rev. and Mrs. Melitino Martinez, 447 S.W. 6th Street, Miami, Florida.
Birthdates—Mr. Martinez, September 15, Mrs. Martinez, September 27, Joel, May 25.

Miss Mollie Barker, School of Nursing, Nashville General Hospital, Nashville 10, Tennessee.

Birthdate—December 19.

Cover Picture:

STATION IN MONTERREY, N. L. MEXICO

The front cover picture is of the station in Monterrey, N. L. Mexico. This station was made possible by the gifts of the women in the WNAC. Brother Homer Willis (Director of National Home Missions) visited the station for its dedication and the organization of the first convention in Mexico. Mr. Willis said, "The building is even nicer and larger than I had thought would be possible considering the amount of money they had to use."

Following are excerpts from the Billows' letter describing the days activities:

"We want to share with you the great jubilee we had as we dedicated the WNAC building in Monterrey, N. L. and organized the first Convention of our work in Old Mexico. All four churches were present with their delegates. Officers were elected from the delegates present and in the coming year, the Lord willing, we plan to have the next Yearly Meeting at the First Church of Monterrey. This day and its services we shall never forget. The Spirit of the Lord was prevalent in each service and great fellowship was enjoyed among our people. Some had never met one another before.

"Friday, the 8th the Woman's Auxiliary presented a wonderful program of their work and achievements during the year of their working in the First Church. A wonderful and inspiring message was brought by sister Eva Lopez. Her subject was, 'Stewardship, Faith and Missions.' Many people came to dedicate their lives for fuller service unto Christ this year, while others were saved from their sins. At the end of the service, the President and Vice President presented the church with a beautiful Pulpit, Altar Bench and Railings for the platform.

"Saturday evening the young people had their service. After enjoying an all day fellowship and getting acquainted with the brethren from the other churches, dinner was served to all the visitors and the delegation. Several special numbers were enjoyed by the congregation and that evening brother Willis and I organized the Convention and set it in order using the Free Will Baptist Treatise and adopting the church covenant. Committees were chosen for the various duties and the Lord blessed this service mightily. Lazaro de la Rosa brought the evening message and was greatly anointed of the Lord. Several came at the end of the service and gave their hearts to Christ. Lazaro is our native pastor in Nuevo Rodriquez N. L. and also the first convert we had in Mexico.

"We have named our church *The WNAC Bautista de Libre Alledrio*. We are having some wealthier people attending now and we are sure that this will help us to do a great work where Christ will always be praised. Next month we are having the Ministerial Alliance meet in our church and also the first singing convention will be organized in it. Please continue to pray for us. There is so much to do. We are teaching school and helping to care for the other churches. Pray that the Lord will send help."

PRE-VISION MEANS PRO-VISION

By Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Nashville, Tennessee

Hymn

Prayer: For a real vision of God's plan for the ages and a burden that will send us forth to the lost to take the message to them.

Scripture: Genesis 22:13; John 8: 56

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Topic I: The Field of Creativity

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PROGRAM HELPS

Prepare a poster-graph of your church. At the top, duplicate an oversize yardstick. Mark off the inches. Letter in the middle, "HOW DO YOU MEASURE?" Show the membership in Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men, etc. In the lower half show the potential outreach of the church and the actual percentage that is being accomplished by the membership now.

(By outreach, is meant: Missions, Christian Education, Community Missions, etc.)

INTRODUCTION

There are three fields in the auxiliary work which remain unexplored. The field of creativity remains unexplored. The field of opportunity remains unexplored. The field of Christian privileges remains unexplored.

With "new frontiers" seemingly the watchword for this generation why not begin a few "frontiers" in these fields? There certainly is space enough in which to work for even the most enterprising.

Topic I: The Field of Creativity

The field of creativity remains unexplored in the auxiliary program because Christians are content with what is presented. A wholesome, Christian discontent is imperative to progress. Just as long as the auxiliary is content with the program, the program-prayer chairman has no incentive to explore the field of creative program preparation. She is not challenged to do her best. She, unconsciously perhaps, has been made to feel so comfortably secure about what the auxiliary wants to hear, that she does no real searching to find GOD'S MESSAGE for them.

As the programs become repetitious, formal, a task—the auxiliary falls deeper and deeper into an apathetic, cold-

hearted trance. They are conscious of the drone of a voice, but unconscious of His Voice and His message for them. It becomes a vicious circle and it grows like a weed.

The "break-away" from this comes only through prayer—aloneness with God. When Christians become lonely except for when they are alone with God a new creative frontier will then present itself.

New ideas for presenting age-old truths will burst forth as the first robin's song in the Spring. Without a break-away, the auxiliary will grow staler, flatter and colder until with a convulsive shudder the auxiliary door will be closed, or worse—remain open, but powerless to bless.

Topic II: The Field of Opportunity

Once the field of creativity is discovered, the field of opportunity will be just beyond. It has been there all the while, but it remains unseen and unexplored until Christians become discontented with where they are and with what they presently have.

Fields of opportunities will present themselves to the Christian who dares to follow Christ. He did not walk in a rut. He walked the high road of Calvary. He trod the exalted highway of holiness. He went to where He was needed and served there. Do we? Are we?

Just as saying enough words to fill up the sermon time and giving God's message to a waiting congregation are two entirely different things, so is the listener's service. The listener must **listen** for God's message. Hearing God's message, she then serves creatively, failing to hear, she serves mechanically.

Listening attentively, she enters new doors unafraid. She is confident that Christ having brought her to this place, will continue to guide and also complete His purpose. Instead of fearing new ways to present Christ's message, she fears the rut of dull sameness. She walks deeper and deeper into this new frontier of opportunity.

Topic III: The Field of Christian Privileges

Having discovered the field of opportunities, as suddenly as the cry of a new-born, the Christian woman finds herself walking a higher road than she even knew was there. This delightful discovery awaits every Christian. It is not for the privileged few, but for all those who will dare to take Christ's outstretched hand and follow Him.

Then why do we walk so far from Him? Why won't we listen to Him? Why do we avoid this aloneness with Christ? Because it is so much easier. It is less expensive **now** to walk "afar off", but ultimately too expensive for the Christian. It is far less costly now to listen to all the other voices that clamor to be heard today than to listen to Jesus saying, "Follow me, and I will make you to be-

come fishers of men." The crowd needs Christ, but they would keep us from Him. As long as Christians stay with the crowd, they cannot be leaders. The Christian must break with the crowd in order to bring the crowd to Christ.

"The 'narrow road' points heavenward; It is the upward path.

The way of compromise is easy now; But, oh, its end is wrath."

F. B. Meyers is quoted as saying, "I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other; and that the taller we grew in Christian character, the easier we could reach them. I now find that God's gifts are on shelves one beneath the other; and that **it is not a question of growing taller, but of stooping lower;** and that we have to go down, always, down, to get His best gifts."

God never calls a person to a work he is equal to. Invariably God calls to a service that is bigger than the servant. Christians need the dedication of the now martyred missionary, Jim Elliot, who once wrote: "The Scripture says 'He makes His ministers a flame of fire!' I wonder, am I ignitable? God deliver me from the dread asbestos of 'other things'. Saturate me, O, Lord, with the oil of Thy Spirit, that I may be a flame! But the flame is transient; often **short-lived!** Canst thou bear this, my soul—short life? In me there dwells the Spirit of the Great Short-lived, whose zeal for God's house consumed Him. **'Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.'**"

Christians never had such influence over the world as in those early days when they had nothing to do with the world. The price of spiritual victory lies not in doing, but in trusting and obedience. "To obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams." Don't be afraid to trust HIM!

Topic IV—Pre-vision Means Pro-vision

Even as Abraham of old walked a new road of complete abandonment to the will of God, we too, must walk that self same road. That is, if we ever expect to win the world to Christ and inactive women into active participation in the work of the auxiliary.

Pre-vision means pro-vision in the auxiliary work. So—take stock of your situation. What do you have on hand now? Are all of your women enlisted? If not, how can you reach them? Make a literal inventory. List your assets, your losses, your needs, your possibilities, and your aims.

Then—provide to the **best** of your ability to meet these needs.

Perhaps the enlistment chairman needs a new vision of the aim and purpose of the work. Perhaps the program-prayer chairman needs to give more time, thought, and prayer to program preparation; perhaps the entire membership needs to follow Abraham's example of **complete** abandonment to God's will.

Your Co-Laborer magazine is provided for your help—please use it! But, **please** don't go to the auxiliary meeting and sit there and read it to each other and then expect any startling results. (Except

maybe a few more women dropping out of the auxiliary.)

Dear hearts, let's go exploring this year. Let's find **and win** our women to Christ. Let's find **and use** new ways to challenge their hearts. Let's grow, and go, and glow for Christ and His glory.

In the 1961 minutes you will find these terrible statistics: 16,745 members in the Convention and only 451 souls won to Christ! And the auxiliary is supposed to be a missionary organization! Think upon these things.

Then walk tall and straight before God into new fields of Christian service. Don't be afraid to try your wings. He will walk with you, yea, He it is that goes before you even as He did before Abraham. He has the new ideas, means, ways of creating new interest in your auxiliary program, but He needs **YOU** to be the channel through which He can bring them into being.

Perfect Peace

I LOOK NOT BACK—God knows the fruitless efforts,
The wasted hours, the sinning and regrets;
I leave them all with Him that blots the record,
And graciously forgives, and then forgets.

I LOOK NOT FORWARD—God sees all the future,
The road that short or long, will lead me home,
And He will face with me its every trial,
And bear for me the burden that may come.

I LOOK NOT AROUND ME—then would fears assail me,
So wild the tumult of life's restless seas;
So dark the world, so filled with war and evil,
So vain the hope of comfort and of ease.

I LOOK NOT INWARD—that would make me wretched,
For I have naught on which to stay my trust;
Nothing I see but failures and shortcomings,
And weak endeavors crumbling into dust.

BUT I LOOK UP—Up into the face of Jesus!
For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled;
And there is joy, and love, and light for darkness,
And perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.

Selected.

YOUTH PARTICIPATING

By Mrs. Rufus Coffey, 1413 King's Avenue, Florence, S. C.

Hymn: Jesus Calls Us

Scripture: Related passages on Missions such as: Psalm 2:8; Psalm 96:3; Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47.

Prayer: That auxiliary members might get a fresh vision of missions, and a clear vision of the need of youth and their opportunity to declare His glory among all nations.

Hymn: O Zion Haste.

PROGRAM HELPS

The program is written to be used as a Panel Discussion. We would suggest the pastor, or Auxiliary President, the youth chairman, a mother and other auxiliary members. Participants should study their parts so as to be thoroughly familiar with them. This way the program books will not be used, and the program would be most effective. Participants should be seated around a table, and talk in a conversational manner. The names of the participants or their titles may be placed in front of them.

Youth Chairman: Don Hillis in the preface of MISSIONS FOR JUNIORS says, "As the church of Jesus Christ stands on the threshold of unprecedented missionary opportunity, she faces the alarming tragedy of diminishing applicants to the mission fields. Though the surface reasons for this may be legion, yet there is one deep-rooted basic cause underlying it. The living, virile and challenging seed of missions is dropped too late into the hearts of our Christian youth. If that seed is to be given proper opportunity it must be planted in the good soil of tender young hearts and watered often by the prayers of parents and Sunday school teachers. Missions must begin with the beginners, both in the home and in the Church. Our best missionaries are the home-grown variety."

We are reminded of God's Word when It says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth", and "let no man despise thy youth". Jesus adds an admonition when He says "I must work the works of Him while it is yet day, the night cometh when no man can work". These passages give to us a call for youth to serve God. As young people hear this call, they should be challenged to declare His glory among all nations. How can our young people best invest their lives for the glory of God?

Pastor or Aux. President: The business of giving our lives for the purpose of reaching all men with the gospel is not optional. Christ has commanded all Christians to do this, and this is the work of the Christian and the church. In a sense every Christian is a missionary, and our main purpose is the carrying out of the Great Commission. There are many ways of accomplishing this one purpose, but regardless of the particular job for the Lord, our one aim should be the evangelization of the entire world. I believe when we accept this challenge and set out to do something about it, we will have invested our lives in the greatest business in the world.

Speaker No. 1: Don't you believe that when we have a real appreciation of Christ that we will be ready to accept this challenge? It has been said that "the missionary spirit of the Christian springs out of appreciation of Christ. We are under solemn, undying obligation to Him. We belong to Him, we have been purchased by His blood, therefore it must be our life's passion to be like Him and to do His bidding. The missionary character of our Lord's life and ministry is an example which the Christian conscience cannot ignore. The aged Simeon saw in Christ a Light to lighten the Gentile. John reminds us that God sent

His Son that the world through Him might be saved. He was the Light of the world; the Bread of God to give life to the world; the Lamb of God which beareth away the sin of the world. This mighty missionary "gave Himself a ransom for all". A real appreciation of Him will lead us in His train." (from "Look on the Fields.")

Pastor or Aux. Pres.: Looking from Christ to the fields and the needs of the heathen awakens within us a desire to respond with a full surrender of our lives, talents, time and money. Why is there a response? It is estimated that approximately 40,000,000 people die each year in heathen lands without hearing the Gospel . . . more than 3,000,000 each month, or 100,000 a day. This day in which we have lived by God's mercy, 100,000 have slipped out into a Christless eternity. Their chance to hear the Gospel and be saved is past never to return. A head of a missionary society, after a good deal of careful research came up with this answer: that in seven large areas, there are at least 1,000 tribes without the Gospel: 350 of them in Africa, 300 of them in South America, 100 of them in India, 70 in Siberia, and 60 each in China, the Philippines and Indo-China.

God's Word says "there is none righteous, no, not one; there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." That which is born of the flesh is flesh and cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Man's sinful and wicked condition takes away the possibility of any relationship with God. If he has not received Christ, he is lost and without hope, horribly and eternally lost. Because of this, and the fact that there is no other name given under heaven whereby man must be saved, except the Name of Christ, I believe it is imperative that we accept the challenge and the responsibility which is ours, to declare His glory among all nations.

Youth Chm.: In the light of these facts,

how can we best help our youth to accept their responsibility toward the Great Commission and the Missionary service of our church?

Parent: I believe the first thing we as parents should do is to dedicate our children to the Lord for His service, when, where, and how He would choose. Needless to say there are many mothers and fathers who love the Lord, but selfishly love their children more. So much so that they are not willing for the Lord to call them to a special field of service for Him, because they are fearful of the conditions, circumstances, separation from each other, and perhaps greatest of all, the financial gain or lack of it, which would be theirs serving as a minister, missionary, or in some other full time Christian work. Realizing that we are but stewards of our children, we should, as Hannah did, give them to the Lord unreservedly to be used of Him.

Speaker No. 2: I think there should be a spirit of motivation to inspire our children and young people for missions. Parents, youth sponsors and chairman should and can play an important part in this. Some ways of doing this would be to encourage them to read mission biographies and autobiographies. The library of the church could do a great deal toward making these books available. In our home, in our youth groups, in our Sunday school classes, and in our league groups, special time should be taken to pray for our missionaries and call them by name. This is a way of introducing our young people to our missionaries, and they feel through praying for them, that they know them. Also every opportunity should be taken to hear and meet our missionaries. We can go even further by inviting them into our homes for meals and times of fellowship together. We, as well as our children, will realize anew that missionaries are human beings just like ourselves, called of God for a special purpose, to a certain field. I believe their interest to a large extent will depend upon our interest, and what we do about it.

Speaker No. 3: Along with motivation should come education. Missionary con-

ferences should be taken advantage of, for it is a training course in itself on missions. There are numerous books that could be used as study courses. Two outstanding ones are "*Teens for Missions*" and "*Missions for Juniors*" by Don W. Hillis. They can be obtained from our WNAC office in Nashville. Use them as a regular study course, or perhaps a Junior Prayer meeting could be arranged and these courses taught. Sunday School and League classes provide opportunity for emphasis on missions. Some ways are: (1) prayer seasons for missions, (2) information time for up-to-date news on our fields, needs and missionaries, (3) get-acquainted time with short sketches of their lives. (Materials can be used from *Heartbeat*.) Urge participation in the Mission Declamation contest, and even suggest writing essays on Missions. *Heartbeat* has already been mentioned for up-to-date events and happenings. Reading it should be a MUST for every family, children included.

Speaker No. 2: Motivation and education should be accompanied by participation. Arousing their interest should lead them to a desire to serve. Numerous opportunities are offered. Some avenues of service are: (expand ideas and use other ideas of your own) (1) Special mission programs in Sunday School, League, Prayer meeting, and Youth meetings. Playlets can always be obtained as well as good readings, poems, etc. (2) During the regular missionary conference, a special conference or sessions could be planned especially for the youth with emphasis on meeting their needs and interests. Other participation in the missionary conference could be: (a) making posters to advertise the conference (b) decorating the church with a missionary motif. (c) Providing transportation for the Missionary to and from the station, church and residence. (Ideas from *Teens for Missions*) (3) Many missionaries would receive joyfully the news that a youth group would like to prepare and mail their prayer letters. (4) Superintendents would like to have at-

tractive posters of missionaries and their fields to be displayed in each room. (5) Secure maps of the world and place in a conspicuous place where young people meet. Put pictures of missionaries near the country they are serving. (6) Have Christmas in July or August. Secure gifts for our missionaries or for children in that country, wrap them in Christmas wrappings, and mail in time for Christmas in that land. (7) Challenge your group to assume a special mission project. We are reminded of the special Medicine for Missions project that young people can have a vital part in. (Other project suggestions may be secured from the WNAC office or the Missions offices.) (8) Prepare and display mission tract racks. Mission tracts and pamphlets can be obtained from our Foreign and Home Missions offices in Nashville.

Pastor or Aux. Pres.: These have been good suggestions for us and for our young people. However, mission endeavor through motivation, education participation is sufficient without a complete commitment of the young person's life to the Lord and a full surrender to do God's will, whatever it might be. Parents, Sunday School teachers, Youth workers all play an important part in influencing the lives of our youth. Our influence should lead them to determine to consecrate their lives to the Lord. The burning passion of our lives should be that the unreached have the chance of hearing the Gospel. Only as we have this desire and zeal ourselves can we inspire our youth to have missions as the supreme challenge of their lives. It may be that all will not reach the mission fields, but they should in their hearts be willing to go. If our Lord's last command was to go into all the world with the gospel, surely it should take precedence over all other commands. But we must go further . . . through an abiding faith in the Holy Spirit, we must earnestly pray that God will lay His hands upon the youth of our church, and call them to surrender their lives to Him, to prepare for His service.

“For Times Such as These— WITNESS-UNTO THE LORD”

By Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Ashland City, Tennessee

Hymn: “O Zion, Haste”

Devotional Period:

Scripture: 1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 6:1;
Col. 1:24-25; John 15:26-27

Prayer:

Business Period:

Program Period:

Hymn: “Lift Him Up”

Introduction:

Topic 1: The Divine Blueprint

Topic 2: The Missionary Message
of Christ

Duet: “May the Lord Depend on
You”

Topic 3: The Gospel for All the
World

Topic 4: The Challenge of Our Age

Benediction: Sing prayerfully “Take
My Life and Let It Be”

PROGRAM HELPS

Have a large piece of blackboard cloth over a door through which those on the program enter. On the cloth have written in large letters **HOLY BIBLE** and make the cloth look like a book. Turn off all the lights in the room with the exception of one right in front of the door. The leader will announce that since this month's program is a Bible study on missions, she is going to let the Bible speak for itself. Then she opens the Bible and the first speaker tells her part. Each speaker proceeds to tell her part through the open Bible.

Auxiliaries meeting in the daylight will darken the room, place a light on the door and proceed the same from there.

Devotional Comments—These passages which have been selected and read for our meditation and as the basis for this missionary program, when considered thus together, present the humblest human believer in Christ Jesus as a co-worker with God the Father, a co-sufferer with God the Son, and a co-witness with God the Spirit. Taken together in this manner, these Scriptures hint, if they do not affirm, that the believer is necessary to the completeness and the completion of the work of redeeming a lost world. The believer is a part of a divine mechanism and, until each believer drops into his or her place and works with other parts to produce one result, something is lacking to complete adjustment, to perfect movement, and for ultimate success. Thus, God invites all of us to join Him in the work of missions and to every believer, our Lord is still saying: “And ye also shall bear witness . . . unto me . . . for times such as these.” Are you doing it?

Prayer suggestions: Thank God for His salvation which transforms people. Thank Him for the faithful believers of the church throughout the centuries. Pray that we, through our study of His word, through prayers, and our faithful witness, may leave a stronger church to those who follow us. Pray God's blessings on the devoted believers who now

are laboring for Him both on home and foreign fields. Pray for a deeper desire in the hearts of believers to obey all of God's commands with greater earnestness.

Introduction of Program

This month the emphasis of our program is upon witnessing. An understand-

ing of God's world program of witnessing is the most important and vital need before us as Christian women with a mission.

It is a privilege and honor to be associated with such a significant work of God . . . teaching the Word to believers, and sharing in the activities necessary to promote Christian missions.

With this program we seek to remind ourselves anew, lest we forget, that the revealed purpose of God and that a requirement of His plan of redemption is that the Gospel be witnessed throughout the earth, and that in a particular sense the church of Jesus Christ in this land of ours is obligated today to carry the task to completion.

Forget? Yes, indeed, how prone we are to forget! Are there not times when in the busy-ness of this life, we can go days and perhaps weeks without remembering to thank God for the gift of His Son who became flesh and a sacrifice for my sin? It is precisely for this reason that He gave us the "cup to be drunk in remembrance of me", said the Lord.

It is so easy to allow commonplace things to replace those things of utmost importance. It is so very easy to allow the secondary to replace the primary. So . . . perhaps it is not so far amiss for a group of active Christian women to think about and discuss again God's purpose and plan for His world program.

It is always of inestimable value to take stock, to re-establish our bearings, to know where we're going and why. It is for "times such as these" that this program comes with a prayer that a fresh vision from God about His world program will result in the hearts of Free Will Baptist women and each will thus be stirred to renewed and increased missionary zeal . . . "as unto the Lord".

Topic I—The Divine Blueprint

The Bible is essentially and fundamentally a missionary book, but it has more often been studied as a basis for a system of theology rather than a revelation of God's purpose and plan to redeem and save the human race. Because in theological training schools there is, (this

writer thinks) a missing emphasis on the world-wide benefits of Christ's death, many ministers have been able to see nothing beyond a pulpit in an already established church. The result is that our people do not know as they should the central thought of the Bible, nor do they understand and appreciate its essential unity and missionary message for all the world.

If we could everyone put aside all of our preconceived ideas and plans, and go back to the Bible to find out exactly what God's plan and program to redeem and save the world has been we could not fail to see that God's purpose is now as it has always been—world-wide.

It is not sufficient to be able to say that we are **"interested in missions**, or even that we are **taking part in the promotions of missions**. A good deal of missionary interest and effort falls short of being satisfactory because it rests upon an altogether inadequate conception of what the missionary enterprise really is.

Mere pity for the people of mission lands, called forth by some heart-rending tale of dire need or by some instance of cruel suffering is not enough, commendable as it may be. Something far far deeper and broader is needed for worthy and enduring missionary efforts.

Not only then must we go back to the Bible, our divine blueprint, in our preaching and teaching and planning in the churches here at home bases, but we must go back to the Bible for the true source and foundation of the great missionary enterprise. It did not originate in the brain or heart of any man, not even of the Apostle Paul or of William Carey. Its source was in the heart of God Himself. Also, we must certainly go back to God's blueprint, the Bible, for the real missionary appeal.

The Bible, therefore, is God's blueprint of His eternal purposes. A purpose can only be known if the person who has it chooses to reveal it to another. This is true of human beings and it is also true of God. The only way in which God could clearly reveal His program and purpose and plan to man was through a divine book written by in-

spired men in words plain enough for men to understand. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself. It is also the revelation of His plan and program for the believer and the church in the world. For an understanding of the divine purpose and plan for missions, therefore, we must go back to the Bible, God's blueprint for world missions.

"Yea, and we also bear record . . ." (3 John 12).

Topic II—The Missionary Message of Christ

Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses . . . unto me." Far too often, when we quote this verse of Scripture we omit the "unto Me" and therein is why we fail. The only satisfactory witness whether spoken or demonstrated is the witness which is "unto Christ"—one which declares the glory of our crucified, resurrected, returning Lord. This is what He wants from us, the children of His creation whom He lost in the fall but purchased back in redemption. Witnessing is "MY" responsibility to God. Only as we reckon that this is true will we ever gain a sure ground for our missionary appeals, and possess any hope for an immediate response which will prove sufficient to rise and make Christ known to those to whom He is yet unknown.

Christ, in offering Himself to men, gave His life, all that He was, all that He believed, all that He did, and all that He said. We are, therefore, not surprised to find in God's blueprint that the burden of the four Gospels is Christ and His message. In the beginning of His brief ministry those who heard Him seemed to be struck with His message, but later on those who followed Him came to recognize that He Himself was the message (John 8:24). The missionary evangel is Christ and His message. Whether we put the emphasis on His person or on His message, the result is the same, for from the very first He offered Himself in His message to the whole world. In His being we come to a knowledge of the being of God. In His sayings we come to learn the truth of God. In His doings we dis-

cover the activities of God. In God's blueprint, Christ links His disciples on to Himself in such a way that their life and activity become the continuation of His redemptive service: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." (John 20:21) Are you going as He sends?

Topic III—The Gospel for All the World

Christ is Christianity. He is a World-Person. As such we need to know Him. When we come to God's blueprint or that part revealed in the Gospels we get back to New Testament Christianity, not Christianity as embodied in forms and ceremonies and sacraments, not Christianity as interpreted by this sect or that, but Christianity as embodied in the Christ of the Gospels.

The religion of Christ is not the religion of any one century; it is the religion of eternity. It roots in the promise of God made to the guilty pair and it flowers and fruits on Calvary. Through all the years this most ancient of all religions has erected the houses of worship and the altars of prayer, the most needed of all the homing places of the soul. It has concerned itself primarily with man's relation to God. The fundamental need of the race **changes not** with the passing years. The eternal verities remain. God, man, sin, redemption, salvation, service, heaven, hell, the resurrection, eternal life—these are the things with which the Gospel of Christ for all the world has to do. God is not the great I WAS, but the great I AM, moving in the course of all days and every day, working out His purpose.

The four Gospels taken together are designed to meet the needs of all men; the unspiritual and unrenewed man whether he be Jew or Roman or Greek, and the spiritually renewed man whatever his nationality may be. These four Gospels make up the ONE GOSPEL FOR ALL THE WORLD.

Christ, the Eternal Son of God, calls His people into sacrificial service with Himself for the world's redemption. We are laborers together with Him in this mighty and worthy cause. In this great

understanding we have everything to create enthusiasm of the highest type. Christ is ours; the power of the redeemed life, the promises of daily guidance by the Holy Spirit, all the riches of the Christian faith, and sure hope of a glorious immortality are ours.

"And ye also shall bear witness"—of these things— "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Are you doing it?

Topic IV—The Challenge of Our Age

We are living in a period of revolution and change throughout the world. Millions are confused and bewildered by the events of our times. Whole centuries are passing in a week. This is the age of electronics and space—the age of pushbutton riots—the age of escapisms from the realities of life through the use of narcotics, alcohol, amusements and sex. Never before have people been under such pressure and tension. Millions can say with Edward G. Robinson, "I have lost my way." The characters in today's films, dramas, and plays are misfits, maladjusted, and lost.

In the midst of this world of bewilderment, confusion, and revolt is the CHURCH. Unfortunately, the Church has been ill prepared to meet the challenge of this hour and age. The Church has had a tendency to be self-satisfied, involved in programs, organizations, and gathering statistics. The Church of Our Age has lost much of its first century enthusiasm, fervor, and dedication. Many church leaders are calling for revival and "awakening".

Thousands of Christians are praying that this awakening will take place in the church throughout the world. It is our prayer that the church will make a powerful and dynamic contribution towards setting aright the problems and dilemmas of our age. A church that needs to be awakened or revived is a church that is living below the norm of the New Testament blueprint of God's eternal purposes and plan and program for the Church which He established. Its members, who need to be quickened, are living a sub-normal Christian life. It is a tragic fact

that the vast majority of Christians today are living a sub-normal Christian life. Coldness, callousness, deadness, and lack of enthusiasm are actually abnormal and the Church will never become normal until the fires of awakening are kindled.

I can think of nothing that would stimulate this awakening that the Church and the whole world so desperately need as a **RETURN TO BIBLE STUDY**. Millions of Christians own Bibles but they rarely read them much less do they study them. There is a vast ignorance today on the part of the average Church member of the Scriptures, God's Word—the only source of His plan and purposes for the salvation of a lost world. There is not a situation that today's nations or individuals face that does not have it instructive parallel in the Holy Scriptures. The Scriptures were divinely inspired of God and are His message to men of all generations. They are relevant to us in the decade of the 60's as they were to the people of Israel long ago. They are still "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." Thus we need to study not just read, the Scriptures, for then we are actually studying the very message of God to our hearts. This is the number one challenge of our day.

Truly as has already been said we are living in an age of thrills. These are days when the spectacular doings of both sexes attract world-wide attention, bringing to them wealth and fame of a short for a season. People risk their lives just for a thrill.

Recently, two women battered a man to death "just for fun." They wanted to experience the thrill of killing. For the sake of science and commerce and worldly fame, for the sake of riches and honor, and sometimes for the cheap applause of a crowd seeking a thrill, there seems to be always those who are ready to risk life and limb in hazardous tasks and attempt the impossible in the performance of something spectacular. The world issues its call for volunteers to devote themselves to tasks involving dangers and hardships and there is an immediate rush to face the challenge.

But what about Christianity and the call of Christ? For more than 2,000 years the Lord Jesus has been calling upon men and women, boys and girls to hazard their lives for His sake, to respond to the lure of His challenge, and to enter His soul-stirring service with its high endeavor and glorious record of achievements. But what response has the Divine Leader met? Oh, the irony of it! For almost two millenniums He has been waiting to evangelize the world, to implant the blessed news of emancipation through the length and breadth of a sin-bound earth; and there is still a thrill in following Christ. There are dangers and difficulties to overcome, and a glorious reward at the end, not mere worldly applause and passing fame, but the recompense of laurels that will last throughout all eternity.

Now, we do not desire to discredit for one moment the magnificent achievements of high-spirited souls as they have and still do risk their lives and their all in some worthy cause beneficial to all humanity either physically or spiritually. What we do desire to do is to put in a plea for the Bible and for Missions—these annals of the brave—for they can supply all the fuel we need to feed the flame of enthusiasm for truth and righteousness.

Thrills? They abound throughout God's blueprint—the Bible, and church history books reach records innumerable souls with brave hearts and heads lifted high and firm steps that have gone forth to suffer for their Lord, and died in triumph for His glory.

The next time you find yourself hoarse as you shout at a ball game, and yet struck dumb when you come to a prayer meeting, or when it comes to saying a word for Jesus Christ; when you find yourself brave and courageous insofar as sports and business and social activities are concerned, and yet weak-kneed and faint-hearted and miserably cowardly for Christ's sake and His cause, take down the annals of the brave and meditate upon them. It will do you good.

Beloved, we have lost the thrill of Christian living! The average professing

Christian has no more enthusiasm for Christ, nor the willingness to do and to dare and to experience the thrill and fascination of serving Him absolutely and entirely, than a tomtit. Plenty of frills but no thrills; plenty of talk but no action, religion in abundance, but few if any soul-throbbing experiences and sacrifices. Scars and sobs and sorrows are wrapped up in true discipleship. Challenge number two of our age, therefore, is the need for divine heroism.

How can we recover the thrill of this exalted life to which Christ calls us? Well, it seems to me that we must learn how to lose ourselves in the will of God—His purposes, His plan and in His program for the Church. We must fling our desires, our purposes, our reputation to the winds. We must make ourselves a nuisance to the devil, until every devilish nuisance is abolished. For the fact of the matter relative to our weakness and cowardice and lack of heroic attempt in the service of the Lord is this: we have no constant contact with Him who is the source of all true heroism. We must therefore, live nearer to the heroic Christ Himself. Too many churches have no thrill and enthusiasm in serving Christ in these days because they are not separated enough from the pleasures and pursuits of the world. Christians dress like worldly women; frequent the same clubs, lodges, theatres, games on Wednesday night or during revival time. So, "where is the difference between saint and sinner?" the world continually asks.

Are you, beloved, living as Jesus would have you live—letting Him lay hold of all that you are and have, and use it in His sweet joyful service?

God pity you, my friend, if you can spend more money on smokes than on souls; if you can waste your time and dollars gazing at the fictitious tragedies portrayed daily almost hourly on TV screens of today, and never feel the pang of Christ over doomed souls; or if you can sacrifice your time and money and even work for sport and social clubs and yet never give a cent and never have a desire in your heart to help the Lord

accomplish His plan for a groaning world.

Perhaps we may never have the power and opportunity as did the prophet Jonah to make a city tremble, but we can help to make a penitent soul flee from the wrath of God to come soon to every one who has not resisted the devil and all of his worldly allurements. If we cannot convert a king, we can be the means of winning an ordinary person like D. L. Moody to Jesus, who in turn may win thousands for the Master, as did Moody. Remember the secret of such fruitful labor is closer conformity to the heroic Christ in His death and resurrection. We of today must also live and walk on resurrection ground. The third challenge I would present is a greater denial of self.

And the world still waits for those volunteers—men and women of the church who are willing to attempt the heroic and the thrilling for Christ's sake. The hour is late and we are living, it is verily believed, in the Saturday night of

World's history. The eternal Sabbath is about to dawn, and I pray that while the lamp of life burns on, it may burn more brightly for everyone of us, in His sweet, happy service. And with the Spirit of God's blessing upon us, may we thrust in the sickle and reap. Shall we dare respond to the challenge for self-sacrifice; for divine heroism and fling ourselves with alacrity and gladness upon the altar, knowing thereby, what it is to be taken up by the Holy Spirit of God and used for the accomplishment of the divine purpose in all the world?

"I love that one who dare to face defeat,
For he who joins the issue on life's field
Must fully know the hazard of the fray,
And dare to venture ere he hope to win;
Must choose the risk and then refuse to yield

Until the sunset lights shall close the day,
And God's great city let the visitors in."

—author unknown

For the Benediction sing prayerfully
"Take My Life and Let It Be."



World Day Of Prayer

The National Association of Evangelicals annually sponsors promotion of the World Day of Prayer. The date for 1962 is March 9.

It is their purpose to promote World Day of Prayer programs by distributing as widely as possible attractive booklets and publicity posters. These materials may be had by writing to: National Association of Evangelicals, 222 East Willow Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois. There is no charge for World Day of Prayer materials but they do ask that an offering be received and sent to the NAE headquarters to help defray expense of production and to extend their vital ministry.

SUGGESTED CIRCLE PROGRAMS

By Mrs. John Warren, Corning, Arkansas

JANUARY: Why Do We Sit Still?

Hymn: "Ready"

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

Pray: For courage to do God's will.

Thought: Missions is a personal matter.

Program:

I. There is much land to be possessed.

A. Free Will Baptists have missionaries in 6 countries: Spain, Japan, Brazil, Africa, India, Cuba (work in Cuba is now carried on by native pastors).

B. An evangelical witness is needed all over the world.

C. Many states in the United States have no fundamental church.

D. Some cities have no church whatever.

II. We can possess new land.

A. We can support present missionaries on the field.

(1) By praying

(2) By giving our tithes and offerings

(3) By supporting the Co-Laborer

Band

(4) By personal letters of encouragement

B. We can send new missionaries.

(1) By going ourselves

(2) By increased giving

(3) By educating our youth in missions

(4) By dedicating our **own** children to God and rearing them for His glory

III. Missions begins where you are.

A. Witness begins in the home.

B. Witness spreads to the neighborhood.

C. It should spread through the county, the state, the continent, the world.

D. Souls are dying without Christ,
WHY DO WE SIT STILL?

FEBRUARY: Watchman, Sound the Warning

Hymn: "Jesus Saves"

Scripture: Ezekiel 33:1-9

Pray: That souls might be warned of the Day of the Lord through increased missionary endeavor.

Thought: You are a watchman.

Program:

I. Are the heathen lost? (Anyone who does not know God is a heathen.)

A. Just because a man is not warned does not excuse him from guilt. "He is taken away **in his iniquity** . . .", Ezekiel 33:6.)

B. There is only one way to be saved. ("Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved", Acts 16:31.)

C. Believing in a higher power will not save anyone. ("Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.", Acts 4:12.)

D. Sentence is already passed on the unbeliever. ("He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18.)

II. Why should we have a missionary program?

A. God has **ordained** that His own spread the Gospel. ("I have set thee a watchman", Ezekiel 33:7.)

B. We are **commanded** to preach the Gospel. ("And he said unto them Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature", Mark 16:15.)

C. God **expects** us to further the Gospel. ("Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.)

III. What happens when the watchman does not warn the people?

A. The wicked man dies without Christ, doomed for eternity. ("The wicked man dies in his iniquity.")

B. The watchman is responsible. ("His blood will I require at thine hand.")

C. The watchman is not fulfilling his

obligation toward God nor his fellow-man.

D. "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. (I Cor. 3:13).

E. WATCHMAN, SOUND THE WARNING!

MARCH: Casting for a Missionary

Hymn: "Make Me a Blessing"

Scripture: I Peter 5:2-10

Pray: For renewed vision of your obligation to the lost.

Thought: God requires that everyone be faithful witnesses.

Program:

I. What Makes A Missionary?

- A. Compassionate heart
- B. Conviction of right
- C. Consecration to God
- D. Concern for the lost
- E. Courage to serve
- F. Commitment to Christ
- G. Conscientious to the Great Commission
- H. Consistent in teaching
- I. Communion with God
- J. Capable in crises
- K. Champion of Christ
- L. Constancy

II. What Sends A Missionary?

- A. Called by God
- B. Constrained by love
- C. Commissioned by the Church
- D. Cared for by the Church
- E. Concentrated, consistent prayer

III. Who Is A Missionary?

A. It is:

(1) Any **citizen** who has been born again.

(2) A member of the **clan**. (God's family)

(3) One who **complies** with God's commandments. (God commands everyone to go.)

(4) A new **creature** in Christ.

B. It is not:

(1) One who must be **coaxed** or **coerced** to do anything.

(2) A **compromiser** with the world.

(3) A **coward**.

(4) One who places **comfort** above **commitment**.

C. How about you?



Suggested Circle Programs for 1962

By Rev. D. C. Dodd, Savannah, Georgia

WATCHWORD — "Declare His Glory"—Psalm 96:3

THEME—"Great was the company of those that published it."—Psalm 68:11

JANUARY—Declare His Glory All Through the Year

Hymn—"Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us."

Prayer

Scripture—Joshua 2:4—"... ye have not passed this way heretofore".

1. His Glory Declared in His Choosing a Leader—Joshua 1:5

2. His Glory Declared in Saving Spies—Joshua 2

3. His Glory Declared in His Promise—Joshua 2:5

4. Declaring His Glory as We Spread His Word All Year Long.

Sentence prayers for missionaries and mission fields.

Close with—"Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"

FEBRUARY—Declaring His Glory Through Love

Hymns—"Love Divine"—"Love Lifted Me"

Prayer

Scripture—I Corinthians 13

Love is Unselfish and Kind—V.4

Love is Genuine and Sincere—V.5; Romans 12:9

Love Desires to Share the Word—John 3:16

Prayer—For ourselves that His love may constrain us. For our church that

it might be a sharing church. For our missionaries as they share.

MARCH—Declaring His Glory By a New and Living Way

Hymns—"Amazing Grace"—"Footsteps of Jesus"

Prayer

Scripture—Colossians 2:6,7

March is the month of spring. New life is springing up everywhere. Better days lie just ahead. We can declare His glory because:

1. Of New Life Through the Son—Gal. 2:20; Romans 6:11

2. Of the New Way of Service—Matt. 28:19,20

3. Of the New Message of Salvation—Romans 10:13-15

4. Of Better Days Ahead for the Children of God—Luke 21:28

Close with personal testimonies and the chorus "Thank You Lord for Saving My Soul".



Pre-Easter Week of Prayer

**By Mrs. C. F. Bowen, Route No. 5,
Dunn, N. C.**

(Editor's note: This program may seem different to you, but there have been requests that the women be given more room for originality in their weeks of prayer. We are hoping and praying that this will answer those requests. Three programs are provided for you, however, the entire week of prayer (days or nights) is to be observed. You will need to fill in your own program for the other two services.)

These programs have been planned around the idea of the garden, the cross, and the resurrection. Perhaps the program committee would like to elaborate on the message outline and/OR two women could give the main message.

A focal point of interest for each of

the services will add much to the effectiveness of these programs.

The following is suggested:

In the Garden—Place a red cloth on the communion table with the open Bible to one side, a picture of Jesus in the garden on an easel to the other side, and in the center an antique goblet.

The Cross—Place a black cloth on the table with an old rugged cross and a crown of thorns (make a literal crown of thorns). This scene should be very somber. If possible spotlight the scene with all other lights turned off.

The Resurrection—Place a gold cloth on the table with a white cross in the center with a golden crown on it. (The crown can be made from cardboard covered with gold foil). In front of the cross place an open Bible and on either end of the table place golden candlesticks with white candles. Above all this place the picture, "Inspiration of Jesus".

THE CUP OF AGONY

Matthew 26:36-46

All those who journey, soon or late, must pass within the Garden's gate; must kneel alone in darkness there, and battle with some fierce despair. God pity those who cannot say, "Not mine but thine"; who only pray: "Let this cup pass" and cannot see the purpose in Gethsemane.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

The Ministry of Silence—Quiet Music Hymn—"The Beautiful Garden of Prayer"

Prayer

Offering for Foreign Missions

Solo—"Is Your All On the Altar?"

MESSAGE—"THE CUP OF AGONY"

Reading—"Neath the Old Olive Trees"

Season of Prayer—Remember these:

Cuba

Africa

Europe

Benediction

THE CROSS OF DEATH

Luke 23:33-46

Life is duty—dare it;

Life is a burden—bear it;

Life is a thorn-crown—wear it;
Though it break thy heart in twain,
Though the burden bear thee down,
Close thy lips and stand the pain,
First the CROSS, and then the
CROWN.

The Ministry of Silence—Quiet Music
Hymn—"The Old Rugged Cross"
Prayer

Offering for Foreign Missions
Instrumental Solo—"He Lives On
High"

MESSAGE—"THE CROSS OF
DEATH"

Season of Prayer—Remember these:
South America
India
Japan
Benediction

THE CROWN OF VICTORY Mark 16:1-8

To him that overcometh a crown of
life shall be; he with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.

—Rev. George Duffield

The Ministry of Silence—Quiet Music
Hymn—"The Head That Once Was
Crowned"
Prayer
Offering for Foreign Missions
Reading—"Crown Him With Many
Crowns"

MESSAGE: "THE CROWN OF
VICTORY"

Season of Prayer—Remember these:
Foreign Missions Board
The Foreign Missions Literature
Program
The Medical Work
The Missionary Candidates
The Students in Language School
Benediction

Postal regulations governing second-class mailing will not permit the printing of any type report forms, so we cannot include these forms in the *Co-Laborer*. However, a report form for the *annual secretary's and treasurer's reports* can be secured by writing to the WNAC office for it. (One copy to each auxiliary, please.)

A NATIONAL YOUTH RALLY at Last!

How often have I noted the young people attending the National Association and have wished that I could get them all together. Now, it is going to happen! On Tuesday, July 10, 1962, young people from all over our nation will be honored at a dinner in the college cafeteria. Every state will be recognized. Fellowship, humorous entertainment, inspirational thoughts: all will make this a cherished experience.

We want as many young men and women and boys and girls to attend as possible. Why not make room in your car for some young person? You'll never regret bringing someone; you'll be making an investment in a young life.

Juniors and seniors in high school will be given **first consideration** for staying in the dormitory. Imagine the fun they will have getting a "sneak preview" of college living. Reservations for rooms, which will be at a nominal cost, should be mailed to Mrs. Chester Phillips, WNAC Office, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, by June 15. The RALLY DINNER will be \$1.00 per person.

Separate prizes will be presented to the auxiliaries having reported the greatest number of young people entering the Declamation Contest and the Essay Contest. All **contestants** will be recognized. Those working on **ranks** will be commended. Everyone will get to know everyone else! It is hoped that the young people will be able to get together as a group more than once.

No young person should miss this! Youth chairmen, help your young people find ways to attend this convention. Not only will they enjoy the youth spot but also will they profit by seeing the workings of their National Association.

See **you** and **your** youth at the
NATIONAL YOUTH RALLY!

—Mrs. Chester Phillips, Youth Ch.,
W.N.A.C.

DEAR YOUTH SPONSOR

By Mrs. Chester Phillips, Youth Chairman

During World War II, Americans became alarmed when it was discovered that many innocent little children were being locked in automobiles in the parking lots of various plants while mothers worked inside all day. Hearts ached for the poor, mistreated children.

Those mothers labored to earn money, perhaps, to buy better food, nicer clothes, and more up-to-date conveniences—all for their children. They were busy trying to supply material needs but they were foolishly overlooking the most essential needs.

We as FWB women would probably not be as thoughtless. We would never submit our children to such a miserable existence. We love them and are concerned about them. We want them to have proper exercise, well-cooked meals, and a good place to rest. Our energies are spent supplying their physical needs. But, I wonder . . . aren't they sometimes locked up and left? We become so busy that we shut them away to themselves. We supply certain needs, but we overlook others that are just as vital. When children are left to shift for themselves spiritually and mentally, often they simply seek "to get by." Many of their talents and abilities are never put to use.

In a few months the WNAC will be sponsoring declamation and essay contests all over the nation. Many young people will be encouraged to enter these contests. How sad it is to know that many others with just as much talent, if not more, will never even try. Their parents and their youth sponsors will be

so pre-occupied with other things that they will not take time to prompt these young people to do the things they "ought" to do.

Youth Chairmen, you hold the key. Turn it. This is all you will need to do:

1. Start now. Collect all mission's material that you can find. Missionary letters, Christian magazines, and reports from the Mission Board: all afford a wealth of information. Several already-prepared declamations can be ordered from the WNAC Office.

2. Enlist your youth. Blanket announcements will not draw many into the contests; it takes individual contacts. Give each young person that "initial" push and then keep pushing.

3. Get them started. Just as placing a bag of sandwiches and a jar of water in a car would not be adequate, neither would handing a conglomeration of material to a young person be enough. Each contestant probably will need guidance in selecting and arranging his information.

4. Encourage proper practice. Lead them to memorize the easy way. Have them read the declamation over once each day. By the time the speech has been read aloud fifteen times the young person will find that he has memorized much of it without even trying. Solicit the help of a speech teacher to give suggestions.

5. Have a "writing night" for the essay contest. Write for suggestions. The WNAC Office has a sheet entitled "Guiding the Declamation and Essay Contests."

God's Call for You

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58.

One of the great needs of God's people today is stedfast, unmovable, abounding Christians. As this is true in the Christian church, so is it an urgent need in our auxiliaries.

To be stedfast is to be firmly fixed, constant, not moving or changing. We would do well to ask if we are the stedfast Christian we should be in our everyday living, and in the daily routine duties of life. Are we:

Stedfast in BIBLE READING? Is God's Word a part of our daily diet? How easy it is to become so busy with the cares of life, the duties of living, yes, and even with God's Work, that we do not find time, or take time, for a daily message from God's Word. In failing to read and meditate upon God's Word as we should, we deprive ourselves of the spiritual nourishment which is essential to our own spiritual growth. In God's Word we find instruction and counsel for our lives, food for the day, and practical guidance for every need. To fail to read God's Word, we commit spiritual suicide, and will surely die.

Stedfast in Prayer? It has been said that more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. If this is true, then how much has not been wrought because of the failure to pray. We fail to pray and our own lives become barren and fruitless. We lose victory over sin, and we lack the spiritual impetus so needed for His service. We fail to pray, and our Christian workers everywhere are impaired through our sin of negligence. We pray, and our lives become fruitful, souls are saved, needs are supplied, and God's work marches forward. Pray and move the hand that moves the world.

Stedfast in SERVICE? Or diligent work for Him? God intends for man to work, for when He created man, He gave him work to do. God also intends us to

work for Him. When a person is saved, God wants him to get busy, to work, to serve. God's Word says "Occupy 'til I come." We are to be busy, occupying, working while it is yet day. We are saved—to serve. There are so many ways we can serve. Certainly, first and foremost He would have us to serve in our homes; to be the wives and mothers we should be; to be engaged in full-time Christian service ministering to those He has given to us. To be keepers at home, to be teachers in the home, to be a guide and counsellor to those souls and lives committed to our keeping. Then there will be many and varied opportunities to serve in our churches, Sunday schools, and auxiliaries. There has never been a surplus of women who are willing to put Christian service at the head of the list and say, "Here am I, Lord, use me as You would see fit, where You see fit, and when You see fit." "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Be a laborer for God, and a co-laborer with Him.

We need to go further with our inventory to see if we are abounding Christians. Are we reading our Bibles, praying and serving simply because we feel it a duty, or are they the natural response from hearts and lives filled with an overflowing love for our Lord. The life that is dedicated to God will abound in the work of the Lord. When we truly love as we should, we will serve acceptably. It is not God's will that any should perish, but that all might hear, and hearing, be saved. As auxiliary members, let us never forget our purpose for existing—to aid in the furtherance of the Gospel, and the saving of souls.

We are also exhorted to be unmovable, not easily swayed with every wind of doctrine. We could add with this charge, a plea for dependability; women who are consistent in their Christian lives, and in their service for the Lord. Women who day in and day out, month by month, will fervently, patiently and consistently live faithful lives. Needed in

our denomination as well as throughout the world are Christian women with a goal, who will unyieldingly, unflinchingly stay by the task of a dedicated life for God.

And finally, our labors will not be in vain. In I Sam. 30:24 we read, "But as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff; they shall part alike." By far the majority of our auxiliary members will never see a foreign mission field. Many will not even leave their local churches,

towns or cities. But God's Word promises that if we are faithful here at home, in praying, and giving, and that if we faithfully tarry by the stuff, we shall share alike. God will faithfully reward every effort, small or great, that in turn will be used throughout the world for His glory.

Therefore, beloved sisters in Christ, let us be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work, of the Lord, and our labors will not be in vain.

Mrs. Rufus Coffey



A Spirit Speaks

Hi there! I hope you don't mind my intrusion on this printed page. I have been in hiding so long it is quite a welcome relief to come out for air again.

Oh, don't you recognize me? I am the spirit of the Woman's Auxiliary. I used to be quite active in auxiliary work, but it seems that nowadays I haven't too much to do. Not that I am altogether idle and ready for retirement—some auxiliaries use my services quite frequently, and demand my appearance at almost every meeting. But to several churches, I am a complete stranger!

What do I do? That is a terribly hard question to answer. Perhaps if you will look with me in the Woman's Auxiliary, you will be able to spot my job quickly.

The purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary is two-fold. First, it is to promote a missionary spirit in the young people and in the women of the church by prayer, study of the missionary message of the Bible, the circulation of missionary literature, individual and directed personal services.

Secondly, it is to promote systematic contributions for mission work, and to aid in the work of the local church and community.

If an auxiliary fulfills these purposes, it really keeps me hopping. I am present there all the time, blessing everyone in the church. Of course I might tend to be a little prejudiced, but I think the

women's work is very important to the whole church.

You ask why I have been in hiding? Many auxiliaries seem to have no need of me any longer. I cannot appear unless the women are doing what they should do. And can you believe it—many women in our churches cannot even name the Free Will Baptist missionaries. So how can they pray for them intelligently? And how can they educate the young people toward missionary mindedness?

When an auxiliary is not mission minded (and to be mission minded one must be mission **informed**), I must hastily depart, however, reluctantly I am about doing so.

Also some auxiliaries have the false idea that they are the only part of the church which is to support missions. All contributions come from their treasury—and alas, are results of such endeavors as bake sales, bazaars, suppers, and other money raising efforts. I can't, of course, be present at such things and have to beat a hasty retreat.

The Woman's Auxiliary is to help the **Church teach and support missions**. Bless your hearts, women, don't sell your husband a cake it cost you to bake, ask him to give sacrificially to proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. Present the missionary need, and help your church fill the need

by giving sacrificially yourself.

Is your church aware of the many missionary projects that need support? Have you reached your capacity in giving?

I get a little lonely at times when I am not invited to your auxiliary meeting. How about it, women, can I **please** be a regular member of your auxiliary?

—Joann Warren



Thru the Letter Box

● "... I read something the other day that was a real blessing. 'And He gave them their request: but sent leanness into their soul' (Psalm 106:15) Isn't that thrilling? No, I don't mean for the Israelites; but isn't it thrilling that He doesn't give us our requests all the time! Oh, I'd rather have fatness of soul and His blessings than my requests and leanness of soul. Even if it does mean I'll never pass this French course!"—Mrs. LaVerne Miley

● "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

We are all well except Mark. He has just gotten his first two molars. The heat seems to keep all of us on edge. Mark is walking everywhere now and as busy as a bee. Brenda Kay has three more months of second grade which Marie needs to spread out to keep her busy until next May. She (Marie) has just begun Calvert kindergarten with Don. Marie and I don't seem to have any difficulty in finding enough work to keep us busy!

We ask your special prayers for the headman and his family and four other families in Garankada who have expressed their desire to become Christian and have begun attending services regularly. You may remember that we have had Christians in this village since 1956.

The little group has had almost more than they could bear for the last year and a half, but they have proven I Cor.

10:13. Now it seems the Lord is adding to the number. We do so need a Santal preacher or teacher to help them. We have no one in sight, but I believe HE has, so pray with us that we will soon be led to the right man and that he will be led to us.

Also the headman in Kalagacbh, a village about five miles from Sonapurhat, is showing keen interest. Pray for him. We have only one Christian family near there. Four families from Boamtala (under Kalagacbh headman) have been attending church here for about six months. The tests and difficulties for three families have almost driven them away. One man refuses to be moved. Pray for them and for us as we try to serve Him here. Our love and prayers."—Carlisle and family

● Dear Friends:

Your summer and sunshine are about over, and ours is just beginning. We have had a "cold" winter this year; there have been quite a few mornings that a sweater has felt real good. For about three months, we hardly saw the sun; but now, it has returned. It is still cloudy and a little cool some mornings, but we know we are in Africa during the afternoons. This is also the season of the big rains, but they usually come at night. This will continue for awhile, then the rains will stop and we will have nothing but sun. This is usually about Christmas time, so Christmas weather seems more like the fourth of July.

We have seen some changes, as well as some results lately. The first week, we had the privilege of praying with two men here in Koun. Then, a Catholic priest moved here to Koun. At present, he seems friendly enough, and we trust this will continue. However, in comparison this seems to be the exception rather than the rule. We have returned among

the Binis, but there has been no outward fruit as yet. Please continue to pray the Holy Spirit to convict and challenge.

The work that still claims the greatest part of our time, however is language study. We have finished the first translation and partial revision of Mark and have done some in John. We hope to mimeograph parts of Mark for distribution within the next two months. Then a language expert is supposed to come in about a month to check over our work, as well as the Sparks. He is connected with the American Bible Society. We have a lot to do trying to get our work in shape, as well as get it all typed up. We are making some progress in understanding, and consequently in speaking, but there are still many difficulties. Continue to remember us in prayer that we may learn it well, and then give them the Word in their own language.

There is such a need here, as nearly everywhere, I guess, for the people to be teachable. There is so little interest in the Word as it is preached and taught. Especially the grown people, they have never been to school, have never trained their minds to concentrate on things, and they just have no interest in really learning about the Word of God. Pray that somehow the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts to enable each darkened soul to receive the enlightening presence and power of the written Word. Only as they receive can the work go forward, for only then will their lives exemplify that of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord richly bless you, we appreciate so much your prayers, and the gifts given for this work.

In His service to the Agnis.—Bill and Joy

● For some months many of us have been praying that First Church in Savannah, Georgia could establish a Missionary Retreat and Rest Home for our denomination. On Monday, September 25, our prayers were answered in a most glorious manner when our Brother Karl F. Schultz called the pastor and wife to come to his home for consultation. Upon arriving, we were amazed and blessed when he informed us that he wanted to

transfer the deed of the beautiful 9 acre island to First Free Will Baptist Church so that we could begin making definite plans for our Missionary Home. At this writing we are completing plans for the transfer of the deed and as soon as the matter is finished, the property will be officially turned over to the church. It will be understood that the Schultzes will continue to live there as long as they choose and certain restrictions will be set as to buildings and the use of heavy construction or land-clearing machinery.

This is a history-making event inasmuch as, in all probability, it is a first in our ranks. Plans are for a dedication service on the site as soon as the transfer has become final and official.

Let us join together in praising God for this great achievement.—The Reminder

● Mrs. Helen Wade, Mtn. Grove, Mo., announces the officers of the GTA who were elected to serve for a new year: Sharon Cope, president; Linda Todd, vice president; Glenda Hunt, Secretary-Treas.; Joy Wade, program chairman; Delila Mason, missions chairman; Kay Elliott, social chairman; Edna Smith, stewardship chairman; Dane Spurgeon, personal service chairman; Glenna Elliot, song leader; Mike Cope and Ethel Elliott, group captains.

The meeting dates for the GTA will be the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 4 p.m. The youth will be picked up at the school yards and brought to the church.

● The West Jefferson, Ohio, WA held their third meeting Aug. 10. They now have 14 members. Other than regular business they have adopted Mr. and Mrs. Meletino Martinez as their missionary family. They also are helping to send one of their young members to F.W.B. College, plus doing their best to win souls for Christ.

● The Urbana WA held their regular meeting Aug. 10. They adopted the Sanders, Luther, Helen and Brenda as their missionaries.

● The Urbana, West Jefferson and Long Run Auxiliaries met at Mechanicsburg

and organized a District Convention which is called the Central Ohio District Convention. The first meeting was held Sept. 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the new headquarters building in Mechanicsburg. The following officers were elected. Dorothy Stidham, president; Nora Lee McCarthy, vice-pres.; Mildred Travis, recording sec'y.; Barbara Daniels, cor. sec'y.; Ollie Newman, treasurer. Quarterly meetings will be held at the same time as the Central Ohio Conference.

● Dear Mrs. Edwards:

I received your letter today and, since we are in the "correspondence business" today, I shall try to get you a reply in the mail as soon as possible. We certainly appreciate your interest in us and in the medical work at Doropo. I suppose the ladies to whom you referred who want to make some of the hospital supplies are the ladies at Horton Heights. I think this is an excellent idea because this will meet a definite need.

Since we have absolutely no supplies of the nature of those listed, any or all will be much appreciated. Without suggesting any definite quantities, I will mention those of which we will possibly need more and those of which we will possibly need less. I would suggest a larger quantity of items 4, 9, 10, 13, 15 and 16. I would suggest less of items 3, 5, and 6. However, all the items will likely be needed and will be appreciated.

Please express to the ladies in the church my sincere gratitude for their interest. Within three months, the Lord willing, we should be in Africa. It hardly seems possible. Do continue to pray for us as we complete our stay here in France that the Lord may prepare us for the tasks ahead. May the Lord continue to bless you in His service. Sincerely in Christ Jesus.—LaVerne D. Miley
Heb. 13:5b

(Editor's note: No, the auxiliary was not from Horton Heights. It was the auxiliary at Royal Oak, Michigan.)

However, should other groups want to make some of these hospital supplies, information can be secured from the WNAC office by writing for it.)

● Dear Friends:

This letter is being written in the midst of multitude of duties. The time for our return to Africa is near at hand and there are always many last minute things to do. Our date of departure from New York is November 7th at 6 p.m. from Idlewild Airport on Pan American airlines. This is a direct jet flight and will put us in Africa the following evening.

We are happy to be returning, however the extension of our furlough has caused our roots to grow a bit deeper here at home. One of the hardest things is to take Rebecca away from her grandparents for such a long stay. We thank God that His grace is sufficient.

Since our last letter to you God has seen fit to supply our needs in a miraculous way. Numerous ones have expressed a very real burden to pray for what we are attempting to do for Christ in Africa. As our prayer force has been enlarged we are expecting that we will witness a very real difference in the work which He has called us to. I desire that we shall see more and more the folly of leaning on the arm of flesh.

Another thing for which we are extremely grateful is your prayers for our little girl in the days when, humanly speaking, her life was so much in the balance. She continues to progress very very well and is now boasting her first tooth. Unfortunately she has her father's appetite and we wonder where she will stop in her growth! She is over 20 pounds now.

The remittance which I sent off today was a wonderful testimony of God's gracious provision of our material needs. We deeply appreciate those who have given and those who have prayed that these needed finances could be available. Continue to pray that by departure date all our needed expenses will be met, and no red ink will be seen on our accounts report.

Those who have been praying especially for the aviation advance will be glad to know that we now have five planes, three new pilots accepted. Two others have applied and two of our active missionaries being trained as pilots.

It was a thrilling experience just a few weeks ago to see a dear woman give most of her life savings to purchase a plane for one of these young men to use.

We are grateful that several have promised ten dollars per month to buy gas for these new planes.

Five hard weeks of work in Charlotte have completed the modifications and packing of my plane for shipment. It should be on the water by the time you get this letter.

Through the kindness of a friend here in Asheville we have just completed a flying trip to Mississippi. In Winona Josephine had the joy of renewing friend-

ships of fourteen years ago. She taught there just before we were married. In Columbus we had precious fellowship with Paul and Helen Ketteman and the people of their church.

To those of you who we will not see before our departure this is goodbye for awhile. Our next letter will be from Africa.

Gratefully yours in His abiding faithfulness and in the bonds of His love, by His grace.—Harold, Josephine and Rebecca Stevens, Mseleni Mission Station, Post Office Mkuze, Zululand, South Africa

SHARING



The Oklahoma State Auxiliary Convention met in Duncan, Oklahoma, October 17, 1961. At the close of a successful convention, Mrs. Harry Staires installed the new officers in an unusual and very impressive installation service. The picture above shows Mrs. Staires standing beside the completed "building".

(Copies of this installation service can be secured by writing to the WNAC office.)

The new officers are: Mrs. Fern Duncan, president; Mrs. Reford Wilson, vice-president; Mrs. Dorothy Bohulsavsky, youth chairman.

The State Convention which met in early November at Mt. Olive Church, Reynolds, Georgia was one of harmony and most successful.

The Auxiliary Convention was well attended and the women voted to sponsor the "Wheels for Wilkinson's" project for 1961-62. This is designed to raise money to buy a Volkswagon for the Wilkinsons to use in their missionary work in Brazil. Mrs. Eloise Wainwright, Savannah, was selected to head up this drive. Mrs. D. C. Dodd, Savannah, was elected president of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

We Study Because—

A real disciple follows Christ every minute through his life. Hebrews 13:8 says "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." **Yesterday** Christ went about doing good, preaching and teaching God's Word. He healed the sick and comforted the sad. **Today** Christ is at the right hand of God where He makes intercession for those who are His disciples. **Tomorrow** He is coming to claim His own.

Therefore being a faithful disciple we must be careful how we live our lives. God's Word will reveal unto us what we need most in our daily living. As we turn to a roadmap to find out how to reach a certain city, we turn to the Bible, our most needed study, to find out God's will for our lives.

It is an accepted fact that we become a part of all that we read. Therefore, it is very important what we read, thus to become better servants of our Master.

We must be true witnesses among our fellow man to reach the ends of earth for Christ. We must also not neglect prayer. We should always look to Christ, the author and finisher of our faith, and be waiting for His appearing.

We are living in a terrible world of

sin. Men's hearts are gripped with fear. Clouds of war are about us. Juvenile delinquency has become a problem. Communism is spreading darkness over most of the earth. Divorce has knocked down the foundations of our homes. Crime increases at an alarming rate. Mental illness is found among the young as well as the old. Moral standards have reached a low level. The love of many are growing cold. Some are departing from the faith.

This all adds up to a world that has ignored the Lord's command to come after Him. He is the solution to all of our problems. He is the great physician able to cure all the sickness in the world. In Him alone is peace and how can we find the will of God in our lives if we do not "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

And so we say to our Lord Jesus, Do not only count me among thy people, but count on me.

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Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father. Gal. 1:4

"PASSION FOR SOULS"

"Oh, for a heart that is burdened,
Infused with a passion to pray
Oh, for a striving within me
Oh, for His power each day.
Oh, for a heart like my Saviour,
Who, being in agony, prayed;
Such caring for others, Lord give me,
On my heart let the burden be laid.
My Father, I long for this Passion,
To pour myself out, for the lost,
To lay down my life to save others,
To pray whatever the cost.
Lord teach me. Oh! teach me this secret,
I'm hungry this lesson to learn
This passionate passion for others.
For this, blessed Jesus, I yearn,
Father, this secret I long for from Thee.
Oh, let Thy Spirit reveal it to me!
What! No time for others?
No time to serve God?
No time for His message
Oh! Beware lest later, He will have no time for thee!"

Anon



HIS HANDS AND MINE

My hands were strong in fancied strength,
But now in power divine,
And bold to take up tasks at length
That were not His but mine.



The Master came and touched my hands,
And might was in His own;
But mine, since then, have powerless been
Save His are laid thereon.
And it is only thus, said He,
That I can work My works through thee!

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