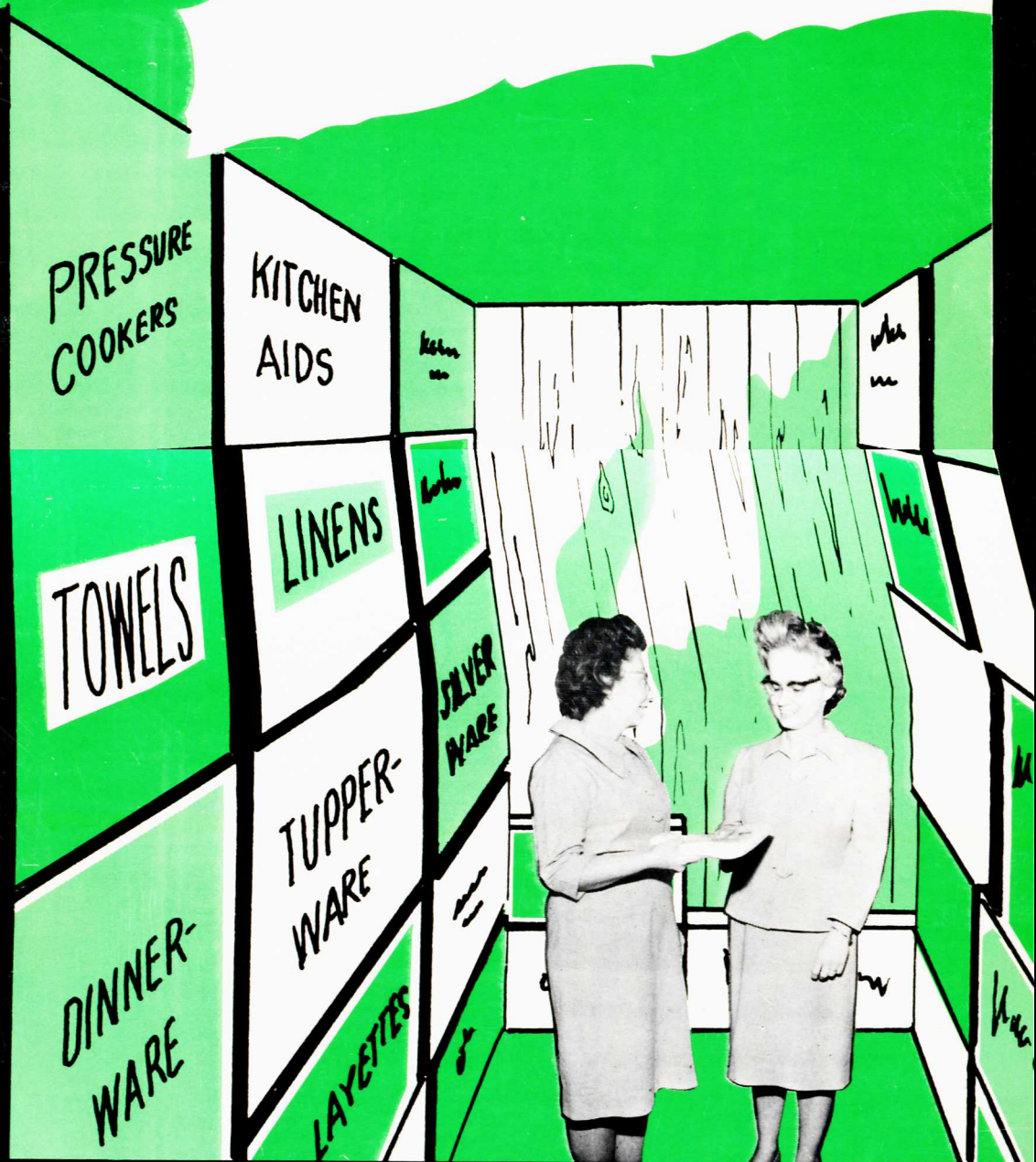


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(Tune, "Come Thou Almighty King")

Editorial...



STOP A MINUTE...

Almost from the time we get out of bed in the morning (to the tune of the alarm) until our heads wearily touch the pillows at night, we are on a **dead run**. Lydia L. Roberts said, "The man of the hour is the man out of breath. The quick lunch, the short story, the swift flight—all these are characteristic of the lives we live."

The unfortunate part is we frequently spend so much time on non-essentials we neglect the things that really count.

The story is told of a mischievous boy who got inside a store window and changed all the price tags so the high-priced merchandise had low price tags and the low price merchandise had high price tags. Is it not true that many of us today have put too high a price on non-essentials and not enough value on "things which are eternal?"

Busy with daily activities and surrounded by **sounds** of every description, our lives are filled with clamor, chatter and confusion. We need to **stop a minute!** Whatever we are doing and however pressing may seem the next thing that needs to be done, we need a moment with **Him**—a quiet time with the **Word**.

In these meaningful pauses we "restore our souls." Our strength is renewed and problems fade into insignificance. Once more we become aware of our high calling in Christ Jesus—"We are witnesses."



*"We mutter and sputter, we fume and we spurt;
We mumble and grumble, our feelings get hurt;
We can't understand things, our vision grows dim
When all that we need is a MOMENT WITH HIM!"*

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A Challenge to Free Will Baptists

"Good News Clubs"

by Gordon R. Sebastian

At a recent district meeting of Child Evangelism Fellowship workers the speaker jolted the audience with an astonishing statement: "In the United States alone there are 55 million little children 6 through 13 years of age. Of these 55 million youngsters 38 million never darken the door of a Sunday school room or church." Think of it! Over two-thirds of our youngsters six through thirteen are completely unreached with the Gospel—a fact hard to accept.

One of the ways this challenge is being met is through "Good News Clubs." These are Bible-centered classes designed especially to reach children five through twelve with the Gospel. They are conducted in homes of evangelical Christians.

Why These Clubs Are Needed

Before we discuss the clubs, let's first consider the tremendous need for Free Will Baptist churches to sponsor them in various communities.

■ Because of the Child

This vast unevangelized field composed of over 38 million souls needs our atten-



Pastor Sebastian leads a child to Christ.

tion. As we consider these little children, bear in mind our Lord's command, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

As in the past, there are still many people today who believe that a person is not accountable before God for his sin until he reaches his 12th birthday. However, neither the Bible nor common sense teaches such. Child evangelists and child psychologists agree that the age of accountability, which could vary with each individual, is much closer to five

than it is to twelve. This being true, there are millions of children in America today who are just as lost as the far-away heathen to whom we send missionaries.

Coupled with this fact is the soul-stirring truth that many of these little children may never be saved if they are not reached before they become teenagers. Educators tell us that three-fourths of a person's total education is acquired by the time he is seven, and that by the age of eight, an individual's character and disposition are framed for life. Thus, if we are to evangelize the world, we'd better concentrate much of our effort on those in their tender, formative years—whose hearts have not been hardened by years of rebellion and sin. There are many hell-destined skeptics, agnostics and hardened sinners in the world today who will never be saved. Why? Because someone failed to reach these individuals with the Gospel when their minds were open and their hearts were tender.

■ Because of the Church

In addition to the need for "Good News Clubs" for the sake of the child, these clubs are also needed for the sake of the church.

The local church which sponsors these soul-winning clubs for children in the community will certainly have much to gain. Teacher Training Classes set up to train club workers will, at the same time, provide supplementary training for the Sunday school teachers of the church. The church members who are involved will learn more about the Bible, more about children and more about the art of teaching. Lives will be deepened and enriched by this thrilling ministry of evangelism. Competent, qualified soul-winners will be added to the church. Soon the entire church atmosphere will glow with the burning testimonies of little children who have been saved and added to the membership of the church.

How to Have Good News Clubs

Now that we have considered the need for "Good News Clubs," let's concern ourselves with **how** to go about organizing such in our communities.

■ Getting Started

Getting started will require several steps:

(1) a subscription for **Child Evangelism** magazine,

(2) a request for **A Handbook on Child Evangelism** and other helps for organizing a child evangelism program in your community, and

(3) a request for the name and address of your state director for I.C.E.F. After receiving word from the I.C.E.F. office, contact your state director for assistance in getting these clubs started. The director, or some other qualified worker under him, may be acquired to come in and teach a series of weekly training



Mrs. Annas Spain, county CEF worker, instructs four Good News Club teachers of the Hookerton Church.



Workers engage in various activities during the Child Evangelism workshop at the Hookerton Church.

classes for the prospective club workers. Also, this experienced teacher will be glad to personally supervise the organizing of the first clubs.

■ The Club Itself

Now that we have seen how easy it is to actually get started in this challenging field, we need to take a look at the club itself.

A **home** for the club must first be located. The **hostess** should be a Christian whose life is dedicated to God. She must be a woman of prayer. She should have the respect of her neighbors if her home is to be filled with their children. The **house** itself should nearly represent the class-level of its neighborhood and should be large enough to manage a large number of children.

Two teachers for each club should be selected. This way one may teach while the other one gathers in latecomers—or leads children to Christ. Including the hostess, there will be a team of three women laboring and praying for the salvation of the children in each club.

There are several attributes that each teacher should possess—whether man or woman. She should be dedicated to Christ and the task of soul-winning. Her disposition should be friendly and her heart full of love for children. She should not be limited by a denominational spirit, or by excessive dogmatism relative to pet secondary doctrines or by diction that is too adult and scholarly. She must be a person of prayer and Bible study.

After the hostess and teachers have been selected, it will then be time to choose the best **day** of the week to meet. Each home in the neighborhood with children five to twelve should be con-

Child Evangelism Fellowship — Box
156 — Grand Rapids, Michigan

tacted. Most clubs meet for one hour each week right after school is out and continue to meet each week until summer vacation.

The Bible class hour itself is carefully planned to hold attention and to win young hearts to Christ. Sound Bible lessons are taught with the aid of feltograph illustrations. The children are taught to pray, sing Gospel choruses and to memorize Bible verses. After accepting Christ, they are built up in the faith and encouraged to attend the nearest “sound” Sunday school.

At the very door step of our own churches across America lies this virgin field of souls. These millions of tender-hearted, unreached children need the Gospel **now**. We cannot afford to wait. Failure to save them now could well be failure to save them ever. Indeed, a new challenge truly faces Free Will Baptists everywhere—and the answer to this challenge is “Good News Clubs.”

Reverend Sebastian is pastor of Mount Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Hookerton, North Carolina. Since he assumed the pastorate of Mount Calvary Church in 1961 over 75 members have been added to the church. The Sunday school averages over 300. The church sponsors three “Good News Clubs” in three different communities. A new contemporary auditorium that seats 600 has recently been erected.

Cover Story

Almost daily we receive supplies for the Missionary Provision Closet. Thank you for your generous response! Shown on the cover is Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Executive-Secretary, presenting a sheet from the Provision Closet to Mrs. Marie Hanna, missionary to India (now on furlough).

When your package arrives at our office, we make a careful check of the articles in it, list each article and then wrap each article in a plastic bag. This involves many, many hours. Because our time is limited in the office, we are really swamped! So . . . we ask your cooperation in this manner:

- Please include in your box a **list** of the articles contained therein.
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- If possible, wrap each article in cellophane or in a plastic bag.

Suggested Projects...

If your local auxiliary, district or state convention needs a project . . . we suggest these.

Land For Hawaii

The cost of the land that is being purchased for our Free Will Baptist church in Hawaii is \$60,000. This past year the amount of \$26,000 was given. The project has been extended through 1964 with faith that the balance of \$34,000 will come in during this time.

Reverend and Mrs. Luther Sanders and the people of the local church continue to give witness to the saving grace of Jesus Christ in Waipahu. The church is located on Waipahu Street.

This is the only Free Will Baptist Church in the Hawaiian Islands. We dare not fail in this great ministry! Purchase at least one square foot for 77¢ each.

Brazil Bible Institute

The cost of the property for a Bible Institute near Jaboticabal is \$8,000. This amount is due in 1964. Tentative plans call for opening the institute January, 1965.

Furniture (for dormitories and class rooms) is needed badly before the institute can be opened. Perhaps your auxiliary would like to share in these expenses.

As the instructors in the institute train national Free Will Baptist pastors and church workers, you, too, will be having a part in carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth—if you share in this tremendous need!

Suggested Circle Programs

THEME FOR '64 • TRUE TO GOD'S WORD

By Merlea DeFee

APRIL TRUE TO GOD'S WORD IN GIVING

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. The Scriptures Teach Tithing | Scripture.....Malachi 3:10 |
| 2. The Blessings from Giving Offerings | Song....."Trust, Try, and Prove Me" |
- *Use a flannelgraph lesson on tithing.*

MAY TRUE TO GOD'S WORD IN MOTHERHOOD

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Mother's Opportunity to Witness to Her Child | Scripture.....Exodus 2:9b |
| 2. Mother's Responsibility to Teach Her Child God's Word | Song....."Mother Knows" |
- *Use the poem—"Are All the Children In?"*

JUNE TRUE TO GOD'S WORD IN MEMORIZATION

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Help in Time of Temptation | Scripture.....Psalm 119:9, 11 |
| 2. Christian's Only Hope under Communist Rule | Chorus....."Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart" |
- *Present the Navigators' Course*

Mrs. DeFee is president of the South Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

CIRCLE PROGRAMS

by Jo Ann Hurst

APRIL

THEME: THE COST OF GIVING

Watchword: "That Which Cost Me Nothing"

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Scripture: II Samuel 24:24

It seems that Christians today, for the most part, have feelings which directly conflict with these expressed by King David in the Scripture just read.

David realized that if a gift is of no value to the giver, it is not a gift at all. The gift which God gave to an undeserving and sinful world was the most precious possession He had—His only begotten Son.

Can we make an extra gift to the missions fund because we know we can do without a new bedspread we have wanted—or do we give what is left after we purchase Sally's fancy dress material?

We want to know that the Gospel is preached in all the world—but not if we must give our sons and daughters to make it so.

Too often, we want the blessings of Christianity—but we do not want them to cost us anything . . . not time, not inconvenience, not money, not tears of compassion, not anguish of soul—not anything.

MAY

THEME: CONSECRATION

Watchword: "Try Me and Know

My Thoughts"

Hymn: "Whiter than Snow"

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12

Once a minister told of a mechanical device he had used on his job before he began preaching. The instrument was called a thermograph, and its purpose was to measure the intensity of heat for a number of different things. It was used to measure the temperature of the air pulled into airplane engines and the exhaust from those engines, and for many other purposes as well.

The minister described how this sensitive instrument recorded any cold element that entered the unit being checked and also showed the extent of the warmth of the unit.

If man can fashion such marvelous tools to meet his needs, is it so hard to understand that Almighty God can keep a recording of the thoughts and intentions of our hearts toward Him?

When a person realizes that the very thoughts which pass through his mind and the intentions of his heart affect his relationship to the Lord (just as a wave of cold air affected the thermograph) it should serve as a warning signal to watch more closely the activities of our minds.

What do we allow our minds to absorb that might bring a coldness to our hearts? What about television programs that promote ungodly living? Do we refuse to listen to "off-color" stories?

We should strive to make our hearts pure enough to make the same invitation that David made: "Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me, and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23, 24)

JUNE

THEME: SEEKING THE LORD

Watchword: "And God Helped"
(II Chron. 26:7)

Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Scripture: II Chronicles 26:1, 4, 5

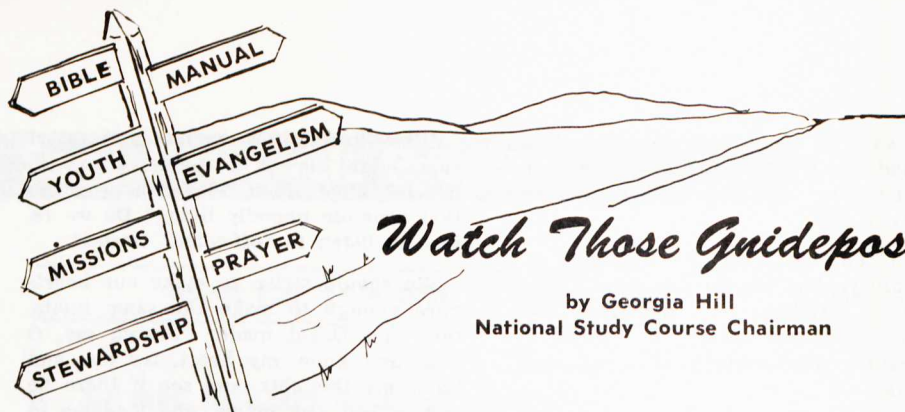
Some Bible scholars believe that Uzziah was not the oldest son of King Amaziah, but was instead the favorite among the people. A boy of sixteen, even today, is not expected to possess a great degree of wisdom—but it is notable that Uzziah did just that.

Uzziah's father had done that which was right in the sight of the Lord, "but not with a perfect heart." He finally provoked the judgment of the Lord upon himself and was slain by his enemies.

So Uzziah had some knowledge of the blessings which come to those who honor and obey the Lord. Young though he was, he hearkened to the godly teachings of his father and we have the authority of the Scripture that ". . . as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper."

Let us take stock of our present service and see if it is according to God's expectations of us. And remember that we shall prosper as long as we seek the Lord.

Mrs. Hurst is an active participant in the Woman's Auxiliary in Wenatchee, Washington.



Watch Those Guideposts!

by Georgia Hill
National Study Course Chairman

"It's a wonderful, hard matter" (to borrow a phrase from Thomas Shephard) to have five standard study courses in one year. Enlisting interest in such a project may be "hard," but the results will be "wonderful!"

Why spend so much time in study, especially if it isn't required? II Timothy 3:17 responds, "That the (woman) of God may be (being) perfect, thoroughly furnished unto good works." The following program may be presented to emphasize the importance of intensive study.

When traveling, we observe guideposts along the way, if we expect a safe arrival. On the road toward being a "thoroughly furnished" woman, we must also observe guideposts. These may be linked to verses found in Ephesians 6:10-18. (Note: This is a brief outline. Each guidepost should be thoroughly discussed.)

BIBLE Verse 17b of this Scripture portion tells us to take the "Sword of the Spirit." God's Word is the basis of all our work. **MANUAL** The second guidepost reminds us to study the **Manual**. "Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth," says Paul in verse 14a. Study the **Manual**, stand on its principles and be true to its purpose. **STEWARDSHIP** The next guidepost is stewardship. Verse 6:14b says, "... having on the breastplate of righteousness." We cannot be righteous (upright, free from wrong or sin) and not be good stewards. **MISSIONS** Verse 15 speaks out, "... and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." Diligent study in missions will lead us to prayer, and then to going and giving.

YOUTH "Above all taking the shield of faith," (v. 17b) reminds us to keep faith in God, His Word and our young people. Then our sincere study and leadership in this field will result in missionary conviction in their hearts. **EVANGELISM** Verse 17a tells us to "take the helmet of salvation"—to ourselves first, and then prepare to take it to others. **PRAYER** Verse 18 reminds us to be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Study in this area will produce effective praying.

Closing—Compare II Timothy 2:15 (workman), II Timothy 3:17 (good works), and Ephesians 6:13 (having done all).

For extra Emphasis—Prepare a poster by drawing a highway, winding upward. Going up is work—indicates progress. Place the guideposts along the way. Print II Timothy 3:17 as the destination.

Recommended course of study for this quarter—

Child Evangelism (to prepare workers for approaching Vacation Bible Schools)

Books—**Reaching Children** by Morningstar—\$1.25

The Romance of Winning Children by Coleman—\$2.00

Personal Reading—**A Woman's World** by Dr. Clyde Narramore—\$3.50

Order books and study course helps from . . .

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SUPPLEMENT NOT SEPARATE

The 1964 **Missionary Midget Program Book** contains both programs and supplement. We do **not** have a separate **Sponsor's Supplement** as previously advertised. We apologize for the inconvenience this error has caused you. We do have a **Handbook** for Missionary Midget leaders. Both sell for 50¢.

BRIEFLY . . .

■ Every auxiliary (local, district convention, state convention) is requested to send the names and addresses of the officers to the WNAC office at the very earliest date possible.

■ WNAC Executive Committee meets April 7, 1964, in Nashville, Tennessee. Each committee member will be notified by mail concerning the location of the meeting.

PROPER PAYMENT . . . PLEASE!

When sending a check or money order for your order, you may make it payable to WNAC instead of writing out the title in full.

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THANK YOU . . .

Your response to the needs of the African Hospital has been most generous. Word has reached WNAC office that they have an adequate supply of gowns and bandages. So . . . until further word is received concerning their needs, we will not send any supplies.

WHEN PLACING ORDERS

The extra expense of mailing the wrong item can be avoided if you will order by **title**. Do not confuse program books with manuals. Please be specific when ordering. This will assure you of receiving your order promptly and eliminate unnecessary expense in the office.



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for the Enlistment Chairman to win all the new members to your auxiliary this year. Gain more in '64. Let the **Co-Laborer** help you do this. Order extra copies today! Place a copy in the hand of every lady in your church — whether she attends auxiliary or not. This will encourage the non-members to come to your meetings. It's worth a try!



Mission Flashes

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Brazil For some eight months we had weekly meditations on the Christian Radio Station—PRA-7. But due to the rising cost of rent for the hall the program has been dropped. . . . For \$10 to \$12 per month we can have from 10 to 12 meditations. (Contact the national office if you are interested in helping.)

—Bobby Poole

Texas A new Sunday school was recently organized in a very needy section. . . . This is a Spanish community where there was no Protestant church. The only church in the community had been closed for several years. This town, Escobares, is 60 miles west of us. We hope to find teachers close to this community.

—Felix Lima

Africa In addition to our heavy load of patients—sometimes 200 or more daily—we have had another problem. Rains in our area have been excessive the last few months and . . . our station has been practically isolated. . . . During the past few months the Lord has continued to supply our financial needs through your gifts. We do thank Him for doing so and wish to express to you our appreciation for your interest in us and the work of the Lord here in Africa. We are looking forward to the day when additional laborers will join us. . . . The Lord has been good to give us 30 or so who have made professions of faith in Christ . . .

—Dr. L. D. Miley

Uruguay Bill Fulcher has completed arrangements to buy a car in Brazil. This will be a great boost to our work. We plan to open a work in another village.

—Paul Robinson

Hawaii The land fund is dragging its feet. . . . Thank you for all you have done, but please continue to pray about this challenging need.

—Luther Sanders

Uruguay We want to thank you for the two blankets and one quilt that were sent to us from the Provision Closet. . . . I know that all those who have recently gone out to the field are very indebted to the auxiliary for the help they have received in being able to select the things they need from the Provision Closet . . .

—Bill Fulcher

Africa We have experienced many "firsts" in Africa, and the memory of our recent youth camp is among the most pleasant. There were thirteen active participants, all well enough advanced in French that all our teaching was done in French, without the necessity of interpreters . . .

—Bill Jones

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1964, IS SUPERANNUATION SUNDAY . . .

(The following article is used by permission as a reprint from CONTACT.)

THE FORGOTTEN MAN

BY CHESTER HUCKABY

JOSEPH was in Pharaoh's prison. While there he ministered unto Pharaoh's chief butler by giving him the interpretation of his dream, and he then asked that he remember to "... think on me when it shall be well with thee and show kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house" (Genesis 40:14). But like most people, he soon forgot Joseph until he needed him again.

Easy to Forget

Many, like Joseph, have been forgotten. We are especially concerned about those that Free Will Baptists have forgotten—the aged or retired minister. While he was able to minister unto us, he was rather popular, but somehow it is so easy to forget now that he is not active any more.

What a pity and how this must grieve him. There must be times when just a few words would mean so much. How lonely he becomes. We will never know perhaps until we come to that same hour of loneliness.

Free Will Baptists have one Sunday during the year when they are asked to make a special effort to remember our aged and retired ministers and those who have already passed on to be with the Lord. It is each Father's Day—this year June 21. Along with our Father's Day service we can include the aged or retired minister. We can very easily arrange a memorial service for the minister who organized our church, if he has passed on. By all means, let's not permit ourselves to become like the chief butler and forget.

Receive Offering

It is suggested that each Free Will Baptist Church receive an offering on Father's Day and mail it to the Board of Superannuation, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, for the retirement program of the National Association. Remember these who have stood faithful through the years and respond with a generous offering. ■ ■

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Jackie Whitehurst (now Jackie Brugh) entered nurses' training in September, 1960, at Petersburg General Hospital in Petersburg, Virginia.

An interview with a godly mother reveals the principles she used in . . .

Guiding the Graduate

by Gertie Whitehurst
Norfolk, Virginia

When your daughter, Jackie, was a high school student, were you satisfied to think that her studies would end upon graduation from high school?

We were happy that Jackie was graduating from high school, but we never thought about her "school days" as being over. We had always looked upon high school as being the first important step toward her future career—whatever it may have been.

Why were you interested in her continuing her education beyond the high school level?

We were interested in her continuing her education because we knew that she was not prepared to go out into the world and make a living without further training in some chosen field. Her capacity to serve Christ and mankind could be enlarged by continuing her education, also. I feel that regardless of the type of work one chooses, he should prepare himself for it. I believe God expects that of us in order for us to do a good job that will bring glory to Him—whether it be a position in the church or one's vocation.

How did you go about guiding Jackie in her decision to further her studies?

Jackie, like so many others at that age, had a problem trying to decide what to do. Even though she had always wanted to be a nurse (from the time she was a little girl), she wasn't sure she would be accepted for training because of some physical problems.

She had studied piano for many years and her teacher tried to persuade her to prepare herself to teach piano. She was also very interested in being a librarian. So I secured all the information I could on each of these professions. After reading the material, we discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each, the amount of training for each and other involvements. Then, I left it up to God to show her which step to take next.

What do you believe caused Jackie to decide on a nursing career?

Jackie was a dedicated Christian and always liked to do things for people—especially those who could not care for themselves. She is also fond of old people. She felt that by preparing herself to be a nurse, she could minister to the sick and suffering and in that way help mankind.

Do you believe a young person can be as definite that God wills for him or her to be a nurse, or a school teacher or a secretary as the young person who feels confident God has called him to be a missionary, minister or director of Christian Education?

Yes! I definitely believe that God calls people into different types of secular work as much as He calls a person to be a missionary or a minister or any other Christian worker. A nurse, a teacher or a secretary has a mission field wherever she works and God has work for her to do.

Were you uneasy about her leaving home for her nurses' training (which she could have obtained in Norfolk)?

No. I was never uneasy about her leaving home for her nurses' training. Of course, we missed her and if she had stayed here in Norfolk we could have seen her more often; however, we felt it would help her in many ways to be "on her own." We knew, also, that she would be under strict supervision in the dormitory.

Did being away from home and being away from her home church have an adverse effect on her spiritual life?

No. I think being away from home and being away from those on whom she depended in her home church strengthened her spiritual life. Each student was urged to take an active part in the church of her choice. It also gave her a wonderful opportunity to help some of the other girls who were not as strong spiritually as she was, and to encourage them to attend church.

Mrs. Whitehurst, what advice would you give our auxiliary members as they seek to advise their sons and daughters who are graduating from high school this year?

That is a very difficult question. So many things need to be considered.

Planning a child's future education should begin when he or she is small. This planning is actually taking place when the parent is "training up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6).

Auxiliary members should remember that their duty is to "advise" their sons and daughters concerning further education—not "dictate" to them. Regardless of the strong desire in the mind of the mother for her son to be a minister, she should place the entire matter in God's hand and trust His direction for her son to be the right choice! After all, we, as mothers, should desire God's will for our children—rather than our wills.

Remind the graduate that the road will be long and hard, but anything valuable is worth working for—and God desires to go every step of the way with him if he will allow Him to do so.

No matter what vocation your son or daughter chooses, if God has directed in the pursuit of that vocation, He will surely use him or her if your child will only let Him!

Mrs. Whitehurst is former president of Tidewater WA Convention. Because of her understanding and patient counseling, Jackie entered nurses' training. In spite of her young age (17) and not having had chemistry in high school (Norfolk schools closed during the integration episode), Jackie was accepted and passed all the required courses — following the advice of a godly mother.

Readers Write...



Desloge, Mo.—"This issue (1st quarter) of **Co-Laborer** is the best issue we've had. It is beautiful and I want to be among the first to say "Thank you!"

—**Mrs. Eunice Edwards**

Mountain Grove, Mo.—"I am elated with our new **Co-Laborer**! It is so pretty, colorful, informative, and the layout is beautiful . . . "

—**Mrs. Gene Rogers**

Winter Haven, Fla.—"Central Florida WDAC held a workshop at the First Church in Haines City with four auxiliaries reporting. There were 105 persons present. A program on youth work followed the workshop."

—**Mrs. Mamie Page**

Erwin, Tenn.—"The first Free Will Baptist youth rally in our county was a great success—with approximately 125 young people and adult workers attending. This was a joint effort of the churches in our county. . . . Our purpose was to create interest and inspire our young people to greater heights in Christian living and to more dedicated living."

—**Mrs. Bob Grindstaff**

Conway Ark.—"The Arkansas State Auxiliary Convention reached a goal of \$2,555.00 for **Wheels for Deedses**. The new project is for every auxiliary member to purchase at least one square foot of land in Hawaii."

Joplin, Mo.—"We have adopted a ward of 35 women in the Missouri State Mental Hospital. . . . This is our first Standard of Achievement Chart. . . . Thank you, WNAC, for this plan to accomplish our Lord's work!"

—**Mrs. Freddie Oxendine**

Midland, Texas—"There was approximately \$55.00 worth of Tupperware purchased for missionaries by the Westside Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary and outside friends. . . . The party was given in the Reddi-Room at the Texas Electric Company . . . "

—**Mrs. Bobby J. Sparkman**

Benton, Ill.—"The State Auxiliary Convention sponsored a Youth Revival at the Tabernacle. Rev. Tom Malone was the evangelist."

Jesup, Ga.—"The auxiliary voted to send five single sheets to the Provision Closet and to send a love offering to Sammy and June Wilkinson."

South Carolina—"Our new project for this year is to purchase a jeep for the Hannas."

Mrs. Merla B. DeFee

Northeast Mississippi—"We have just finished our district project "Literature for Missions" and have begun our new project which is to supply future needs of Dr. Ruby Griffin."

Mrs. Kimble Crossley

Oklahoma—"Our new project is the Lonnie Palmer Account .

Mrs. Peggy Royal

Texas—"Our latest project is land in Hawaii."

Mrs. Ruby Withers

Flat River Missouri—"The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Church sent supplies to the Provision Closet, clothing to the Children's Home, gifts to Uruguay, and to a student in Bible College."

Mrs. Dale Blakeley



introducing

JUNE R. CRITCHER

I am happy to announce the appointment of June R. Critcher as Production Editor of **Co-Laborer**. She has been employed by WNAC office for two years—working on a part-time basis. Her work as Production Editor began with our first quarter, 1964, edition of **Co-Laborer**.

June (Rivenbark) Critcher was born in Durham, North Carolina, on June 15, 1932. She is the daughter of Reverend Fred Rivenbark. In 1958 she was married to Harold Critcher.

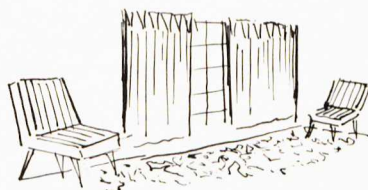
Mrs. Critcher was graduated from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1954. She later did graduate work at the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia Extension in Norfolk, Virginia.

I welcome her to the editorial staff of WNAC publications.

—Editor

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April 5-9, 1964



NEW WNAC OFFICE NEEDS FURNISHINGS . . .

With the new headquarters building in the planning stage, some needs of the auxiliary department will be . . .

- chairs for guests
- carpeting
- draperies

If your auxiliary would like to assist in the purchase of these, please send the offering through the regular channels clearly earmarked — **Furnishings for WNAC Office.**

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With the accent more and more on youth in modern times, Free Will Baptists have become increasingly aware of the importance of youth camps. Our denomination has a distinct place in molding and holding the loyal interests and lasting love of our boys and girls, as well as caring for their spiritual advancement. The Christian training, the fellowship with others their own age, the spiritual development and doctrinal teachings in one week can have a greater impact on their lives for all eternity than many weeks of Sunday school instruction, League training, etc. (however faithfully they might attend these organization).

Jesus said, "Suffer (let) the children, and forbid them not, to come unto me,

for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Again, we read in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

In our twenty years in the ministry, my husband and I have observed that, among mature people making their professions of faith for the first time, those who had some spiritual background in Christian homes, as children, are much more likely to go on, growing in grace and faithful stewardship than those who did not have this foundation as children. The latter are prone to soon fall back into old habits, old ways of the world and stray away from the church.

Most of our states have one or more campsites, or they rent facilities from



other denominations for encampments each summer.

Many of our missionaries in foreign countries today first announced their calls to the mission field from a youth camp altar. June (Goode) Wilkinson (in Brazil), when about 14 years of age, announced her call to be a missionary in a Texas Youth Camp. So did John Moehlman (in Panama) and Bill Jones (in Africa) the summer they finished high school together. Many of our pastors and Christian workers were either called to preach or dedicate their lives to "full-time" Christian service at camp.

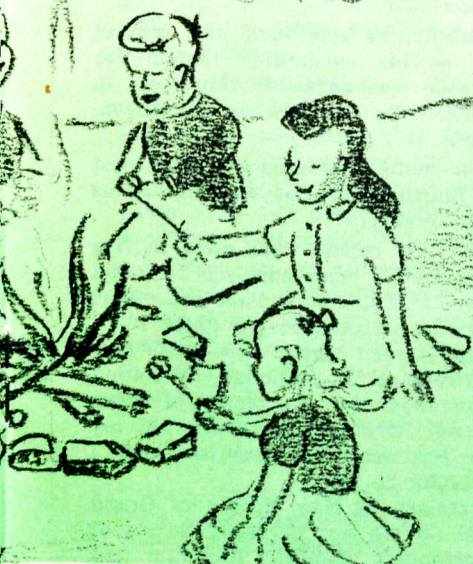
Call after call goes out each year for teachers, workers, life guards, counselors, music directors and nurses. Some are dedicated, eager to go each year.

Others don't see how they can leave home and family for a week at camp. Many feel the urgency to **go!** And they go as Dorcas, "doing what they can."

Some mothers who work arrange their vacations so they can go to camp with children whom they love and appreciate. Everyone who gives of his time and service in this labor of love goes home at the end of the week feeling gratified to have observed the growth and transformation in the lives of the children and youth, as well as a sweet, satisfying feeling that he has been obedient to his Lord who said, "Go . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19, 20).

Youth Camps

by ASA BERRY
San Antonio, Texas



Program for April, 1964

Volunteers For Jesus

By JOSEPH G. ANGE

Hymn: "A Volunteer for Jesus"

Prayer: See "Call to Prayer"

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8; II Chron. 17:16; Acts 9:1-6

Business:

Program:

INTRODUCTION

Most people today are more concerned with "me" and "mine" than they are with **others!** No one, however, can live victoriously for Christ and hold to the selfish attitude of "me" and "mine" and forget others.

Today there are 3,100,000,000 people on earth. More than 1,000,000,000 of them have never heard the Gospel. The heathen population increases at the rate of 50,000,000 each year. If all of the heathen were to march by us at the rate of 3600 per hour, the march would never end.

Today the need is greater than ever for a great army of volunteers who will man their posts of duty and go forth to **conquer** a perishing world for Christ. Will **you** be one of them? Will you pray that others will "join the ranks" with you?

1. THE CHALLENGE TODAY

We must evangelize or fossilize. Israel of old found out this truth the hard way. God chose the Children of Israel to be a repository of His truth. He chose them to be a witness to the nations. They failed in many ways and God cut them off.

The challenge of today is still "go ye." First, the Lord says, "Go!" That means everywhere there are lost people. It means into all the world. Then, God says, "God **ye!**" This means every saved person in the world. Jesus still says to all of us, "Give **ye** them to eat."

So many of us today are like the Chinaman who refused to help his fellow Chinese friend who was drowning. He said to those who questioned him about it, "Oh well, there are hundreds of millions more of them."

Yes, like the priest and the Levite, most of us pass by on the other side. Do you not hear the heart-rending call, "Come over into Macedonia and help us?" How can we help but hear?

2. FIVE COMPELLING REASONS

Paul outlines five strong reasons in II Corinthians 5 why all of God's people

should respond to the call of missions.

- The first reason is the judgment seat of Christ (vs. 10).

- The second reason is the terror of the Lord. In verse 11, Paul says, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men . . ."

- Thirdly, he sets forth the love of Christ as his compelling motive for world-wide evangelization. He says in verse 14, "For the love of Christ constraineth us . . ."

- Our being new creatures in Christ is his fourth reason for soul-winning as seen in verse 17.

- The last reason Paul gives in this passage for his missionary zeal is found in verse 21. In this verse Paul says, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ . . ."

Standing even higher than these convicting reasons for missionary dedication and surrender are the words of Jesus Christ our Lord who said, ". . . as my Father has sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

A gateman at New York City Grand Central Station was checking tickets of the passengers. Someone told him that

he was the most **unpopular** man in New York. Said the gateman, "Do you see that man looking down from the window above me? He's my boss, and it is my desire not to please you people, but to please him!"

Someone is looking down upon our lives. May God give us grace to please Him.

3. THE CRUX OF THE MATTER

We have the challenge. God has issued His call. Now, what we need most to meet the need of world missions is **dedicated** people.

Isaiah saw God, himself and a lost world and said, "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

The man with outstretched hands cried, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." And Paul answered the call and went.

Do you hear God's call today? He is still saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"

Some folks are building bridges that will soon rust away. The story is told of one missionary who was trained to be a civil engineer. After graduation he built his first bridge. When the work was completed he stood at a distance to admire his work. But to his utter amazement, he saw a man painting a rust spot on his bridge.

Suddenly, it dawned on him that he was devoting his life to building bridges that would soon rust away. He dropped to his knees and gave his life to God to be a missionary, so he could rescue dying souls and thus devote his life to a ministry that would live forever.

Perhaps you can never go to a foreign land with the Gospel. Are you willing for your children to go? Hannah, in solemn dedication to God, presented her son, Samuel, to the Lord for His service forever.

Many folks today are like the preacher who made an earnest plea for someone

to answer the call for missionary service. When no one else stood, his own daughter stood up far away in the balcony. The preacher quickly remonstrated with his daughter and said, "Not you, Lucy, I meant someone else."

How about you, mother? Are you willing for your son or daughter to go?

4. DROP THAT BAT

The young fellow was playing ball on the corner lot. It finally was his turn to bat. At that instant his father called from the porch and asked the young lad to deposit an important letter for him in the nearest mailbox a quarter of a mile away.

Without hesitation, the young lad took the letter and skipped away from the porch. As he was leaving the porch, he heard his father say, "You're a good laddie son, a good laddie."

While the boy was gone to mail the letter, his father died suddenly of a heart attack.

The first thing the boy thought about when informed of the news were the words of his father, "You're a good laddie, son, a good laddie."

How important it is today for us to drop the "bats and playthings of the world" so that we can take God's Letter, the good news of salvation, to a perishing world quickly.

Will you be one of His volunteers today?

5. THE CONSUMMATION OF IT ALL

No trial, no hardships, no suffering will be regretted when we see Jesus and the innumerable hosts that have been saved. (Read Rev. 7:9; 12.)

*"It will be worth it all
When we see Jesus.
Life's trials will seem so small,
When we see Christ.
One glimpse of His dear face,
All sorrow will erase.
So bravely run the race,
'Til we see Christ."*

Rev. Ange is pastor of Central F.W.B. Church, Detroit, Michigan, and chairman of the Foreign Missions Board.

"The most successful Vacation Bible Schools are the result of year 'round prayer and preparation"—(SCRIPTURE PRESS).

VBS Is a Rewarding Experience



If you have never had a Vacation Bible School in your church, my prayer is that this article will cause you to see the great need of having one this year! I have been in the Free Will Baptist denomination since my conversion at the age of twelve, and until last year I had never been in a church that had a Vacation Bible School. I'm glad our pastor's wife saw the need of having such a school.

VALUE OF VBS

We all know that children do not get enough instruction in the Sunday school. If the pupil comes every Sunday and the period of instruction lasts 30 minutes,

the average Sunday school is able to provide only about 26 hours of instruction in a year. If the home is not Christian, the instruction given in the church may be all the child will ever receive. How important it is, then, that the instruction given in the Sunday school be supplemented. And the Vacation Bible School answers that need, at least, in part. It provides more instruction in two weeks than the Sunday school provides in an entire year. Vacation Bible School is often able to reach children that the Sunday school is not able to reach.

PURPOSE OF VBS

Because Vacation Bible School is held after school is out, the teacher has the

opportunity to work with the minds of children—free from all other school activity. The Bible School should nurture the child in the fear and admonition of the Lord. It should help him grow in such a way that his life will be greatly affected by the growth. It should bring the child into a saving knowledge of Christ as Saviour, and should motivate the child to Christian service.

PREPARATION OF VBS

If you have not already started planning a Vacation Bible School for this year, start **now!** If you have never worked in a Bible School, you may wonder why it is so necessary to start preparing now. I wondered the same thing last year. Had it not been for an efficient director who kept urging us far in advance to prepare our lessons and handwork, I'm afraid my role as teacher would have been a complete failure.

By knowing **what** you are going to teach, you can begin "living" the stories long before the opening day. While doing your housework, tell the stories over and over. I don't mean to memorize them, but it is important to know them well enough that when there is an interruption in class you won't lose your line of thought.

Early preparation will enable you to acquire "visual aids" to help in your lesson presentations. Pictures from magazines, objects from nature, etc. make the impression of truths greater on the minds of boys and girls.

By preparing early, you will avoid the "last minute rush" that produces tension.

HANDWORK IN VBS

This gives the students an opportunity to participate and to be creative. Handwork often relates to the Bible study; thus, making a greater impression of the truths on the students' minds.

Early preparation is just as important in the area of handwork as in lesson preparation. Make "samples" of all the handwork you will be directing your

class in making—long before the first session. Have all the necessary "equipment" ready that will be used in connection with the handwork. Be prepared early!

RESULTS OF VBS

No one can estimate the evangelistic results of a Vacation Bible School. The results may go on and on—even to succeeding generations. God does not always give us the privilege of reaping the results of our efforts. He only asks that

by PANSY CRAVENS

we spread the seeds of the Gospel. There are children reached and won to Christ in Vacation Bible Schools who would never be won otherwise. Through the interest of the children many parents are reached, also.

There were children in my primary class who had never attended a Protestant Sunday school or church. When I looked into those dear faces, knowing they had never heard the truth about salvation, I realized the value of sowing seeds that could well produce a harvest in later years.

Yes, it was a lot of work. But at the close of a lesson when I heard remarks such as, "I can hardly wait until tomorrow to hear what happens next," I felt a deep satisfaction. I knew the work was not in vain.

The subject I chose to teach was the life of the Apostle Paul. My own life has been enriched by this study, and this year I hope to see more eager faces searching mine—wanting to hear about God and His love for little children.

Mrs. Cravens is president of the West Coast District WA Convention in California.

Battlements For The Home

By ROLLA SMITH

Scripture: Deuteronomy 22:8

Prayer: See "Call to Prayer"

Special Music: (Ask the Primary Sunday school teacher or League leader to arrange for the primaries to present music for this meeting.)

Business:

Program:

INTRODUCTION

"When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a **battlement** for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thy house, if any man fall from thence" (Deut. 22:8).

The people to whom this law was given lived in houses with flat roofs which were used much as we would use a porch or patio. It was, therefore, necessary for battlements to be built for protection from falling off the roofs. Anyone who neglected to build the battlements, and hereby occasioned an accident, was held responsible for the accident. If death resulted, the owner, by his neglect, had brought blood upon his house. Thus, we see that God places high value on human life.

God is concerned today with the safety of our homes. He is concerned not only with the physical protection but also with the spiritual protection of our homes. Parents are under a very special obligation to provide spiritual **battlements** for their homes.

H is for harmony.

O is for obedience and others.

M is for morality.

E is for encouragement and example.

1. "H" IS FOR HARMONY

Someone has aptly said, "He is the happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home."

Another has expressed the need for harmony in the home by saying, "It is as hard a thing to maintain sound understanding, a tender conscience, a lively, gracious heavenly spirit, and an upright life in the midst of contention, as to keep your candle lighted in a great storm."

The wise man said in Proverbs 21:9, "It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman in a wide house." Commenting on this verse, Matthew Henry said, "What a great affliction it is to a man to have a brawling, scolding woman for his wife, who upon every occasion . . . breaks out into a passion and chides either him

or those about her, and is fretful to herself and furious to her children." Obviously, this verse may be applied to other members of the family.

The Apostle Paul said, "Put them in mind to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men" (Titus 3:1, 2). This means that we are not to fight one another either with hand or tongue.

A home, then, cannot be what God wants it to be when strife, discord, contention, quarreling and fussing are there. Let there be **harmony** in the home!

2. "O" IS FOR OBEDIENCE AND OTHERS

Every member of the family should **obey** God. "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13b).

Obedience to God is to supersede all other obedience. "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than man" (Acts 5:29).

Children are to obey their parents, but even in this the higher obedience to God is recognized. "Children, obey your parents **in the Lord**: for this is right" (Eph. 6:1). The apostle is saying, in effect, that a child is under obligation to obey his parents so long as he is not required to be disobedient unto God. For example, a parent has no right to ask a child to lie, cheat or steal. Neither has he the right to forbid his child to pray or read his Bible.

Lamentably, many parents fail to properly discipline their children. Every parent should keep in mind Proverbs 29:15, "The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

Again, "O" is for **others**. A home cannot be what God intended it to be unless there is mutual respect of the rights and interests of every member of the family. There is much unhappiness in some homes as a result of failure to adhere to this principle.

3. "M" IS FOR MORALITY

One of the greatest foes of the American home today is immorality!

Horace Mann once said, "I have observed that ten men have failed from defect in morals where one has failed from defect in intellect."

His observation may have been a realistic one in his day, although it was likely too conservative. In any case, the percentage of men who fail from defect in morals is obviously much higher today and is increasing at an alarming rate.

Various polls that are taken from time to time, together with one's observations, reveal that immorality in its sundry manifestations among both men and

women, as well as teenagers, is destroying homes on a "wholesale" scale.

"Morality does not make a Christian; but no one can be a Christian without it." Neither does morality alone make an ideal home, but no home can be what it should be without it.

It is time that more adequate moral **battlements** be built around the homes of our nation. Otherwise, the United States will be numbered with other great nations that have gone down in defeat and oblivion as a result of spiritual and moral deterioration.

4. "E" IS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND EXAMPLE

There are many things in our society to discourage the Christian, especially the youth. Very often converted young people drift back into lives of sin because their parents fail to give them the needed **encouragement**.

Parents should observe the lives of their children. An atmosphere of mutual trust should be created. Thus, children will be encouraged to share their problems with their parents.

The admonition of Hebrews 10:24 has an application to families—"Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."

Again, "E" is for **example**. The Apostle Paul said in I Timothy 5:4, "Shew piety at home." What one is at home reveals what he really is.

It is said of David in I Chronicles 16:43, "And David returned to bless his house." He had been engaged in bringing the ark to Jerusalem, but realized that he had obligations at home as well as in public. Many people who appear very **pious in public** return to their homes to make them miserable. Such hypocrisy causes many boys and girls to frown on religion. Parents should be living examples of genuine Christianity at home!

Rev. Smith is pastor of Donelson FWB Church, Donelson, Tennessee, and is a member of the Foreign Missions Board.



Call TO PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

"Call unto me and I will answer thee . . ." (Jer. 33:3)

AFRICA

Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to the Stevens. They recently encountered plane difficulty—and the Lord saw them safely through the situation.

Pray for the Boarding School in which they work. Ask the Lord to give them patience, grace, strength and hearts filled with love as they work with the boys.

URUGUAY

The Sunday school and church attendance recently took a serious blow—from around 60 to 29. This decrease in attendance was a direct result of the working of Satan.

Things are looking up, though. The Lord continues to work in the hearts of those to whom our missionaries are witnessing. Souls are coming to a personal knowledge of Christ. So, pray for a real working of the Holy Spirit in our work here.

Becky Robinson still has an allergy for which no remedy has been found. Ask the Lord to meet this physical need in the way He so desires.

MEXICO

"Crowded conditions" best describe the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in Monterrey, Mexico. Two girls sleep on one cot. Missionary Billows made some bunk beds; however, there are not enough to go around. This is just one of several problems that necessitates moving to a new location. Plans are being made to move outside the city, purchase land and erect a new Bible Institute.

Ask the Lord to provide the money that's necessary in bringing this proposed project to fruition. This is a tremendous need! God has proven Himself faithful in our Mexican work and He will certainly do the same in this undertaking.

BRAZIL

Missionary Poole reported a record attendance of 80 in Sunday school recently! **Praise** the Lord for this accomplishment.

Rains have hindered working with the people in the farm area. Remember the natives in this area as you pray.

Ask the Holy Spirit to direct Missionary Poole as he works toward opening new work in two towns.

CANADA

The Mack Owenses report the organization of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Millville, N. B. Canada with eleven members. The church averages 37 in Sunday school with about 25 to 30 attending the worship services. League attendance is good with 16 enrolled. Pray for this new church. Remember all the new Christians in your prayers, too.

PANAMA

Missionary Tom Willey, Jr. made a trip down to the edge of the Davin jungle to carry on some literary work. On the way home, he became ill with a fever—that later rose to 105°. The doctor's diagnosis was: "fever of unknown origin." After being hospitalized eight days he was able to return home.

Pray that the Lord will give our missionaries in Panama, the Moehlmans and Willeys grace during these crucial days. Prayer for their safety.

Second Quarter Calendar

April

Foreign Missions Month

Bible Conference At FWBBC—April 5-9

May

Christian Home Month

National Family Week—May 3-8

Chaplains' and Servicemen's Sunday—May 24

June

League Month

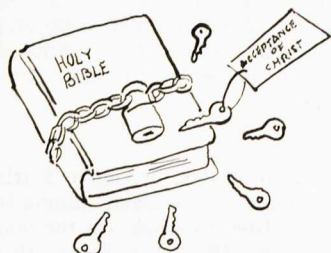
Vacation Bible Schools

Superannuation Sunday—June 21

PROGRAM HELPS

By DOROTHY E. SAMPLE
Flint, Michigan

APRIL



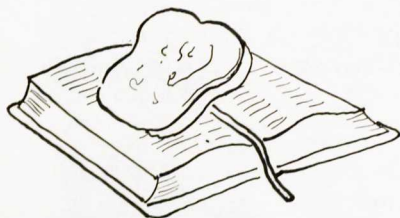
Bind a Bible with chain and lock. Label six keys as illustrated. Point out that people all over the world are trying these wrong keys (try each one). Finally, use the correct key. Our missionaries are presenting the right key, "Acceptance of Christ." This is the only key that unlocks the power of God's Word, His salvation and Heaven. Let's help our missionaries by praying and freely giving.

MAY



Find a picture of a family reading the Bible (from an old issue of **Contact** or some other Christian magazine or quarterly). Paste or tape it on a piece of construction paper. Put it in the center of a board and easel in front of your room. At the end of the program, remind the ladies that one of the best ways to establish these "battlements" in our homes is to have family devotions daily.

JUNE



Place a slice of bread on an open Bible. Point out the two kinds of food—natural and spiritual. Emphasize the need for natural food for daily sustenance—but more important is spiritual food which produces growth in Christ.

Usually we limit ourselves to feeding spiritually once a day—whereas, we require physical bread three times a day. The more often we get "into the Word" the better acquainted we become with our Lord.

He wants us to study His Word and hide it in our hearts. By so doing, we will be learning of Him!

True to the Word

... IN OUR HOMES

By LISSIE TURNAGE

It was about three months after our first child was born that the realization came to me that I had an enormous task of rearing a child. I called Mrs. LaVerne Miley (now a missionary to Africa) who was living near me to discuss my feeling about training our son properly. I had seen children who, supposedly, had Christian homes go astray and I didn't want that to happen to my child. Mrs. Miley asked me, "Do you believe the Bible?" I answered very quickly, "Certainly, I do." She quoted Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This is a **promise** from God to parents.

SINFUL CONDITIONS MAKE NEED GREAT

The Christian Freedom Foundation recently stated that in 1776 all textbooks used in public schools were Christian. By 1850 only 50% of the textbooks were Christian. In 1960 none of the books used by our public schools were Christian! (**Christian Life**, 1962)

Children used to attend schools where the Bible was read, prayer was made and hymns were sung. But present-day efforts are to wipe out completely the reading of the Bible, prayer and even the mention of God's name. Such conditions prevailing in places where our children spend the greater part of their time cannot help but impress on their minds that God, the Bible and what we believe is not of great importance.

In the face of these facts and the uncertainty of the day in which we live, it is reassuring and thrilling to realize that God has made his Holy Word available to every home.

We must heed the instruction of Deuteronomy 11:18 and 19: "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul . . . and ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

EMPLOY VARIETY IN YOUR DEVOTIONS

Family worship should be a happy, satisfying time of the morning, noon or night. Each family should choose the most suitable time. The Lord Himself has promised, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst."

Several different ways should be used for your devotional time together. It should be planned. Memorize Scripture at the breakfast table. In the evening each person may recount how this verse helped or challenged him during the day. Other Scripture should be read in connection with the thought of the verse. Each member of the family may read a verse of the selected portion. A first or second grade child enjoys reading, although he stumbles.

Devotional guides are very good to use—such as **Depth**, the League publication. Never fail to read the Bible even when you use commentaries or even stories. Stories that illustrate a Bible verse are helpful for younger children. The book **LITTLE VISITS WITH GOD** (may be ordered from Free Will Baptist Book Stores—3801 Richland Avenue—Nashville, Tennessee 37205) is an example of this.

—(Continued Page 32)

Program for June, 1964

The Learning Christian

By LAURA B. BARNARD

Hymn: "Did You Think to Pray?"

Prayer: Use requests in "Call to Prayer"

Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

Business:

Program:

INTRODUCTION

A study course! Who has not heard deep sighs at the mention of plans for another course? The easiest way around it is to appoint one person (the pastor too often!) to read the prescribed book and in a **single** meeting give a report on it while the members of the auxiliary listen. But this misses the mark in a course of study because it reflects a misunderstanding of the **important teaching goal** of the Woman's Auxiliary. Since it is a teaching movement, women belonging to it should **study** and **learn**.

1. LEARNING AND GOOD WORKS

It is the nature of women to enjoy doing good works, such as providing food for all occasions of need within the church's ministry, cheering and caring for the sick, decorating the church and keeping it in attractive order, and the many other "good works" along life's pathway. These are entirely Scriptural and necessary. But learning, also, is necessary and it is a spiritual service.

When the service of learning lags behind the service of good works, the good works begin to lose their sweet fragrance and meaning. Jesus spoke a word concerning this point when He said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me . . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matt. 11:28). Here our Lord seems to link together the tasks of working and studying.

The yoke is worn by a beast of burden and it always stands for **service**. Learning "of" Jesus implies learning **from** Him as Teacher as well as learning **about** Him through the Bible and through the work which He is doing in the world today. His promise to give us rest appears to be dependent upon our **learning**

of Him. He knows how tempted we are to grow "weary in well-doing" and how we need to be kept rested and refreshed in our work.

2. TO HUMAN BEINGS ONLY

The ability to learn is God's gift to human beings only! An ox or other beast of burden can serve, but it cannot study and learn. Of all earthly creatures, only to mankind did God give the ability both to **work** and to **learn**. In what community of animals could you find a group coming together with notebooks and pencils, Bibles and hymnbooks?

The Scriptures use ants as the supreme illustration of industrious service (Proverbs 6:6), and exhort human beings to learn from them. Yet, ants never read books, nor learn multiplication tables, nor write letters to one another, nor worship and pray. They develop and operate by instinct, and are without the power to reason and study, to judge or understand.

This special gift of intellect, or the ability to improve one's self by studying and learning, has been bestowed only upon man as the only creature after God's image. For this reason, it is

wrong to neglect to cultivate the mind. When human beings fail to study and add to their store of knowledge, they dishonor their Creator who made them in His image.

3. A MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Information (learning) is necessary for those who wish to be useful to God in His great work of redeeming men throughout the world . . . for example, in our work of **prayer**. Broad knowledge is necessary for a ministry of prayer.

Paul instructs the church (Eph. 6:18) to pray "for all saints" the world over. But, unless we are in touch with saints (Christians) throughout the world, it is not possible to pray meaningful and effective prayers for them.

No doubt, the church's prayer meetings are formal and tasteless because we are not well enough acquainted with our fellow-believers in other lands to enjoy praying for them. Study courses suggested by WNAC, as well as the other missionary literature of our denomination, are meant to give us this needed prayer link. Books, monthly publications, attractive films and records are provided by all of our boards, especially the two mission boards, to be used in our churches for this purpose.

We are further commanded to pray "for all men," and "for kings and all that are in high places" (I Tim. 2:1, 2). This means not only praying for the salvation of non-Christians (heathen) throughout the world, but praying for rulers of states and nations. Indeed, the Bible obligates Christians to be acquainted with world movements and to take to heart all the problems that touch mankind, whether religious, political, or social.

The three special classes of people for whom God charges us to pray are:

- the groups of Christians throughout the world—"all saints"
- the millions still in sin and darkness—"all men"
- and the men who rule our world

—"kings, and all that are in high places."

4. THINGS WE NEED TO LEARN

We need to learn what the **Bible** says concerning **God's plan to redeem mankind and man's responsibility in that plan**. We commonly call this "missions." It is necessary to study the Bible thoroughly, get its missionary message, and then give ourselves to the task as the Scripture teaches.

We need to know our **missionaries**, the **countries** and **sections** of the country in which they serve and the **nature** of their missionary ministries. From time to time programs are written by certain missionaries explaining to us the work of their fields.

We need to know something of what is taking place in that **greater world** of nations beyond our borders. I always appreciate persons who, when watching educational programs on television or listening to news of the world, connect the information with **Gospel witness** in the country being dealt with. Christians vitally related to God cannot learn of the wonders of world geography and the intriguing customs of its peoples without thinking of their **need of redemption** and of **our responsibility** to take the Gospel to them.

5. HUMAN EFFORT: A REQUIREMENT

Human effort is required in learning—supernatural revelation is exceptional.

God has never put a premium on ignorance, and He has never practiced revealing supernaturally to us things which we may find out for ourselves by study and effort, or by natural means. He has purposed that we make full use of the intellectual gifts with which He has endowed us as in His image. But He does find pleasure in giving help and blessing to all who earnestly attempt to become enlightened and thus better prepared to serve Him.

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PRESIDENT

An outstanding trait of the president of any organization should be **LEADERSHIP**. By this, we mean "the ability to organize, to inspire and to lead the group to fulfill the aims and purposes of the organization." It is a quality each president should covet and seek to possess. Through prayer it can be ours (James 1:5).

VISION is essential for the president of the Woman's Auxiliary. Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes and look . . ." Look to our missionaries and their needs. If their minds are relieved of the stress of material needs, they can do a better job winning the lost to Jesus.

THE PROVISION CLOSET should have a prominent place in our vision. From the supplies sent in by various auxiliaries, our missionaries find many needed articles — large and small. Sheets (single and double), stainless steel, melmac, pins, tooth brushes, thread, snaps, scissors and many other items are needed.

FOOD POUNDINGS for our home missionaries are welcomed. Packaged food cartons such as cake mixes, puddings, potatoes, etc. could easily be collected and mailed to our home missionaries.

— (Maude Coffey)



RECORDING SECRETARY

Let us suppose that the Bible was closed, mouths shut, and no one naming the name of Christ as Saviour. The consequences would be drastic to the next generation.

This same principle can be applied to our Woman's Auxiliary. If the auxiliary does not make accurate reports of its work, we have no measuring stick of what has been done. We can see where we are weak and where we are strong by our reports. Our Achievement Charts are dependent upon **COMPLETE** reports. What report do you wish to leave for our next generation? It all depends on you!

If you have difficulty getting your members to fill out the Individual Monthly Report Slips, try these methods:

- The recording secretary leads the group in reading the report and each item is marked together.
- The recording secretary reads the items and takes a count from a show of hands.
- The recording secretary gives the Individual Monthly Report Slips out a month ahead of time to be taken home and placed in a conspicuous place and marked as the work is done. — (Wanda Rogers)

ASST. RECORDING SECRETARY

An active District, State or National Convention recording secretary needs the invaluable assistance of a helper. The assistant recording secretary may sit with the recording secretary and serve whenever needed — often relieving the recording secretary for short periods of time. She may serve as a reader of minutes, reports and resolutions, if the secretary desires.

The assistant recording secretary is also chairman of the Credentials Committee. This committee examines reports of the auxiliaries representing — to see if fees are paid and if reports are in order. New auxiliaries, organized since the last convention, which desire to become members of the convention are examined by this committee and passed upon. Those to be received into the convention are presented by the assistant recording secretary to be voted upon.

In the absence of the recording secretary the assistant recording secretary serves as secretary. — (Doris Grant)

YOUTH CHAIRMAN

We need a far-reaching, all-inclusive, church-related program for our children and young people! Only the combined and concentrated efforts of many of our denominational leaders can provide this program. What we do for our youth now will reflect itself in our churches tomorrow. What we fail to do now will rise up to condemn us tomorrow.

Our denomination should be giving our youth the same advantages which other groups are giving their youth. We are now in a position to improve our training for our youth. Shall we fail them? Dare we fail them? No! A thousand times over!

Let's do our best under God to provide them with the very best spiritual instructions — counting any cost a real bargain for their souls' health. — (Sylvia Dodd)

STEWARDSHIP-PRAYER CHMN.

A steward is one who is temporarily in charge of that which belongs to another. He may be regarded as a manager or director. We are stewards of God. We do not own anything. God is the Owner and we are to care for that which is His.

We are stewards of our LIVES. God not only created us and gave us life, but by His Son Jesus Christ, He redeemed us from sin; therefore, our lives should be dedicated to Him and lived for His glory. The HOURS entrusted to a Christian are a holy gift which must be administered with care. The Lord wants our PRECIOUS time — not our SPARE time. God has entrusted each of us with certain GIFTS and TALENTS for which we are held accountable. He has, also, entrusted to us the responsibility of taking the GOSPEL into all the world. He has no other plan for the proclamation of His message.

As stewards, may we realize we have a trust and must render an account. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12).

*Count your obligations,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you.
What the Lord wants done.*

— (Genelle Scott)

PERSONAL SERVICE CHMN.

There are many ways in which you and I may be of personal service. We can visit shut-ins, give baskets, send cards and letters, and make phone calls to those who are in need of our personal service. The closet that we have for our missionaries (linens, tupperware, pressure cookers, towels, etc.) is another wonderful way to show we care.

Serving in this capacity is something we can all do. We may not be qualified or trained to hold a more skilled position, but we can honor and bring glory to the Master in the things mentioned above. — (Barbara Zoellers)

TRUE TO THE WORD

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The unhappiness and insecurity in many Christian homes today are traceable directly to the failure of families to read and daily apply Bible truths. Just as many pastors fail to apply their messages to the needs of the congregations, so we fail in our homes to make proper application of God's message to us.

Singing and praying are vital parts of family worship. Give each member of the family a special prayer request. As the prayers are answered, talk about them and then thank the Lord for the answers.

Ground your family in God's Word which is "powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword."

*"Happy the home when God is there and love fills every breast;
When one their wish, and one their prayer, and one their heavenly rest.
Happy the home where Jesus' name is sweet to every ear;
Where children early lisp His fame, and parents hold Him dear.
Happy the home where prayer is heard, and praise is wont to rise;
Where parents love the Sacred Word, and live but for the skies."*



by Billy A. Melvin

During World War II and the Korean crisis, it was no problem keeping churches aroused to the spiritual need of our servicemen. Often we heard fervent prayers in behalf of our sons who were half-a-world removed—facing injury and sudden death. We prayed for their souls as we prayed for the safe-keeping of their bodies.

But a few years have changed all of this. The pressure is gone and no one seems to think of servicemen anymore. And this is true in spite of the fact that our sons and daughters are still leaving the home church and community for boot camp. It is an undeniable fact—our churches must be aroused to the spiritual needs of servicemen everywhere.

Is there anything then that the Woman's Auxiliary can do in this area? Indeed! In a unique way the auxiliary can render a most effective ministry here.

- The auxiliary of the local church

can remember each boy who leaves for service with a personal gift along with a pledge of faithful prayer support.

- The auxiliary can have times of special prayer for the servicemen of the church. There are many temptations facing our youth in service. They need the support of those who will pray.

- The auxiliary can remember the servicemen on their birthdays and anniversaries. In most instances a gift would be appropriate, but cards from the individual members would be long remembered. A birthday away from home can be a lonely experience.

- The auxiliary can write to the servicemen. Keep the letters "newsy" and enclose a church bulletin or paper. Most servicemen get little news from home and welcome such letters. Different ladies could volunteer to write each month.

- The auxiliary can prepare gift packages for the servicemen at Christmas. Cakes, candy and homemade cookies are in order here. Include a small personal gift.

There are many ways to minister to our servicemen. Why not discuss how your auxiliary can share in this ministry at your next monthly meeting? It could well prove to be a fruitful addition to the activities of your auxiliary.

For six years Mr. Melvin was a member of the Chaplains' Commission of the NAE.

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