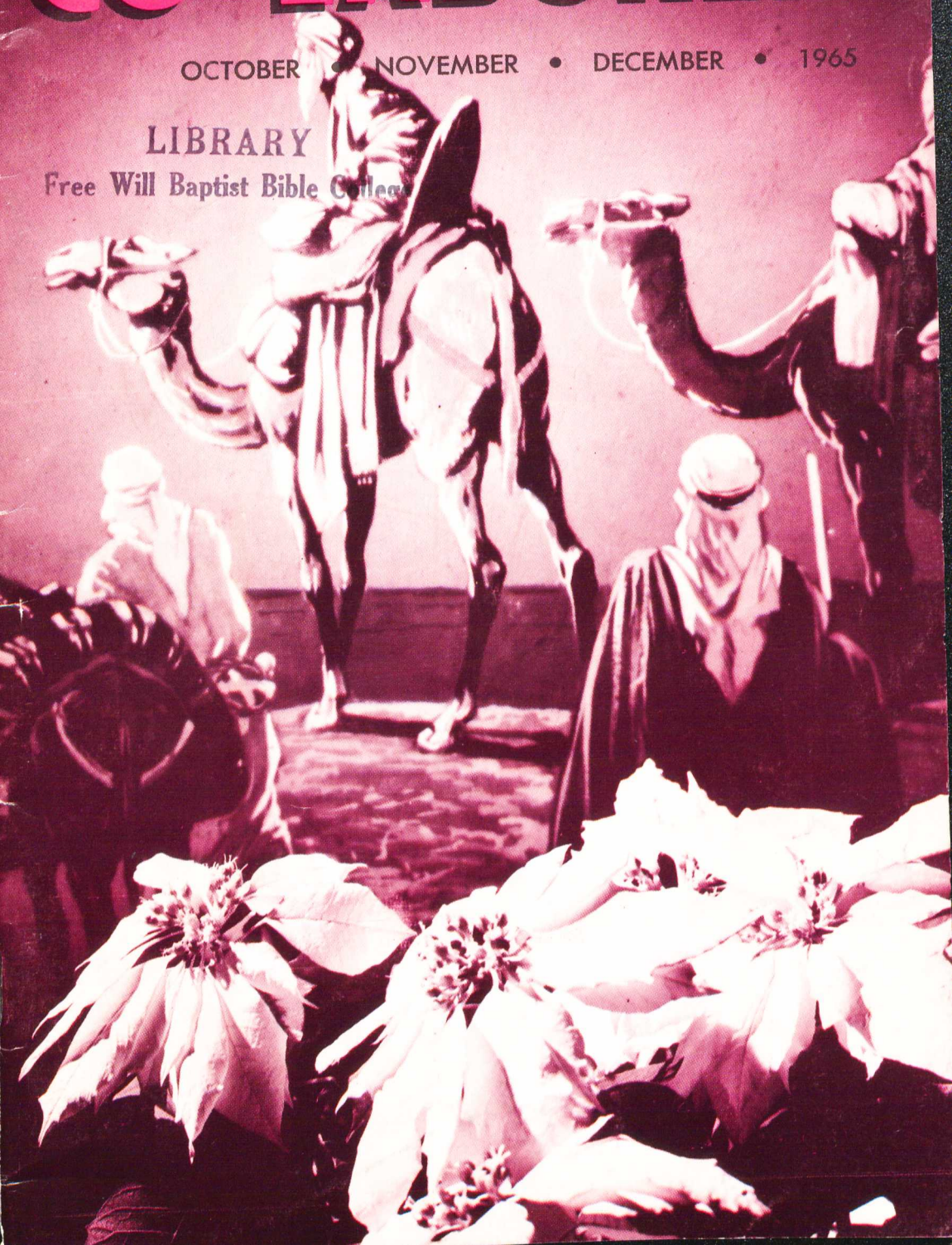


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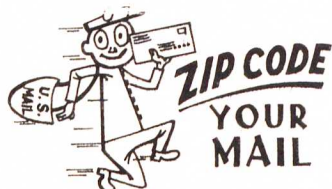
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BY GEORGIA HILL

STUDY COURSE POINTERS

THE FIELDS AT HOME (by Gunther) is a very unique book and covers almost any phase of home mission and church extension projects. One chapter or several may be used.

- Use a map of the United States, pictures, and information about Free Will Baptist missionaries serving under the Home Mission Board. Plan a quiz to arouse interest. Read letters from missionaries serving in these areas. Use chapters two and three as a basis for the study.
- Assign someone to give a chapter sketch of the Samaritan woman answering the question: "In what ways did Jesus cut across customs when He contacted her?"
- Review chapters five and seven: "The American Negro" and "The American Jew".
- Study chapter 18, "Sick and Ye Visited Me." Also chapters 6, 9, and 12-17.
- A character sketch of Esther. These two questions may aid your thinking: "Does God Have a place for every Christian woman?" and "What is my personal responsibility regarding home mission opportunities as presented in this program?"

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- Conduct a brainstorming session with this question in mind: "What resolution can I make that will help me in my personal life?"
- One person may spark the sharing of ideas by telling of a recent devotional time that was a particular blessing, and should point out factors which helped make it so.
- Divide your class into buzz groups of three or four each. Assign each group one of the following questions. Ask them to write down specific answers or questions for each one. At a given time, the chairman of each group will make her report.
 - How can a mother with small children have a quiet time?
 - What shall I do when my mind wanders off to my work?
 - What if I'm always too tired to pray?
 - Should I change my prayers when it seems God continues to answer no?

Excellent supplementary material may be found in chapter two, pages 18-20 in the book, *A FARTHING IN HER HAND* by Alderfer. (See Stewardship category on book list).

Note: Please see the 1965-66 Approved Book List for other books recommended for studies in Home Missions and Prayer.

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The Glory Of Missions

By MARY BELLE CREECH

Hymn: "Jesus Saves"

Prayer

Scripture:

Business

Program

Special Music: "That Will Be Glory For Me"

To say there is **glory in missions** would seem to be a contradictory statement to some. A true follower of Christ must be willing to forsake all for Christ. This means parents, brothers, sisters, and friends. It may mean leaving the country you love so well. **Could there really be glory in giving up your loved ones and friends and the things you hold dear in life?**

The glory would not be in the fact that you had **given up** these things that are so precious to you, but in your **complete surrender to Christ** and His will for your life. In His Word we are told, 'No man hath left father or mother, wife or children, houses or land, for His sake and the Gospels, but he shall receive a **hundred fold in this life** and shall inherit **eternal life.**'

I. MISSIONS' SOURCE: THE GLORIOUS SAVIOR

In Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15 we find that Christ is the very source of missions. Then there is no limit to the amount of work that can be done through missions because our source is the very highest source possible.

Christ diligently taught His disciples while He was on earth and then left the task of spreading the Gospel to them. Because of their faithfulness to the command and others who followed them, we have been privileged to hear the Gospel in our generation.

Not only to His early disciples did Christ give the Great Commission, but to us also. We are taught to 'begin in Jerusalem (or at home), then go into Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth' (Acts 4:12). If we are completely yielded to Christ, then we have the promise of power and that He will be with us always.

II. MISSIONS' MESSAGE: THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL

The message is to be the Word of

God. (Acts 4:12, Romans 10:13-15, 17). They cannot be saved unless they hear and they cannot hear unless we go or send other missionaries to proclaim to them God's Word.

We have the true Gospel and it is our responsibility to carry this message to them. If we cannot go ourselves then we can pray and give. Our missionaries are depending upon our prayers and then our financial support. Only as we tighten the ropes here at home can they lengthen the stakes there.

III. MISSIONS' REWARD: THE GLORIOUS CROWN

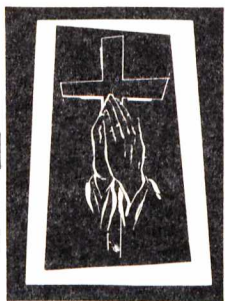
Just what will be the reward for missions? If we are faithful to the command, what have we to look forward to? In addition to the pure joy of seeing men and women come to know Christ as Savior and perhaps the thrill of witnessing to those who have never before heard the Gospel, there remains the "crown of righteousness" spoken of by Paul in 2 Timothy 4:8. He had assurance of reward because he had "**fought a**

good fight and kept the faith." We can have the same reward if we are faithful and true to the task that is before us. What we do must be done for His glory and not for praise for ourselves. If we do our work to be "seen of men," we already have received our reward,

but if we seek His glory, then we with Paul can look for a crown.

Special Music: "That Will Be Glory For Me."

Mrs. Creech is a former secretary of WNAC.



Call TO PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

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

IVORY COAST Bill Jones and Jimmy Aldridge will begin construction soon on a Bible Institute to be conducted in French at Koun. Pray for safety in building and effective training ministry.

PANAMA Estenio and Anita Garcia have established a church at Akua, Buena Village, outside Panama City. Several decisions have been reported. Pray for continued blessings on their ministry.

COSTA RICA Ella Rae Jones, Patsy Tyson and Molly Barker are in language study in San Jose, preparatory for a medical ministry in South America.

TAIWAN Pray for a missionary pastor to be raised up to lead the church established in Taiwan (Formosa) by Free Will Baptist service man Bill Timmis.

JAPAN Pray that Fred and Evelyn Hersey may reach souls in their new location in the heart of their city.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE Pray for our newest work in Austin, Texas and for the Harvey L. Hendersons, our new missionaries.

Pray for the Lloyd Plunketts as they get settled in their new work in Seattle, Washington.

Be much in prayer for the annual Missionary Conference being held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, October 4-6. Also pray for those who will be speaking at this conference.

Pray that November will be successful as *Home Missions month* and that many of our churches will observe *Home Missions Sunday* by giving a generous Thanksgiving offering.

Please pray for the Home Mission Board as it meets for its annual session, October seventh and eighth.

Thankful For ME?

BY GLADYS FINDLEY

Song: "Come, Ye Thankful People"

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11

Prayer: Use "Call to Prayer" requests

Business:

Program:

Thanksgiving! A special occasion! Long ago a group of pilgrims landed on these shores, fell on their knees, and thanked God for deliverance. No group of people ever showed more bravery and patience than they. In spite of many dangers and hardships they felt that God had so blessed them in the new land that they set aside a special time for *thanksgiving*. The greatest of these blessings was the freedom to worship God as they chose.

Let us thank God for this great heritage, and as we remember with thanksgiving the many blessings we have received, let each of us consider these thought provoking questions: *Is anyone thankful for me? Am I thankworthy?*

The Apostle Paul, with grateful heart, wrote to the believers in Philippi these words: "*I thank my God upon every remembrance of you*" (Verse 3). *How are we remembered?*

1. THANKFUL FOR FELLOWSHIP

Paul was seated in a small room, wrists fettered, and guarded by Roman soldiers when Epaphroditus came bearing gifts from the church at Philippi. Upon seeing his friend, Paul's mind was flooded with memories concerning the establishing of the church there, the first in Europe.

In a vision Paul had received a call to "*Come over into Macedonia and help us*" (Acts 16:9). He had obeyed the call, and just outside the chief city Philippi, down by the river in the fresh open air, he had preached his first sermon. *Memories!*

The first new convert was Lydia, an influential trader who came from Asia. The second, a Grecian slave girl, a soothsayer who was under the rule of greedy masters. The third was *the keeper of the prison*, a proud Roman soldier, contemptuous of others.

These three, so different in nationalities, employments, and social grades, were now all *one in Christ* (Gal. 3:28). Christ has demolished all barriers. Writing to them, Paul thanked God for their *fellowship in the Gospel* (Philippians 1:5).

Real Christian fellowship is a cause for joyous thanksgiving. *Can it be said of us that others rejoice in our fellowship? Are they thankful that we are companions in the Christian way?*

2. THANKFUL FOR FAITHFULNESS

The church at Philippi had on other occasions aided Paul in obtaining the necessities of life. Here was another contribution from those loving and generous saints, brought by Epaphroditus who stayed on to personally minister to Paul's needs and to be of service in the Gospel. They were not ashamed that Paul was in prison, but valued the privilege it afforded them to help him. Had not he brought to them Christ's Gospel, the way to inherit "*eternal life*?" Paul also loved them and wrote, "I have you in my heart" (Philippians 1:7a).

The Philippian Christians were well aware that the church is *one in Christ* in adversity as well as in prosperity. They were great and faithful witnesses to the power of God even in other countries. Let us remember this as we think of all the missionaries and our persecuted brethren in the home, workshop, schools, and Communistic countries. We all need the encouragement of loyal friends. In times of stress, a friend in need is a friend indeed. Just as we expect and are thankful for faithfulness and loyalty in others, we must also abide faithful.

When our friends face difficulties, can they say that we helped lift the burden by remaining steadfast? Jesus lifted the burden of bondage from our lives. He gave to us the opportunity to be partakers of the same amazing Grace of which Paul was partaker. (Philippians 1:7b), (Ephesians 2:8). At Thanksgiving time we ask ourselves if we have been faithful in telling others of this wonderful saving Grace. We should also ask the question: "*Are others thankful for me because I am loyal to them, even in times of difficulty?*"

3. THANKFUL FOR FRUITFULNESS

The Philippian converts grew spiritually and multiplied in numbers. They were *filled with the Spirit*, and their love for one another was known near and far. Their love for Paul was a great source of strength for him, especially during the time he was in bonds. He remembered and in writing expressed his thankfulness for this *fruit* in their lives, but he desired more for his beloved Philippians. He desired a *continual increase in fruitfulness* and he prayed that their love would *abound more and more* and that they would be filled with the fruits of *righteousness*. (Philippians 1:11).

If we, as Christian women, would live a fruitful life, we must not only live very close to Christ, but we must abide in Him (John 15:4). Of the fruits which a good Christian brings forth, *love* is the first. Then come joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness and temperance (Galatians 5:22, 23a). These are often thought of as inward fruit and we are to show them outwardly by living a life of sincerity without offense. This outward fruit is in good works, wholesome *conversation*, *truth*, *obedience to our Lord's commands* and the use we make of *talents* and the *abilities* that God has given us.

Let us give proper attention to these most solemn questions: Am I living an exemplary, fruit-bearing life? Am I striving to win souls for Christ? Am I the kind of wife and mother that children and husband "*rise up and call blessed*?" Are others glad because of my love for them? Has my life been a strength unto them? If so, then they also can say, "*I thank my God upon every remembrance of you!*"

Mrs. Findley is Study Course Chairman of the Tidewater (Virginia) District Auxiliary Convention.

The Word Incarnate

BY MILDRED DANIEL

Song: "O Word of God Incarnate"

Scripture: John 1:14; Luke 2:1-20

Solo or Duet: "Down From His Glory"

THE BIRTH of a child is always a great event for those concerned with it. Preparations are made well in advance by the parents-to-be, the first clothing and baby-needs are made ready, a physician's services are secured, a hospital is chosen, and many hours of speculation (will it be a boy or a girl?) naturally go along with the waiting period. When the time finally comes and baby makes his or her entrance into this world, the family and friends are quickly notified. Each must be told the baby's name, the weight, whether mother and baby are getting along well and, of course, whether dad "survived" the ordeal.

How very different was the coming of the *Word Incarnate*! Though it had been known through the prophecies for hundreds of years that the Savior of all mankind would be born in the city of Bethlehem, the son of a virgin, Bethlehem was unprepared.

1. IN THE BEGINNING

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God" (John 1:1). This tremendous statement of fact does not just go back to the story of the birth of the Christ Child, nor does it merely span the ages of time back to the creation story of Genesis, but rather, we are transported back *before* time as we know it, even before the creation of the universe to the "*beginning*." And here, in the beginning, we find God the Son with God the Father.

We know that God has *ever* been, from everlasting to everlasting. We cannot explain this fact or expound upon it, and so we simply accept it by faith. God has always been, and *His Word*, later wrapped for a time in human flesh, was with God, "*in the beginning*." Only now do we begin to realize the great significance of the first three words of John 1:1, which are identical with the first three words of Genesis 1:1, the words "*in the*

beginning." God the Father and Son, who always have been, are giving us a *starting point* for our faith. Since it is impossible to go back beyond the fact of God and His eternal existence, we begin there, with this fact, and proceed to move forward.

When things seem to be getting out of control in this age in which we live, take the vehicle of faith back to the "*beginning*" and realize anew that there *never* has been a time, nor will there ever be, *when our God is not in complete control of this universe and all it contains*. And, just as surely as God has always been, and is in control, so has He always loved and cared for His created ones. In fact, God so loved that He *gave*. This fact speeds us down through the years of time to that wondrous night in Bethlehem when a miraculous birth took place, the Word became flesh! God the Son actually enters this world which He created in the *cons past*.

2. IN THE WORLD

How different were the events surrounding this birth from those described before. The city was not ready, there was no room available, no physician on hand to assist, no spotlessly beautiful crib or cradle awaited. There was not even so much as a special layette in readiness for this birth. The Bible very simply states that Mary *"brought forth her first-born son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger."* Though the world had had hundreds of years to make ready for Him, no preparations had been made.

Yet even with our modern means to rapid communication, no birth has ever been so well advertised as this one! God had given the world His Son, and this demanded His special intervention—this Good News *HAD* to be published! And so, the Father set His seal of approval on this lowly birth by placing a special star in the heavens to guide the Magi from the East. This guiding star did not stop until it came and stood over the place where the young Child was. Also, a special angel was dispatched to the shepherds on the hillside that holy night to tell them the news that the Saviour had come and where He could be found. And, suddenly, we can almost hear that great heavenly choir as they climax the angel's message with a resounding hallelujah chorus of praise!

"And the Child grew." This is another fact of great importance and yet, stated very simply in Luke, chapter two. Because the very God had taken upon Himself human flesh and there had been a complete union of the divine nature of God and the human nature of man, you and I, the beneficiaries of it all, now have a high priestly intercessor who can be *"touched with the feelings of our infirmities,"* who was, in fact, *"in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."* Growing up is always characterized by problems; there are physical and mental changes, there are social and adjustment problems, there are standard

and achievement problems. But, because God the Son has walked this same road, He therefore, is not only acquainted with it so as to be able to safely guide us, but He also has the power to overcome its pull and temptations. And He is also able to empower us so that we may live above the world while yet in it. He can do this, because He lives *in us*.

3. IN US

Even as we sit now in the shadow of the cross, so the cross was ever before our Lord. In the foreknowledge of God, His Son had already been slain, even before the foundation of the world. All other babies are born to live, but Jesus was born with the express purpose of dying.

Thirty-three years lapsed from the manger to the cross, from the glorious announcement by a multitude of angels to the loneliness and agonies of the trial and crucifixion. Then, on to the tomb and finally, to that first great resurrection morn! Our hearts rejoice to know that because He lives, we shall live also!

Isaiah had prophesied that a virgin would conceive and bear a son and that His name would be called Immanuel, meaning, "God with us." Yes, God was with man on earth for some 33 years, He suffered and died on the cross for our sins. But now, and since the day of Pentecost, God has been *in us*.

How full our hearts should be of adoration and praise, not only at this season of the year, but our whole lives through. How can we keep silent or be downcast when we have so much to be thankful for? God the Father still loves us, hears and answers our prayers; God the Son, the *Word Incarnate*, *ever lives to make intercession for us* and God the Holy Spirit, our guide and comforter, abides within us and longs for us to be filled with His presence so that we can experience, even now, the abundant life with abounding joy!

Mrs. Daniel is a member of the Woman's Auxiliary of Central Church, Royal Oak, Michigan.

Readers Write



To the editor:

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for all that the Woman's Auxiliary is doing for the cause of Christ in the local churches and on the foreign fields.

I came to appreciate more than ever the work of the various auxiliaries as I saw firsthand the ladies at work while I was home on furlough. I believe our women really mean business with the Lord and His work . . .

We received our copy of the Co-Laborer today and feel the same as so many others have expressed — it is a good book.

May God's blessings be with you as you continue in history-making service to His cause.

Ken Eagleton
Jaboticabal, Sao Paulo, Brazil

To the editor:

. . . The money which has been given to my account is certainly appreciated. My thanks, too, to all the women who have made the Provision Closet a reality. The items which I have gotten there are going to come in handy I know. My prayers are with you and the work of WNAC.

Dr. Ruby Griffin
Lausanne, Suisse

To the editor:

. . . Our whole church enjoyed the filmstrip "Women and the Bible." I am sure it inspired all of us to help get the Bible translated into all languages that all might have the privilege of reading God's Holy Word. Thank you again.

Beulah Hartley
Wellington, Kansas

To the editor:

Have just received our third quarter Co-Laborer. I am always anxious to get them and read the information about

our missionaries. I read it from cover to cover. We've enjoyed the programs this year in our auxiliary.

Mrs. Milton Gann
Panama City, Florida

To the editor:

I would like to say how very much I enjoy the Co-Laborer. As soon as I get it I **scan read**, then go back and **really enjoy** it. I think it has become a family project. When third quarter edition was passed out, as I leafed through, my ten year old son kept stopping me to see the missionaries pictures and ask about certain articles. Thank God for Free Will Baptist women who write such inspiring articles to share with us all.

Mrs. Nora Lee McCarty
Springfield, Ohio

To the editor:

We are enjoying our programs from the Co-Laborer. The program for April was a special blessing to me in as much as I have had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Mary Edna Cook. I am from south-east Alabama. Her life has been a blessing to me.

Mrs. Stanley Outlaw
Greenville, N. C.

To the editor:

We have had a very good auxiliary year here at Pocahontas. I certainly have enjoyed the Co-Laborer magazine very much. I **save every one of mine, then I go back and read them over and over again.**

Mrs. Erma Jones
Pocahontas, Arkansas

To the editor:

One of the highlights of our itinerary has been to see many enthusiastic woman's auxiliary groups around the country. We appreciate their interest in missions so very much. The Lord has given us a blessed itinerary—near 19,000 miles of safe travel and some wonderful services. We have seen many make decisions.

Thank you for your generous offering which appeared on our last financial
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Portrait of a Great Woman

By Asa Berry

IT IS VERY FITTING that in this issue of *Co-Laborer* in which we solicit prayers and gifts for National Home Missions during the Pre-Thanksgiving Season of Prayer, that we pay special homage to our *first national home missionary and WNAC's Field Worker*, our beloved Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, who went to be with the Lord, September 1, 1964.

Elizabeth Lawliss was born in Pike County, Alabama, October 1, 1884, one of ten children. She was converted in a revival at the age of seven, and at thirteen she "wanted to be a missionary." Thirteen years later she was called to preach. In her book, *"My Experience, and Six Gospel Sermons,"* she says, "No woman in our family or near us had ever preached, and people thought I was losing my mind." The Lord gave her courage however and she went about holding revivals. While in a revival at Bryan, Texas, the pastor Rev. Wood died and she remained there several months as interim pastor. Two years later she married Rev. Hiram McAdams and they became an evangelistic team. They had one child, Naomi Rebecca, and when she was six years old they went to the island of Barbados, British West Indies, as missionaries. After some disappointments they returned holding revivals and establishing new churches. They were very active in recruiting students and raising funds for the Free Will Baptist College in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. The Free Will Baptist church in Deslodge, Missouri, was established under their ministry and she served as pastor for a number of years.

Mrs. McAdams was an active participant in the organization of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and



in the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. She became a national figure in the convention as she travelled tirelessly from state to state for several years as *Field Secretary*, organizing local, district and state groups. She instituted the use of the *Jehoida Chest* (2 Kings 12:9) as a means of raising funds for the work before the *Co-Laborer Plan* came into being.

"Sister Lizzie" was avidly interested in all phases of the Lord's work in the denomination. She worked for support of the *Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee*, and was present for the opening. She loved the cause of missions and never ceased praying and soliciting support for our missionaries.

She had been in the ministry 54 of her 80 years when she died. Some of our present day pastors were converted under her ministry.

She wrote several books, among which was *"My Experience"* and *"Go Tell That Fox."*

She spent much of her later life in Texas where she pastored the *Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church* until a few weeks before her death.

Circle H Programs

1965 WATCHWORD
"THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND"

BY EMMA ELLIS

OCTOBER

HOW BIG IS YOUR BIBLE?

Hymn: "Wonderful Words of Life"

Scripture: Jeremiah 36:23

King Jehoiakim found God's Word very distasteful as Jehudi read it aloud in his presence. When he had completed three or four pages, the king *"cut it with the pen-knife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth."* His rebellious heart moved him to try to destroy the Word of the Lord. *His Bible was small indeed!*

HOW BIG IS YOUR BIBLE?

Your Bible is only as big as the part you believe and use. The portion of scripture which you ignore or reject, the part you never apply to your life, might as well be cut as far as you are concerned.

Some reject certain teachings such as the stewardship of money, regular attendance to the house of God, Christ's teachings against gossip and backbiting or that which is said about putting the bottle to one's neighbor (Habakkuk 2:15), losing one's temper and provoking one's children. They cut out the Great Commission *"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,"* the ordinance of "Washing the Saint's Feet" and the part about *witnessing* for the Lord.

DECREASING OUR BIBLES

We *decrease* the size of our Bibles by the interpretations we put upon certain portions of God's Word. A certain acquaintance says Malachi 3:10 means "to pay into Social Security in order that you might be provided for in your old age." Absurd? Yes, but this is not a rare example; many people who call themselves Christian twist the Word of God to try to make it "fit." But the Bible says of these people, *"They wrest the Scriptures to their own destruction"* (Psalm 56:5; 2 Peter 3:16).

If everything you ignored or rejected in your Bible were cut out, how many blank spaces and empty pages would you have?

Take another look at your Bible. Is it actually the size it appears to be? Or has your unbelief or indifference diminished its volume and punctured its pages? How will you answer God in that day?

NOVEMBER

THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND BY INGRATITUDE

Songs: "God Bless America," "Thank You, Lord"

Scripture: Luke 17:11-18

Webster's dictionary defines ingratitude as: insensibility to, or ill return for, kindness. In relationship to God and man, ingratitude is forgetfulness of kindnesses or favors received.

As we reflect on the wondrous goodness of God to men; upon the little thought, strength and time even the average Christian gives to thank God for His blessings, we may well utter the same cry as did the Psalmist when he said, "*Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name*" (Psalm 100:4).

INGRATITUDE GRIEVES CHRIST

The failure to return thanks for definite blessings is a manifestation of ingratitude that surprises and grieves Jesus Christ, as illustrated in the story of the ten lepers in John 17. They cried out to Jesus. He heard their cries and granted their petitions. All of them received healing but *only one* returned to give thanks and glorify God—that one was a stranger, a Samaritan. Christ might well be asking today: "*But where are the nine?*" "*Where is My thanks for all My wonderful works to the children of men?*" The unthankful nine had their healing. Christ did not permit the leprosy to return because of their ingratitude. However, he was obviously hurt and insulted when they failed to return and give thanks to Him.

INGRATITUDE—A SIN

The failure to return thanks unto God "*who daily loadeth us with benefits*" is just as definitely a disobedience to God's commands as are other things we call sin. We are specifically told to *give thanks unto God* (Colossians 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:18). Ingratitude is one of the reasons for the revelation of the wrath of God from heaven (Romans 1:18, 21).

We might ask ourselves, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits unto me?" *We can begin by praising Him more with our mouths. Even words have their effect. We can thank Him by living lives of thanksgiving to the Lord. When we combine words with actions, then our lives really count for the cause of Christ.*

Ingratitude cannot bind the Word of God, but it can bind your life and cause it to lose its' fruitfulness. "Render therefore unto God the thanks due unto Him."

DECEMBER

THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND BY PERSECUTION

Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers"

Scripture: Matthew 2:7-15

The devil through Herod planned to destroy the baby Jesus, "The Living Word," "The Word Incarnate," but God overruled his plot by warning the wise men, and instead of reporting back to Herod they returned by another way. When Herod saw that He was mocked of the wise men, he gave the murderous edict to kill all the infants in Bethlehem and the surrounding country. The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and warned him of this murderous plot and told him to flee into Egypt with his family.

Many times the devil tried to destroy Christ, the "Living Word" (Luke 4:29, John 5:16, John 7:1). "But his time was not yet." *The Word Incarnate was not bound*

by the persecution and buffetings of Satan. Christ fulfilled the purpose for which He was sent into the world. The devil could not destroy the Living Word. When it came time for Him to be offered, He willingly laid down His life of His own free will.

THE WRITTEN WORD

The written Word has not escaped persecutions. For 2,000 years man's hatred for the Bible has been persistent, determined and relentless. Every possible effort has been made to undermine faith and the inspiration and authority of the Bible. Imperial edicts have been issued to the effect that every known copy of the Bible should be destroyed. When this failed to exterminate and annihilate God's Word, commands were given that every person found with a copy of the scriptures should be put to death.

No amount of persecution has succeeded in destroying the written Word of God. God took that with which they attempted to destroy His Word and used it for His glory.

NOT BOUND IN OUR LIVES

The Word (Written-Living) operating in the lives of Christians is not bound by persecution. It has been said that the lives of the early Christians consisted of "persecution above ground and prayer below ground." All the apostles (except John) met a violent death.

The first great general persecution of Christians took place in the year 67 A.D. under Nero, sixth emperor of Rome. Nero, realizing he was going to be blamed for the burning of Rome, determined to lay the crime to the Christians and excuse himself. Some of the punishments he used were: dressing Christians in wild beast's skins and allowing dogs to molest them until they died. Others he had dressed in shirts made stiff with wax, fixed to axletrees and set on fire in his gardens. Others he had cast to wild beasts and some beheaded.

Persecution will never stop the spread of the Word of God. The message of Christ has and always will continue to thrive under persecution. Weak or immature Christians may fall by the wayside, and be offended because of it, but it can never bind the Word of God.

Mrs. Ellis is Study Course Chairman of the Texas State Auxiliary Convention.

Thank You--Auxiliaries

Rev. H. E. Willis

November is Home Missions month throughout the denomination, and is especially promoted as such by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. Last year we set as a goal to receive from the Week of Prayer offerings and the Thanksgiving offerings \$20,000. Mrs. Paul Pursell and her staff spent a good deal of time in writing and working to bring this goal to reality. Checks which came to the National Home Missions treasurer direct from the WNAC office for the year were \$7,246.56. Some auxiliaries sent their offerings through their church treasury, some through the state executive offices, and some direct. It is almost impossible to identify all gifts that came as a result of the local, district, state, and national Auxiliary.

As I thank the auxiliaries for their generous support of National Home Missions and Church Extension, I would also urge all of them to continue to send their offerings through the WNAC office.

As treasurer of the Home Missions Department, I cannot stress too strongly how much we depend on the Auxiliary.

AS WE APPROACH NOVEMBER, 1965, I AM ASKING THE AUXILIARIES TO WORK AGAIN TOWARD THE GOAL OF RAISING \$20,000 FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

May I point out that the Home Missions Department received a check for \$1,804.35 from WNAC in January, 1965, which was one of the largest ever received for a single month.

Pre-Thanksgiving Prayer Programs

BY ASA BERRY

I. THANKSGIVING

Song: "Count Your Blessings"

Read in Unison: Psalms 100



Thanksgiving Day in America owes its inspiration to the Dutch custom of celebrating every October third for deliverance of the town of Leyden from the Spainards. Governor Bradford recalled this custom when he called the Pilgrims to render thanks for their deliverance from the rigors of a severely hard winter, which half their people failed to survive. Only three married couples remained with unbroken families. Even Mrs. Bradford had fallen overboard the Mayflower and drowned before the ship docked in Cape Cod Bay. In deep faith and dependence upon God they expressed thankfulness and gratitude for what amounted to no more than the *fewest material blessings any citizen of this country has ever since enjoyed*, setting a pattern our founding fathers saw fit to continue. No other country on earth has been blessed with the material and spiritual blessings America has experienced.

Concern

The thinking Christian is shocked and puzzled by the indifference and unconcern of the average church goer in modern society. The nominal Christian thinks *liberalism* is all right, *the theory of evolution* "can't hurt anything," "*one great church*" is all we need, and there are "*good communists and bad communists*," and the person who sees anything wrong in these things is a radical. It grows more and more important for believers to be *rooted and grounded in the things of the Spirit* and thankful for our heritage of freedom to worship and serve the living Lord and work to preserve this freedom. Are we as thankful as we should be?

Thanksgiving

Our thankfulness should be grounded in: *The mercies of God*, Romans 12:1; *His goodness*, 1 Samuel 12:24; *The death of Christ*, 2 Corinthians 5:15; *Our creation*, Psalms 86:9; *Our preservation*, Isaiah 46:4; *Our redemption*, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

Our thanksgiving should be *With our spirit*, 1 Corinthians 6:20, 1 Peter 4:6; *With our bodies*, Romans 12:1, 1 Corinthians 6:20; *With our members*, Romans 6:12, 13, 1 Peter 4:2; *With our substance*, Exodus 22:29, Proverbs 3:9; *Unreserved*, Matthew 6:24, Luke 14:33; *Abounding*, 1 Thessalonians 4:1; *Persevering*, Luke 1:74-75, Luke 9:62.

II. MISSIONS

Scripture: Romans 10:12-15

The writer was privileged to attend the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Mexico, near Monterrey in September, 1964. Mrs. Jenell Billows brought the keynote message. Several visitors did not understand as she spoke in Spanish, but we could feel the power of the Spirit as first the great audience listened attentively with hearty "amens", then sat very quietly. We then heard muffled sobs growing louder and women began moving down to the altar. Babies were passed to waiting arms and some fifteen stricken mourners joined each other in weeping and united prayer. Brother Billows in counseling with them announced that "they had not been faithful in attending auxiliary; some lived in the mountains and it was very difficult for them to go." That night we visitors asked Jenell what she had said in her message and this was her reply:

Faithfulness

"The theme of the convention was *Faithfulness*. I first read to them Hebrews 4:12-15. I told them the Word convicts of sin and unfaithfulness. Nothing is withheld from the eyes of the Lord. He knows what we are thinking and what is in our hearts. He understands our weaknesses and infirmities and helps us to find strength to hold fast our profession of faith. The Word is powerful and we must come boldly to the throne for grace and mercy.

Then I spoke from Romans 10:7-17 and told them that when we have heard the plan of Salvation and accepted Jesus as our Savior, *He holds us responsible for confessing Him to others*. If we are *ashamed of Him*, He will be ashamed of us. There are many women who *never speak to their neighbors about the most important thing in their whole lives—becoming Christians*. They never ask if their children are saved. They never speak of Christ at all except in the churchhouse. If we know the Lord we must be faithful to tell others about Him, first at home, then in the community.

I read in Acts 16:13-15 of Lydia "whose heart the Lord had opened." She listened to the Word and after she was baptized she asked Paul 'if he judged her faithful, to come to her house and abide there.' We must not only have Christ in our hearts, we must confess Him with our mouths and then we have to live in such a way before others that they can judge us to be Christians. It is very important that people can tell whether or not we are Christians."

These are not Jenell's exact words, hers were much more potent, but these are some of the scriptures she used, and the gist of the message she told to us as we sat and talked in sweet fellowship until late in the night at the Mission house.

Pray for Arthur Billows and the Bible Institute of Mexico.

Pray for Mrs. Billows failing health.

Remember the native pastors and students.

III. CHRISTIAN LIVING

Scripture: Romans 13:11-14 (Phillips translation)

"Why all this stress on behavior? Because, as I think you have realized, the present time is of highest importance—it is time to wake up to reality. Every day brings God's salvation nearer. The night is nearly over, the day is almost dawned. Let

us arm ourselves for the fight of the day. Let us live clearly, as in the daylight, not in the 'delights' of getting drunk or playing with sex, nor yet in quarreling, or jealousies. Let us be Christs' from head to foot, and give no chance to the flesh to have its fling."

It has been said that public enemy number one in America is the home. Adults are not noted for their self-discipline. They go all out for the ads that present new ways to lose the excess fat caused by eating too much and too rich food. Loan companies urge putting all financial problems together into one loan because of too much installment buying. Homes are wrecked and lives ruined by undisciplined living. The majority of arrests today are of persons under twenty-one years of age which graphically shows the lack of discipline in the home. Let us consider three realities of faith in self-discipline.

Sense of Christian Challenge

In Romans 12:1-2, we find a reason for a disciplined life. Our bodies are to be *holy*, acceptable unto God, a living sacrifice. This means we should do *nothing* to bring *reproach* but *actively stand* for those things which are right in the home and community.

The Lord Jesus did not make it easy for anyone to become His follower. He insisted upon separation, surrender, and sacrifice. No one of these requirements is easy. Real Christian living is a challenge to do the difficult thing, to live the hard life, to surmount tremendous difficulties; but when the Christian commits himself to them, he finds joy and peace never before discovered.

Sense of Responsibility to Others

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world," "the salt of the earth," and "ye shall be witnesses unto me." Self discipline is gradual. It is only as we add Christian graces to our lives that we become mindful of the needs of others. As we 'add to our faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity,' and as these things abound in us, they *make us to be* "neither barren nor unfruitful," but we shall be compelled to be up and about the Master's business—reaching, teaching, loving, learning. "He that winneth souls is wise."

Fellowship of Cross Bearing

Salvation is free but it costs something to be a Christian. (Read Luke 9:23). Andrew Blackwood in *Christianity Today* said, "Only about 5% of the church members in America have any grasp of what being a Christian really means. According to a recent survey 20% never pray, 25% never read the Bible, 30% never attend church, 40% never give, 50% never attend Sunday School, 90% never have family worship, 95% never invite others to become Christian." He said people confuse the terms burden, cross, and thorn. You bare a *burden* because you *must*, and you put it down as soon as you honorably can. A thorn in the flesh is something bodily painful. A Christian never chooses to have a thorn in the flesh, but if it is not the Lord's will for him to be rid of it, he accepts his thorn until he dies. *The cross is voluntary*. We do not carry it because we must, but because we can. We take it up daily and follow through in glad service.

IV. BIBLE STUDY

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12

The story is told of a doctor sixty years old running up some steps with two suitcases hurrying to catch a train. He weighed 240 pounds. Before he reached the

top of the stairs his heart almost gave out. He realized his predicament and said later that he told himself, "You will have to lose some of this weight." He started taking it off the next day. He soon had lost forty-five pounds and had no more trouble with his heart. His greatest battle was ~~not~~ in taking the weight off, but *in reaching the conclusion that the weight must come off*. Now if we come to a place in our lives when before God we can say, "*Bible study must have a definite place in our lives because we absolutely need it,*" then no matter what interruptions may come we will keep at it persistently because we know we need it.

Reveals Sin

Many Christians live an anemic existence spiritually speaking, without power, joy, vision, or fruitfulness in their lives. Paul tells us that the scriptures are profitable "for conviction," (2 Timothy 3:16). *The Word is a mirror* into which we look, discerning the blemishes and stains of sin (James 1:23-24). Just as a man cannot see his face except in a mirror, we cannot see our moral and spiritual blemishes unless we look into the Word.

Cleanses from Sin — 1 John 1:9, John 15:3, John 17:17, Ephesians 5:25-27.

Strengthens and Instructs — Jeremiah 15:16, Acts 20:32, 2 Timothy 3:15.

Makes Our lives Fruitful — Psalm 1:13, Joshua 1:8-9.

V. STEWARDSHIP

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:5

Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). He wants "a glorious church" (Ephesians 5:27). We will all agree that a glorious church must be a worshipping, soul-winning, teaching, missionary, stewardship church.

Active stewardship must undergird all our church work to provide workers and materials to support our church and denominational enterprises. Stewardship makes it possible for each member and each phase of the work to have a part in the work at home and in carrying or sending the Gospel to the few parts of the earth left open today to receive it. We list four basic principles of stewardship.

God is the Creator, Owner, Upholder and Giver of All Things

Genesis 1:1, Psalms 24:1, James 1:7, Leviticus 26:1-12, Psalms 89:11, 90:1, 2.

All We Have is a Trust From God

1 Chronicles 29:14, Proverbs 8:14-21, Luke 12:13-34, Romans 14:7, 8, Genesis 1:27, 28.

Stewardship Must be Acknowledged

This should be done by setting apart a portion of our time and income for the extension of the Kingdom of God. Mark 12:30, Psalms 96:8, Matthew 23:23, 1 Corinthians 16:2, Leviticus 27:20-32, Malachi 3:7-12, 2 Corinthians 9:7.

We Must Render Account

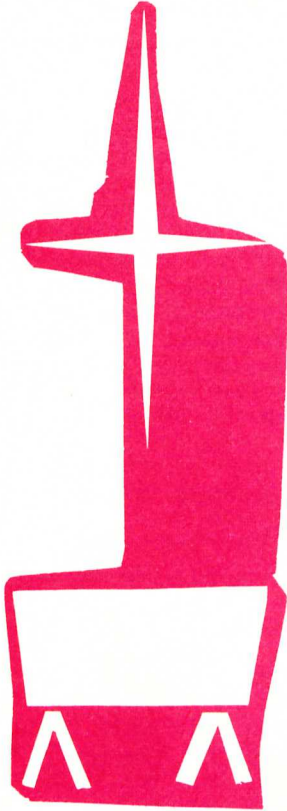
Romans 14:12, Ecclesiastes 12:14, Luke 16:2, 1 Corinthians 4:2.

• SEASON OF PRAYER AND OFFERING FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS.

* The Lizzie McAdams offering for National Home Missions was changed from December to November in 1956 to follow the co-ordinated calendar of events as set up by the National Executive Department.

PRE-CHRISTMAS WEEK OF PRAYER

BY RACHEL CRAWFORD



WHY JESUS CAME...

PROGRAM 1—THE FIRST CHRISTMAS MESSENGERS AND THE MESSAGE

SONG: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-21: Luke
2:8-20

The angels were the first messengers of that marvelous event, the birth of

Christ. An angel first announced to Mary and later to Joseph that the Christ Child would be born of the Holy Ghost and of Mary. He declared, "His name shall be called Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins."

Later on that night of nights, "the night when Christ was born," it was the *angel of the Lord who* announced to the shepherds "Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

God permitted the angels to announce the birth of this Son, but in His wisdom and mercy *He did not see fit to let the angels act as messengers of salvation. He gave this marvelous privilege to the objects of His love—men.* In Hebrews 2:3 we find that Christ Himself first spoke the words of Salvation. Those who heard Him confirmed this message unto us.

In Christ's ministry here He confronted people with Himself. He offered Himself as the Source of new Life and the Solution to every problem. "I am come," He said, "that ye might have life." "I am the light of the world." "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." He summarized His completed work by saying, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me."

If those who heard Him were faithful in giving us the message we must be faithful in proclaiming, not just the birth of Christ but Christ Himself as Saviour.

Prayer Time:

Prayer in the Bible sense is primarily to a personal Supreme Being. Christ taught believers to direct their prayers after this manner, "Pray ye, Our Father . . ." He calls upon us to make our requests known unto God. It is through the Person of Christ that we have access to the Father (Ephesians

2:18). The characteristics ascribed to our Father are shown us in 1 Timothy 1:17. If we know God as our Father, with all the greatness of His Being, let us come boldly into His presence. Let us present our lives that we might be washed by His Word, have the Holy Spirit renewed in our lives and receive His Power upon our lives that we might be effective messengers of the glorious message of Salvation.

PROGRAM 2—GOD’S MANIFESTATION OF HIS LOVE

SONG: “Love Divine”

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:6, 7; Matthew 2:1-10

At the time Christ was born there were some who were looking expectantly for the coming of the Messiah. There were scribes who knew the scripture which prophesied of His coming. Wise men studied the heavens that they might see His star when it appeared. Others groaned under the gentile government.

When the angel’s message had been noised abroad by the shepherds some rejoiced because they thought God had remembered His promise to send a King who would sit on David’s throne and reign over Israel. There was fear in the hearts of some as they learned of the King who had been born.

Men’s hearts in that day could not comprehend what God was doing through Christ. Very few knew that on that day God had manifested Himself as incarnate in the flesh—*God in the flesh*. “God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself” (2 Corinthians 5:19). Christ revealed His works, His teachings and His death that He was truly God in the flesh. Christ is the fulfillment of all the Old Testament Scriptures. Since the foundation of the World all prophecy had pointed to this event. Yet when Christ did come men’s hearts

were blinded and they could not comprehend God’s great love. “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Prayer Time:

May we at this time of prayer search our hearts. Do we truly know God through His Son? Have we experienced His love? Do we know the indwelling of His Presence? It is not what we know *about* Him, but do we know *Him*? Then tarry and *pray* that God may *give us the power and courage to manifest His love to a lost world: our neighbors next door, across town, in the city, in the country, unto the uttermost part.*

PROGRAM 3—TRUE WORSHIP

SONG: “O Worship the King”

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 72:10, 11; Matthew 2:1, 11

The wise men from the East were probably the kings of Tarshish and the isles, and the kings of Sheba and Seba as described in Psalm 72:10, 11. As was prophesied these men came with presents to worship the new born King. They searched in Jerusalem saying, “*Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him.*” From Jerusalem they were directed to Bethlehem. As they went they again saw the star they had seen in the East. It went before them and came and stood over where the young child was. “And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh.”

What understanding these men had of the Deity of Christ we do not know. From what the scripture gives us we can

observe several things about them. They believed that a king had been born. They acted on faith and set out to find Him. We too, must act on faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." Second, they searched for Him. We too, must get away from the cares of life and our own pleasures and seek for Him with our whole hearts. He tells us in His word, "Ye shall seek me and shall find me if ye search for me with your whole heart." *These men followed the evidence of Christ's birth that God had given them—the star. God has given us of His Spirit and His Word.* "They that worship Him must worship him in spirit and in truth." The wise men came into the Presence of the Christ Child. We also are to "come boldly unto the throne of grace" (Hebrews 4:16). What joy and rejoicing there should be when we find ourselves in the presence of God. As the wise men offered their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, may we offer the praise of our hearts and the gifts of our hands.

Prayer Time:

Let us now put from our minds all the things that would prevent our offering ourselves in true worship to God. Meditate upon the truth that Jesus came to save all who would believe in Him. Come boldly into His Presence. Ask Him to give of His Power and Spirit that we may be more faithful in winning the lost about us.

PROGRAM 4—THE GIFT OF GOD

SONG: "For God so Loved the World"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:11; John 3:16

When the wise men knew of the birth of the King of the Jews they came from the East with gifts to find Him. They made a great effort to find the Christ Child. When they found Him they worshipped Him and gave Him gifts—gold, myrrh, and frankincense. How much

wiser were these men on this first Christmas than are so many today. Time and money are spent lavishly and selfishly at Christmas time. Many never know anything of the One whose birthday we celebrate. So little *money* is left to bring to His altar. So little *time* is left to offer true worship. So many come to the Christmas time with a sigh that they will be glad when it is all over.

When God gave His gift to us on that first Christmas day He gave all that He had. In John 3:16 we find:

God is the Giver

—"Every good gift and every perfect gift cometh down from the Father" (James 1:17).

God loved Us

—"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

He loved the World

—"And He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2).

He gave His own Son

—"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32).

"Whosoever"

"... And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

"Believeth"

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12).

"Should not perish but have eternal life"

"... the gift of God is eternal life

through Jesus Christ our Lord"
(Romans 6:23).

Prayer Time:

We who have accepted God's supreme Gift should seek to become more fully aware of these great truths that we might live and work in the spirit of prayer.

May we ask right now that God will convict us for our failures in prayer. May He help us overcome the hindrances that prevent the Holy Spirit from praying through us.

PROGRAM 5—THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS

SONG: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:10

"The Son of Man is come!" Through the den of the hub-bub and jostle, the shopping, wrapping, mailing, decorating and feasting at this Christmas season one will hear the strains of the hymn:

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing"

When we as a nation have had our *six billion dollar celebration* according to the figures that some statisticians give; when we are through with all the celebration, will we have caught the real meaning and message of this high and holy day, or will we merely have gone through the gestures in keeping with the customs and sentiments of the holiday season?

The Son of man is come! But why? Why did Christ leave the portals of heaven, become limited to the body of flesh, live among a people who refused to receive Him and suffer the shame on the cross. There can be but one answer and in it the true purpose of Christmas is revealed. "The Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost."

The whole thing started in the Garden of Eden. Man had fallen into sin and with him the whole human race became lost, separated from God. God pronounced a curse upon the tempter and promised a Saviour who would crush Satan. Throughout the Old Testament Christ's coming was foretold. In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son to seek and to save that which was lost. All men everywhere are lost without the Saviour. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all*" (Isaiah 5:36).

The message wrapped up in the miracle of the manger extends all the way to the crude cross lifted on Golgotha. Christ himself declared "*As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life*" (John 3:14, 15).

This is the marvel of it all. You and I and all who have believed on Him as the Son of God are redeemed. We were lost and now are found. We have been sought after and delivered from the penalty and power of sin.

To know the Christ of Christmas is to know the true purpose of Christmas.

Prayer Time:

Let us pray that our celebration of Christ's birthday this year will be done in a way that we can show those about us the true purpose of Christmas.

ALICE LUPTON OFFERING FOR STATE HOME MISSIONS.

Mrs. Crawford is a former president of WNAC.

It's HIS Birthday, remember?

Christmas is a time to HONOR Christ. The circles of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, South Carolina, observed Christ's birthday in their December program. There was a cake, complete with candles, and the traditional "Happy Birthday" song was sung. Miss Eula Mae Martin, missionary nurse to Brazil brought a devotional on the life of Christ, illustrating with slides. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Merlea DeFee. Shown holding the cake is Mrs. John Carnell, circle leader. Second row from left, Mrs. Dan Merkh, Miss Martin; Mrs. Willie Tanner; third row, Mrs. Virginia Turner, Mrs. Art Christley and Mrs. David DeFee, circle leaders.



ASA BERRY



MARY CREECH



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EMMA ELLIS



RACHEL CRAWFORD



MILDRED DANIEL

We are deeply appreciative of the very fine work of our six program writers this quarter. Monthly programs are based on the year's theme: "Compel Them to Come In." The Circle Programs use the watchword, "The Word of God is Not Bound."

You may wish to refer to the program helps on the inside back cover when preparing the monthly programs.

READERS WRITE . . .

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statement. We trust that this is an indication of many prayers as well. 1 Corinthians 3:9.

Pat Tyson and Ella Rae Jones
Missionaries to Ecuador

To the editor:

This letter comes with renewed thanks for the \$26.25 sent into our Pastor Dorairaj's account. He joins with me in extending warm thanks for this love gift . . . Pastor Dorairaj keeps well and is faithful still to the place the Lord has called him. His eldest son, D. Spurgeon, finishes his teacher's college training this month. He will replace our teacher, Mr. Franklin Achish, in our Kotagiri School as Franklin goes into Bible College . . . His sister, Chellamani, is joining us today. She has had two years Bible woman's training and about 10 years experience. She has not worked with us previously; so we do thank the Lord for bringing her to us at this time. She'll be assisting in VBS, Sunday Schools, mothers' meetings, and take charge of our Kindergarten.

Another answer to prayer is that the Lord is bringing Miss Eileen Susheila Bai to us for awhile . . . Just last month she received her degree in Theology. She will be a tremendous help and blessing to us, I feel.

Miss Volena Wilson
Kotagiri, South India



Officers of the Central Texas District Auxiliary Convention. Left to right, Mrs. H. Ray Berry Sr., Mrs. Leroy Colfer, Mrs. A. F. Halbrook, Mrs. Ira Koehl, Mrs. Don Ellis, Mrs. Hohn, Mrs. M. E. Lewis, Mrs. Goen.

To the editor:

We appreciate the support that we receive from the Woman's Auxiliary . . . The Co-Laborer magazine is always a welcome piece of mail and we want to thank you for sending it to us.

Fred and Evelyn Hersey
Saitama Ken, Japan

To the editor:

We are so thankful to the women of our church for all that they have done for the cause of missions. For the support to our account from WNAC we are very grateful. Especially for the prayers for us and those with whom we work are we thankful . . .

Recently Carlisle took delivery of the new jeep for which the women of South Carolina raised the money. We trust that it will mean much in the Lord's service . . .

Mrs. Marie Hanna
West Bengal, India

To the editor:

The women of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Salina, Kansas, organized a Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Tippy Shade is president . . . God is richly blessing in the new church here.

Mrs. Margaret Reep
Salina, Kansas

To the editor:

Thank you for your wonderful service. We certainly enjoy our auxiliary literature and it has been a wonderful help in our lives.

Mrs. Darlene Zimmerman
Crete, Illinois

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Vivian, Philip, Samuel and Stephen Hersey, children of Fred and Evelyn Hersey, missionaries to Japan.

MISSIONS CHAIRMAN ELECTED

Mrs. Rufus Coffey, former president of WNAC, was elected to the newly created office of Missions Chairman at the recent WNAC convention in Raleigh, North Carolina

Her duties include assisting state missions chairmen in the promotion of home and foreign missions in accord with the policies of the national boards, and keeping well informed of the latest developments in our missionary program by correspondence with our missionary leaders and directors, and study of our church publications.

State and district conventions and local auxiliaries are urged to elect a missions chairman as early as possible. This chairman will be responsible to see that there is a definite mission emphasis at each monthly meeting and will be responsible for a point on the revised Standard of Achievement chart. More information will be available at an early date.

Recognizing the need of greater emphases on soul winning and evangelistic efforts, the department of Evangelism was added to the work of the Personal Service Chairman. Mrs. Roy Thomas, newly elected Personal Service-Evangelism Chairman, shall encourage state personal service-evangelism chairmen in assigned and directed community missions which include soul winning efforts, benevolence and orphanage work.

READERS WRITE...

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To the editor:

The Co-Laborer is a wonderful book and thank you for all the articles . . . Our district auxiliary convention is to have a display of items for the Provision Closet then we are sending them on to you.

**Mrs. Frank Tomlinson
Leeds, Alabama**

To the editor:

While looking in the Scripture not long ago I found that when the Samaritan woman went into the village witnessing, many in the city believed her witness and came out to see Jesus. I had always overlooked the fact that the 12 men (disciples) had the same day gone into the same city yet the 12 men caused no stir because they were interested in physical things. As far as we know they told no one to come see the man. This

has reminded me of some of our areas where the women have had to take the lead. Thank God we have women who can see spiritual things.

We thank you in the name of the Lord for your letter informing us of the listing of gifts for our account . . . it will be of very great help to us in expressing our appreciation to our women in California who have put us on the field. Pray for us.

**Archie Mayhew,
Lausanne, Swisse**

To the editor:

I greatly enjoy the Co-Laborer and appreciate the many good articles designed to reach the children for Christ. Our primary class has a new name, **The LaVerne Miley Class**, and they recently saved \$6.00 toward helping them spread the "good news" in Africa . . . The Co-Laborer gets better every time. I look forward to getting it each quarter.

**Mrs. Pauline Owens
Grifton, N. C.**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL
AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

Memorial Auditorium
Raleigh, North Carolina
July 12, 1965, 7:30 p.m.

Theme: "The Field Is The World"

Watchword: "Who Will Go For Us?"
(Isa. 6:8)

Convention Hymn: "Christ For The
Whole Wide World"

MONDAY EVENING

The thirtieth session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention opened with the singing of "Christ for the Whole Wide World" and prayer by Rev. Robert Shockney, Paintsville, Kentucky. "All Hail the Power" was sung by the congregation, directed by Rev. Fred Hall, accompanied by Mrs. Herman Hershey, pianist and Miss Margie Benson, organist.

Mrs. Rufus Coffey, WNAC president, welcomed the missionaries, ministers, delegates and visitors and introduced missionary Wesley Calvery, Japan, who gave a devotional using Psalms 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance" and Psalms 115:2-18.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Mrs. John Grant, WNAC Assistant Recording Secretary. (See Reports.)

The president appointed the following committees: Resolutions, Registration, Appreciation, Finance and Credentials. The Nominating Committee was elected by the delegates from the floor. (See Reports.)

An offering of \$155.20 was received to defray convention expenses. Rev. Dennis Wiggs, Charleston, South Carolina, prayed the offertory prayer.

Mrs. Edwin Hill, president of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary gave a warm welcome to the delegation

"in the Lord and with all gladness" (Phil. 3:9).

Another congregational number, "We're Marching to Zion" was directed by Rev. Hall.

Special music, "I'll Sing it Today" was given by Mrs. Barbara Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. Rufus Coffey.

Rev. Homer E. Willis, Director of National Home Missions and Church Extension for Free Will Baptists delivered the message using Psalms 11:3, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" "The Field is the World" was the theme of his message. He challenged the delegation "to remove themselves from the society of the uncommitted and labor in the field of the godless world, the unfriendly world, the sinful world, the impure world, the perverted world and the world of unreality".

"Have Thine Own Way" was prayerfully sung by the congregation. Benediction by Rev. Carl Vallance, West Virginia.

Tuesday, July 13, 1965, 9:00 a.m.

MORNING SESSION

The morning session of the WNAC opened with singing "Praise Him, Praise Him" directed by Rev. Hall and prayer by Rev. Gene Norris, Flat River, Missouri.

Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson, missionary to Brazil, delivered the devotional using John 14:6.

Special music, "The Breaking of the Bread" by Mrs. Galen Dunbar, accompanied by Mrs. Billy Melvin.

Brief greetings were brought by the following representatives of the fields at home and abroad:

Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders, Hawaii; Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley, Alaska; Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Sr., Florida; Rev. and Mrs. Richard Shade, Kansas; Miss Bessie Yeley, Ohio; and Rev. Mack Owens, Canada.

Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson, Brazil; Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones, Africa; Dr. and Mrs. Laverne Miley, Africa; Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery, Japan; Miss Eula Mae Martin, Brazil; Miss Patsy Tyson and Miss Ella Rae Jones, Ecuador.

The missionaries served as a panel for the congregation to ask questions. Prayer by Rev. Randy Cox, Mississippi.

An offering of \$151.50 was received to help defray convention expense. Mrs. Coffey prayed the offertory prayer.

Rev. Hall led the congregation in the hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story" followed by a special number, "Submission" by Mrs. Milton Worthington, accompanied by Mrs. Coffey.

Mrs. Laverne Miley, missionary home on furlough from Africa brought the morning message, "Who Will Go For Us?" She reminded the group that God many times uses human aid in carrying out his will. Mrs. Miley emphasized the value and effectiveness of prayer and gave a challenge for the congregation to be greater prayer warriors than ever before. Rev. Hall sang, "Holy Ghost, With Light Divine" as a prayer commitment.

Rev. Reford Wilson, Director of National Foreign Missions, prayed the prayer of dismissal.

1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" led by Rev. Hall and followed by a special number by Rev. Benito Rodriguez. Mrs. Tom Willey, Sr., was the devotional speaker and also introduced Mrs. Benito Rodriguez and Mrs. Celia Corrales, Cuban refugees working now in Miami, Florida and Bryan, Texas, respectfully. Those ministers wives brought words of greetings in Spanish, translated by Mrs. Willey.

Mrs. Coffey presented certificates of recognition for faithful service to Mrs. J. E. Frazier WNAC Executive Secretary 1950-53, to Mrs. H. B. Sloan WNAC Executive Secretary 1953-56, and to Mrs. Laverne Miley WNAC president 1956-59.

A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Cleo Pursell for Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, pioneer missionary and WNAC's first field worker. Mr. Hall

sang one verse of several of Mrs. McAdams' favorite hymns: "There is a Fountain," "What a Friend we Have in Jesus," "Amazing Grace," "Oh, Think of the Home Over There," and "Rock of Ages." The reading was written by Rev. Damon Dodd.

The business session was called to order by Mrs. Coffey. Previous minutes were read and approved. (See Reports)

The remaining partial report of the Credentials Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

The Registration Committee report was given and accepted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Appreciation Committee was read and received. (See Reports.)

The report of the Manual Revision Committee was read by Mrs. H. B. Sloan and adopted in its entirety. (See Reports.)

The Report of the Resolutions Committee was read and adopted item by item, all carrying. (See Reports.)

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

Mrs. Pursell gave the WNAC Treasurer's Report. (See Reports.)

The report of the Memorial Student Loan Fund was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Nominating Committee was given and accepted. (See Reports.)

Mrs. Jerry Dudley, California, sang, "The Light of the World is Jesus" preceding the installation of officers by Mrs. Chester Phillips, North Carolina.

Mrs. Coffey introduced the newly elected president, Mrs. Robert Hill, to the delegation who brought a brief word of acceptance. Mrs. Coffey closed the convention with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Rufus Coffey,
WNAC President

Mrs. Gene Rogers,
WNAC Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING OF THE WNAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL MEETING OF
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
July 12, 1965

Manteo Room — Sir Walter Hotel
Raleigh, North Carolina

The Executive Committee of the WNAC met at 9:30 a.m., April 6, 1965, in the library of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. The following officers were present: Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Mrs. Rufus Coffey, Mrs. Carroll Alexander, Mrs. Gene Rogers, Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Robert Hill, Mrs. Ben Scott, and Mrs. E. E. Zoellers. Mrs. Doris Grant, unable to attend due to illness, appointed Mrs. Ray Turnage as her proxy.

Mrs. Coffey, president, called the meeting to order by reading Philippians 1:6 after which prayers were offered by each one present.

Each officer gave a personal report of the work completed up to the present time, as well as any recommendations she might have.

A letter from Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary for the National Association of Free Will Baptists was read, proposing a change in the order of service for the National Association Convention. A motion carried that this letter be answered stating that we would be willing to relinquish Monday night's services (upon the approval of the body when in session), with the WNAC being given time to hear the report of the Committee on Committees.

The proposed program of the Thirtieth Session of the WNAC was discussed.

Mrs. Pursell, Executive-Secretary, gave her personal report, the WNAC General Fund Report and the Proposed Budget for 1965-66, all of which were accepted. (See Reports.)

Mrs. Pursell presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. That we adopt the proposed budget with any necessary changes.
2. That all officers' packets be re-written after publication of the new manual.
3. That we again cooperate with the editor of CONTACT in an annual subscription drive for CONTACT through the month of October, 1965.
4. That the youth scholarships be continued under the direction of the Executive Committee.
5. That we continue the Missionary Provision Closet and that rules governing this be drawn up.
6. That we sponsor a WNAC Fellowship Supper Monday, July 12, with missionary speakers as guests of WNAC.
7. That we pay group hospitalization insurance costs on the full time office secretary of WNAC.
8. That we have a memorial service for Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams at the National Convention. (Mrs. McAdams served for many years as WNAC's Field Secretary.)
9. That we print a certificate of recognition for past executive secretaries and presidents of the WNAC to be presented at the WNAC.

Mrs. Damon Dodd was appointed to prepare and conduct the memorial service at the WNAC for Mrs. McAdams.

A committee was appointed to make up rules and regulations to govern the Provision Closet. They were Mrs. Pursell, Mrs. Rogers, and Mrs. Scott.

Motion carried to adjourn. Mrs. Coffey led in the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Rufus Coffey, WNAC President
Mrs. Gene Rogers, WNAC Recording Secretary

The Executive Committee was called to order by President Maude Coffey by reading Psalms 37:1-7 from the Amplified Old Testament. Prayer by Mrs. Ben Scott, Mrs. Carroll Alexander, Mrs. Paul Sheehan and Mrs. Harold Critcher.

The following officers were present: Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Rufus Coffey, President; Mrs. Carroll Alexander, Vice-President; Mrs. Gene Rogers, Recording Secretary; Mrs. John Grant, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. Robert Hill, Study Course Chairman; Mrs. Ben Scott, Stewardship-Prayer Chairman; and Mrs. E. E. Zoellers, Personal Service Chairman.

Others present were: Mrs. Harry Beatty, Missouri; Mrs. Harold Critcher, Tennessee; Mrs. W. R. Short, Kentucky; Miss Ann Perry, Kentucky; Mrs. Imogene Patterson, Indiana; Mrs. O. E. Everson, Georgia; Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, Arkansas; Mrs. Paul Sheehan, South Carolina; Mrs. J. R. Shade, Kansas; Mrs. Lela Crow, Oklahoma; Mrs. Lonnie DeVault, Oklahoma; Mrs. Nora Lee McCarty, Ohio; Mrs. Ed Hill, North Carolina; Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, North Carolina; Mrs. Winnie McLain, California and Mrs. Lonnie Rolen, California.

The minutes of the called Executive Committee meeting of April 6, 1965 were read and approved.

A personal report was given by each officer of the WNAC. (See Reports.)

Recommendations of the Executive Committee were made and discussed. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Mrs. John Grant.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Rufus Coffey, WNAC President
Mrs. Gene Rogers,
WNAC Recording Secretary

PERSONAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER WNAC

July 1, 1964 to July 1, 1965

Number Executive Committee meetings attended	3
Workshops conducted	3
District conventions attended	4
States visited	7
Study classes conducted	5
Installation services conducted	2
Talks made in behalf of Auxiliary work	10
Spoke during Missionary Conference	
Served as local program-prayer chairman	
Attended conference on Mission Administration, sponsored jointly by the EFPA and IFMA in Detroit, and the EPA in Chicago ..	
Edited Co-Laborer Magazine	
Revised Standard of Achievement Chart, report forms, and other literature and supplies	
Cards mailed	963
Letters mailed	3,320
Packages mailed	5,154
Miles traveled in behalf of WNAC	8,210

APPRECIATION: To Mrs. Harold Critcher who served until January, 1965, as production editor of Co-Laborer magazine, to those who performed secretarial duties at various times during the year, to members of the Executive Committee and its President, Mrs. Rufus Coffey, all of whom rendered invaluable assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Cleo Pursell

ANNUAL RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

1964-65 Convention Year

Number of auxiliaries reporting: 396. Reports from 17 state conventions, 4 district conventions and 3 local auxiliaries. Amount per capita representation fees sent treasurer \$681.93. No. A-1 Auxiliaries: 42; No. "B" Auxiliaries 60; No. "C" Auxiliaries 25.

I. Enlistment Department:

1. Enrolment at beginning of convention year: 7,083; Present enrolment: 7,601.
2. Number new members: 1,157; Number lost: 895; Average attendance: 5,006.

II. Study Course Department:

1. Courses conducted:
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| Missions | 208 |
| Stewardship | 185 |
| Manual of Methods | 189 |
| Evangelism | 171 |
| Prayer | 182 |
| Other | 38 |
| Number Reading Circles | 96 |

III. Program-Prayer Department:

1. Number special programs held .. 454
2. Number Weeks of Prayer conducted .. 659
3. Total Amount of Self-Denial Offering
Resulting from Weeks of Prayer \$4,542.49
4. Total Number of Family Altars 1,925
5. Total Members Observing Prayer Fellowship 1,135
6. Number of Daily Bible Readers 2,753

IV. Personal Service Department:

1. Number making soul-winning efforts 2,423
2. Number Souls Won 561
3. Number Active in Community Missions 2,656
4. Total Value of Contributions to Children's Homes \$4,949.01

V. Publicity Department

1. Number of Subscribers to Free Will Baptist Papers 3,327
2. Number articles Written for Publication 869
3. Other Publicity Done Numerous

VI. Personal Gifts:

- (Contributions Through Other Channels)
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| Missions | \$18,604.24 |
| Free Will Baptist Bible College | 4,247.53 |
| Children's Homes | 6,284.30 |
| Superannuation | 1,334.19 |
| Co-Laborer | 245.80 |
| Other Special Gifts | 3,683.41 |
| State Projects | 9,980.52 |

OFFICER'S PERSONAL REPORTS

JULY 1964-65

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Rufus Coffey

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| WNAC meetings attended | 3 |
| Study Courses taught | 3 |
| Organized one State Auxiliary Convention | |
| Miles traveled in interest of WNAC | 2,340 |
| Letters Received | 19 |
| Letters Written | 22 |
| Spoke in behalf of WNAC at State Association | |
| Conducted one Installation Service | |
| Wrote one Installation Service | |
| Wrote two articles for publication | |

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mrs. Carroll Alexander

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| Letters received | 7 |
| Letters written | 13 |
| State Auxiliary Camp Director | |
| Local President | |

Taught two Study Courses
Attended two District Conventions
Attended one State Convention
Assisted in planning two State Convention programs
Attended two Executive Committee meetings
Traveled approximately 1,800 miles

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Gene Rogers

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| Letters received | 15 |
| Letters written | 13 |
| Recording Secretary Reports Received | 24 |
| Articles written for Co-Laborer | 1 |
| Executive Committee Meetings attended | 2 |
| Approximate miles traveled in interest of WNAC | 3,250 |
| Study Courses Conducted | 3 |
| Assembled 300 packages of Achievement Chart Seals for sale | |
| Prepared minutes of WNAC for publication | |
| Attended State Convention | |
| Served on WNAC Committee for regulations governing Provision Closet | |

ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY:

- Mrs. John Grant
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| Letters received | 12 |
| Letters written | 16 |
| WNAC Convention attended | 1 |
| State Convention attended | 1 |
| District Convention Attended | 2 |
| WNAC Executive Committee Meetings Attended | 2 |
| State Executive Committee Meetings attended | 1 |
| Spoke in interest of WNAC | 2 |
| Weeks of prayer observed | 3 |
| Planned program for District Convention | 1 |
| Installation of Officers | 2 |
| Study Courses Attended | 3 |
| Study Courses Taught | 1 |
| District Assistant Recording Secretary | |
| Local Treasurer | |

STUDY COURSE CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Robert Hill

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| Letters received | 72 |
| Letters written | 54 |
| Mimeographed letters prepared and mailed | 59 |
| Award seals to auxiliaries completing standard study courses | 30 |
| Special seal awarded to 2 auxiliaries for completing 5 standard study courses | |
| Executive Meetings attended | 2 |
| Spoke in behalf of WNAC at State Convention | |
| Spoke in behalf of WNAC at District conventions | 2 |
| Served as local program-prayer chairman | |
| Prepared materials for the new Sally Study and 4 programs for Co-Laborer | |
| Reviewed 14 books for possible recommendation and prepared the 1965-66 approved list for study courses | |
- The following auxiliaries received gold seal awards for standard study courses:
- Willow Springs, Mountain Grove, Missouri 2; Village Chapel, Ceres, California 2; Grant Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 1; Wesconnett, Jacksonville, Florida 3; First, Mountain Grove, Missouri, 1; Good Hope, Henderson, Texas 1; Westside, Midland, Texas, 1; Trinity, Oklahoma City, 2; New Home, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1; First, Wichita, Kansas, 5; Concord, California, 2; Morehead City, N. C., 1; Fellowship, Kingsport, Tennessee, 1; West Nashville Church, Nashville, Tennessee, 1; Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Virginia, 1; Joplin, Missouri, 5; First, Richmond, Virginia, 1. Special awards to local auxiliary Joplin, Missouri and First Church, Wichita, Kansas for completing 5 standard study courses.

STEWARDSHIP-PRAYER CHAIRMAN: Mrs.

Ben Scott	
Letters received	18
Letters written	24
Spoke in behalf of WNAC work	6
Prepared Circle Packet for Stewardship-Prayer Chairman	
Conducted one Installation Service	
Prepared "Plan of Work" for State Convention	
Planned program for State Convention	
Planned program for District Workshop	
Study courses taught	3

PERSONAL SERVICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs.

E. E. Zoellers	
Letters received	41
Letters written	319
Taught Standard Study Course on Manual	
Taught Study Course on Prayer	
Served as Local President	
Served as District President	
Served as State President	
Wrote two articles for publication	
Organized one Local Auxiliary	
Organized one District Auxiliary	
Miles Traveled in interest of WNAC	6,400

REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We, the Registration Committee submit the following report:

Number of persons registered:	
WNAC Officers	8
Missionaries	24
Delegates (State)	131
Delegates (Local)	59
Ministers	243
Visitors	554
	1019

State and Countries registered:

Alabama	16	Kentucky	15
Arizona	1	Michigan	18
Arkansas	17	Mississippi	29
California	21	Missouri	38
Florida	22	North Carolina	253
Georgia	79	Ohio	38
Oklahoma	68	Canada	2
South Carolina	51	Africa	5
Tennessee	116	Japan	4
Texas	18	Brazil	3
Virginia	59	Ecuador	2
West Virginia	12	Hawaii	3
Idaho	3	Alaska	5
Illinois	21	New Mexico	2
Iowa	10	Washington, D.C.	2
Kansas	9		

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Mrs. Carroll Alexander
Mrs. Owen Thomas
Mrs. Mary Dooley

REPORT OF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, speaking for our great W.N.A.C. wish to express our appreciation to:

1. The State of North Carolina Free Will Baptists for her invitation to host our convention and all the wonderful hospitality she has shown to us.
2. To the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary for the Tea Reception, the lovely flowers, for providing usherettes, and all other conveniences we are enjoying.
3. To our W.N.A.C. officers who have so faithfully performed their duties the last two years, for the progress we have had and for the dedication in preparing this day's service. We appreciate the work Mrs. John Grant has done for the 1964 WNAC breakfast and for the 1965 Banquet. We appreciate each speaker, the musicians, and all who have had part in making this day successful.
4. Also we pray God's blessings upon our WNAC Executive Secretary, Mrs. Pursell, as she labors each day in keeping our WNAC functioning for the glory of God.
5. We appreciate Mrs. Betty Hill's warm welcome to this convention and we do indeed feel welcome.

Prayerfully submitted,
/s/ Mrs. Lonnie DeVault
Mrs. Elro Driggers
Mrs. Francis Elliot

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee, wish to submit the following report. According to Article IV of WNAC Constitution and Article VI of the BI-Laws, reports from the following 18 states have been received: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington.

Five districts have reported as follows: Wabash Valley, Indiana; First Kansas, Kansas; Wolverine, Michigan; North East, Mississippi; and Eastern District, Kentucky.

A total of 59 local auxiliaries have registered during this convention.

The above reports have been examined as required and found eligible to seats in this annual session of WNAC.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Mrs. John Grant
Mrs. O. B. Everson
Mrs. Imogene Patterson

REPORT OF MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE

We, the Committee appointed to prepare manuscript for the new Manual, make the following recommendations:

That ARTICLE III of the WNAC Constitution be changed to read:

The officers shall be a president, vice president, recording secretary, assistant recording secretary, executive secretary-treasurer, missions chairman, study course chairman, stewardship-prayer chairman, and personal service-evangelism chairman. These shall constitute the executive committee, five of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

That ARTICLE IV of the WNAC Constitution be changed to read:

Section 1. This convention shall be composed of the officers of said convention together with the field worker and president of each state convention, and the ten (10) delegates from each state which has paid in full its membership fee, and one delegate from each local auxiliary in good standing with its representing higher body (district or state) and

properly qualified by paying a representation fee of three dollars (\$3.00).

In areas where there is no state auxiliary convention affiliated with the national auxiliary convention, a district convention may represent directly to the national convention membership of its membership fee. Similarly, areas where there is no district or state auxiliary convention.

Section 2. Any eligible organization wishing to become a member of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention shall present a petitionary letter signed by the officers of the organization to the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall make recommendations to the credential committee. The WNAC shall vote upon the recommendation of the credential committee.

That ARTICLE I, Section 8 of the By-Laws read as follows:

Personal Service-Evangelism Chairman—The Personal Service-Evangelism Chairman shall encourage state personal service-evangelism missions which include soul-winning efforts, benevolence and orphanage work.

Section 9. Missions Chairman—The missions chairman shall assist the state missions chairman in the promotion of home and foreign missions in accord with the policies of the national boards. She will keep well informed of the latest developments in our missionary program by correspondence with our missionary leaders and directors and study of our church publications.

That ARTICLE V, Section 1 of By-Laws read as follows:

Executive Committee—The executive committee shall hold annual and semi-annual meetings for the transaction of business and shall report through the secretary at each annual session of the WNAC. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to maintain an oversight of the work at large, have authority to call extra sessions of the committee when necessary and act for the convention concerning any matter deemed important to the interests of the convention and its committees, to prepare the program for the regular annual meeting of the convention, and to fill any vacancy occurring between elections.

Section 2—Nominating Committee—The nominating committee shall be composed of one member from each state. This nomination shall be submitted with the states annual report. An alternate nomination can be made from the floor and elected by the body in the absence of the regular nominee.

That ARTICLE VI of the By-Laws read as follows:

Section 1. Fees and Reports — Ten cents (10¢) per active member shall be paid yearly to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention by the state convention (and/or other eligible organizations) for membership.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each body directly affiliated with the WNAC to send a report to every annual session on a form provided by WNAC.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. H. B. Sloan, Chairman
Mrs. Rufus Coffey
Mrs. Clara Picirilli
Mrs. Cleo Pursell

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That the theme, watchword, and

hymn for 1966-67 be as follows:
Theme: "Toward New Frontiers"
Watchword: "To All Men . . . By all Means" 1 Corinthians 9:22
Hymn: "To The Regions Beyond"

2. That 8,000 copies of the new Manual be published
3. That all officers' packets be rewritten, and report blanks and standard of achievement chart be revised after publication of the new Manual as funds permit.
4. That we again co-operate with the editor of CONTACT in an annual subscription drive through the month of October, 1965, using the same goals established last year.
5. That the regulations governing the Missionary Provision Closet be accepted.
6. That stock items for the Missionary Provision Closet be limited to the following: sheets, pillow cases bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths, dish towels, pressure cookers, Melmac, stainless steel flatware, tupperware, and layettes.
7. That CO-LABORER editor be authorized to apply for membership in the Evangelical Press Association.
8. Whereas postal regulations require all third and second class mail to be completely zip-coded by January 1, 1967, we recommend that these codes be included on all mail to WNAC.
9. That August be designated Special Emphasis Month for WNAC's General Fund with each member contributing \$1.00.
10. That the General Fund be reimbursed \$100.00 from Provision Closet Funds.
11. That the annual Executive Committee meeting be held at 9:00 a.m. on the Monday preceding the convention and a joint meeting be held with state presidents and field workers at 10:30 a.m.

12. That WNAC make arrangements for a dinner to be held preceding the convention which will be open for all women by reservation.
 13. That youth scholarships be continued under the direction of the Executive Committee.
 14. That we pay group hospitalization insurance on the full-time office secretary.
 15. That our recording secretary send a letter commending the American Bible Society on its 150th anniversary in 1966.
 16. That we co-operate with the Society in making 1966 the Year of the Bible by the following methods:
 - (1) Include one program during the year on the missionary task of the American Bible Society and its opportunities for service.
 - (2) Planned programs of Scripture distribution in hospitals, nursing homes, rescue missions, and prisons.
 - (3) By use of the American Bible Society's Vacation Church School Packet, "Project for the Blind," as supplementary material.
 - (4) By sending the names and addresses of the blind in your community to Dr. Dale C. Recker, American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York, New York, 10022.
- Respectfully submitted,
 /s/ Mrs. Harold Critcher
 Mrs. Ray Turnage
 Mrs. Betty Cox

REGULATIONS GOVERNING MISSIONARY PROVISION CLOSET

1. Full time missionaries who work in an assigned field under the super-

vision and control of one of the missions boards of the National Association of Free Will Baptists are eligible for gifts provided by members of WNAC.

2. Missionary candidates may obtain items from the Missionary Provision Closet before leaving for their assigned fields. Those on furlough may replenish their supplies any time before returning to their fields.
3. It shall not be the policy of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention to ship goods to any field except in cases of extreme need. Shipping charges and other necessary expenditures may be taken from Provision Closet funds when available.
4. Those desiring to obtain gifts shall **secure a form** from the WNAC office on which they shall record the name and number of each item taken. **This itemized list must be returned to the WNAC office on the same day gifts are taken from the closet.** This is necessary to maintain an accurate inventory of materials.

While the amounts may vary according to the number of members in a family, or stock available, each couple is entitled to the following:

Sheets	12	Layette As needed
Pillow Cases	12	Wash cloths 24
Bath Towels	12	Dish towels 15
Hand Towels ..	12	Dish cloths 6
Pressure cookers	1	Tupperware As
Melmac	1 set	needed
Stainless Steel		Miscellaneous .. As
Flatware	1 set	needed

Respectfully submitted,
 /s/ Mrs. Cleo Pursell
 Mrs. Gene Rogers
 Mrs. Ben Scott

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We, the Nominating Committee, regret

there are only eight national offices to fill since the members of the committee had so many wonderful, capable women to present as prospective officers. After prayerful consideration, the Committee submits the following nominees:

President **Mrs. Robert Hill**
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Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Chester Phillips, Chairman

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Cox, and Mrs. J. B. Chism.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 6, 1965

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
Nashville, Tennessee

I have examined the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the General Fund and of the Memorial Student Loan Fund of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention for the year ended June 30, 1965.

My examination was limited to the recorded cash receipts and disbursements. With this limitation my examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, subject to the qualification indicated in the preceding paragraph, the accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements summarized fairly the cash transactions of the General Fund and of the Memorial Student Loan Fund of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention for the year ended June 30, 1965.

Morris B. Adkins
Member, American Institute of
Certified Public Accountants

PROPOSED BUDGET — OPERATING EXPENSES — WNAC June 30, 1965 to July 1, 1966

Printing: Literature and supplies for sale	\$10,000.00
Executive Committee Expense	550.00
Salaries	8,200.00
Postage	1,200.00
Promotional Work-Traveling Expense	250.00
Visual Aids, travel to major conventions year for Executive Secretary	300.00
Office Supplies	800.00
Office Equipment	200.00
Mailing Supplies	2,581.20
Headquarters Maintenance	400.00
Convention Expense	150.00
Auditing	1,200.00
Housing Allowance-Executive Secretary	360.00
Utilities	280.00
Group Insurance and Workman's Compensation	28.00
Bonding (All personnel)	325.00
Honorariums	100.00
Miscellaneous	26,924.20

ESTIMATED INCOME

Literature and Supplies sales	\$18,000.00
Representation Fees	900.00
Co-Laborer Fund	2,000.00
Postage	900.00
Special Gifts Needed	5,124.20
	26,924.20

Committee: Mrs. Cleo Pursell
Mrs. Rufus Coffey
Mrs. Hubert Sloan

**WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION
GENERAL FUND**

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965

Cash balance, July 1, 1964 6,159.76

Receipts

Literature and supplies sales	15,075.24	
Convention dues	989.78	
Miscellaneous	585.73	
Designated contributions:		
Co-Laborer fund	4,370.94	
Foreign missions	1,999.49	
Home missions	2,990.00	
Bible College	506.69	
Other gifts for various missionaries and missionary objectives	25,947.08	35,814.20
Total Receipts		52,464.95
Total to be accounted for		58,624.71

Disbursements

Operating Expenses:

Literature and supplies for sale	7,582.28	
Executive Committee expense	501.49	
Salaries	7,824.96	
Postage	783.20	
Honorariums	164.51	
Office supplies and equipment	820.82	
Office rent and maintenance	1,668.33	
Mailing supplies	159.12	
Rent, hospitalization, utilities (Executive Secretary)	1,106.80	
Auditing	130.00	
Convention expense	384.26	
Miscellaneous expense	139.45	
Travel expense	320.53	21,585.75

Mission Work:

Foreign Missions	3,458.14	
Home Missions	3,573.44	
Bible College	1,381.88	
Other disbursements for various missionaries and missionary objectives	25,916.07	34,329.53
Total Disbursements		55,915.28

Cash balance, June 30, 1965

2,709.43

**WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION
MEMORIAL STUDENT LOAN FUND**

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965

Cash balance, July 1, 1964 1,024.46

Receipts

Contributions	1,364.48	
Student loans repaid	1,291.85	
Interest collected	119.24	
Total Receipts		2,775.57
Total to be accounted for		3,800.03

Disbursements

Student loans

Cash balance, June 30, 1965		3,015.00
		<u>785.03</u>

LOAN SUMMARY

Loan balances, July 1, 1964		9,141.95
Loans granted during the year		3,015.00
		<u>12,156.95</u>
Loans repaid during the year		1,291.85
Loan balances, June 30, 1965		<u>10,865.10</u>

PROGRAM HELPS

MRS. OPAL LEE

OCTOBER

Authorities believed the sniping Monday night and today was a last gasp effort by rebellious Negroes to prolong the orgy of shooting, assault, arson and looting which surpassed in magnitude the 1943 racial uprising in Detroit, where 34 were killed and 700 injured.

Violence Continues

Sporadic violence continued in other areas of Southern California where it spread Monday when troops gained the upper hand in the stricken Watts district. A newsmen was beaten by Negroes in San Diego.

Display a table covered with newspapers reporting such daily crimes as robbery and murder, and advertising dances, movies, and beer. Circle the main articles with red felt writer, representing the world in which we live. Place in the center a large white candle representing Christ to be lighted before the women arrive. Use a number of smaller white candles (long lasting, enough for all women present, placed here and there around the large candle. The smaller candles represent the Christians. Scatter a large quantity of birthday candles of different colors over the table, representing people lost in sin. Pop lids make good holders for these candles.

At the beginning of the program have each woman light a candle. Others coming in late should be encouraged to come forward and light candles, representing Christians added. This should effectively show how we as Christians should stand out for Christ in a lost and dying world.

NOVEMBER



Use a poster or display to portray some recent tragedy or sorrow. (Choose three women beforehand, perhaps at the October meeting, to watch for these articles. Look especially for those in which someone helped another).

They can prepare their own display or posters of the happenings they choose and give a summary of its contents. Also, give testimony of thankfulness to God for His Grace in sparing "me". Use along with the lesson or at the close of topics.

Perhaps this will cause women to be more thankful of God's blessings and help us to make better use of our health and time for His service.

DECEMBER



Arrange table display at front of room, covering the table with white paper, using red crepe paper to decorate edges.

Use three large Bibles on the table as follows: First Bible closed, second Bible open with a manger scene in the center, and third Bible open with a full-size statue of Jesus in the center.

Spotlight this display using a Christmas tree light. Turn off other lights as topics are given so that the women might receive a greater vision of the Word and its fulness.

Close the program by singing "Joy to the World".

Mrs. Lee is Oklahoma State Study Course Chairman.

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