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Hymn For The Year

The Regions Beyond

A. B. SIMPSON

MARGARET M. SIMPSON



1. To the re-gions be-yond I must go, I must go, Where the sto-ry has
 2. To the hard-est of plac-es He calls me to go, Not think-ing of
 3. Oh, ye that are spend-ing your lei-sure and powers In pleas-ures so
 4. There are oth-er "lost sheep" that the Mas-ter must bring, And they must the




nev - er been told (been told); To the mil-lions that nev-er have heard of His love,
 com-fort or ease (or ease), The world may pronounce me a dream-er, a fool,
 fool-ish and fond (and fond), A - wake from your self-ish-ness, fol - ly and sin,
 mes-sage be told (be told); He sends me to gath-er them out of all lands,



CHORUS *With spirit*



I must tell the sweet sto-ry of old (of old).
 E - nough if the Mas-ter I please (I please). To the re - gions be-
 And go to the re-gions be-yond (be-yond).
 And wel-come them back to His fold (His fold).




yond, I must go, I must go, I must go, Till the
 I must go, To the re-gions be-yond I must go,




world, all the world, His sal-va - - - tion shall know.
 Till the world, all the world, His sal-va-tion shall know, shall know.



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MEDICINE



AUDIO-VISUAL



LITERATURE

TOOLS OF THE HARVEST

People are slow to accept change—new ideas upset them; they panic at the thought of changing jobs or moving into a strange city; they are suspicious of new methods and new inventions. When Elias Howe invented the sewing machine it nearly rusted before women could be persuaded to use it. Business men were reluctant to buy the typewriter long after it had been proven a success. But change has always been and always will be a part of human life. Today changes are occurring more rapidly than ever—the world is being radically changed within the span of an average lifetime! Those who are on the front line of the missionary enterprise are especially aware of the need to adjust to new situations and to relate both their message and their methods to the times.

Dr. Bob Pierce (World Vision, October, '66) said: "We now face . . . frontiers which may prove even more of a challenge than the geographic barriers of the past. The most important of these is the frontier of effective communication . . . Christians today are doing a very poor job of communicating." The church faces the problem of getting the Gospel to more people in the quickest way possible. We must explore more effective and efficient methods of communicating the Gospel message. Wrongly used, technical tools will contribute to the further secularizing of our generation—but in the hands of informed, Spirit-led men and women, these same tools can be used mightily to propagate the Gospel to all the world.

THE PRINTED PAGE

One of the most powerful tools of evangelism throughout the world today is the printed page. Perhaps more people are won to Christ as the result of literature evangelism than any other single medium of Gospel witness. Today half the world's population can read. The rapid advances made in teaching people to read will greatly increase that figure during the next few years.

Christian literature is accepted and read even where the missionary cannot penetrate. In countries where government edict has put the masses out of reach of person-to-person contact with the Gospel, thousands are being reached through Bible correspondence courses.

D. M. Panton said: "The printed page is a visitor which gets inside the home, and stays there; it always catches a man in the right mood for it speaks to him only when he is reading it; it always sticks to what it has said, and never answers back; and it is bait left permanently in the pool. The printed page is deathless; you can destroy one, but the press can reproduce millions."

MEDICAL MINISTRIES

Medical ministries have proven effective tools in reaching those in remote areas, and have been greatly used to gain entrance into hearts in the Doropo region, Ivory Coast. Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley were the first to serve in this ministry under Free Will

Baptist Foreign Missions Board. Dr. Ruby Griffin arrived in Doropo last year and became the first woman missionary doctor sent out by the board.

AUDIO-VISUALS

Visual communication knows no limits of tongue, vocabulary, or grammar. It can be understood by the illiterate as well as by the literate. "Nearly 54 million persons throughout the world view motion picture films every day . . ." according to the UNESCO report on world communications.

"The transistor radio is the new status symbol of the continent of Africa . . . People in all walks of life own them . . . some of the most primitive tribesmen have accepted the radio as one of the few innovations of the modern world worth their acknowledgement." These statistics and facts show the need for utilizing the potential of new mass communications media for the work of evangelizing the world.

But even in our progressive day, when it is obvious that with audio-visuals we are capable of reaching millions of lost people with the Gospel, the average Christian is slow to accept new ways or methods of "doing the Lord's work." In a recent article, Dr. Bob Pierce recalls the way some of his friends reacted to the thought of utilizing radio for Christian witness—"Send the Gospel over the airwaves? Never! Don't you know that the devil is the 'prince of the power of the air'?" To this we can add the more recent (but sometimes equally negative) reactions to television in its earliest days. We may smile at these attitudes . . . until we stop to wonder how our own reactions to new ideas will look and sound in the light of tomorrow's developments."

While it is true that traditional methods still reach many, the number they do not reach is growing at an alarming rate. Have we become so involved in the traditional means of reaching the people that new methods have either been ignored or at best given only token support?

Jerry Ballard, director of Publications, Board of Foreign Missions, recently stated: "Use of mass communications media is the only solution to our dilemma, and to utilize these dynamic, God-given means requires . . . recruitment of dedicated men and women who will give themselves to mastery

MAKE A LASTING INVESTMENT!

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of mass communication skills such as radio and TV."

Industry has spared no cost in training their people to use all kinds of mass communicative techniques. Surely, the greatest work of all deserves the most effective "tools" of teaching and preaching, at our disposal.

Who knows . . . perhaps in a few years, when communication is direct from satellite to home, millions who do not go to church can still be reached with the Gospel witness.

The airplane is a tool of evangelism. It is a means of speeding the Gospel to places inaccessible by land. Pictured here is missionary aviator Bill Phipps, in Panama.



STUDY COURSE TIPS



By Merlea DeFee
WNAC Study Course Chairman

TO GET OFF to a good start at the beginning of the year, each auxiliary should consider having a thorough study of the new manual. This could very easily be a standard study course by spending the required time (four forty-five minute periods), in a real study.

We will not grow until we have the know-how, so study the manual to know and grow, and to inform the members how to effectively use the Woman's Auxiliary to teach and support missions.

The manual has been revised to meet the challenge of changing times. Many hours have been spent in rewriting it, so take advantage of the material available and strive toward being an A auxiliary.

■ The manual is one of the required courses, according to the Standard of Achievement chart, to be an A auxiliary and is a most needful course. Study course chairmen begin now to plan for a real good study on the Manual during the first quarter.

■ Encourage each auxiliary member to purchase a copy of the new manual from the WNAC office, Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee (75¢).

■ At the national convention in Little Rock, some resolutions were passed which affect the manual. Please take note of them in your fourth quarter *Co-Laborer* and insert them in your manual at the proper place.

■ Try to secure teachers that are familiar with the auxiliary work and are able to explain it in a way that will help each lady see that by being active in her local auxiliary she can grow in her service for the Master.

■ Other helpful materials available in WNAC office: *Guide for Study Course Chairman* (50¢); *WNAC Approved Book List 1966-67* (free); *Poster* advertising study on Manual, (30¢).

SUGGESTED CALENDAR OF STUDY FOR 1967

January-March	W.A. Manual
April	Prayer
May-June	Youth Guidance
July-August	Christian Living
September	Stewardship
October	Evangelism
November-December	Missions

EUROPE'S LARGEST COUNTRY

By Margaret Merkh

**La Bonne Nouvelle
Christ est mort pour moi;
La Bonne Nouvelle
C'est par la foi:
La Bonne Nouvelle,
Et si je crois
La vie eternelle est pour moi,
pour moi!**

**Good News, Good News,
Christ died for me
Good News, Good News,
If I believe.
Good News, Good News,
I'll live eternally
What wonderful extra
Good News!**

This is a little chorus we learned several years ago in French. Only last year I learned our English version.

THE BEGINNING

A number of years ago God gave us the opportunity to be witnesses for Him in a foreign land. Our goal was Africa, but much hard study had to be undertaken before this goal could be achieved.

There were many days and weeks of preparation here at home. Necessary equipment had to be properly packed for shipping. All of the aches and pains of the needed shots had to be obtained and endured. But, the hardest ache was the farewells to be said to our friends and loved ones here at home. As many of you know, several loved ones went on to be with the Lord in our absence. Then, the final day arrived for our departure from New York to a life of which we know not what God had in store for us.

THE PREPARATION

Here I must confess that the early days in Switzerland are hard to describe. They were frustrating days of language study but awesome days of wonderment to behold God's handiwork of beauty among the mountains and terrain of Europe. Yet, there was still a need.

We had blessed fellowship with the brethren but in all this we felt a need of presenting the Gospel to our own neighborhood. We could speak very little French and this haltingly. Our children had made many friends of which, I dare say, none had ever heard the name of Christ.

After about six months, we were privileged to meet a French couple who were missionaries in their own country of France but were passing a few days in Switzerland. We begged on the lady's good nature to come and have a flannelgraph story for these children in their own language. We here in America will never be able to realize how important this is! There must have been thirty or thirty-five children in our small apartment that day. They ranged in age from three to seventeen. This was the day that we first heard the little song at the beginning of this article. I'm sure the lesson that day was extra good news to many of those children.

HELP THAT WAS NEEDED

During that year God gave us the opportunity to travel into other countries. In meeting missionaries and laymen laboring in these countries and hearing their testimonies to the results of their labors and seeing the fruits they were yielding, God gave us a burden for Europe even though our destination was elsewhere at this time. It was then that God laid it upon Dan's heart to write the tract "White Unto Harvest." If you haven't read it, please request a copy from our headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. You see, we didn't understand God's purpose at this time, but God had started working to help us see that more help was needed in this land.

THE FINAL STEP

After a few years of labor in Africa, building, witnessing, and learning to love the people, our job was completed. We returned to America and settled in a pastorate. I've yet to see anyone content and relaxed in a job when God has another purpose for him. Serving three years in South Carolina better qualified us for the requirements set forth in the tract mentioned earlier. In January, 1966, the Foreign Mission Board decided that now was the time to open this new field of service. Immediately we applied and were accepted. Even now as I look back it was rather hard to prepare to leave all over again. This time may be a little harder to say farewell, but God gives the victory. Here I would like to say "Thank You" to all who have made the Provision Closet available. This is certainly a blessing many of you can't appreciate if you have never seen a missionary going through or after she has completed her shopping here.

As I write this article, I do not know just how our labors will even begin in France. Instead of four years we will be staying five because of a need for further language study. This we plan to take at a university in Grenoble. During this time and even possibly by the time you are reading this we will have located our place of labor. We do plan, however, to settle in a town of five to ten thousand people and work in the outlying areas as well.

As there are no established churches our work will begin with classes for children and door to door visitation. Please pray that God will open hearts and doors that Christ can enter therein. Also, pray for us as we labor for Christ and you in France.

MARGARET and DAN MERKH are in France to open a new work for Free Will Baptists. They formerly spent five years in the Ivory Coast in missionary construction work, and several years as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, S.C.





MISSIONS WORLDWIDE

NORTHEAST

Pray for our northeastern workers as they wait out the remainder of the long winter (especially remember our Alaskan workers also during the long winter months.) Summer time is a very busy time in the North Country. Pray for our northeastern workers as they lay plans for a busy and fruitful summer for the Lord.

Pray for the salvation of parents of several faithful young people in Canada.

Remember Frank and Marie Cousineau, our only Free Will Baptist representatives in the province of Quebec. Frank and Marie are studying at Bethel Institute in their native French language preparing to minister somewhere with French people. There is a great need for more churches to be established that would be able to strengthen the witness and fellowship of our northeastern churches.

The northeastern metropolitan areas represent one of the largest concentrations of people in America. There are many foreign language groups. For example, there are reported to be 750,000 Puerto Ricans in New York.

NORTHWEST

Greater Seattle area is experiencing one of the largest population booms in the northwest as a result of a large contract with Boeing Aircraft. The hundreds of new families moving into these areas present a

great challenge for our mission in Seattle, likewise, a great challenge for more missions in cities like Everett and other locations in the Seattle area. There is a great need for new works to be established within traveling distance where there could be a strengthening of forces and fellowship among our western churches. The same need is also true in the northeast.

MEXICO

Pray for Harvey and Mary Aguirre as they make plans to begin their ministry and language study in Mexico.

Pray for the Bible Institute and the students as they finish up their spring semester and get ready for a full summer in the Lord's work—conducting many Bible schools and starting new mission points.

Pray that God will give Arthur and Jenell the needed health and strength for the increasing work load.

Praise the Lord for Dave Cochrane's faithfulness in association with our Bible Institute.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Pray for the new church projects in Trenton, New Jersey; Lexington, Kentucky; and other areas across the country that are being sponsored by national, state, and local mission boards.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Pray for Larry and Wanda Powell and family as they prepare to begin their ministry in the Virgin Islands. The Virgin Islands, are bilingual, Spanish and English. Within a few miles there are Dutch, British, and French colonies and republics. There are over 20,000,000 people on the island chain between Florida and South America.

AFRICA

The Howard Gages, former pastor from Oklahoma, are to arrive the first of the year for a special building assignment of two years in the Ivory Coast. A contractor, he will perform this work while the missionaries carry on the jobs they have to do. Pray for quick adjustments to the responsibilities and problems there. Pray that the building assignments will be completed soon. Their daughter, Sue, is a junior at the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville.

BRAZIL

Both the Bobby Aycocks and the Bobby Pooles returned to Brazil in late December. Bobby Aycock will become the new president of Brazil Bible Institute, replacing Ken Eagleton. He will need prayer in his new administrative and teaching responsibilities. The Pooles will return to Ribeiraro Preto, where they ministered during the first term. Rev. Reford Wilson, General Director of the Foreign Mission Department, will meet with the Brazil Field Council in its annual meeting in January. Pray for wisdom and God's guidance for this meeting.

INDIA

There is a definite need for a couple for South India. As of this writing, it is not known if Miss Volena Wilson will return to the field. There would probably be no problem getting a couple in to replace her. However, the couple is needed immediately. Pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth a couple for this field.

Also, continue to pray for the continued

recovery of Miss Wilson as she rests and recuperates in the United States. Ask God to grant the visas for the entrance of the Sherwood Lees to the field of North India.

URUGUAY

The Bill Fulchers returned to Uruguay for another term of service in October. In December the Paul Robinson family returned for their first furlough. They, along with the Bill Fulchers, initiated the work on the Brazil-Uruguay border. Paul has been leading a church in Santa Teresa, a suburb of Rivera, Uruguay, for the last year. Pray for the Fulchers as they begin their second term of service, and also for the health of Paul Robinson.

Molly Barker, R.N., is presently majoring on personal witness and ministering to women prior to establishing a clinic. Pray that many will be saved through this means.

JAPAN

Pray for wisdom for the Wesley Calverys, seeking to establish a Free Will Baptist mission in Sapora, capital of Hokkaido, a city of 650,000.

Pray for God's direction for pastors of Hokkaido churches, Yamada San and Oikawa San, as they teach believers and extend Gospel witness in this area.

Japan is one of the most populous nations, yet Free Will Baptists have only six missionaries and two appointees serving here. Pray that God will call forth workers for this neglected field.

CUBA

Pray that Churches in Cuba will be able to maintain effective witness in spite of governmental opposition. Pray especially for the strong youth movement in our churches there.

Pray for the deputational ministries of the Thomas Willeys and for all those who minister to the Cuban refugees in Miami.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CALENDAR—1967

JANUARY Woman's Auxiliary Enlistment Month Master's Men Enlistment Month National Youth Week (January 29—February 5)	FEBRUARY World Day of Prayer—10
MARCH Revival Crusade Month Pre-Easter Week of Prayer	APRIL Foreign Missions Month Bible Conference (April 2-6)
MAY Christian Home Month National Family Week Chaplain's and Servicemen's Sunday	JUNE C.T.S. Month Vacation Bible Schools Superannuation Sunday
JULY Woman's National Auxiliary Con- vention—Jacksonville, Florida (July 11) National Association of Free Will Baptists—Jacksonville, Florida (July 10-13)	AUGUST Christian Camp Month WNAC Emphasis Month
SEPTEMBER Christian Education Month Stewardship Emphasis National Sunday School Week (September 24—October 1) Memorial Student Loan Fund Month for Woman's Auxiliary	OCTOBER Sunday School Month Missionary Conference (October 2-4) Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee Reformation Sunday CONTACT Subscription Month
NOVEMBER Home Missions Month Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer Home Missions Sunday	DECEMBER Universal Bible Sunday—10 Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer



LESLIE CARNEY

THE CHALLENGE OF THE CITY

LIKE ANY OTHER cultural, industrial, and intellectual center, Trenton, New Jersey is a city where there are many hungry souls—hungering and thirsting after the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Trenton is a city of approximately 150,000 people. It is a growing city and strategically located on our eastern seaboard. Philadelphia is about 30 miles south, New York City is about 60 miles north, and Newark and Jersey City are about 50 miles north. In the midst of these great metropolitan centers there is a great spiritual dearth.

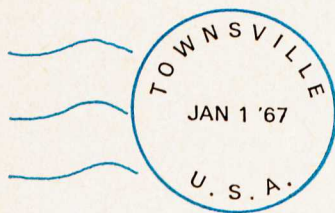
The Les Carneys are a "project 30" family. Working under the National Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, they are endeavoring to establish a strong Gospel witness in this large city.

Leslie Carney was born in Springfield, Ohio, and received his Th.B., Degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College last year. His wife, Cynthia, is a native of Holly, New Jersey, and attended FWBBC. They have

two sons, Cris, born in 1964, and William Irving, born September 11, 1966.

Alert to the possibilities of using even the most insignificant "tools" in taking the Gospel to the lost, Les plans to place tract racks in key positions throughout the city of Trenton. Since the people there know little or nothing about Free Will Baptists (the closest church being 85 miles away), he will stock these racks not only with salvation tracts but informative literature concerning our denomination. The ladies of the Cumberland District Auxiliary Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, will supply funds for these tract racks as their January missions project. The approximate cost is \$5.00 for each rack.

Brother Carney says, "The Lord has led me to Trenton . . . we trust the Lord to awaken Free Will Baptists to rise to the challenge of establishing a church that will be a strong gospel witness in this great potential area of our nation."



OUR READERS WRITE US

FROM PANAMA

... Even with all the work and rush, one of the pleasant things for me has been unpacking and placing all the things we received from the provision closet. These things are such a help and a constant reminder of you dear ladies who share with our work and personal lives in this way. May the Lord bless you for it and also give you much fruit in your own local mission field.

**The Willey Jrs.
Panama**

FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Thank you for the *Co-Laborer* magazine which came this morning. I do not feel worthy of this kind remembrance but do appreciate it. We are also grateful for the many items received from the Provision Closet. They certainly are a blessing to us and most helpful as we set up housekeeping during furlough. . . . We appreciate the faithful care and concern of our women manifest in their providing these material blessings. May God bless you.

**Evelyn Hersey
Garner, N.C.
(On furlough, Japan)**

... Keep up the good work as our *Co-Laborer* is getting better and better.

**Mrs. Alvin Davis
Smithfield, N.C.**

FROM GEORGIA

For many months I have been thinking of writing to you my appreciation for the *Co-Laborer*. I enjoy it very much.

**Mrs. Faye Faison
Colquitt, Georgia**

FROM CALIFORNIA

We are enclosing a check to help on the expenses of our national work. Our women enjoy the literature and the many "helps" that come from our WNAC office. We are glad we can have a part, if only a small part, in helping you so you can help us to promote Woman's Auxiliary work and to spread the Gospel to a lost world. God bless you is our prayer.

**Betty Anderson
Porterville, California**

We would like to thank each one that had a part in the December issue of the *Co-Laborer*. We like the extra news that goes in it. Keep the good work up. Our prayers are with you.

**The Woman's Auxiliary
Taft, California**

The monthly lessons from *Co-Laborer* have been such a blessing to our Auxiliary. May God bless each one that has a part in making possible an enjoyable and informative book such as *Co-Laborer*.

**Mrs. Naomi R. Poteet
Oxnard, California**

I think the *Co-Laborer* magazine gets better all the time. You are doing a great job. I appreciate you and the work you are doing for our auxiliaries. I pray the Lord will continue to bless. . . .

**Mrs. Winnie McLain
Selma, California**

... We enjoy the lessons, the information on our missionaries, and look forward to each new issue. May God bless all of you in your endeavors for Him.

**Mrs. Louise O'Rourke
San Diego, California**

FROM TENNESSEE

I wish to express my appreciation to the women of the National Association who have made the provision closet available to those missionaries going to the field. Thank you for the items available even to summer workers. I did appreciate them and may God continue to prosper your work in the Lord.

It was my privilege to meet with the ladies in the Linneus, Maine group several times and I am proud to report they are doing excellent work in their organization . . . I daily thank the Lord for my opportunity of serving Him as a summer appointee and I sincerely pray that other students will have equal opportunity in the coming year. My experiences will never be forgotten.

Shelia Williams
Nashville, Tennessee

This note is to let you know our money for WNAC emphasis month has already been sent to the District Treasurer and will soon be sent on to you, I'm sure. We are thankful to have an increase this year so our \$29.00 was gladly sent in gratitude to the Lord for so blessing us this past year. We have had a good beginning for our new year and are expecting even greater blessings as long as we glorify our Lord and put Him first in our lives and our auxiliary.

Our \$20.00 check for Student Loan Fund will soon be on the way and we are again glad to have a part in this. We have one student at the college and hope to help as many as possible. By this Loan Fund we can have a part in helping many more than we could, otherwise . . . May the Lord richly bless you and your staff.

Ada Belle Binkley
Bethlehem Auxiliary
Ashland City, Tennessee

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

I received the letter for a confirmation of my loan . . . I am glad that our Woman's Auxiliary has made this money available to Bible College students. It was a great help to me, and now I hope that the money I repay can be used for someone else to get a Bible College Education. Thanking you again for the loans.

Henry C. Hagans, Jr.
Bob Jones University
Greenville, S.C.

FROM OKLAHOMA

I really enjoyed reading "It Could Be You," and plan to use this in the workshop for recording secretaries.

Mrs. Barbara Chappel
First Oklahoma Association

I am recording secretary and treasurer. I would like all the instruction and information you may send me. Received the *Co-Laborer* and enjoying it very much.

Mrs. Fred Lamb
Edmond, Oklahoma

God bless you for the wonderful work you are doing by publishing the *Co-Laborer* magazine.

Mrs. Frances Lewellen
Graham, Oklahoma

FROM ARKANSAS

The Auxiliary here is young and small, but all of the ladies express great spiritual strength received from reading the *Co-Laborer*. Each program challenges each of us to greater devotion to Christ.

Mary Dilda
Glenwood, Arkansas

We have a wonderful group of enthusiastic women that enjoy working, in this capacity, for the Lord. We all enjoy the programs so very much in the *Co-Laborer* each month and also the "helps" given in them.

Mrs. Loyd W. Bowen
Booneville, Arkansas

FROM KANSAS

We received our new *Co-Laborers*. Each quarter they seem to get better and better . . . More interesting and so much information of missions and our missionaries. Pray for our ladies . . . that we will do greater things for missions and help spread the gospel throughout the world and at home.

Beulah A. Hartley
Wellington, Kansas

A Modern Parable

Now it happened in the late winter or early spring of the year of our Lord 1967 that the nominating committees of the Woman's Auxiliary came together to find officers for the new year.

Now the committees expected these meetings to be short and pleasant. "Surely," said they among themselves, "All of our women heard Jesus say, 'Come, follow me!' when they united with the Free Will Baptist Church. Surely they answered, 'Yes Lord, I will!' " But it came to pass that many were called and one by one they began to make excuses:

"I cannot preside."

"I cannot promote!"

"I wouldn't know how
To handle a vote."

"I can't make a talk."

"I'm not up to par."

"I can't write reports."

"I can't drive a car."

"My children are small.

I can't get away."

"My husband comes home
For lunch every day."

"I don't know enough,

And I'm very shy."

"Others can do it

Much better than I."

"Please do not think

I'm trying to dodge.

I'm really too busy

With my clubs and lodge."

"I think I'm too young."

"I know I'm too old."

"I won't follow rules

That are Guide-controlled."

"You shouldn't ask me!

You know I'm too nervous,

But some other member

Should offer her service."

The Committees prayed,

"Lord, what can we do?

The harvest is ripe,

But the laborers few."

Alma C. Mahan

Adapted, *The Methodist Woman*
(April, '64)



You Have Been Elected . . .

To The Nominating Committee?

You have an exciting assignment and it should not be taken too lightly. A well informed committee NEEDS to study the responsibilities of each office that it may give definite information about what is expected in each job . . . APPROACHES members who can work well with each other and know how to delegate responsibility . . . PROVIDES opportunities for future leaders to grow through experience . . . PLANS for new leadership rather than exchanging responsibilities from one to another in the small group . . . URGES the planning of leadership methods studies and training . . . WELCOMES those who may bring new ideas and suggestions. Many of them will be very helpful.



Heartbeat Photo

WATCHWORD 1967

“TO ALL MEN . . . BY ALL MEANS”

1 Corinthians 9:22

Theme for 1967



EUROPE



NOVA SCOTIA

Toward
New
Frontiers



VIRGIN ISLANDS

■ "The new year lies as a beckoning new continent unexplored and undeveloped. As a mission we move into the new year, but we know where we are going. Our objectives are clearly defined: preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ through every available means to all people where Free Will Baptist missionaries serve; establish believers into churches for the work of the Lord; stimulate churches in the homeland for crusades in world evangelism; extend our witness into other needy countries."

Reford Wilson,
General Director,
Board of Foreign Missions

Our Programs For First Quarter

INTRODUCING OUR WRITERS



AGNES B. FRAZIER, author of the *Pre-Easter Prayer Program*, is state recording secretary and treasurer of Tennessee Woman's Auxiliary Convention. A pioneer in WNAC work and major contributor to its literature department.



CLARA PICIRILLI, author of the *January program*, "*More Than a Statistic*," is vice president of WNAC and formerly served as secretary in the WNAC office. She is the wife of Dr. Robert Picirilli, Registrar of Free Will Baptist Bible College.



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Dear Co-Laborers:

I hope you like *Co-Laborers* new look! An effort has been made to improve the format and increase the effectiveness of the publication in every way possible.

As usual the programs, articles, and other materials have been planned and written in correlation with the denominational calendar and WNAC's program of work, theme, and watchword.

As our missions boards push "toward new frontiers"—Europe, Nova Scotia, the Virgin Islands—may we be challenged by the frontiers of service confronting us in our own communities. Institutional ministries—in hospitals, women's correctional institutions, convalescent homes; ministries to the aged and shut-in; the challenge of child evangelism; missions vacation Bible schools in unchurched areas; these are but a few of the many areas of need open unto women.

Pioneer women by their faith, daring, and devotion, helped push back frontiers and open new ways for others to follow. Surely we who have in our hands modern technical "means" of propagating the Gospel cannot be satisfied to sit in our comfortable churches week after week, enjoying the fellowship found there, yet never reaching our communities for Christ and the Church.

May the new year challenge us to "new frontiers" of service—taking the Gospel "to all men . . . by all means."



Oles Pursell

Executive Secretary

More Than A Statistic!

By Clara Picirilli

Song: "Win Them One by One"

Call to Prayer: Luke 14:23

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RECENTLY A YOUNG woman wrote to her mother: "I've joined the Woman's Auxiliary as you have hoped. I know now how it feels to be a *statistic*. After the president announced my joining, she said, 'We have five new members; we need only four more to reach our goal.'"

Are we concerned about bringing others into our auxiliary simply to meet a point on the standard of achievement or are we genuinely interested in people as individuals? On the other hand, should we forget numbers entirely when we think about enlistment efforts?

Enlistment is more than placing a name on the membership roll. A person is not truly enlisted into the Woman's Auxiliary until she is willing to give *herself* with the same spirit of dedication in which she gives her offerings.

Now, let's look in on an imaginary local auxiliary meeting after the program has been given. This is the final business just before adjournment.

Characters: President, Vice President, Secretary, Mrs. Buntin, Mrs. Putoff, Mrs. Helper.

President: Is there any other business before we adjourn the meeting?

Vice President: (rising) Madam President, I move that we have an enlistment drive during the next three months. The enlistment committee has met and . . .

Mrs. Buntin: (interrupting the vice president) How many new members do we need to get before we can be an A-1 auxiliary?

Vice President: Madam President, the enlistment committee would like to recommend that each active member try to win at least one new member into our auxiliary during the next three months.

Mrs. Helper: I second the motion.

President: We have a motion and second that we have an enlistment drive during the next three months. Is there any discussion?

Mrs. Putoff: I don't know whether you are aware of it or not, but we have tried this before. It just doesn't work and I don't see any reason to try it again.

Vice President: Madam President, the committee feels that each woman in our church will be interested in serving the Lord through the Woman's Auxiliary if we can effectively challenge them with the true purpose of the auxiliary.

President: That is a very good suggestion. Who can quote the purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary? Mrs. Putoff?

Mrs. Putoff: Well . . . we always take an offering for something. And we pray for the missionaries, especially during our three seasons of prayer.

President: Yes, that is true. I'm afraid that is about the extent of our concern. However, the Woman's Auxiliary has a definite purpose. Mrs. Vice President would you like to comment further on this?

Vice President: The purpose of our auxiliary is *To Help The Church Promote Missions*. The enlistment committee feels that we will be better able to fulfill our true purpose if we can "sell" our other women on the Woman's Auxiliary. We feel that the reason some have not joined is because they do not really understand our purpose for existing. In fact, in order to make our other women desire to work with us in the Woman's Auxiliary, it might be necessary for us to search ourselves and be sure that our motives are right and that we are "sold" on the auxiliary ourselves.

Mrs. Buntin: We still haven't been told how many new members we need before we can be an A-1 auxiliary?

President: Please allow me to make a statement. I believe we had 25 members at the beginning of our auxiliary year; therefore, we must have a total of 28 members at the end of the year to be considered A-1 on point two of the Standard of Achievement. However, I would like to point out the fact that our main interest should not be getting numbers into our Woman's Auxiliary. Rather, our motive is to work together for the cause of missions, while at the same time encouraging our unenlisted women to join our efforts for Christ. We will now take a vote on the motion. Mrs. Secretary, will you please read the motion for us?

Secretary: Motion was made that we have an enlistment drive for the coming three months, with each active member striving to win at least one new member into the auxiliary during this time.

President: You have heard the motion. All in favor vote aye . . . all opposed no . . . The motion is carried. Mrs. Vice President, would you care to explain further some of the plans and details of the enlistment committee concerning this drive.

Vice President: Yes, Madam President, the enlistment committee has prepared a

card on each potential member and are asking that each of our active members take one of these cards and work from there as she is led. We suggest that you invite the family of this person to your home for a meal, make a visit to her home, or use some other method of personal contact to make sure this potential member understands the Woman's Auxiliary and the real purpose of this organization. At the end of three months, we plan to have a special program in honor of these potential members (having them as our special guests) and will again present to them our purpose and goals. We are working on the possibility of having a returned missionary speak to us especially pointing out his own feelings concerning the work of the Woman's Auxiliary and the part this organization has played in helping promote missions and furthering the work of Christ in other countries, as well as here at home. May we have until next meeting time to complete work on these plans and then make a report and recommendation to the auxiliary at that time?

President: That is a very good idea. The meeting stands adjourned. Will Mrs. Helper please lead in our closing prayer. (The person who is Mrs. Helper will pray at this time, especially asking God's blessing upon this particular local auxiliary as His will is accomplished through it.)



ALL THRO' THE YEAR

The World's a weary place,
For him who tries to face
His tasks alone.
But he who looks above,
Will see the God of love
Is always swift to move
Among His own.

And so I wish for thee
The vision clear to see,
A presence near;
That every hour of night
And all the days of light,
May with God's love shine bright
All thro' the year.

—Anonymous

We Have Fainted!

By Betty Hill

Song: "What A Friend We have in Jesus"

Scripture: Psalm 27:13; —Luke 18:1-8

Solo: "Did You Think To Pray?"

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PRAYING IS PROBABLY one of the most talked about things in the Christian world, and yet is the most neglected. Luke 18:1 instructs, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." The Amplified New Testament puts it this way, ". . . they ought always to pray and not to turn coward—faint, lose heart and give up."

Surely, just as in the parable of the unjust judge, these are days when it seems that man neither fears God nor regards man. We hear of the moral decay and wickedness of man today, and witness the truth of this in our own communities and cities. We think of how terrible the world situation is, and see our own beloved America drifting further and further from God. We wonder, with fear in our hearts, just what kind of world our children are facing. Truly, we could say with David, "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living," and God says we have no need to faint—WE HAVE NEED TO PRAY.

PRAYERLESSNESS IS SIN

God encourages us in so many Scriptures to pray. "Ask, and it shall be given you" (Matt. 7:7); "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matt. 21:22); "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (1 John 3:22).

These are only a few of the promises of God in prayer. How important that we take time to pray! "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). We know it is good to pray, and that it is pleasing to God, therefore when we fail to do this, it is a sin. How we need to confess this sin of prayerlessness and then "go and sin no more!"

How many times have we failed to find time for God, and God has had to allow things to happen in our lives to bring us to our knees? I fully believe there have been times when my children have been sick in order to make me be still before the Lord, and put first things first. How many women have nervous conditions because they have no time to read the Bible and pray, and be faithful to God's house? Many times we do not have time for God, but we must take time for sickness, and for death.

THE BLESSEDNESS OF SECRET PRAYER

When we fail to pray, we cheat ourselves. We cheat ourselves of fellowship with God—the Creator of this universe, and the Saviour of the world. What a privilege to pray!

When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden, fellowship with God for the whole human race was broken. This fellowship is restored when we repent of our sins and accept Christ as our personal Saviour. We

especially experience this fellowship in secret prayer. You have heard the saying that the more you are around a person, the more like them you become. Certainly, the more time we spend with Jesus—in His Word and in prayer and fellowship, the more like Him we will become. Not only will the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, prevail in *our* hearts and minds, but others will be able to tell that we have been with the Lord. There will be a clearer vision of a lost world, and as a result, a greater compassion in our hearts for the lost. There will be more patience for the children, and our words will be more kindly spoken. Yes, others can tell when we have been with Jesus, by our words and actions, and by the power of God on our lives.

Have you ever envied the disciples who lived during Jesus' life on earth? I think of John, who loved the Lord, and was so close that he could lean upon His breast. What a privilege—but, ours is an even greater privilege. We may now know Him even more intimately, and have an unbroken fellowship with Him. How often have you leaned upon His breast? *This is the blessedness of secret prayer.*

THE URGENCY OF PRAYER

"Praying *always* with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit . . ." (Ephesians 6: 18). *Everything* depends on the power of prayer! Jesus realized this. No one has ever prayed as much as Jesus prayed, and no one has ever accomplished as much as Jesus accomplished. Was it not because He prayed?

We are not the Christians God would have us to be, and the soul winners we should be, because we have not prayed as we should. Human efforts, no matter how great, come to no avail when we fail to pray. If we wish to do work for God, we must take time for fellowship with Him, to receive wisdom and power. "Ye have not because ye ask not."

Why are we as women not winning more souls to the Lord? Is it because we have failed to pray, and as a result the power of God is not on our lives for soulwinning?

Everything is conquered through prayer. Many a battle has been fought, and victory won, through prayer. Satan knows the im-

portance of prayer, therefore he hinders us in our prayer life. In order to have an effective prayer life, we *must* set aside a time to pray, and then determine with the help of God to pray at that time—even if beds go unmade, and dishes go unwashed. Satan will try to get us to postpone our prayer time, or stop it altogether; he will bring in wandering thoughts and distractions, and he will cause unbelief and hopelessness. We must ask God to help us to shut these things out.

Remember, God loves us, and He will answer our prayers because we are His children. But, prayers must be prayed before answers can come!

CONCLUSION:

Have we fainted? How we need to search our hearts and be truthful in this matter of prayer! Someone has said that the average Christian spends only ten minutes a day in prayer. No wonder we are weak, and our hands are feeble! Am I willing to recognize that it is a sin for a Christian not to pray? Am I ready to seek God's forgiveness? May God help us to confess our sin, and to help us to spend more time with Him in prayer *and fasting*, that we might be *effective* workers and witnesses for Him!

Utterly abandoned! 'tis so sweet to be
Captive in His bonds of love, yet so
wonderous free;
Free from sin's entanglements, free
from doubt and fear,
Free from every worry, burden, grief
or care.

Utterly abandoned! Oh, the rest is sweet,
As I tarry, waiting, at His blessed feet;
Waiting for the coming of the Guest
divine,
Who my inmost being shall perfectly refine.

—Author Unknown.

Within easy reach of most American
Christian homes is a foreign mission field . . .

A Foreign Field At Home

By Mark Vandivort

Hymn "We've a Story To Tell to the Nations"
Scripture: Matthew 25:35-40

See SPARKS for your Program, page 34

GOD HAS OPENED many doors of opportunity for us as Christians in America to witness to representatives of many foreign nations in our home communities throughout the United States. Evangelical missionary leaders are concerned about the current trend in working agreements between the World Council of Churches and the Vatican. One of the publicized reasons for the co-operation between World Council church leaders and Roman Catholic leaders is that they would bring an end to proselyting. Their definition of proselyting would include our Free Will Baptist missionaries who are working in many of the foreign language areas of the world. Of course, we realize that it is not proselyting, but simply in obedience to the great commission of the Lord Jesus Christ to go into all parts of the world to tell people of every tongue, kindred, and nation the true gospel message of Jesus in the Bible.

Some of our foreign fields may soon become more inaccessible for our American missionaries. *We should be taking advantage of the opportunities we have to share the gospel message with foreigners in our country. These foreigners represent nations and language groups where it may be difficult for the American missionary to penetrate the social, religious, and political barrier.*

WHERE DO YOU FIND THE FOREIGNER?

Foreigners from many nations are enrolled in our colleges and universities across America.

Each year thousands of foreign students come to our country to spend two to four years or more in study on our American campuses. This presents a great challenge for Christians in this country to get acquainted with these students and tell them about the Lord Jesus Christ. Some of them will trust the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. When they return to their native land and cultural class, they can share the message of life and hope.

Actually, the college campus represents only a small percentage of the foreign population living in various towns and cities of our country. In thousands of American communities there are women who came to this country as brides of American GIs. One young man and his Japanese war bride were saved in one of our Free Will Baptist churches in California. Later, this family was transferred to Hawaii where approximately 95% of the people are oriental, and a great percentage of the people speak the Japanese language and observe Japanese customs and religions. They spent about four years in faithful service in our church there.

Frank and Marie Cousineau were born to French-Catholic families in Quebec. After their marriage, they obtained a visa to the United States and traveled and worked in various areas of this country. Frank was working as a painter in Perry, Florida, where a faithful deacon continued to witness to him and request prayer for him in the local Free Will Baptist church. After some time, Frank and Marie were saved.

The Cousineaus are currently studying Bible in their native French language at Bethel Bible Institute in Lennoxville, Quebec, after which they hope to minister for Free Will Baptists somewhere in the French language.

Foreign language groups are prevalent in hundreds of America's cities. Many of these groups have very little evangelical witness. Even if our English-speaking churches could contact and win only a few of these people and train them, it might be the means of launching a mission in a foreign language community in some of America's inner cities. For example, there are over 300,000 Spanish-speaking Puerto Ricans in New York City alone and just a few small evangelical churches ministering to their needs.

HOW CAN WE WIN THEM?

We must establish some point of contact or communication with our foreign language neighbor. It may be at work or across the back yard fence. Sometimes people of foreign background are very appreciative of Bibles, tracts, and religious magazines written in their native language. You would probably have a greater appreciation for books and magazines written in English if you were living in Japan or Brazil. Foreign language Bibles can be obtained from the American Bible Society. Information may also be obtained from our home or foreign missions departments concerning tracts and evangelical magazines that are available in foreign languages.

Evangelical records are available in most of the foreign languages of the world. Encourage your neighbors to keep their foreign language alive. At the same time introduce them to the good news of the gospel through literature. On the other hand you may find opportunities to help your foreign neighbors work on their English. You might have opportunity to use a new testament written in twentieth century English for these tutoring sessions and by this means introduce someone to the story of Jesus.

WITNESS ON THE CAMPUS

There has been an encouraging response and enthusiasm to the Campus Ambassadors program launched by our Home Mission Department in co-operation with CTS. I trust that God will use our local woman's auxiliary chapters to encourage the college students not only to maintain a true witness on campus but to be used of the Lord in reaching foreign language students on the college campus. There is a great need for prayer support in the home and the home church. We certainly desire that each Free Will Baptist student's name and campus address be turned in to our National Home Mission Board for the student file.

Consider encouraging your local college students to invite foreign students to their homes for a week end. Some foreign students come to this country, stay several years, and never actually visit within an American home. Some of them have a very distorted view of Christianity because they have never really seen Christianity in action as they could within the witness of a Christian home.

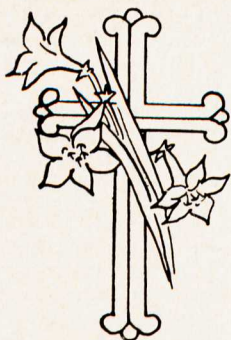
Perhaps a foreign student could be invited home for the week end that one of our missionaries would be having a missionary service in your church. Most foreign students who have received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour have made this decision after several months of careful thought and consideration of the Bible, the claims of Christ, and observing the lives of Christians they know.

THE ART OF CORRESPONDENCE

After we become acquainted with one of our foreign visitors to this country, it is very important that we maintain a contact. This can most commonly be done through correspondence or through the sending of tapes which is becoming very popular.

I would like to encourage you to correspond faithfully with our servicemen. One time I invited a school friend home for a week end. Later he spent four years in the Air Force, one year of which was spent in the terribly isolated Thule, Greenland. During this year's time my mother was faithful to write every few weeks to my friend for which he is very grateful to this day.

A letter written with prayerful and careful attention may be saved for a lifetime and it may influence a soul to be saved for eternity.



By Agnes B. Frazier

“I AM DEBTOR... AM I READY?”

(Romans 1:14-15)

PRE-EASTER/PRAYER PROGRAMS

To Program Chairman: It is recommended that the program for each of the first four days be held within an hour, but that Friday be observed as a *Day of Prayer and Reconsecration*. If perchance too much material has been furnished for any previous day it can doubtless be used during the extended service on Friday. Copies of the Foreign Mission Board's brochure "I Am Debtor" could be given to each one attending, and these along with the picture sheet of foreign missionaries and some posters listing the pressing needs faced by our missionaries, should challenge people to increased praying and giving for missions.

The Offering: Realizing that offerings are often made lightly and with very little heart-searching, we would suggest that an early and prayerful distribution of appropriate offering envelopes be made to each member and also to every other "willing-hearted" woman of the congregation, with her own name written on it. It is further suggested that the offering "service" suggested for Friday be placed in the hands of a woman of deep consecration. At the close of the consecration service let the one who has charge of this offering service, come forward unannounced and speak the suggested words (after which the offering plates will be quietly passed).

MONDAY

I AM DEBTOR TO CHRIST FOR SAL-
VATION (Acts 4:12)
OF HIS FULLNESS HAVE WE ALL RE-
CEIVED (John 1:16)

Sing: "Jesus Saves" (verse 3)

Read: (responsively) Missionary Psalm 67

Prayer Period: Prayer of thanksgiving for salvation and the opportunity to carry the message of salvation to others.

Pray that above all this week, the cross of Calvary may be before us, that we may see anew its meaning and that it may draw us unto it more fully.

Sing: "Just As I Am" (verse 1).

Silent Prayer: closing with Psalm 69:13

Devotional Period: Read Psalm 89:15-16

Here is a beautiful description of the glad tidings of salvation. The Year of Jubilee was announced by the blowing of the trumpets in the camp of Israel. It was a joyful sound because it meant liberty to the captives; it meant freedom for the bondage of debt; it meant renewed devotion to God. This brought joy. The psalmist says: "Blessed is the people that *know* the joyful sound."

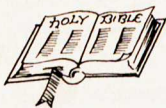
The Gospel likewise is a joyful sound to those who know what it means. To the author of our eternal salvation Jesus Christ, we are debtors (Acts 4:12). Like Paul (Romans 1:14), as a consequence of our salvation, we are debtors to those who have not heard this joyful sound—to those in Africa, in India, in Japan and even to the uttermost part of the earth. How ungrateful we should be to deny salvation to them! We must not fail our Lord in this.

Integrity will make every effort to meet obligations. Christ gave us salvation by being made in the likeness of men (Phil. 2:7) and becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (Phil. 2:8). We are in His debt for this. We can acknowledge what He has done for us. Romans 12:1 tells us how—our lives laid down in His service. That is all. Are you ready to speak of His salvation to those who do not know? *(Pause)*

Prayer: All standing with bowed heads as the prayer Christ prayed for His disciples is read (John 17:20-26).

Sing: "Ready" (verses 1, 3).

Closing Prayer: Our Father, we thank Thee for the souls that have been won for Christ, and for the dedicated native evangelists, Bible women, doctors, nurses and missionaries everywhere. We also thank Thee for the consecrated mission-minded people who make the work of Jesus foremost in their lives. Amen.



TUESDAY

**I AM DEBTOR TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR GOD'S WORD (Psa. 119:130)
HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE
(Phil. 2:16)**

Sing: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"
(verses 3, 4).

Read (responsively) Psalm 100

Prayer

Sing: "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide" (verse 1)

Devotional: THE WORD OF GOD

It is Purity—Psalm 119:140 It is Light—

Psalm 110:105 It is Truth—Eph. 1:13

It is Life—John 6:63.

The Scriptures are the "oracles of God," the living voice of God; they are in their entirety a divine book, "created by Divine energy and speaking in every part with Divine authority directly to the heart" under the ever-present working of the Holy Spirit. The Word of God is the Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). Since the Bible incorporates the Gospel, it is "the power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16).

What are our obligations to the Spirit of God to whom we owe so great a debt? Let us obey the command in Ephesians 5:18 to *be filled with the Spirit*.

Dr. R. A. Torrey said, "There is more power in that little Book to save men, purify, gladden and beautify their lives, than in all other literature put together." Despite this witness and many others that could be cited concerning the power of God's Word as expressed in Hebrews 4:12 and many other passages throughout its pages, there is now in our land a dangerous trend to make of the Bible something less than it claims to be. Christians are "under obligation" to defend always, everywhere, God's Word which is the very mind of the Holy Spirit. The two are inseparable. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" (Rev. 3:22). Obviously, what the Spirit has to say is that which is in the written Word, and not something contrary to or apart from it. We who have been born of the Spirit are "under obligation" to "hold forth this Word of Life." (Phil. 2:16) to all who do not have it. How can we pay such a tremendous debt? Through our prayers and our gifts to foreign missions, payments can be made that will enable the Word of God to be translated into native languages and given to them. Can God depend on you to meet this obligation? *(Pause)* Also, many here in our own land are questioning and doubting and turning away. But turning to what? Many are going into atheism for lack of true knowledge of God and His Word. Surely, we are debtors to these. Are we ready to pay this debt? *(Pause)* . . . *Silent prayer closing with . . .*

IF YOU WERE I . . . AND I WERE YOU!

"If YOU had been born in a country
dark,
And I in a Christian land;
And you did not know of a Savior dear,
Reaching out a nail-pierced Hand,
Inviting to come 'whosoever will,'
What would you think I should do?
If truth so precious were mine to impart,
And you were I, and I were you?"

"Two thousand years have passed away;
The story to us is untold;
Men, women, and children, dying each
day,
May we not be sheep of His fold?
O, haste with the message, precious,
sweet:
Is His mercy but for the few?
To us, the heathen in darkness, do
As you'd have us do to you."
—Writer not known

Sing: "Ready" (verse 2)

Season of Prayer (Selected persons or volunteers)

Let us pray that through grace we may meet these obligations to hold forth God's Word and see many souls: Receive the *Peace of God* through faith in Christ, experience the *Peace of God* through surrender to Christ, and live the *Peace among men* through the Word of God.

WEDNESDAY

I AM DEBTOR TO CHRIST FOR THE
MESSENGERS OF SALVATION SHAR-
ING THE TIDINGS OF THE KING-
DOM OF GOD (Luke 8:1)

Sing: "Only a Sinner"

Reading missionary Psalm 22:30-31

Prayer of gratitude for all the faithful witnesses for Christ who left us an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away (1 Peter 1:4).

Devotional: OUTSTANDING MESSENGERS

How must the people at Colosse have felt when they read that the apostle Paul prayed for them? (Col. 1:9). How must the people at Thessalonica have felt when they read that the apostle Paul was praying for them? (1 Thess. 1:2) And how must missionaries and Christian messengers feel today when they know your prayers uphold them?

Yes, Paul was a great messenger. He was well-educated, had great religious zeal and greatly opposed the Christian movement, so much that he almost made havoc of the early church. Yet through his surrender to Christ he became the great apostle to the Gentiles. He was a great preacher, a great writer, and a great missionary. How much we owe to Paul!

Another great messenger is John, the Apostle, Beloved disciple who also was wholly yielded to Christ. Even though John was unlearned, he was turned by Christ into a preacher, a writer, and a revealer of things to come. To John we also owe much.

As to the messengers of religious liberty, there is a great host of Baptist too numerous to single out even a few who not only for themselves but for all men everywhere contended long, ardently, and successfully in our land for freedom to worship God and for separation of church and state. To them we are also debtors. Also we are debtors today to all those in Japan, the Ivory Coast, Panama, Uruguay, and everywhere who wait for the messenger of Christ. We acknowledge the debt and accept its obligations. We rejoice in the payments that are being made, but the debt is so great that the payments seem to pitifully small. *It must become a personal matter.* I must feel the sense of personal obligation in this common debt of Free Will Baptists. I must be a messenger of Christ to these who wait in darkness. I must not only be a witness myself but I must send more messengers to these fields that God has entrusted to Free Will Baptists. I am debtor and I will pay my debt! Are you ready to pay yours too? (*Pause*) Are you ready to go or send to those who wait for the message? (*Pause*) Let us continue to work and pray together. *Silent Prayer: Closing with . . .*

"Oh use me, Lord, use even me

Just as Thou wilt and when and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see;

Thy love, Thy joy, Thy presence share."

Sing: "Ready" (verse 3)

Season of Prayer (Selected persons or volunteers)

Now let us pray together that Christ will enable us to: Flee from all fleshly desires, as _____ leads us. *(Pause)* . . . Follow after Him Who is our righteousness, as _____ leads us. *(Pause)* . . . Fight the good fight of faith, as _____ leads us. *(Pause)* . . . close by singing "God Will Take Care of You" (verses 2,3)



THURSDAY

I AM DEBTOR TO CHRIST WHO CALLED ME TO BE ONE OF THAT GREAT COMPANY OF "LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD" (Matt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 3:9).

Sing: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (verses 1, 4)

Scripture Reading: John 15:7, 16, 17 (unison)

Prayer for unenlisted in your church.

Devotional Thought: INTERESTING THE UNINTERESTED

"I, the Lord, have called thee in righteousness and will hold thine hand and will keep thee and give thee for a covenant of the people (Isa. 42:6). Frances Havergal, the great songwriter said of this verse: "Called, held, kept, used—that's enough to go home with!" Since none wants to go before the Lord empty-handed, we ask, "what is my duty then to all those who have not answered His call to service?"

Discussion: What have you to offer the unenlisted? (The leader should assign these points to four women, asking each one to discuss her subject in one minute.)

Fellowship—Matt. 16:20

Vision of Christ and World Needs—Prov. 29:18

Development—Romans 12:2

Widened Usefulness—John 20:21

But, how can we interest the interested woman in the uninterested woman?

Support the missionary cause wholeheartedly

Cooperate fully in a community missions program

Encourage the smallest effort

Pray much

Feature Christian fellowship

In 1 Cor. 12:28 there is a list of positions in a church. Paul places the missionary at the head of the list. Then, later he mentions, "helpers." Most of us cannot occupy positions of influence but all of us can belong to the department of helpers. The cause of Christ goes forward greatly because of voluntary "helpers."

What kind of Auxiliary would our Auxiliary be, if every member were just like me? *(Pause)* Would it please the Master? *(Pause)* How about the offerings? Would there be money for the cause of Christ if every member gave like me? *(Pause)* What kind of Auxiliary would our Auxiliary be if every member prayed and worked and gave just like me?

Directed Prayer for the consecration of each member; for the women church members who are filling their lives with trivialities; for an unenlisted friend; for wisdom and tact to win her for world-wide missionary service.

Sing: "Ready" (verse 4)

FRIDAY

I AM DEBTOR FOR "NEW FRONTIERS"
YET TO BE POSSESSED . . . AM
READY TO GO "TO ALL MEN . . .
BY ALL MEANS" (1 Cor. 9:22)
MORNING SERVICE

Sing: "To the Regions Beyond" (verses 1, 3)

Scripture Reading: Isa. 26:3; Acts 1:1-3; Micah 7:7; Mark 11:22-25 (Read consecutively by four women)

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Devotional thought: "WHAT SEEKETH THOU"

When I think of prayer, I often think of the question Jesus asked Mary as she was searching for Him in the garden. It was a soul-searching word He spoke to her: "Woman . . . whom seekest thou?" (John 20:15) What is it we are really seeking for

as we enter into prayer? Why do we pray at all? What is the real motive for our praying? Let us make sure that the motive of our praying is to honor God alone. When there is no pretense, then God will answer prayer. When the motive is for God alone to be glorified, then we will see answers to our honest petitions. By faith we have received the Bread of Life. By faith we reach out, now, with thanksgiving, to ask for impossible situations. Faith can remove mountains—your mountains.

How much faith do you have? As much as your belief in Jesus Christ. Yes, the measure of your faith is simply this—your faith in Jesus Christ.

Looking unto Jesus, the Author of our faith, we are now bold to ask—with the eye of faith. And by the eye of faith, we are bold to thank Him for the answer before it has come to pass.

Season of Prayer (Selected persons or volunteers). Let us pray that the Lord will:

Cause us to *Love* His appearing

Cause us to *Live* in imminent expectancy

Cause us to *Look* to the fields white unto harvest

AFTERNOON SERVICE

Sing: "How Great Thou Art" (verses 3, 4)

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-3; Rev. 22:12-14; 1 Thess. 4:16-18.

Suggestions for meditation: This annual prayer time coming at this special season challenges us anew with the fact that because Christ arose, Christians have a commission no others have. We, therefore, are under obligation, as are no others, to carry on the work that the Lord Jesus began.

The resurrection life begins for the Christian when he accepts Christ as his Savior. From that time on, he is to be busy telling out the message that "Jesus Saves" and that "Christ Returneth," and telling it from his own doorstep out to the uttermost place of the earth.

Yes, truly I am debtor to all who have never heard the Easter message. You, too are debtor. Am I ready to go or send it to those who wait? Are you?

Prayer: Our Father, we fix our hearts this Easter upon Thy great Mercy—a Mercy that gave the Son of Heaven to walk the weary way of the world and to endure the terrible agony of the cross that He might win man back unto Thee. Help us we pray, our Father, to appropriate more fully Thy grace so freely offered. Today we pray that

as Thy Son cleansed the temple in the long ago, we now may cleanse ourselves of greed, unconcern, indifference, self-seeking, and all manner of sin. May this week be spent in a holier way than we have ever spent any prayer season. Thus may we undergo a passion—a passion in which every unworthy motive and fleshly desire is crucified. And may through each of us Thy salvation be advanced in every land, because we pray in the name of our resurrected Savior and soon-coming Lord. Amen.

MISSIONS IN REVIEW

Assign the suggested fields to five women who will glean from the brochure "I Am Debtor" and other available materials from the Foreign Missions Board, information about and the needs of her assigned field and then in two minutes present these facts along with the names of missionaries laboring there.)

I AM DEBTOR TO FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONARIES IN:

1. Africa, 2. Far East, 3. Latin America,
4. Near East, 5. New Frontiers

Season of Prayer: Pray for our foreign mission work and workers; those in our colleges who are preparing for mission fields; those God will yet call from our ranks to go; the native workers in all these fields; for ourselves that we shall be ready to pray, give and go not only among those we know and love but among all nations.

Period of Consecration with a suggested offering service to follow it.

Sing: "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" (verses 1, 4)

Meditation: (2 Cor. 2:14). On this Easter, let us remember anew and afresh that God our Father so loved all the world that He gave His only Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Let us also remember that God is always leading us forth away from sin, away from self, into service. By the power of our risen Lord, we are enabled to rise from the bondage of sin into the glorious liberty of the children of God (Romans 8:21). Do you know the power of the resurrection? We must be fully yielded ourselves before we can ask God to use and bless others. Will you yield yourself to Christ for this? (Pause) Are you ready, as much as lieth in you, to pray, to witness, to give that your own debt to Christ and your church's obligation to His messengers "among all nations" may be more quickly paid? (Pause)

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Circle Programs

OR FOR SECOND AUXILIARY MEETING

JANUARY / WHERE ARE YOU PUTTING THE AC'CENT?

Song: "Put God First"

Scripture: 2 Cor. 4:18; Col. 1:18; Matt. 6:33

TO ACCENT a plain dress, women usually add a bright colored scarf or pin. The musician accents certain notes. Spicy flavoring accents the taste of certain foods. The accent in life depends on the emphasis you give to a particular phase of it.

If you are so submerged in the struggle to make a living that you fail to make a life, then the emphasis in your life is on *material* things. If you are greatly concerned with the impression you make on your fellow man and the opinion he has of you, then the emphasis in your life is on *social* situations. If your interest is centered on your physical body, how it feels, how it looks, and the clothes you wear, then the accent in your life is on the *outward* phase. If your chief objective is the accumulation of knowledge, the acquiring of degrees, then the accent in your life is

intellectual. If household affairs and your family engage all your thought, then your accent is domestic.

Which of these areas of accent is temporal? Are any of them eternal? This is not to imply that the physical, material intellectual, and domestic, do not have their place in life. They definitely do, but they should not occupy top place. None of them, nor all of them should receive the greatest emphasis.

A fire or flood can wipe out the material; a war can terminate the social; injury or illness can destroy the physical; amnesia can evacuate the intellectual; divorce can disrupt the domestic, and leave nothing but frustration and void. Not so with the spiritual; not so with the eternal.

Over the triple archway of a great cathedral in Milan were these words:

"All that which pleases is but for a moment."
 "All that which troubles is but for a moment."
 "That only is important which is eternal."

Your clothes closet, refrigerator, date book, and check stubs are all clues to where you put the accent in life. Put the emphasis in your life on those phases which are eternal, and let the other phases fall into their place between the accents.

FEBRUARY / THREE MISSIONS

Song: "Send the Light"

Scripture: James 1:27; 2:14-16; Romans 1:14

SOMEONE has suggested that in this business of missions there are really three. There is one mission of James, another of Peter, still another of Paul. Have you ever thought of it that way?

THE MISSION OF JAMES

The mission of James is the mission of the home church in its own community. A church without a mission, a church without a witness, a church without a conviction that it was sent into the world to accomplish something is scarcely a church at all. If it fails to confront its own community with the gospel, it soon loses contact and dies.

The field of community missions lies with people in every relationship of life. Many who need no physical ministry are in urgent need of a spiritual ministry. Nor is the challenge limited to people who are poor. Many lonely, wealthy people need the fellowship of Christian people who can share Christ with them.

No member of the Woman's Auxiliary is exempt from this missionary responsibility. Every Christian woman is a messenger of the gospel of Christ. Everyone can find a way to serve in the community and to witness to an unsaved person about Christ. It is not the number of activities reported that matters most. It is the degree of self-giving that measures the value of the activity. For in the giving of self, the activity becomes an expression of the love of Christ for others.

THE MISSION OF PETER

The mission of Peter is that of the home missionary—evangelizing and serving those in the nation, meeting human needs and wrestling with human problems, preaching in season and out that "righteousness exalteth a nation."

PAUL'S MISSION

Paul's mission is as wide as the world. It leaps over barriers and moves toward far horizons. It links the assurance and adventure that are the two aspects of the church's life. Its purposes are God-given, so far-reaching that it can never say, "Mission accomplished."

Are James and Peter and Paul so far apart? Are these missions not really three aspects of the same thing? And do we not come back inevitably to the underlying mission of the church—taking the whole gospel to the whole world, near and far?

According to the Bible, we are the "company of the sent," which is what mission means. We are committed (set apart for a task on which we are sent) to preach and witness. Unless our church is a missionary church, it is not really a church. Let us pray:

1. That each woman shall be willing to assume responsibility in community missions.
2. Pray by name for missionaries who are laboring in hard places.

MARCH / MISTAKEN IDEAS ABOUT MISSIONS

Hymn: "O Zion Haste"

Scripture: Luke 24:46-4

THERE are many mistaken ideas in the minds of many Christians today regarding missions. Let us see if we can clarify some of these.

Some believe that missions is something separate and apart from the church itself. This is not true, for winning souls in one place is the same thing as winning them in another. The same gospel that saves your neighbor will save the heathen.

Some Christians differ as to how missionary work is to be done. Some think one method is the only way and others think another method is better. Could it be that God is not looking for better methods as much as better men and women? Jesus gave the orders for His followers to "Go" but He did not explain how they were to do it. Methods are important, but one method may be right for one time while an entirely different method would be better for another time and occasion.

Some women believe they have fulfilled their whole duty and obligation to missions if they attend the auxiliary meeting once each month and pay their "dues." Just what are our "dues" to the Lord who gave up the glories of heaven and took upon Himself the likeness of sinful man? Do we not owe Him our whole lives? We cannot substitute

the giving of money for self nor shift our work to another member of the auxiliary. Missionaries just do not serve by proxy! Missions spring from a heart overflowing with love for the Saviour and gratitude for His sacrifice on Calvary.

Some people believe that winning souls is the preacher's business if it be in the local church or the missionary's business if it be across the sea. Who is a preacher? Who is a missionary? Someone has said, "Every living soul is either a missionary or a mission field." If one is not working at the job of spreading the Gospel, then the light of Christ within has either gone out or at least has grown dim, and needs to be rekindled.

Discuss the Following Questions

1. Who is a missionary?
2. Has this local church ever sent out a minister or a missionary? If not, why not?
3. Should the women of the church carry on all the missionary activity?
4. Have you ever won anyone to Christ? Could you win at least one during the year? Would you be willing to try? (Answer only between yourself and the Lord.)

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Pianist continues to play softly "Wherever He Leads I'll Go": Let each one find his way to the altar as the Spirit directs.

Period of Silent Prayer.

Presentation of Self-Denial Offerings (See suggestions on page 26 for this service. Following the speakers' remarks, the pianist plays softly "I Gave My Life for Thee" as the offering plates are quietly passed.)

Speaker: "Giving is Living," the angel said. History proves this is true. This offering today is the combined evidence at home and abroad that the grace of giving has not ceased to work in the hearts of the redeemed. Having come through these hours of prayer and study together this week, and to a new consecration of ourselves to Jesus Christ, we would now present our offering:

(all stand and repeat in unison)

Recognizing that I am debtor to Christ for my salvation and to the Holy Spirit for the Word of God, to Christ for the messengers who brought me the salvation message, to Christ who called me to be a "laborer together with God," and confessing my knowledge of the Lord's command to witness for Him "among all nations"—I would prove the sincerity of my consecration by making my offering of money an expression of my heart's love and desire that God's way may be known upon all the earth and His salvation be preached to every race and in every tongue.

(Pianist plays "I Gave My Life for Thee" as offering is taken)

Sing: "Ready"

Benediction

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for your programs

JANUARY EMPHASIS / ENLISTMENT

When visiting Woman's Auxiliary prospects, there are some do's and don't's which the visitor will need to keep in mind. What is your score as an enlistment visitor? Good, fair, poor? (Give each member a list and let her grade herself.)

Some Things to Do

- ☐ Pray that you will say and do the right thing
- ☐ Dress appropriately
- ☐ Show interest in the person you visit
- ☐ Explain what W.A. is and the purpose
- ☐ Tell what the auxiliary has meant to you
- ☐ Express your belief that prospect has a contribution to make to missions through the auxiliary
- ☐ Give time and place of next meeting
- ☐ Follow-up visit by arranging for prospect to go with you to next meeting.

Some Things Not to Do

- ☐ Do not visit at mealtime, nor too early in the morning, nor too late in the evening
- ☐ Do not stay too long
- ☐ Do not be critical nor gossip
- ☐ Do not forget purpose of your visit
- ☐ Do not forget the prospect after visit is over.

FEBRUARY EMPHASIS / PRAYER

■ An attractive interest center will enhance this program, and can be arranged with little trouble. If a large globe is available use it as the focal point. Place an open Bible in front and a replica of praying hands to one side.

■ Many people have had rich experiences as a result of prayer. Ask (in advance) two or three women to share them in the meeting.

■ Attach "praying hands" seals to small slips of paper. Write prayer requests from **Heartbeat** and **CO-LABORER**.

MARCH EMPHASIS / INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Suggested poster:

HOME MISSIONS we know,
FOREIGN MISSIONS we know,
But what is
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■ THERE IS A VITAL NEED for Christian witness on the college campus through Free Will Baptist students. If you have students in your church who are attending colleges or universities other than Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges, send their name and addresses to the Board of Home Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202

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