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WATCHWORD:

*"I have chosen you . . . that you should go and bring forth fruit."
(John 15:16)*

SONG:

“The Call For Reapers”

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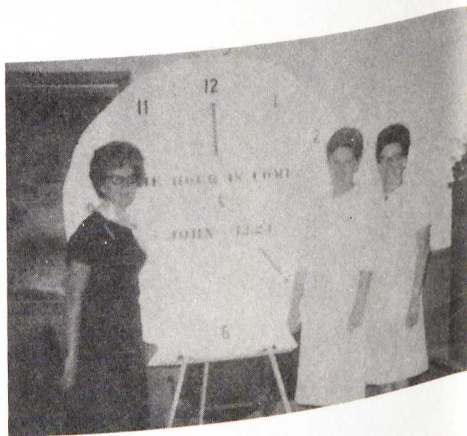
WOMEN

in Action

"The Hour is Come," was the theme for the Kentucky State Auxiliary Convention which met at the Pigeon Free Will Baptist Church, Oil Springs, Kentucky in June.

Mrs. Mabel Willey spoke at the morning and evening services. Mrs. Homer Willis, who was instrumental in the formation of the first annual Eastern District Auxiliary Convention in 1954, brought the afternoon devotions. She spoke on "Retrospect, In-rospect and Prospect."

The convention surpassed their missions goal of \$800 with a total of \$1,040 contributed. This years' goal of \$1,200 is to be divided between home missionary Bob Francis and a foreign missions project.



Kentucky state president, Mrs. Loretta Branaham is shown with convention speakers Mrs. Mabel Willey and Mrs. Homer Willis



Mrs. Naomi Olsan is shown presenting slides of the missionary work in Panama in a special program at the Free Will Baptist Church, Victoria, Texas. She visited the field in 1968 with her husband M/Sgt. Loyd Olsan who is now stationed in Hawaii.



Rev. Robert Shockey, National Home Missions Department, instructs members of the Woman's Auxiliary, Sandy City Free Will Baptist Church, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, as they make "salvation" handkerchiefs. Left to right: Mrs. Amos Colliver, Mrs. William Ramsdell, Miss Melody Colliver, Mrs. Burtrum McCann, Mrs. Willard Nicely, and Mrs. Emory Fannin.

Shown with gifts for the missionary provision closet from the Woman's Auxiliary of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Elm City, N.C., are Mae Gardner, president, and Hilda Taylor, secretary.



Mrs. Asa Berry, president Texas Auxiliary Convention, conducted a workshop at the Free Will Baptist Church of Victoria, Texas. Shown left to right are: Jackie Kehr, Louise Newell, Pat Vaughn, Mrs. Berry, Betty Baker and Naomi Olsan. Present but not shown was Sybil Keech.

Mrs. Lucille Beatty (background) installed the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary. Left to right: Wilma Barr, Virginia Stone, Pearl Harless, Verna Smith, Gusta Barks, Mildred Dobkins, Francis Combs and Auvern Lewis.



Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Temple, Tulsa, Oklahoma, recently presented missionaries Eddie and Sandra Payne with a tupperware shower. From left to right are: Rev. Melvin Bingham, Elda Bingham, Rev. Eddie Payne, Sandra Payne, Vi Kramer, Bertha Keiffer, Selma Dunnegan, Faye Robison, Effie Morris, Ann Barbee, Wanda Summit, Louise Freeman, Alveta Hancock, Leona Mayfield, Carrol Mayfield, Lea Johnson, Lorraine Miller and Margarete Andrews.



The Woman's Auxiliary of the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church, Tennessee, honored their past presidents by presenting each of them with an Auxiliary pin and gavel guard. Left to right: Mrs. Hyman Welch (now deceased), Mrs. Lucy Hays, Mrs. Richard Parham, Mrs. Smith Crockarell, and Mrs. Doyle Moore. Absent was Mrs. Jim Nichols.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Praise God the Fred McCoys are now in Puerto Rico and have made several contacts. The Robert Francisies have moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, and have rented a church building and a parsonage. The Wendell Walleys have begun a new work in Greenville, Mississippi.

Praise God for safety of travel for our missionaries and the men who travel from the missions departments.

Praise God for the wonderful missionary conferences we had in 1969. For the prayers and concern of the Christian people for missions.

Praise the Lord for the Foreign Missions Fellowships at Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges.

Praise the Lord for dedicated pastors who lead their churches to give to missions.

Praise God for Christian women with world-wide vision who help teach and support missions.

Pray for the Richards, Lees and Cousineaus as they continue to learn the Lobi language.

Pray for the Jimmy Aldridges as they complete language refresher study and return to the Ivory Coast.

Pray that the 1970 missions budgets may be met each month.

Pray for more workers in the Panama area.

Pray for the Eagletons as they return to Brazil.

Pray for all missionary children separated from their parents as they attend school.

Pray for the office staffs that they may do their duties as God would have them to.

Pray for the Foreign Missions Call-A-Thon, Sunday, April 19, 1970.

Pray that the Fred McCoys will be able to establish a strong work in Puerto Rico and that they will be able to learn the language.

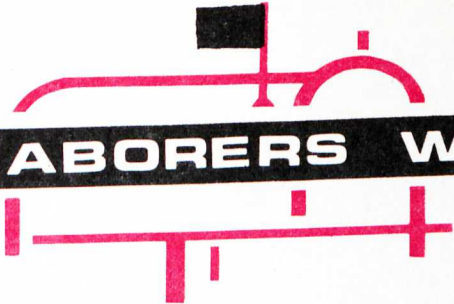
Pray for another couple to go to Hawaii and begin a new work in another area. Pray that someone will answer the call to go and will feel the burden for this area.

Pray for a lay couple to go to St. Paul and help the Robert Francisies in their new work. Also, there is a need for laymen to go to other cities and help our missionaries that are there. This is a real challenge and need for the Gospel to be preached in our large cities.

Pray for the Home Missions Departments area Evangelism Conferences. The next one will be in February. In each of these conferences experienced men and women share methods of getting the Gospel out and practical ways in which individuals and local churches can reach their communities with the Gospel.

Pray that expensive land payments in the Virgin Islands may be met and that a strong church will be built.

Praise God for spiritual blessings received as Woman's Auxiliary Emphasis Month was observed. For the women who dedicated their lives for greater service to the Master.



CO-LABORERS WRITE

from Arkansas

We are re-organizing our Woman's Auxiliary....We are facing a real challenge to build our organization. Your prayers and interest would be very much appreciated.

We have certainly enjoyed the *Co-Laborer*. The programs have been inspiring and a blessing.

*Karen House
Pine Bluff, Arkansas*

from California

We enjoy the *Co-Laborer* very much and most of the ladies can't wait to read all the articles. They bring us closer to other Christian women around the world. Our Auxiliary is now in the process of earning money for Youth Camp.

We pray that God's work will continue in each and every area.

*Carolyn Vest
Baldwin Park, California*

from Alabama

We have just held our monthly program from our *Co-Laborer* entitled "Women of Africa" written by Lorene Miley. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the Auxiliary and nine visitors, as we realized the hardships of the African woman and the tremendous job our

missionaries are doing in healing both souls and body with the divine Word of God and through medical knowledge. We want to thank you for the wonderful work you are doing and may the Lord bless you in your every walk of life.

We have completed our recommended study courses of 1968-69. Our study course chairman, Mrs. Edith Creekmore, has done a very thorough and dedicated service in teaching our courses. She is a woman of great perseverance and we thank God for women like her.

*Mrs. Mildred Purser
Red Bay, Alabama*

from Florida

The Central Florida District Auxiliary met with Winter Haven Free Will Baptist Church in May for their annual meeting.

The officers for the new year are: Nadine Hood, President; Winifred Harris, Vice President; Louise Lindsay, Recording Secretary; Agnes Prince, Corresponding Secretary; Edna Henderson, Program-Prayer Chairman; Mamie Page, Treasurer; Peggy Hutto, Missions Chairman; Eudine Jones, Study Course Chairman.

The project for the coming year is \$50.00 each to Project 24, Orange Park Mission and Norman Richards account.

After an inspiring missions study given by Peggy Hutto, Rev. Glen Hood presided over the installation service.

*Agnes Prince
Winter Haven, Florida*

from Georgia

The Spring Workshop of the South Georgia District Auxiliary Convention was held at Piney Grove Church, Bristol, Georgia on March 1, 1969 with Mrs. Barbara Roberts, president, presiding.

Twelve local auxiliaries were represented. Brunswick, Corinth, Ebenezer, Glennville, Harmony, Jesup, Memorial, Okefenokee, Pine Level, Piney Grove, Satilla and Savannah.

*Eloise Wainwright
Savannah, Georgia*

from Kansas

I have ordered several of the books mentioned in *Co-Laborer* and have found them most inspiring.

Although I'm only the missions chairman and Adult Bible class teacher we have begun to take turns in reading several chapters in each book. The one we are reading and discussing now is "The Kneeling Christian." Truly it makes us all realize we must pray more zealously and without ceasing every day.

*Otehka Wise
Ulysses, Kansas*

from South Carolina

The First Free Will Baptist Church of McCall, South Carolina organized

February, 1969 with nine members. We have added one new member. We have had almost 100% attendance for each meeting. We enjoy the fellowship of each meeting.

We enjoy the *Co-Laborer*. Pray that we might grow to a large Auxiliary and do the will of the Lord in our services and be a blessing to our Church and to others.

*Mrs. J. H. Slaughter
McCall, South Carolina*

from Tennessee

I want to express our thanks and appreciation to you from all of the members of the Cookeville Woman's Auxiliary, for your visit with us April 22, 1969, for the purpose of organizing our Woman's Auxiliary.

I feel your visit helped us get a good firm start in the work of the Auxiliary and we need your prayers that we too may be 'Co-laborers with Christ in His work.

*Mrs. Mary Billingsley
Cookeville, Tennessee*

from Texas

Our Auxiliary enjoys our *Co-Laborer* very much. The articles in these first two issues this year are especially informative. They have helped us see the world around us in its great need for Jesus Christ.

We enjoy the Study Course tips. They are very useful.

Thank you for keeping us informed about the world we live in through *Co-Laborer*.

*Jo Ann Marecle
Waco, Texas*

CIRCLE PROGRAMS

Intercessory
Prayer

JANUARY

Song: "Did You Think to Pray?"

Scripture: John 17:4-24

*Prayer Requests from Mission-Grams,
Heartbeat, Co-Laborer*

The Need

In the book *World Awareness*, Sadie T. Crawley quotes letters from missionaries concerning the value of prayer:

"We often get requests to suggest something we need. Actually, we can buy just about anything we need, or we can find a substitute. We would love to have some "back home" watermelon or a bushel of fresh peaches. But you cannot help us with these "needs." We desperately need the power of the Lord to render a spiritual service."

"If somebody should offer us the choice of one million dollars or their pledge to spend thirty minutes a day in specific intercessory prayer that God will mightily fill us and use us, we would joyfully choose the pledge to

Intercessory
Prayer

For
Whom
Should
I
Pray?

Unfaltering
Faith

stand with us in regular, specific prayer."

Christians can become indifferent to the privilege and responsibility of intercessory prayer. Far too much of our praying centers on ourselves and our families. How often do we intercede in behalf of our church and its work, and our missionaries serving both at home and in remote corners of the earth? Do we believe that prayer makes a difference?

Jesus, in His teachings and by example, set a pattern for intercessory prayer. He prayed for His disciples. He prayed for all those who should believe in Him through their teachings. He prayed for those who opposed Him, who hated Him, and even for those who put Him to death. His concern was unbounded by time, for He prayed for all who would follow Him for generations to come.

What is Intercessory Prayer?

Intercessory prayer is simply praying for others. It is a means for helping God in His world plan of redemption. The spirit of prayer can break through barriers which missionaries and other Christian workers cannot penetrate. It

can encourage and revive a church when all else fails. Prayer can mend broken relationships. The cause of missions can survive and succeed to the degree that Christians recover the power of intercessory prayer.

Answer These Questions

Answer as honestly as you can these questions about intercessory prayer.

Do I pray regularly for missionaries and specific missions causes? Yes ____
No ____

Do I believe that my prayer can make any difference in the work of the missionary thousands of miles away? Yes ____ No ____

Am I indifferent to persons around me who are in need of intercessory prayer? Yes ____ No ____

Do I harbor prejudices which cause me to be "selective" in the persons for whom I pray? Yes ____ No ____

Are my treatments of others, my attitudes, and daily activity consistent with my prayer life? Yes ____ No ____

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FEBRUARY

Song: "I Am Praying For You"

Scripture: Use references below

Bible Teachings

Both the Old and New Testaments contain references to intercessory prayer. Some of these are the prayers of Abraham for the inhabitants of Sodom (Genesis 18:32); the prayer of Moses for the children of Israel when

they had sinned in asking for a king (I Samuel 12:19, 23); Jesus' prayer for His disciples (John 17:20); and his prayer for those who crucified Him (Luke 23:34). Many of Paul's prayers were for others. (Ephesians 3:14-19; Philemon 4; I Timothy 2:1-4, 8).

To Samuel it was a "sin against the Lord" not to pray for others. As he was retiring from public leadership, he declared that though he ceased to exercise the functions of official leadership, one thing he would not cease to do—pray for Israel; for to cease doing that would be a sin (I Samuel 12:23).

For Whom Should We Pray?

The basic teachings of the Bible concerning intercessory prayer guide us in answering the question, For whom should we pray?

1. For all men, for kings, for those in authority (I Timothy 2:1-2); 2. For those who spitefully use us and persecute us (Matthew 5:44); 3. For laborers (Matthew 9:38); 4. For one another (James 5:16).

Our Attitudes

The following attitudes should characterize the intercessor: Submission (I John 5:14-15); Humility (Luke 18:9-14); Faith (Mark 11:22-24); Persistence (Ephesians 6:18); Prays in Christ's name (John 15:16).

Our Motives

What motivates you to pray? Make two lists. On the first write the things you pray about most often. On the

other list write the things you feel you should pray about.

Is there a difference between the lists? If so, write the answer to this question. "Why is there a gap between what I know and what I practice about prayer?"

Write, as honestly as you can, your motives in prayer in the light of your present level of love for yourself, others and God. Remember growth begins when one recognizes her present attitudes. If a woman is to pray as she ought, she must first be right in her motives.

Unfaltering Faith

MARCH

Song: "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"
Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30

Jesus admired and commended unfaltering faith, but He found very few examples of it. One of them is the faith of this foreigner from outside the covenant of Israel. We see her faith shine forth unfalteringly in her earnest petition.

Her Problem

Her little daughter was grievously vexed with a demon. She had found no help anywhere, so she came to Jesus. She was a Gentile without claim upon Jesus' mercy.

Her Petition

She had heard of the blessed ministry of Jesus, and believed He could

help her daughter. She fell down at His feet and appealed to Him directly for her child. She sent no "go-between."

Her Persistence

At first Jesus answered her not a word. She kept asking until the disciples asked Him to send her away. When Jesus said He was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, she came and worshipped Him, saying, "Lord help me" (Matthew 15:25).

Her Perception

When Jesus said, "Let the children (Jews) first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs" (Mark 7:27), she immediately saw a ray of hope. Her faith-perception was keen. She said, "Yea, Lord: even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs" (Mark 7:28). The pet dogs get what falls on the floor. She was willing to take that position.

Her Prize

Jesus was delighted with her unfaltering faith and told her to go home, her daughter was delivered. She returned home and found it to be so. Her prize was receiving what she asked and hearing Jesus call her faith "great" (Matthew 15:28).

Unfaltering faith travels in the will of God directly to Jesus, makes specific petitions, and waits before Him for the answer.

Adapted

Ideas

for your Programs

JANUARY / Fruitful Christians

A novel way of imparting a bit of recent missionary news is for the missions chairman to say: "I hear by way of the grapevine..." and then whisper the information to the one next to her. She, in turn, repeats the news to the one next to her, and so on until each woman has heard.

The missions chairman then may say: "The 'grapevine route' is personal, informal, it gets attention, and its messages go quickly from one to another. This is the way the Christian message should go. But the analogy must end there, for most 'grapevine' messages get terribly distorted. They must be discounted about 99.4 per cent, says one authority! The *Good News* must not be distorted." She then asks the last one in line to repeat what she *thought* she heard, then gives the correct information.

You may want to order the reading "The White Traveler Bears Fruit," (15¢) from WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Please add postage.

FEBRUARY / To Grow and To Outgrow

For a missions emphasis, a special feature may be ordered from WNAC for 15¢ plus postage. Order by title: "Wanted: a Missionary Heart."

Discuss: How Can I Find Time to Pray?

1. I am a busy wife and mother. I get up early to get breakfast for my husband. Then there is the rush of getting the children off to school. After that it is time for the baby's bath, and then I must start the family washing. The telephone rings and I make several frantic trips to answer it. Suddenly I realize that it is almost noon, the children will soon be home for lunch, and I have an important committee meeting at two. So it goes until late in the evening, and I am too weary to think. When can I find time to pray?

2. I am an employed woman. I am busy all day long, and when I come home there is the evening meal to be prepared or dishes to wash. Then I must press a dress or rinse out some hose to wear the next day, and I have to be at choir practice at eight. Afterwards there is a committee meeting that could not be worked in at any other time. I come home tired and remember that there is a letter I *must* write today; and I have not had time to read the paper. When I am through, I cannot keep my eyes open a moment longer. How can I find time to pray?

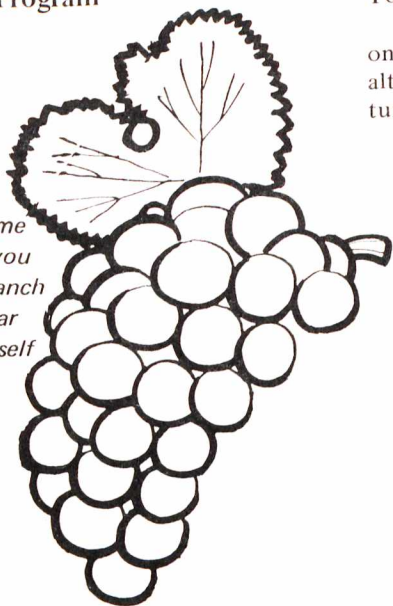
MARCH / Women in Evangelism

For a missions emphasis you may attach fruit seals or praying hands, to small slips of paper on which prayer requests for missionaries have been written. Distribute to members present.

Discuss ways in which Gospel literature can be distributed in your community. Are there opportunities for group witnessing in institutions such as hospitals or convalescent homes? How does one obtain the concern and compassion that will go the extra mile for a needy stranger?

January Program

*Abide in me
and I in you
As the branch
cannot bear
fruit of itself*



FRUITFUL CHRISTIANS

Purpose: To show the need for complete control by the Holy Spirit in order to grow spiritually and to produce fruit for Christ's Kingdom.

Worship Center: Arrange a piece of driftwood in a planter. Decorate with artificial clusters of grapes and leaves. Print John 15:5b on a pale green poster, and attach to the wall behind the vine.

Hymn: "Breathe On Me." Continue soft background music during devotions.

Devotional Program: You Can't Do It Yourself!

Two people standing together to one side of the worship center may alternately read the following Scripture mosaic:

I am the true vine,
And my Father is the husbandman.
I am the vine, Ye are the branches:
He that abideth in me, and I in Him,
The same bringeth forth much fruit.
Abide in me, and I in you.
As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself,
Except it abide in the vine;
No more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die,
It abideth alone:
But if it die, It bringeth forth much fruit.
He that loveth his life shall lose it;
And he that hateth his life in this world
Shall keep it unto life eternal.
I am crucified with Christ:
Nevertheless I live;
Yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit
He taketh away,
If a man abide not in me he is cast forth as a branch,
And is withered;
And men gather them, and cast them into the fire,
And they are burned.
Ye shall know them by their fruits.
Do men gather grapes of thorns,
Or figs of thistles?
Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit;

But a corrupt tree bringeth forth
evil fruit.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall
know them.

Not everyone that saith unto me,
Lord, Lord,

Shall enter into the kingdom of
heaven;

But he that doeth the will of my
Father which is in heaven.

Being filled with the fruits of right-
eousness,

Which are by Jesus Christ,
Unto the glory and praise of God.

Herein is my Father glorified,
That ye bear much fruit:

So shall ye be my disciples.

Ye have not chosen me,

But I have chosen you, and or-
dained you,

That ye should go and bring forth
fruit,

And that your fruit should remain.

If any man's work abide which he
hath built thereupon,

He shall receive a reward.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree
of life;

And he that winneth souls is wise.

And every branch that beareth
fruit,

He purgeth it,

That it may bring forth more fruit.

Now no chastening for the present
seemeth to be joyous,

But grievous:

Nevertheless afterward it yieldeth
the peaceable fruit of righteous-
ness

Unto them which are exercised
thereby.

But the fruit of the spirit is Love,
Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentle-
ness,

Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Tem-
perance.

Ye are God's husbandry.

Abide in me, and I in you.

As the branch cannot bear fruit of
itself,

No more can ye, except ye abide in
me.

For we are labourers together with
God.

(Scriptures used are: John 15:1-16;
12:24-25; Hebrews 12:11; Galatians
2:20; 5:22, 23; Matthew 7:16-21;
Philippians 1:11; 1 Corinthians 3:9, 14;
Proverbs 11:30.)

Devotional leader: Let us allow the
Holy Spirit to search our hearts and
speak to us through His Word.

Are we trusting Christ for daily
strength and power to live and witness
as we should? Or, are we attempting to
accomplish His work on our own?

"Probably the most difficult thing
for me to learn as an over-zealous, new
Christian," said Frances Gardner in her
new book, *Go, Man, Go!*, was that all
God wanted from me was to be able to
use me as an instrument for His
work.

"I really wanted to go out and turn
the whole world upside down for
Christ, *all by myself*. And I found out
that I surely couldn't do it all myself,
but that if I would just relax a little
more and be tuned in on station GOD
all the time, he would use me in a
fabulous way."

Jesus said, "A branch can't produce
fruit when severed from the vine! Nor
can you be fruitful apart from Me...I
am the Vine, you are the branches.
Whoever lives in Me and I in him shall
produce a large crop of fruit. For apart

from me you can't do a thing" (John 14:4, 5 *Living Gospels*).

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Personal spiritual growth is essential to the Christian. We must grow spiritually in order to make room for God in our lives. At the time you became a Christian, your life should have been cleaned out, "purged" of its old habits and worldly interests. But did you stop there? How pathetic if you did! Rather, let your soul grow in love; let your mind grow in knowledge and deepened understanding; let your inner ear grow more sensitively attuned to the Spirit's guidance and prompting. And as your capacity for holding God expands, His Spirit will more and more possess and bless you! If you dare say, "I don't need to grow, you are in effect saying, "I don't need God as the indwelling influence of my life."

FRUITFUL CHRISTIANS

While our first need relative to growth is a personal one—the making room for God in our individual lives—the second need involves not only our personal relationship with God, but also our relationships with those around us. The second reason we need to grow is that we are expected to bear fruit in God's kingdom—and growth is the avenue to a fruitful, soul-reaching, soul-winning life. Peter says if we possess the characteristics of the healthy, growing Christian (as he lists them in 2 Peter 1:5-11) these things will make us to be "neither...barren nor unfruitful." The tree of Psalm one, planted by the rivers of water, did indeed bring forth fruit. Do you remember when? "In his season"—when

the tree's season of maturation was reached by its natural growth. If you need to obey the command to be fruitful, you need to grow!

DEAD TIMBER

Jesus himself couched in vivid terms the last and most compelling reason of all for individual spiritual growth. He gave us two figures of comparison that are especially effective as we think of growth and activity. One was the figure of Christians as having in them a "well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14). Compare this active spring of water with a stagnant pool: scummed over with filth, a breeding ground for disease, of no help to the thirsty traveler. The Christian who neglects to grow, to be active and fruitful, becomes all too soon like that stagnant cesspool.

Jesus' second figure of the Christian who refuses to bestir himself to growth was quite blunt. He said that such a person was nothing more than dead timber; and He warned, in the voice of God speaking through John the Baptist, that the ax is, even now, "laid unto the root of the trees" that do not grow and bear (Matthew 3:10). In the face of this dramatic warning, who does not need and want to grow?

Growth among individual Christians is the very means whereby a strong church body is maintained. It will produce effective workers, missionaries, and other leaders from the local membership. Those who grow closer and ever closer to the Lord cannot but speak of Him to others.

Adapted

To GROW

and to OUTGROW

Purpose: To challenge women to grow in Christian character.

Worship Center: On a table, covered with a green cloth, place an open Bible, praying hands (or a world globe) and a ruler.

Song: "More Like the Master"

Scripture: Matthew 20:20-23

Build thee more stately mansions,
O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than
the last.
Shut thee from heaven with a dome
more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by
life's unresting sea!

WITH THESE WORDS Oliver Wendell Holmes closes his searching poem, *"The Chambered Nautilus." The picture he presents therein of the soul's enlargement and enrichment is, simply, a process of growing and outgrowing.

It is tragically true that those who have the finest opportunities for spiritual growth are all too often those hardest beset by traits unkind and unchristian, which need to be outgrown. Matthew 20:20-23 provides an example of just such a tragedy. Jesus and the twelve are on their way to Jerusalem; it is the last journey Jesus will make. Now let us look at these men who are walking with the Master; they, surely, have had rich opportunity for growth!

*Any of a group of tropical mollusk with a many chambered, spiral shell, having a pearly interior. (Oysters, clams, muscles, etc.)

OUTGROW SELFISH PRAYERS

Here are two of them now—James and John. Their mother is with them, and we see that as they catch up to Jesus' position, they come "worshipping Him and desiring a certain thing of him." How often is worship coupled with — indeed, prompted by—the desire for a certain personal favor! We need to outgrow this concept of God as some sort of "celestial bellhop," to be consulted when personal vanity desires a certain gratification! By all means, pray for personal needs and for progress toward personal spiritual goals. But do not, as did James and John here, limit your prayers to the begging of personal favors from God. If your vision of Christianity sees it as a means to save only yourself and to gratify your own desires, you will fall far short of realizing such a selfish dream.

Who seeks for heaven alone to save
his soul,

May keep the path, but will not
reach the goal:

While he who walks in love may
wander far,

But God will bring him where the
Blessed are.

We need to outgrow little selfish prayers, and grow into the blessed potential of love petitioning for all men everywhere.

Pray for missionaries (see request in *Mission-Grams*, *Heartbeat*, and *Co-Laborer*); for one another's needs.

OUTGROW NOT BOTHERING TO UNDERSTAND

Second, James and John needed to

outgrow the rather childish habit of listening only with their ears. Ahead of this group, Jerusalem waited—within its shadows, the cross and the cruelty. In simple and direct terms, Jesus had forwarned the disciples about the impending events of Calvary. And although James and John apparently listened with their ears, they heard not with their hearts nor yet with their understanding. They had not absorbed that bit of poignant prophecy, "The Son of man shall be betrayed...and they shall condemn him to death." Rather, their ears had been captured by a phrase from another teaching of Christ concerning "the throne of his glory" (Matthew 19:28), and there their understanding as well had caught, and they had delved no further. Christians today need to outgrow this habit of not bothering to understand. James and John spoke glibly and with off-hand ease of the coveted position on Jesus' right hand and on His left. Their very casualness compelled Christ's rebuke, "Ye know not what ye ask." Our own laxness today is easily equal to theirs; we deal quite often in spiritual clichés, bandying about on our tongues terms whose sounds are familiar, but whose meanings we have never bothered to explore.

"Who built the ark?" a public-school class of second graders were asked. A little hand wagged frantically from the rear of the room; its freckle-faced owner grinned with complete confidence as, at his teacher's nod, he replied, "Moses!" Finding this was the wrong answer, he then tried Adam, Abraham, and John, in quick succession. Finally, with assurance shaken not at all, he announced, "well then, it must have been one of them other fellers!"

Laugh if you will at the youngster's haphazard approach to the question about the ark, but remember that we who are adult often have no firmer concept of the real meaning of things spiritual than did this small boy have of the facts about Noah and the ark! As Christians, let us seek to outgrow the casual cliché and to strengthen our grasp of a thing's spiritual significance. Let us, as Peter suggested, "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18)

OUTGROW VAIN OPINION OF SELF

Now hear the next exchange of question and answer, as Matthew relates it: "Are you able...?" questions Jesus. Said the two—with an amazing lack of hesitation—"we are able." Shortly, in Gethsemane, they would prove they were not able after all. How much they needed to outgrow themselves! Do you remember the man who said, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief"? (Mark 9:24). In deepening humility, we would do well to paraphrase thus: "Lord, I would be able. Help thou mine inability."

We must outgrow an attitude that prompts us to think of ourselves "more highly than we ought to think" (Romans 12:3). There is a poem in which one challenges Christ to explain His identity. Following the challenge are these lines:

"I will declare myself," said Christ
When you confess your name and station."

Easy terms, I thought and thought
But still the sum of me was naught."

Christians will have made a real stride forward toward filling the need for spiritual growth when we each realize that "the sum of me is naught." When our prayers become unselfish and we seek to better understand that which is spiritual, our self-opinion will become more realistic.

GROW UNTO ATTAINMENT OF HEAVEN

In conclusion, Jesus said that the thing James and John sought would be "given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father." This is the ultimate challenge—that we, as Christians, will grow unto the attainment of that which is being prepared for us. The attainment is not now—but the growth toward it must be now! Having begun with God, we must strive to continue with God, so that when life is at an end, we will go to God.

We go from God to God—then
though

The way be long,
We shall return to Heaven our home
At evensong.

We go from God to God—so let
The space between
Be filled with beauty, conquering
Things base and mean.

We go from God to God—lo! what
Transcendent bliss,
To know the journey's end will
hold

Such joy as this!

...Evelyn H. Healey

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Inspirational Programs for Women
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Women in Evangelism

Purpose: To inspire Christian women to seek daily and in all circumstances of life opportunities for personal involvement as witnesses for Christ.

Worship Center: On a draped table arrange some of the items listed: New Testament (white), candle (red), city map, small church, and soul winning tracts or study course books.

Sing: Soulwinning hymns and choruses

Scripture: Daniel 12:3

MANY METHODS are employed to fulfill the charge of the Great Commission. Arena and tent evangelism reach the masses. Thousands of people respond to altar calls and find the beginning of a new life. But an equally effective form of soul winning is at work in the local church and community under the supervision of the pastor. Men and women who never attend the big meetings, nor even hear about them, are carefully sought out and invited to church or presented with the plan of salvation wherever they are found. Diligent evangelistic effort in the individual church brings to the altar converts who, on a percentage basis, may equal in number



those reached by mass meetings.

To every Christian is given this labor of love. A task so significant and so great in scope cannot be left to the pastor and evangelist alone. Evangelism is a partnership endeavor shared by the general membership of the congregation. "Each one reach one," describes the successful strategy.

BIBLE WOMEN IN THE WORK OF GOD

Faithful women joined themselves to the newborn church and in love and sacrifice contributed to its growth and ministry. Their work became a definite part of the church program approved by their leaders (Romans 16:1, Philipians 4:3). They lightened the load of the preachers by taking care of the widows and orphans (Acts 9:36, 39). They fed and sheltered the evangelists (Acts 16:15). They visited the sick and unsaved and ministered to them. Women in remote areas met in prayer bands in houses or under the shade of a tree by the riverside and sought God until He directed a messenger with the

good news of salvation toward their coasts (Acts 16:12, 13). Business women, housewives, shepherdesses and servants met behind locked doors to intercede for the young ministers who were being stoned and imprisoned for the preaching of the gospel. They prayed until the men were freed and at their posts again.

WOMEN IN PRESENT DAY EVANGELISM

Today, in spite of an accelerated missions program on the part of evangelicals, Christianity faces one of its greatest crises. Statistics for 1960 show the number of Christians (Protestant and Catholic) to be 31 percent of the total world population. The projected figure for 1980 is 27 percent and for the year 2000, 16 percent.

Unlimited opportunities lie before Christian women of this day who will learn from their sisters of other generations, and with wholehearted anticipation of the future, join in the evangelism ministry of the church.

IN THE HOME

Christian women are natural evangelists in the home. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Men are what their mothers make them." The Apostle Paul's reminder to Timothy of the influence of his mother and grandmother is eloquent testimony to the fact.

Though the father is revered as the head of the house, in most cases it is the mother who is closer to the momentary needs of the children.

It is related that Susannah Wesley, mother of nineteen, taught each child

to pray as soon as he could speak. She gave household priority to the spiritual needs of her family by spending 30 minutes a week talking with each one about his relationship to God and his Christian responsibility to himself and others.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

*To love the world to me's no chore,
My big trouble is the friend next door.*

One who is in intimate communication with Heaven and gives the things of God first place in her thoughts will not find it hard to guide her conversation with friends to their spiritual needs. The Holy Spirit will join the witness, teaching her what to say. Backyard conversations between neighbors repeatedly have been the means of bringing a soul to Christ.

Neighborhood coffees where hobbies and ideas are shared can be the beginning of adult Bible reading sessions—a type of evangelism. A correctly chosen attractive gospel portion or tract on the refreshment tray will often open the door for discussion of a subject a guest is longing to talk about.

Entire families have been reached for God and the church by women organizing *Bible clubs* and *story hours* for the children of the community.

IN PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT

Women have before them the Biblical example of Lydia of Thyatira, prominent businesswoman of her day. When she was exiled from home, she carried her trade to Philippi. Lonesome and empty of heart, she sought

out the humble prayer meeting by the riverside. There she found Christ as Saviour and was baptized. Immediately she opened her house for a meeting place. She had no fear that her being a Christian would hinder her business, but rather used her business contacts to lead people to God.

Schoolteachers, nurses, technicians, secretaries, saleswomen, seamstresses, waitresses—all women employed outside their home have limitless opportunities in the world of personal evangelism.

IN THE CHURCH

Sunday school teachers who love and minister to their students are among the most challenged soul winners. In their estimation no person is too young or none too old to be dealt with about his need of God. Every class is looked forward to as an opportunity.

Vacation Bible school workers meet numberless children from unchurched families who have never before had opportunity to meet Christ as Saviour.

EVANGELISM THROUGH THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Women help promote evangelistic crusades by participating in prerevival visitation campaigns, attending special prayer meetings or taking part in around-the-clock prayer chains.

They make arrangements for transportation and baby-sitting in the nursery to accommodate visitors. Sometimes when the special speaker is to be entertained in the pastor's home, women of the congregation are depended upon to prepare food to be

taken to the parsonage to relieve the responsibility on the pastor's wife during the meeting.

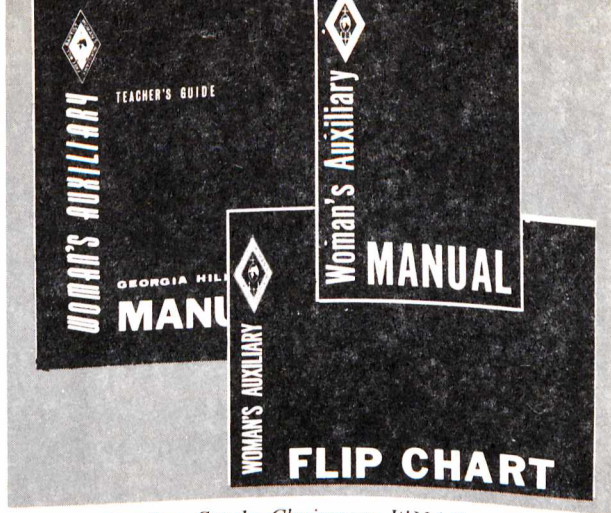
Convalescent homes with their aged and infirm people offer a wide field of ministry to Woman's Auxiliary members. Some residents are confined to a single ward where their only visitors are the doctor, the nurse and the staff. Few are ever privileged to attend church. If they are to hear any of the Gospel, someone must take it to them. Scores of rest homes have no formal worship or regular church visitation program—not because religious services are prohibited but because no one volunteers to take the responsibility for conducting them.

- *Hospital doors* are gates to a fertile field of evangelism. Contrary to general opinion, not all patients being treated have a stream of company. There are people who lie for days upon end without a caller or piece of mail. After lonely weeks of recuperation, some of them are dismissed to the care of a cab driver who takes them to a cold, closed-up house where they will attend to their own comfort and diet. Such situations can be discovered and eventually eliminated by a consistent check of hospital rolls.

Often a patient's spiritual need is greater than his physical ailment. Doctors recognize acts of kindness and cheerful visitation as indispensable therapy for the sick. Women following a systematic schedule of calling arranged by their pastor with the management of the institution will alleviate many of the psychological side effects of the illness, and hasten the healing.

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Women in Evangelism
Women's Missionary Council
Springfield, Missouri*

A FRUITFUL MANUAL STUDY



By Mary Dooley, Study Chairman, WNAC

WERE YOU satisfied with the accomplishments your auxiliary made last year, or were you somewhat dismayed when you heard the yearly report? Possibly you shared my thoughts. "Where have we failed? Our goal did not seem to be too high to reach when we set it." What is the answer? Where can it be found? I feel we already have the answer in our Woman's Auxiliary Manual of Methods, one of our required studies for the year. Our job is to help each member of our auxiliaries to realize the task at hand and learn how to accomplish our goals from a thorough understanding of the Woman's Auxiliary Manual.

The real issue is, "Will we study this year with real enthusiasm and help those who have less understanding of how we labor together, with one goal in mind, through our local, district, and state levels, or will we wait until the year is gone and then look back regretfully?" Each study course chairman can employ the flip chart as her main tool for building into each woman a greater understanding of the role she must assume to get the job

done. A study of God's Word will leave no doubt in our minds that God wants to use every woman in this greatest of all tasks, evangelizing the world. How do we go about it? We can work where we are when we have realized anew the importance of teaching and supporting missions through the church.

Yes, we have the answer and it can be found right in our Manual of Methods and the Auxiliary Flip-Chart. We can bring every Free Will Baptist woman to acknowledge her role in this much-needed work of the church. As your new study course chairman, I want to recommend an increased emphasis on the study of the Manual. For something different you might combine your study of the Manual with the other auxiliaries of your district. Quiz sheets could be given out at the first meeting. Let all members know ahead of time that the auxiliaries will compete at the closing session for the title of "Best Informed Auxiliary" of the district. As each woman becomes better informed she is inspired anew to go forth to help in carrying out the Lord's command, "Go ye, into all of the world."

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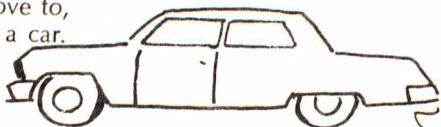
AND IT CAME to pass in those days that the nominating committee of the Woman's Auxiliary came together to make up a ballot.

And they said among themselves, "Ah—surely this will be an easy task. All of our Free Will Baptist women have heard from the pulpit and read in the Bible the invitation of Jesus,

"Come, follow me." Our women have as their watchword, "laborers together with God." Surely they will be anxious to serve the Lord, to show their love and concern.

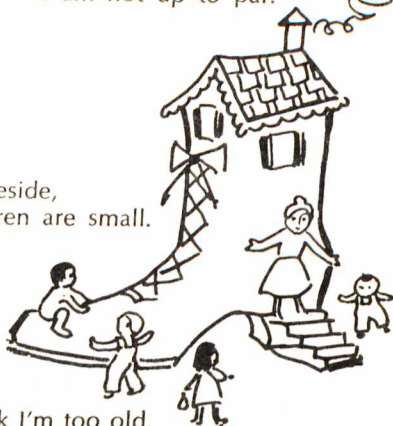
But it came to pass that those who were invited and encouraged to put their names on the ballot, one by one began to make excuses.

Oh dear, I would love to,
But I don't drive a car.

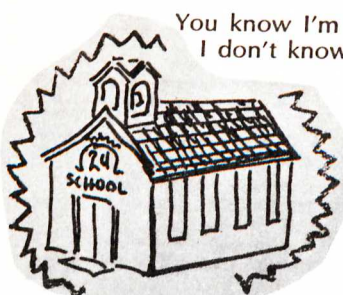


Another said, Please,
I am not up to par.

I cannot preside,
My children are small.



I think I'm too old.
I can't talk at all.



You know I'm so nervous,
I don't know the rules.



I'm too inexperienced;
I'm so busy with school.

I'm going through lodge chairs.
My health isn't good.



I'm really a "home-body."
I don't think I should.



Can you ask someone else?
Let her take a turn.



I can't attend workshops.
I'm too old to learn.

The nominating committee listened, then turned away sadly to report to the Master:

The fields are white
The harvest ripe;
But Lord—the laborers
How they gripe.



Adapted,
Scope



Tips to Secretaries and Treasurers

from Iva M. Hunter, WNAC's Girl Friday

Literature Orders

- * Give name of church on all orders.
- * If your church has a box, it will save time and money to send all your literature to the church.
- * Changes of address should be sent to WNAC office at least two months prior to beginning of quarter. Too many *Co-Laborer* magazines are being destroyed by the post office because of late notices. This is a loss to you as well as to WNAC, as extra postage must be charged.
- * All literature and magazine orders should be paid within 90 days.

How to Write Checks

- * *Local* treasurer...send money for literature, supplies and *Co-Laborer* magazines directly to the WNAC office. Make check payable to WNAC.
- * Send all gifts to missions, Bible Colleges, *Co-Laborer* fund, WNAC Emphasis Month offerings, Children's Homes, and membership fees to your district treasurer. Write *one* check payable to your district treasurer, designating

what it is for and the amount. She will deposit all monies received from local treasurers and send only *one* check to the state treasurer, designating each item and the amount. The state treasurer will deposit all monies from the district treasurers and will send one check to the WNAC office designating each item and the amount.

- * *State* treasurer...Please send a separate check for gifts to the Student Loan Fund as this is a separate account from WNAC's general fund.

Missionary Provision Closet

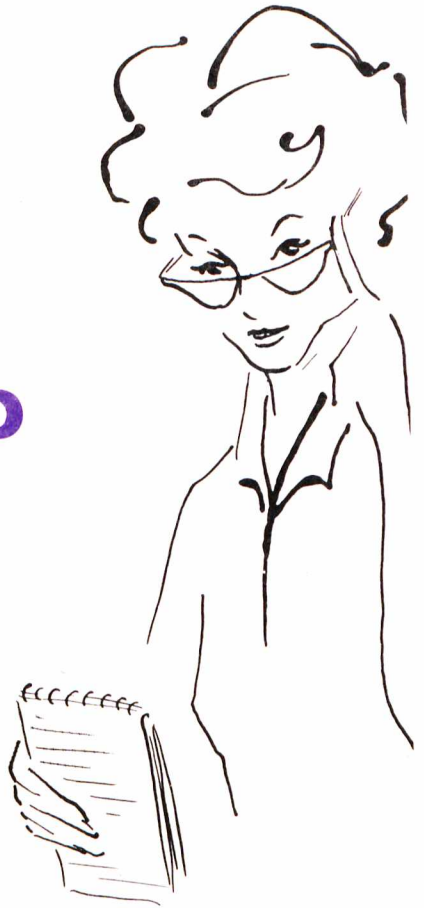
- * Please evaluate the total cost of your gifts to the Missionary Provision Closet. Just jot it down on a slip of paper and enclose in the box. It will save your WNAC staff much time. Thank you.

Filmstrips and Slides

- * Please return filmstrips and slides immediately after using them as they are booked on a close schedule.

LOOK AROUND

**...Any prospects for enlistment in
the Woman's Auxiliary?**



Before you enlist

Realize the importance of your task

Pray

...for those you visit

...for God's guidance

Know enlistment principles:

One is not enlisted until used!

By using others we multiply the
work

Some will never be enlisted unless
we find them now

Make definite plans

Set time for visitation

Include all Auxiliary members

Arrange transportation

Know Your enlistment possibilities

Check your Sunday school, CTS,
and Church rolls

Personal acquaintances

Know how to visit

Be tactful

Be genuinely interested in people

Leave an enlistment leaflet and

Co-Laborer magazine

Never give up!

Plan for results

Organize a Young Woman's Auxil-
iary (if wise)

Order materials

Use the telephone to keep up con-
tacts

Provide transportation for new
members

PRE-EASTER
WEEK OF PRAYER PROGRAMS

Chosen By Christ... To Bear Fruit

SCRIPTURE: John 15:12-17

By Janice Cason

Monday

CHOSEN BY CHRIST

Scripture — John 15:16

Hymn — “Jesus Calls Us”

Jesus chose His disciples from among the multitudes of the people whom He came to save, for a special purpose. This calling, even though it was spoken to the disciples, represents the calling of all Christians. We did not choose God, instead he has chosen us as appointed instruments in doing His work in the world. We are thrilled to hear of the “fruits brought forth” as people learn of Jesus through our ministers, teachers, and missionaries. We feel that God has chosen them in some special way to do His work. And indeed He has. Missionaries, as well as ministers are called to specific places of service to “bring forth fruit” by sharing God’s great love.

Every Christian has a divine call from God. We may not be called to so called full time Christian service, but we have been called of God to full time Christian living and witnessing. The disciples had consecrated themselves to Him, to do His will and finish His work. Such should be the character of all true born again believers of

God. All Christians who realize that God has laid His hand on them and appointed them to membership in His church will also feel the call in some way to “go forth” for Him. It may be into the highways and byways of the world seeking the lost and bringing them to Him. Our lives are not to be fruitless, but fruitful. The disciples did “bring forth fruit” and their fruit remains.

To be chosen as God’s messenger means personal involvement wherever we are. We are to express in our attitudes and acts the spirit of Christ. Does your life really express to the world that you have been chosen by Christ? Even though we falter and fail, he continues to trust us. Knowing all there is to know about us, he chooses us for fellowship and service in His name.

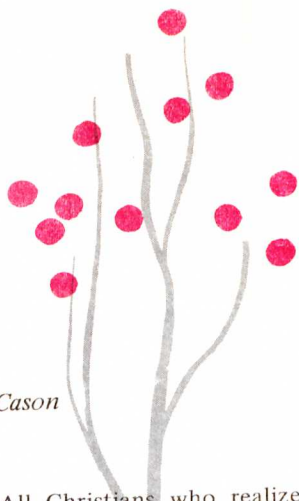
Tuesday

BEARING FRUIT . . . IN OUR CHURCH

Scripture — Romans 16:1

Hymn — “I Want To Be A Worker”

The church is made up of individuals who have been born again and are working together for the extension



of God's Kingdom upon the earth. The Apostle Paul reveals that Phebe was a servant of Christ and of the church. Webster's dictionary gives this definition of the word servant, "A person ardently devoted to another, or to a cause, creed, etc."

Every church will always have those who like to lead, who enjoy directing and who look for an executive position. The story is told of a man who said, "Pastor, I find that the church has acquired a new Sunday school unit in which to worship God. I probably would never attain to any office of the church, nor do I desire, but if ever you need anyone to sweep the pavement and keep the doorsteps on the new building clean, you may count on me." He was willing to be a servant of the church. Phebe was that type of character. Probably as long as she lived, she never had an important position or office in the church of Christ, but she was a servant devoted to the cause of Christ. She visited the adobes of poverty, to give bread to the hungry, and good cheer to the sick. When there was a job to be done that others despised and considered beneath their status, and their social standing, the church could always count on Phebe for the performance of the duty.

We, as Christian women today need to be "ardently devoted to a cause," the church of Jesus Christ. Through the Woman's Auxiliary of our church we are able to bear fruit for Christ. We can find some sick person to whom our visit would be sunlight and to some child that would be made cheerful with our love. We need to be servants of the church in every sense of the word. Willing to do when others fail and willing to go when it seems

that all energy has gone. When there's a task to be performed in our church, can we be depended on to do our very best in that task?

Wednesday

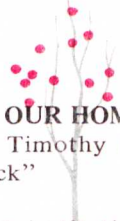
BEARING FRUIT . . . IN OUR HOME

Scripture —Deut.6:6-7; II Timothy 1:5

Hymn — "The Solid Rock"

The home is the first institution that God established. It is a sacred institution. Every home should have as its foundation—Christ, and there should always prevail that Christlike atmosphere where Christ will be exalted. The Christian home is more than a place of residence. It should be the training school for the church and society. Many parents endeavor to provide the proper material things for their children and see that they are kept in the best physical condition but do nothing about their spiritual welfare. The greatest gift that we can give to our children is to implant within their minds and hearts the things of God so that they will set their faith in God. When faith and Christlike living is manifested in a home, it will have a tremendous impact upon the lives of the children. Timothy was brought up in a Christian home where, as a child, he learned the scriptures that led him to Christ. Children learn by imitation and follow the example of those before them.

If we are to bear fruit in our home, there must be a family altar. It seems that the day is past when fathers call their families around them and read from the Bible, and kneel in prayer together. Fathers and mothers of yesterday felt that their children were an inheritance, therefore it was necessary



to train and prepare them for their life's work in the service of God and for the eternal home. We do not need to ask what value parents are placing on their children today. Many children do not know the meaning of the word "home," only as a place to sleep and eat. The love, devotion and training that a mother can give her children will mean far more than the "extra things her money will buy." No one is going to take the place of mother.

Out of our homes must come the men and women who will fill our pulpits, be our teachers, deacons, gospel singers and for other types of Christian service, as well as being our governmental leaders of tomorrow. The youth of today is in need of real Christian homes and it rests with the women of our nation to see that its homes become fit places for Christ to dwell and where innocent children may be brought up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. The time is short, for perilous times are upon us and we need to arouse ourselves to the danger that is before us. May we rededicate our lives anew unto God in striving to establish Christian homes. The fruits of our labor will not be in vain when we see our children living dedicated lives for Christ and working in His vineyard.

Thursday
BEARING FRUIT . . . IN OUR
COMMUNITY

Scripture — Romans 1:14

Hymn — "Bring Them In"



Paul realized that he owed a debt, not to his family only, or his nation, but to the whole world. He had a wonderful experience of salvation for

which he was so grateful that he felt divinely obligated to those who did not know this wonderful Saviour. We as Christians owe a debt to those of our community. We should feel that they are our personal responsibility. In every community there are those who are suffering physically and spiritually. There are broken homes, lives that are captivated by sin, souls that are hungering and thirsting for peace and satisfaction, unrest and turmoil on every side. Many are bound by the clutches of sin and need the Word to set them free. We cannot evade the responsibility that is resting upon us to minister to the needs of those round about us. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." We cannot love God as we should and be unconcerned about the needs of our brother. God has made man a steward of the gospel and has entrusted into his care the responsibility of making known the glorious message of salvation in Christ. When a person loves their neighbor as themselves, they are not going to injure them or harm them in any way. On the other hand, they will seek to help their neighbors or befriend them in any way possible. The greatest need of today is for those who have been transformed by the power of God to become so burdened for souls that they will go out in love and compassion and seek ways in which to help their neighbors find the living Saviour.

In our own communities where the Lord has placed us, an overripe harvest field awaits us. If ours is an average community, we will see that the majority of the people are lost and a check will show that not more than one fifth of the people are attending church on Sunday. We cannot ignore

our responsibility as Christians to witness for Christ in the community where we live. This witness should reach into every area of need in our community. Every Christian is responsible for evangelizing, teaching and training the people in their community as well as being responsible for people in other lands. The task is urgent, and it must begin at home. The fruits of our witness and love for our neighbors will be a better community in which to live.

Friday

HIS CHOSEN PATH

Scripture — Acts 2:22-35

Hymn — “Here Am I; Send Me”

HIS CHOSEN PATH

He chose this path for thee;
No feeble chance, not hard, relentless fate,
But love, His love, hath placed the footsteps here;
He knew the way was rough and desolate,
Knew how thy heart would often sink with fear;
Yet tenderly He whispered, “Child,
I see
This path is best for thee.”

He chose this path for thee;
Though well He knew sharp thorns would tear thy feet,
Knew how the troubles would obstruct the way,
Knew all the hidden dangers thou wouldst meet,
Knew how thy faith would falter day by day;

And still the whisper echoed, “Yes,

I see

This path is best for thee.”

He chose this path for thee;
E’en while He knew the fearful midnight gloom
Thy timid, shrinking soul must travel through;
How towering rocks would oft before thee loom,
And phantoms grim would meet the frightened view;
Still comes the whisper, “My beloved, I see
This path is best for thee.”

He chose this path for thee;
What needest thou more? This sweeter truth to know?
That all along these strange, bewildering ways,
O’er rocky steeps, and where dark river flow,
His loving arms shall bear thee all thy days;
“A few steps more, and thou shalt see
This path is best for thee.”

—Author Unknown

Sing “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” while the ingathering of the special offering for Foreign Missions is made.

Prayer that we may be channels of sacrificial giving through whom God may pour out His blessings upon our Foreign Mission fields and our offerings may be used to enable many unsaved souls to “see Jesus” as their loving Saviour, Redeemer, and King.

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A tribute to Mrs. Mary Welch, a pioneer in Free Will Baptist women's work.

MISS MARY

by Mary R. Wischart

MOST OF US knew her as Miss Mary. We think of her as a friend, a teacher, a gentle, refining influence, a prayer partner. But most of all we think of her love, surrounding, enveloping, drawing out the best in us. She was often in the background, wanting no attention for herself, putting others forward.

Still, she was a leader. She was the Miss Annie Weaver who met with the women of Cofer's Chapel Nashville, December 17, 1907, and organized the Ladies' Aid Society. From the beginning she helped compile and edit the paper they published, *Free Will Baptist Record*. She became the editor later

when Mrs. Fannie Polston, the first editor, moved to Colorado. Of this editor, a visiting brother wrote,

"I also had the pleasure of meeting Miss Annie Weaver, the editor of the Record. Miss Annie is a most excellent and charming young lady; I suppose of about sixteen summers, and deserves much credit for her faithful service."

Miss Annie continued active in the local women's work. When the Cumberland District Convention was organized, she was there to encourage the work. On October 28, 1920, Tennessee State Convention of Ladies' Aid

Societies was formed. Mrs. J. L. Welch, as Miss Annie was then called, was elected to the executive committee and to the committee on literature. In these positions her influence continued to permeate the women's work.

She was at that historic meeting at the Black Jack Church in Georgia in 1935 when the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention was organized. Miss Mary was elected first vice president. She suggested that the name Auxiliary be given to the new organization in order to help unify all women's organizations in the denomination, then called ladies' aid, mission societies, missionary circles, and auxiliaries.

A part of her hope for the women's work was that it would unite Free Will Baptist women all over the United States and help to unite her people, the Free Will Baptists. To the end of her life she rejoiced in the unity she saw and prayed and hoped that Free Will Baptists would continue to unite and work together for the Lord.

She was always interested in young people. At Cofer's Chapel she gathered a group of teenagers, known as the GTA's (the Go-Tells). Some of those young people are dedicated members of Cofer's Chapel today. After her death on July 2, one of those young men summed up the feeling of those in that group. He said simply, "I must say she certainly influenced my life." She, along with her husband, felt the burden for a Free Will Baptist college. After the Bible College opened in Nashville, she worked there for about sixteen years. She taught, served as a secretary, receptionist, and executive sounding board.

To the students of Free Will Baptist Bible College she seemed eternally young, a friend who could share with a

teenager in fun and in problems. Missionaries, pastors, workers at the national offices, and alumni scattered in places all over the world could certainly rise up and call her blessed. When she lapsed into a coma, many of us felt deeply the loss of a great love and a powerful intercessor. Many of us could say with all the meaning those words imply, "She loved me; she was my friend."

Miss Annie Weaver and J. L. Welch were married in 1912. Together they served Cofer's Chapel Church for almost fifty years. Through the church and from the parsonage, her influence was extended to her community. She shared what she had, whether it was knowledge, the gospel, food or clothing.

During the weeks of her last illness, those of us who sat with her were continually amazed at how the sweet, gentle spirit of Miss Mary came through to the nurses and aides who cared for her. In spite of the fact that she could not do for herself or communicate in her usual way, she was still our dear Miss Mary, and others were still influenced and blessed by her gentle spirit.

Now she is gone from us, but she is still very much a part of us. And she still speaks to us, even in those words she suggested for her own funeral service:

"To my loved ones who love Him, rejoice for me that I have attained the goal for which I have striven. Until that happy time when He shall come with trumpet sound, keep your eyes on the goal. Don't fail your Lord. I expect to meet you 'in the morning, just inside the Eastern Gate.' Trust in Him who will not fail you."

RECOGNIZE NEW MEMBERS

You may want to plan a recognition fellowship for new members of the Woman's Auxiliary. These special services can be helpful in creating greater interest as well as promoting greater dedication among the members.

A brief program entitled "Dedicated Hearts," honoring both new members and those who have served through the years, is available from WNAC for 10¢ plus postage. This program can be used any time but is especially effective during February's Valentine heart emphasis.

Other enlistment materials available from WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee are listed below. Please include postage.

ENLISTMENT FOLDER

This lovely two color folder was designed to aid you in securing new members for your Auxiliary.

12 for 30¢

ENLISTMENT CARDS

To invite women to the Auxiliary meetings. Size 3½ x 5½ inches.

12 for 30¢

CO-LABORER

Give prospective members a copy of the Woman's Auxiliary magazine. Special offer for enlistment purposes.

Each 35¢

ENLISTMENT PLAYS

Enlisting Mrs. Too Busy

Adapted by Wisehart

A monologue

15¢

Introducing the Woman's Auxiliary
by Coffey

Revised. Two scenes, four women.

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Four women

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Just A Notion by Hill

One scene

Eight women

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Hymn of the Year

The Call for Reapers

J. O. THOMPSON

J. B. O. CLEMM



1. Far and near the fields are teem-ing With the waves of rip-ened grain;
2. Send them forth with morn's first beaming, Send them in the noon-tide's glare;
3. O thou, whom thy Lord is send-ing, Gath-er now the sheaves of gold;



Far and near their gold is gleam-ing O'er the sun - ny slope and plain.
When the sun's last rays are gleam-ing, Bid them gath - er ev - 'ry-where.
Heav'nward then at eve - ning wend-ing, Thou shalt come with joy un - told.



REFRAIN



Lord of har-vest, send forth reap - ers! Hear us, Lord, to Thee we cry;



Send them now the sheaves to gath - er, Ere the har - vest time pass by.



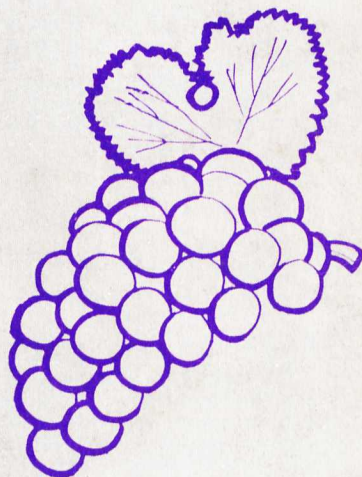
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