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# Co-Laborer

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1972 Theme: In the Power of the Spirit

Watchword: "I can do all things through Christ . . ."

(Philippians 4:13)

Theme Song: "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit"

## Seal Us, O Holy Spirit

I. H. M.

I. H. MEREDITH

*Prayerfully*

1. Seal us, O Ho - ly Spir - it, Grant us Thine im - press, we pray;  
2. Seal us, O Ho - ly Spir - it, Help us Thy like - ness to show;  
3. Seal us, O Ho - ly Spir - it, Make us Thine own from this hour;

We would be more like the Sav - iour, Stamped with His im - age to - day.  
Then from our lives un - to oth - ers Streams of rich bless - ings shall flow.  
Let me be use - ful, dear Mas - ter, Seal us with wit - ness - ing power.

CHORUS

Seal us, seal us, Seal us just now, we pray; Seal us, O

Ho - ly Spir - it, Seal us for serv - ice to - day.

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# Prayer & Praise

Pray for the Tom Willeys Jr., Bill Fulchers and Mabel Willey as they work in Panama.

Pray for Reverend Joe Ange and General Director J. Reford Wilson as they make a trip to Latin America to visit our missionaries.

Pray for the Earnie Deedses and Dave Frankses as they make preparations to return to the states this summer for furlough, and for the nationals who will carry on their work.

Pray for Miss Rolande Niogret, Nantes, France, who is enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College and for Randy Cronk who is attending high school in Costa Mesa, California. Also for Trudy and Joey Haas, Jr., students at Free Will Baptist Bible College; for Judy Robirds in high school at Toccoa Falls, Georgia; John Jasuda, and Donna Sexton, students at Oklahoma's Hillsdale College.

Praise the Lord for Sandra Payne's improved condition.

Pray for the ten students, "Good News Team" who have gone to Japan for a six months assignment. Pray they may be used of God to win many to Him.

Pray for added strength for the Dan Cronks and the Carlisle Hannas as they work with the Indian refugees.

Pray for each field director and field council which will be meeting, that they may know God's direction in each decision they have to make.

Pray for the Joe Haas family as they return to the states for a short-term furlough this spring.

Pray for Jimmy Aldridge and Robert

Bryan in their literature program.

Pray for Bobby Aycocks as they return to the field of Brazil after a year's furlough in the states.

Pray for Jim Combses, John Crafts and Sam Wilkinsons in their new area of work in Santa Catarina, Brazil.

Pray for Sonny and Rita Wenning and their work in the Christiansted Church in the Virgin Islands.

Pray for the Jesse Dunn family as they have started a new work in Boise Idaho.

Pray for the Charles Francens as they work in Puerto Rico. Both are teaching and have proven a real blessing to the church in Puerto Rico.

Pray for the kindergartens which opened last fall in the Virgin Islands and in Puerto Rico.

Praise God for all the souls that are being saved in the Home Missions work where our missionaries are working for the Lord. The missionaries report a number of professions each month.

Praise the Lord for the Jerry Barrons and their work in Guadalajara, Mexico. They report a good number in church services and a number being saved.

Praise God for the lovely new daughter born August 25, 1971 to the Dave Cochranes. They desire to raise her in the ways of the Lord.

Praise the Lord for the report by the Bill VanWinkles that the church in Murfreesboro is buying 6.8 acres of land with a duplex building on it. This is in a prime section of the city. A real church is in the making there.



# Women In Action

## Illinois Convention

The Illinois State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened May 13 in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Mount Vernon. Registration was 76 and the theme was "Teaching to Make Him Known." Mrs. Ellamae Hiltibidal, president, presided.

Devotions were given by Doris Leek. Cleo Pursell, WNAC executive secretary, conducted a workshop on the new program of work.

Mrs. Hiltibidal installed the new officers as follows: president—Betty Hampleman, vice president—Doris Leek, secretary—Mary McCann, treasurer—Joyce Walker, field worker—Ellamae Hiltibidal. Members at large include Roberta Bain, Barbara Harness, and Billie Conner. Mrs. Hiltibidal concluded six years service as president. A state project is the building of a mission cabin at the campgrounds in Benton.

## Ohio Convention

The Ohio State Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held at the Welch Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, on June 24. The theme was

"Ministering Unto Christ." Speakers included Rev. Nedo Eaddy and Rev. Merlin Teets. Nora McCarty explained WNAC's new program of work.

Missions projects adopted were \$500 for the Jerry Griffiths account and \$2,000 for the Mack Owens account.

Officers elected were Mary Dooley, president; Pauline Patrick, vice president; Lillian Conley, secretary; Diane Cox, treasurer; Nora Lee McCarty, field worker; and Lillian Henthorne, Donna Hollowman, and Helen Sanford, members at large.

## Kentucky Convention

Mrs. Naomi Looney, president, presided over the Kentucky Woman's Auxiliary Convention held in Glasgow, June 18. The theme was "One Soweth, Another Reapeth, Rejoice Together" (John 4:36-37).

Devotions were conducted by missions directors Rev. H.E. Willis and Rev. J. Reford Wilson. Lorene Miley, missionary to the Ivory Coast, brought the morning message. Cleo Pursell, WNAC executive secretary, conducted a workshop on the new program of work.

A goal of \$1200 was set for missions to be divided between the Sonny Wennings and the Don Sextons, missionary appointees to the Virgin Islands and to France.

### West Virginia Convention

"Reach the Unreached by Willing Sharing" was the convention theme when the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with the Lick Branch Church on June 5. Mrs. Emma Chase, vice president, presided and also brought devotions. A cordial welcome was given by the pastor, Rev. F.A. Giles.

Brenda Spruill, WNAC field worker, spoke at the 11:00 o'clock hour and installed the following officers: Sandra Kessinger, president; Emma Chase, vice president; Ruth Hess, secretary; Shirley Giles, treasurer; Barbara Kelly, field worker, and Ruby Albert, historian.

A goal of \$1,000 for West Virginia missionaries was set in addition to mission pledges already made by the members.

*NEW OFFICERS, First Mission District Auxiliary, Oklahoma, left to right, Freda Waltrip, Nadine Wheeler, Marguerite Hinesley, Bertha Keiffer, Rachel Bess, Donna Riker, Pat Matherly, and Opal Rogers.*



### Missouri State Convention

Mrs. Brenda Evans, president of the Missouri State Auxiliary Convention, presided at their annual meeting held August 17 in the Waynesville church. Total registration was 266 and the convention theme was "Known Among All Nations" (John 17:3).

Speakers included Mabel Willey, Aileen Calvary, Eunice Edwards and Cleo Pursell.

February was designated state missions month with offerings designated for the medical needs of the Mark Vandivort family. A goal of \$2,000 was set for the purpose of helping purchase a motor vehicle for Mable Willey.

### Active Local

*Women in Action* is truly the theme of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Inman, South Carolina. Mrs. Gayle Hughes reports that their average attendance is 17 and they never have to find things to do."

In addition to giving their quotas on the foreign and home missions projects, the Beaver Creek Bible Institute, and the Arthur Lawter Tabernacle project in their district, they have held a linen

*WEST VIRGINIA OFFICERS. Front row, left to right, Ruby Albert, Russ Hess, Emma Chase, Sandra Kessinger. Back row, left to right, Barbara Kelly and Shirley Giles.*



shower for the missionary provision closet, conducted the seasons of prayer, held a church-wide WNAC Emphasis program, sent gifts to their "adopted" child in the children's home, covered the floor of the church fellowship building, with inlaid linoleum, and contributed \$1700 to help pay for the carpet to go into the new auditorium the church is in the process of building.

Mrs. Hughes adds, "Without the help of the Lord we could not have accomplished anything, so we praise Him today for all He has done through us. We pray that He will bless all our Auxiliaries as He has blessed us this year. We are looking forward to even bigger and better things from the Lord."

### Daily Witnessing

Mrs. Loree Medley, president of the Faith Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary in Wichita Falls, Texas, reports good monthly programs in their Auxiliary and that every day members witness for Christ either by word or deeds.

"While space won't permit me to tell all the things we do," Mrs. Medley writes, "We prepare sunshine boxes for loved ones in the nursing homes and all receive blessings when we bring a

*THE OLDEST AND THE YOUNGEST members of the Woman's Auxiliary, Quitman, Georgia, Mrs. Olen Davis and Mrs. Donna Fowler.*



little ray of sunshine into someone's life."

### Oklahoma District

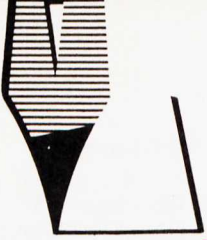
The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of First Mission Association met August 12, at the Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground, near Drumright. The theme was "More Than Conquerors Through Christ." Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Home Missions Field Secretary was guest speaker. The convention voted to give \$100 to the Home Mission work. Mrs. Bertha Rushing, president, presided.

### New Auxiliary

A Woman's Auxiliary was organized in the Eastside Free Will Baptist Church, Muldrow, Oklahoma in September. Nine women were present and three new members were received at the second meeting. Mrs. Cassie Brooks, secretary, reports: "We thoroughly enjoyed our first lesson from *Co-Laborer* and are looking forward to more."

*NEW AUXILIARY members of the Eastside Free Will Baptist Church, Muldrow, Oklahoma.*





# Co-Laborers Write

## From California

May God continue to bless your work and those who give us such wonderful and enlightening articles in the *Co-Laborer*.

*Shirley Maxey  
Gardena, California*

## From North Carolina

I appreciate the work of our national office, especially the program of our convention. We thank the Lord for our ladies and the work that they are doing.

*Peggy Outland  
New Bern, North Carolina*

Every lesson in *Co-Laborer* is so inspiring to our members. May God richly bless each writer that they will continue to write programs that will stir our hearts and bring us closer to each other and thereby bring us closer to God.

*Eula Edwards  
Washington, N.C.*

## From Ohio

We have found our people very interested and concerned about this ministry of the Chaplaincy. God is blessing this work and souls are being saved. Nedo leaves on Friday evening and is gone every weekend in services and the promotion of the work . . . I have found that many of my neighbor

ladies are not saved, do not attend church, and this is an opportunity to witness of Christ.

The *Co-Laborer* has really been an inspiration to me. Nedo and I both look forward to it.

*Nell Eaddy  
Ashland, Ohio*

## From Alabama

We certainly do enjoy our *Co-Laborers*, they mean so much to us in our everyday living. Thank you again for the work you are doing.

*Mrs. Frank Tomlinson  
Leeds, Alabama*

Please accept this note as a personal feeling of gratitude for the many ways in which the Woman's Auxiliary has assisted in the Mobile Mission Project. Support has come in from various districts and my report shows this but with insufficient addresses whereby I might correspond. Please convey my gratitude.

Because many are praying and supporting this work we shall some day see an organized Free Will Baptist Church in Mobile.

*The Ken Walkers  
Mobile, Alabama*

## From Arkansas

August Emphasis Month was really a challenge to us and we would like to do something to help.

We really enjoy the programs and readings in the *Co-Laborer*. We look forward to it each quarter. Thank you for all the help you have given us.

*Mrs. Glenn Willis  
Crossett, Arkansas*

We are sending a box of mixed items for the missionary provision closet and hope they will be useful to the missionaries.

We enjoy the *Co-Laborer* very much. The lessons are a blessing each month.

*Mrs. Irl Ruddell  
Oil Trough, Arkansas*

#### From Missouri

No, this isn't another order for materials for program planning, etc. I just wanted to sit down and thank you for help in times past and recently as well. I appreciate the *WNAC* and its fine work. I appreciate the *Co-Laborer* magazine and I have been strengthened by its fine programs and other features, too.

I am especially excited about the new plan of work because it does seem to be more flexible than in times past and it will strengthen our concern for the lost. I do believe it's the shot-in-the-arm some Auxiliaries may need.

*Sue Winchester  
St. Louis, Missouri*

#### From Virginia

The programs and articles in the *Co-Laborer* are an inspiration to our ladies and we appreciate the work that goes into them.

*Jean Fender  
Richmond, Virginia*

#### From Georgia

We are truly enjoying our *Co-Laborer* magazine. And we can hardly wait to start putting our new *Woman's Auxiliary* into action. I feel sure this is what our Auxiliaries have been lacking for so many years.

*Helen Ward  
Waycross, Georgia*

#### From Kentucky

We have a few things for the provision closet. May the Lord bless whoever receives them. We do enjoy the programs in *Co-Laborer* very much.

*Mrs. Paul Black  
Morehead, Kentucky*

#### From South Carolina

Inclosed are a few items our Auxiliary collected for our missionary provision closet. We wish we could have gotten more but our Auxiliary is few in number. Pray that God will show other ladies their need to join us.

I think the staff and writers of the *Co-Laborer* are doing a wonderful job. We enjoy all the articles and programs. Pray for us as we pray for you.

*Ruth Scarbro  
Arcadia, South Carolina*

#### From Mexico

Thanks to you, the office workers, and all our wonderful Free Will Baptist women for all you have done for us personally, and for the work in Mexico. Also for all the wonderful things we have received from the provision closet . . .

Inclosed is a check for \$24.57. This is for the general fund of WNAC. Our women of the First Church in Monterrey sponsored the world day of prayer service. This is our offering for the day.

*Jenell Billows  
Monterrey, Mexico*

We continue to praise the Lord for your continued faithfulness to missions. We are happy to report our arrival to the new mission field of Guadalajara, Mexico. We wouldn't be here on the field working now if it were not for faithful Christian women across our denomination who are really interested in missions.

We are doing survey work of the area now trying to determine where God would have us begin work. Please con-

tinue to hold us up before God in prayer as we begin this new work for Free Will Baptists.

*Jerry and Julie Barron  
Guadalajara, Mexico*

### From Tennessee

Thank you for your gifts to our account as well as all the many other things you have done for us during the past months including the useful gifts from the provision closet and the *Co-Laborers* which we always enjoy reading. It's your prayers and financial support that makes our work possible. Because of your concern our work is progressing.

*Bill, Hope and Faith VanWinkle  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee*



## Our Writers

**W**E ARE APPRECIATIVE of the fine work of our writers this quarter.

In the January program Geneva Poole introduces WNAC's theme for the year, "In the Power of the Spirit."

Geneva and her husband Bobby have served as Free Will Baptist missionaries in Brazil since their appointment in 1960 by the board of Foreign Missions. She is the mother of two sons.

June Critcher, wife of Harold Critcher director of finance in the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department, is the mother of a son and a daughter. An experienced writer and editor, she now writes for the CTS Department. She is the author of the February program, "Disciplined By the Spirit."

The Pre-Easter season of prayer programs were written by Jane Burden, wife of Dale Burden, pastor of Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia. She has been in Auxiliary work for 17 years and usually serves as missions chairman. She is the mother of six children ranging in age from fifteen to six years.

# PRAYER GROUPS



**T**HE PRACTICE of earnest, intercessory prayer gives women the assurance that they may enter into God's missionary plan for world redemption as "laborers together with God."

Use the following information from our mission fields as a basis for your prayer requests but also remember prayer needs in the church and the community.

Select appropriate prayer songs and Scriptures for each meeting.



January

**Evangelistic Thrust in Japan**

The gospel is preached regularly by

Free Will Baptists in seven places in Japan. Three groups meet in Tokyo with the others meeting on the northernmost island of Hokkaido. (Locate on map if possible.)

Sapporo, the capital of Hokkaido, will be host to the Winter Olympics in February, 1972. This presents a golden opportunity to our missionaries to reach many with the gospel.

Larry and Joan Condit of California, joined the Wesley Calverys and the Jim McLains in September. They will spend about 9 months in Japan where Larry will be serving as youth evangelist for special evangelistic services in Sapporo. He will be preaching in both English and with an interpreter as teams of young Christians go forth to witness to the greatness of Christ.

A team of ten students will miss a semester of school to help the missionaries saturate the area with literature,

conduct conversational English classes, present musical concerts and give testimonies in a concerted effort to evangelize more than 30,000 homes in the church area of Sapporo.

Pray for these students by name: Seldon Buck—S.C., Dale Bishop—Arkansas, Jim Marcum—Ohio, Rudy Woods—Georgia, Jon Wilson—Tennessee, Sandra Ogletree—Georgia, Judy Smith—Texas, Joyce King—California, Arilla Wode—Oklahoma, and Mirial Gainer, South Carolina.

Pray for Larry and Joan Condit.

Pray for missionaries Wesley and Aileen Calvery, Jim and Olena McLain, Fred and Evelyn Hersey (now home on furlough), Herbert and Geraldine Waid, and their families. Remember too the native pastors, pastor Bonde San and pastor Ohsawa.



February

## Opportunity in India

Free Will Baptist missionaries find themselves in the middle of an unparalleled opportunity in India. The civil war in East Pakistan has brought six million refugees into northeastern India with thousands of them coming into areas where our missionaries work.

Reverend J. Reford Wilson, Director of Foreign Missions, recently sent out an urgent appeal for help. He wrote: "A quarter of a century ago Paul Woolsey prayed God to open the door into East Pakistan. The door remained closed, and the few Christians who tried to worship were severely persecuted or even mur-

dered. Today the door of East Pakistan has opened in reverse. The Bangladesh in untold thousands are now where they can hear the gospel of Christ, but time is short. Our Free Will Baptist missionaries are in a place where they can proclaim to these people the Good News of salvation. But it must be proclaimed in a way that the people will hear and understand."

## What Can We Do?

"This means in some cases shelter must be provided," continued Mr. Wilson. "In others, food must be distributed; and in still others, cholera vaccine must be given. Dan Cronk, Carlisle Hanna and Indian Free Will Baptists can take the vaccine and food and shelter and communicate the Good News of salvation as you and I make it possible."

The Indian government is finding it absolutely impossible to do even the minimum in feeding and clothing the people looking to them for aid. There has been a cholera epidemic of terrifying proportions. Hundreds are dead or dying and the Indian government is only able to vaccinate about one third of the people as they come out. Indian policemen stand on the banks of the river to prevent people throwing their dead into it. Hospitals are crammed full. Monsoon rains have hindered efforts. The thousands coming in daily are exposed to cholera in the camps and in the countryside.

The Cronks' home has become headquarters for refugee operations in the surrounding area. The Hannas report camps of 50,000 refugees. They work from early morning until late at night ministering to the needs of these people whom they love.

## Response

The Foreign Missions Department reports that response to the appeal to help the Pakistani refugees has been good.

Trula Cronk wrote: "It's a relief to know that we are going to have money from our own mission to fall back on. You can't imagine the muck we've been wading in. The 'field hospitals' we've just built (cement floor, no walls, tin roof) will help tremendously."

WRC, overseas relief arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, contributed an initial amount of \$2500.00 to the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be channeled through our missionaries in Bihar Province, North India, and is raising further funds to assist in this emergency.

Carlisle Hanna wrote of one Pakistani refugee who had been converted. Our missionaries are expecting many more to follow in his steps.

Pray for added strength for our missionaries as they minister and that they will be kept safely from disease.

Pray for continued support to meet this tremendous emergency.

Pray that hearts will be receptive to the gospel.



March

## Prayer Works Miracles

"God is neither a magician who grants idle wishes nor a bellboy whom we can dispatch on tasks that seem right to our limited viewpoint." But the fact

remains that prayer is valuable. When there is a real need and a genuine faith, it can work miracles.

*The greatest miracle is the new birth.* Regardless of how deeply in sin one has gone, a new life can begin through repentance of sin, confession, and faith in Christ Jesus.

Following conversion a new heart is hungry for spiritual nourishment. SPAW is highly recommended. It's a spiritual blend of four ingredients:

S study

P prayer

A association with Christians

W witnessing (telling what you've experienced)

*Prayer can also cause healing.* Sometimes we witness miraculous healings of incurable diseases through the prayers of the church. Sometimes through ordinary ways such as when a woman prayed for healing of a prolonged ailment, fully expecting God to lay His hand on her to bring about recovery; but she was guided to consult another physician. She was cured through the skill of one who knew more about her problem than the first doctor who treated her. The prayer was real. It produced the desired results, and they were not less valuable because they were achieved in a rather ordinary way.

*Prayer is a prescription to cure worry,* giving us instead the peace of God. So often we try to work things out ourselves before we take them to God in prayer. But prayer can do what care cannot.

Someone has said that we need to take our baggage of care to the check room and check it there so we won't have to carry it about. Then pray your way through the day. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

In The



Power

Of The  
Spirit

**Purpose:** *To challenge Free Will Baptist women to become aware of the need of depending upon the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish a work for Christ.*

**See Ideas for Your Program**

**Song:** "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit"

**Interest Center:** *On a table arrange an open Bible, a cross, and a dove (may be purchased in hobby shop), with poster bearing theme "In the Power of the Spirit."*

**H**AVE YOU ever thought of the person you pass on the street and wondered if he really knew Jesus or talked to a neighbor to find out she knew nothing of the saving grace of Christ? How heartbreaking it is when we become aware that people all around us are dying in their sins! Are we earnestly striving to help them come into a real relationship with Christ? Christ is very much misunderstood today. In Brazil this is brought about in part because of

the teachings of the Catholic church which teaches nothing of the saving grace of Christ. Here in the United States Christ is also misunderstood. Could this be the result of Christians who do not "reveal Christ" (Galatians 1:15c-16a) through their lives? The Bible teaches us that Christ's followers are expected to bring glory to His name; but many times we, Christians, are stumbling-blocks both to the world and our fellow-workers simply because of the lack of power from on high.

Let us look first at Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ." Notice the phrases: "*Ye shall receive power*" and "*Ye shall be witnesses.*" It seems the promise of power is coupled with the willingness to witness. If we are willing to witness God has promised the power. Ephesians 5:18b is a command "*Be filled with the Spirit.*"

The Apostle Paul wrote from his prison cell a verse which gives us an insight into the motivating strength and

power as he encountered so many dangers and yet continued his faithful witness for Christ. This verse we find in Philippians 4:13 "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*" The Living Letters translation of this verse reads: "For I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ Who gives me the strength and power."

Let us divide this verse into three topics—Self, Surrender and Strength—and look at it in the light of Acts 1:8 and Ephesians 5:18b.

#### Self — "*I can do all things*"

Without a doubt the most of us work hard for our Master, but what about the results? Are we bearing fruit for our labor or is ours a fruitless, inefficient and ineffective work? How powerless we are against the attacks of Satan! Some time ago I read the statement "The greatest hinderance to the spread of the Gospel is the feeble Christian." Your missionaries who labor on the mission fields are not withdrawn from this situation. An Indian Bible student says that the greatest hinderance is that although we reverence Christ, we fail to see His Spirit in those who profess to believe in Him. The Holy Spirit has been poured forth and already dwells in the heart of every believer and no one but you, yourself, can rob you of the fullness of the power of the Spirit. No person is deprived of any spiritual gift because of the faults and failings of others. The missionary Fenton Hall wrote in his diary on the way to the field these words "Probably there is only one man on board this ship now who can spoil that which God would do, and that man is I." And only one person can keep you from living in the fullness of the Spirit and that person is you yourself.

By our action we show our interpretation of Philippians 4:13—putting

the emphasis in the wrong place; putting it on the very first word of this verse, *I*. Also we show our interpretation by our attitude. Have you ever felt you could do a better job than someone else? Do we ever work for God in our own strength—without the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon our work? Are there those among us today who have remarkable gifts, but lack the fullness of power? No natural or educational or intellectual gift can take the place of the "*Power from on high.*" There never has been so much work done in the name of Christ as there is today; never so many churches, never so many workers and never so much money. But how much of it is spiritual work done in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Surrender — "*through Christ*"

This second part of the verse—"Through Christ" holds the secret of how we will be able to accomplish a work. To better understand in part its meaning let us look at Christ's own teachings about the Holy Spirit. In John chapter 16 Jesus continues His teaching begun in the previous chapters to the disciples about the coming Comforter—Holy Spirit, who Christ told them was to be their guide and teacher. He also gave them instruction to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came. They carried out the instructions, waited and received the power from on high. As we read in the books of Acts we see the great work they did. Had Christ not promised this in John 14:12 when He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." Christ went to Heaven so the Holy Spirit could come. "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto

you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7).

The key is *surrender* to Christ. In the light of Christ's teachings if we refuse to allow the Holy Spirit's work of glorifying the Son through our lives and work then we are not obedient to Him. We may be quite sure the power we receive from God never exceeds the obedience we render to God. Are we willing to say "*all that Thou commandest I will do?*" Christians often say "It is true I go here and go there, but I always take Jesus Christ. Is that obeying Christ or making Christ obey us? Christ should do the directing. Many times it is much easier to make our plans and ask God to bless them than to allow the Holy Spirit to control and show us His leading. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan says: "God has not promised to come and help men to do His work. He asks them to give themselves to Him for His work."

What is the meaning of the word *surrender*—or *consecration*. The full meaning is putting ourselves—which is our aims, our works, our plans, our lives—completely, utterly into the hand of God. This is the only way to power. Power does not come from getting more of the Holy Spirit, but by allowing the Holy Spirit to have more of us. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to allow the Holy Spirit to have all there is of us.

**Strength** — "*which strengtheneth me.*"

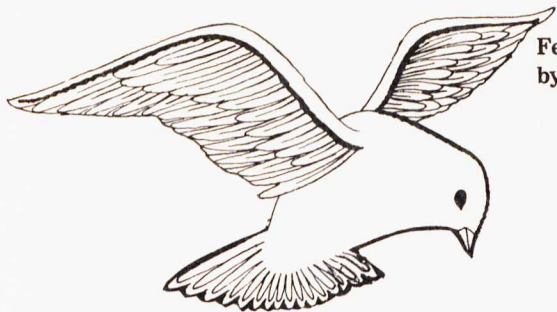
Let us keep in mind that "Christ gives the strength" and "the Holy Spirit gives the power" are synonymous as we take a glance at the last part of this verse—"*which strengtheneth me.*" With the realization we are nothing, and Christ works through us only as we are surrendered to the Holy Spirit then we will have the strength for whatever comes our way. In Matthew 28:18-20, we find the Great Commission which gives the

Christian certain powers, privileges and duties. Notice verse 18 "*All power is given unto me*" and verse 20 "*And, lo, I am with you alway.*" If Christ or His Comforter, the Holy Spirit, is with us and has all power then why should we falter if we are faithful to His command as set forth in verse 19 to go and teach. No Christian has any need nor any right to be a failure provided he is working where God would have Him. No matter what comes God will give the strength. God told the apostle Paul when he begged deliverance from his infirmity, "My grace is sufficient". Also in that same verse (2 Corinthians 12:9) we read, "My strength is made perfect in weakness."

We can rely upon God to endure us with power to do His will, whatever His plan for us may be. In 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 we find these words, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed but not in despair. Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." When disappointment, or trouble or sorrow, or pain comes; when opposition, unkindness, sarcasm, hatred or persecution meets us. May our first thought be "How can I make this turn about to bring Christ glory?"

May each of you be challenged to live each day with that thought in mind—How can I make this turn about to bring Christ glory?—and you will find every day a glorious and thrilling adventure for Christ. Sweet and holy communion with the indwelling Christ will become a habit.

When Christ's glory is our aim and we surrender ourselves to the Holy Spirit to carry out that work in us we can face everything or anything with the assurance that we can do all things God asks us to with the help of Christ who gives us the strength and power.



February Program  
by June Critcher

# DISCIPLINED BY THE SPIRIT

**Purpose:** *To help our women develop stronger Christian characters and more winsome personalities.*

**Song:** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

**See Ideas for Your Programs**

**Interest Center:** *On a table arrange praying hands, an open Bible, and the tract "The Spirit-Filled Life."*

**W**HEN WE look into the Scriptures for the word that most closely resembles our word "discipline" we find "disciple." A disciple learns by *experience or practice*.

More than 250 times the word *disciple*, or *disciples*, occurs in the New Testament. In Acts, the most distinctive term for Christians is *disciples* (6:1, 2, 7; 9:1; 18:23; 19:1; 21:4, 16, etc.). A Christian is a learner of Christ, one who knows Christ for himself and can preach and teach and witness in His name.

Every Christian is a disciple (Acts 11:26). He should be bent on reflecting the very image of Christ. Because he knows Jesus Christ well, the disciple is anxious to proclaim Him regardless of the cost of self-denial and sacrifice (Luke 14:26, 27, 33). In this sense, every disciple is also an apostle.

The master's *teaching* was all-important with the disciples of the Greek sages and the rabbis. With present-day disciples, it is the Master's *person*. Jesus invites us, "Come unto me . . . and learn of me" (Matthew 11:28a, 29a). The heartcry of the Apostle Paul was, "That I may know him . . ." (Philippians 3:10a).

Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to engineer the circumstances of your life and thus teach you discipleship? Are you daily coming to know Jesus Christ more intimately? Let's think about three areas in which the Spirit of God longs to discipline us—and consequently cause us to know Jesus Christ not only as Saviour, but also as Lord and Master.

## Disciplined To Think

In his *History of Civilization*, Will Durant gives as a main cause for the downfall of the Roman Empire that the people had become spectators. Television is largely responsible for our becoming spectators. Picture images on the minds are replacing the exercise of thinking. The mind becomes lazy when

not yielded to the discipline of the Holy Spirit.

The Apostle Paul urges us to "*bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ*" (2 Corinthians 10:5b). Human thoughts are not always wrong in themselves, but they are set in the wrong framework. They must be oriented to the revelation of God in Christ and be made obedient to Him.

Again, the apostle warns the believer "*not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith*" (Romans 12:3). Every believer should regard Christian service as a cooperative effort—and avoid the pitfall of spiritual pride. One must never become overimpressed with his own importance because no one is indispensable. We should *think soberly* about our talents. Such sober thinking will convince us that we are only small parts of the body of Christ.

How great is our admiration of the life of the Apostle Paul! We wish we might emulate his good example. A life like his will grow out of *thinking* about true, honorable, just, pure, and lovely things. (See Philippians 4:8, 9). Our actions tend to follow the course in which we allow our thought to run. There is an interrelationship between the "*think*" of verse 8 and the "*do*" of verse 9. First we think, and then we act. If we consciously direct our thoughts toward lofty subjects, these will eventually be integrated into our behavior.

The apostle exhorts us to think of things that are "*true*"—whatever answers to the nature of God and has its source in Him, especially God's Word. We should also think on things that are "*honest*", or honorable. Whatever possesses the dignity that grows out of moral elevation should fill our minds.

Things that are "*just*", the lofty standards of action, are also an integral part of our thinking. Our minds should be filled with "*pure*" thoughts. Constantly thinking pure thoughts will drive out impure thoughts. We are also to think on things that are "*lovely*." Lovable thoughts will develop our love toward others. Lastly, the apostle tells us to think on things that are of "*good report*"—the kind, good things in others.

Will you allow the Holy Spirit to so discipline your mind that you only think on praise-worthy matters of moral excellence?

### Disciplined To Trust

Several years ago a story in *Reader's Digest* told of a disastrous fire. Back in 1884, during a strike of mine workers in southern Ohio, a fire was started in one of the coal mines. All efforts to halt the blaze failed. For more than 50 years, beneath 24 square miles of Ohio, there raged one of the world's largest and costliest fires. It destroyed over fifty million dollars' worth of high-grade coal. Hot gases seared the earth and a sulfurous smell permeated the entire area. Some days there were underground explosions, and sheets of flame were thrown into the air 200 feet. Trees toppled over as their roots were burned and destroyed. Thousands of acres of once beautiful rolling hills became pockmarked and ruined wherever the fire had passed. Anxiety acts similarly in our lives. It creates inner fires which smoulder and ruin our usefulness for God.

What is the believer's antidote to *anxiety*? *Trust!* The cure for anxiety is trust in the Father's loving care. (See Matthew 6:25-34.) Jesus declares anxiety to be unnecessary in the children of

the Heavenly Father. He used the birds and flowers, such tender and sweet illustrations, to teach us to trust. Our Lord takes care of those who cannot sow and reap and gather. How much more will He take care of those who can work! As God cares for the birds, He will more perfectly take care of us.

The lilies to which Jesus pointed (see Matthew 6:28-29) were the great huleh lilies of Palestine, the most gorgeous and beautiful of all the flowers growing there. Put these flowers by the side of Solomon in his magnificence, in his robes of gold and silver and jewels and splendor—yet they are more beautifully clothed than Solomon. Every petal, in exquisite finish and delicate perfection, would put all the robes of a king to shame.

The most significant words in Matthew 6:30 are “much more.” The flowers cannot toil. Neither can they spin. We can do both. If God so cares for flowers that cannot toil for self-preservation, how *much more* does He care for us.

Don't be anxious. Allow the Holy Spirit to discipline you to *trust*.

### Disciplined To Tarry

Jacob had made his brother Esau angry. Fearing for his life, he left home for a visit with his uncle 500 miles away from his parents and brother. Jacob had schemed and he had cheated. At a place 50 miles from home, he stopped to rest. “And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows . . .” (Genesis 28:11).

At the place where Jacob tarried, God spoke to him (vss. 13-15). During your prayer time, do you listen to God

speak? Remember that prayer is a two-way street. Hear Him speak to you today.

At the place where Jacob tarried, he experienced the reality of God's presence (vs. 16). Tarry before God today until you are aware of the reality of His presence.

At the place where Jacob tarried, he made a promise to the Lord (vss. 2-22). Have you recently promised the Lord you would study His Word more? Pray more? Witness more? Love more deeply?

“The ladder was a visible symbol of the real and uninterrupted fellowship between God in Heaven and His people upon earth” (Keil). As he tarried, Jacob learned that he had access to the very throne of God. He learned that he could get in touch with God and that God would send him whatever help he needed.

Wherever you are right now, whatever your needs, you can get in touch with God. He's only a prayer away. You may feel just as guilty and burdened as did Jacob. If so, you need a revelation of God. Do you long for fellowship with God? Have you asked Him to meet you in your need?

God gave Jacob a rich blessing the night he tarried. We often limit our blessings simply because we fail to *tarry before the Lord*. Because we are in a hurry we fail to take time to be still and know that He is God. God has blessed us with spiritual blessings in the heavens in Christ (Eph. 1:3). He gives us forgiveness, a new nature, joy, peace, patience, strength, power—all in unlimited supply.

We noticed earlier that a disciple learns by experience or practice. Have you learned by experience to tarry before the Lord? Dare you ask the Holy Spirit to discipline you to *tarry*?

March Program  
by Cleo Pursell

# WITNESSING POWER

*"Let me be  
useful  
Dear Master,  
Seal us with  
witnessing  
power"*



**Purpose:** To encourage women to share their conversion experiences with one another and with unsaved people, individually and in groups.

**Interest Center:** Arrange a red cloth on a table. Make a white stand-up poster and print in red, "I Love to Tell the Story." You may illustrate it with art (red flame) clipped from front cover of the July Contact.

**Songs:** "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit"; "I Love to Tell the Story"

See *Ideas for Your Programs*

**Scripture:** Acts 1:8; Acts 26:1, 2, 9-16-19

**O**NE OF THE best ways to witness is to tell someone else what Jesus has done for you. Paul did that when he testified before King Agrippa.

You may have found it hard to witness for Christ. You may be timid or

afraid, or perhaps have a fear of being "argued down." Maybe you dislike expressing an opinion if you are not sure it will be accepted or approved by your friends or acquaintances.

Since we are among friends today, let us share the stories of our salvation experiences. Let me begin by telling you my own. (Tell your conversion simply, then allow several minutes for others to share their experiences.)

## Witnessing Through Groups

In addition to mission action projects conducted by the general Auxiliary, *Mission Action Groups* provide new opportunities for Free Will Baptist women to witness outside their church walls.

These groups may be formed with as

few as two or three women. They may meet monthly or weekly, depending on what their ministry is. Allowing the women to choose the group(s) with which they will work has tremendous appeal and usually results in greater commitment to the tasks. It gives them opportunity to work in the area which interests them most and to participate in the activities which they can do most effectively.

Groups should be formed at the beginning of each Auxiliary year. It is best for members of a mission action group to remain in the group for at least a year as it takes time and leadership to develop a group into an effective working unit. Even a few people working can produce significant results.

When forming groups do not overlook women who are not now members of the Auxiliary. Some will join a group who will not at first be interested in the general Auxiliary meetings. Encourage them to participate to the limit of their interest but do not insist upon participation in every phase of the work. Every woman who attends your church has something to contribute to the work and efforts should be made to involve them. WNAC's new program is flexible enough to enlist even those who heretofore have shown no interest.

### The Handicapped

\*Mrs. Sharon Berry, who maintains a ministry to the handicapped, said at the last national Auxiliary convention that "there are 22 million people who suffer from a hearing handicap, but there are only 300 workers for these (including Catholics). *These grow up heathen.*"

She challenged Free Will Baptist women to prepare themselves for this type ministry when she said that only three Free Will Baptist Churches have

any kind of service to the handicapped.

"Sixteen percent of the total population are afflicted with mental retardation and ten out of one hundred are handicapped mentally."

Are there women in your Auxiliary who feel a burden to minister to the handicapped? If so, then form a group, study how to minister to them, and then win them to Christ.

### The Sick and Aging

One survey predicts that every other home in your community will experience a serious illness within a years time. Another survey indicates that one out of every four persons will be hospitalized within a 12 month period. Many of these will not have family or friends to care for their needs or to show love and concern. Some of them could say, "no man cares for my soul." Mission action projects are designed for such as these.

Members of a newly organized Woman's Auxiliary in Cavanaugh, Arkansas, visit weekly in a nursing home. Those women who have had training fix the hair of the women patients. This has proven a special blessing to them as it also gives them opportunity to witness, one member writes.

It is estimated that about 95% of the 18 million older people live in their own homes rather than in institutions or residential projects. This means that our service will largely involve people in their own homes. When planning services to the aging and the shut-ins, we must recognize differences in strength and ability as well as in income.

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\*Read "The Deaf Hear" in this issue of Co-Laborer

*Loneliness* is one of the most serious problems of many older persons. Frequently they are hidden away in cold, lonely rooms, deserted by their children and often ignored by their neighbors.

The chief concern of a mission action group is, of course, to be a source of spiritual help. Older people often have difficulty accepting the fact of forgiveness of sins through Christ. Sometimes it may be necessary to have the pastor call—with the consent of the elderly person, of course.

Meeting human needs require concerned, dedicated persons who are willing to learn how to minister and to witness to the sick and aging. Are there women in your Auxiliary who would enjoy such a ministry?

The *Mission Action Chairman's Guide* suggests numerous projects for this group: Bible study and devotions, providing library services by making a book tray from a clean corrugated box, providing tape recordings of church services, giving small personal gifts, making tray favors, sending birthday remembrances, and of course planning special services at Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving or Valentines Day.

### Neighborhood Bible Study

Neighborhood Bible study groups are made up of homemakers ranging in age from young brides to grandmothers. Evening groups include business women and mothers with too many children to obtain sitters for a daytime group. Sometimes men are included too.

People studying the Bible for the first time are more willing to attend discussion study than to submit to the authority of a teacher. A discussion Bible study gives opportunity for each participant to voice her questions and problems as she reacts to the passage

under consideration. The degree of participation is much higher than in a lecture form of study. Therefore, there is greater learning on the part of each member. To help you begin your neighborhood Bible study, WNAC suggests that you order the introductory packet "How to Start a Neighborhood Bible Study," plus a study guide, "The Gospel of Mark," (\$1.00) from Neighborhood Bible Studies, Box 222, Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522. Please inclose 25¢ for postage and handling.

### Other Group Projects

Mission Vacation Bible Schools or Bible Clubs are both a ministry and a witness. They are often instrumental in reaching parents with the Gospel because of their attraction for children and their effectiveness in meeting their needs.

If your Auxiliary is interested in forming a group to begin coffee and tea ministries where neighbors get together in each other's homes for coffee or tea and then use this informal atmosphere to reach some women for Christ, write WNAC for the leaflet, "Coffee Pot Evangelism" (10¢).

There are many other areas in which women can minister and witness through mission action groups. You may feel that these tasks are too big for you and they are. But remember Christians have access to a source of power which others do not have. "*For it is God Himself whose power creates within you both the desire and the power to execute His gracious will*" (Philippians 2:13 Weymouth). Depend upon the dynamic work of the Holy Spirit to motivate and guide you and your Auxiliary members in planning and carrying out the plans of your mission action or mission prayer group.

# IDEAS

## FOR YOUR PROGRAM

### January/In the Power of the Spirit

To introduce the 1972 theme and watchword you may make an attractive poster by clipping the art from the back cover of 4th quarter, 1971 *Co-Laborer*.

Be sure and sing the hymn for the year, "*Seal Us, O Holy Spirit*," which is on the inside front cover of the issue of *Co-Laborer*.

### February/Disciplined by the Spirit

*Circular Response.* Arrange the chairs in a circle. Then ask the question, Why is *discipline* necessary in the life of a believer?" Go around the circle and give opportunity for every person to answer your question. Secondly, ask, What role do you think the Holy Spirit plays in our being disciplined?"

*Flashcards* (use with first topic). Prepare flashcards with these words printed on them: *true, honorable, just, pure, lovely.* Hold the flashcards for everyone to see during summary of the topic.

After holding the last flashcard before the ladies, everyone will close her eyes. Ask that no one look around. Just be silent and think for a minute or two. Now, with eyes open, ask the ladies what they thought about during the moment of silence. No answers will be given, however. Hold the flashcards up again briefly and ask if anyone thought about any of the five things on the cards. Give opportunity for members to share.

*Visuals.* Topic one. Glue a small seed on a 3x5 card and print:

- Sow a thought, reap an act;
- Sow an act, reap a habit;
- Sow a habit, reap a character.

Topic two. Use a magazine picture of a lily (or a sketch). The speaker may also want to use a picture of a bird.

*Chalkboard.* List on the chalkboard the three experiences Jacob had when he tarried all night. One of his experiences was making a promise to the Lord. Ask the ladies to turn in their hymn books to one of the hymns we sing that includes a promise to the Lord. Suggested hymns: "*O Jesus, I Have Promised*," "*My Life, My Love I Give to Thee*," "*All to Jesus I Surrender*."

Ask those who will make and keep the promise to sing the hymn you select softly, with bowed heads.

### March/Witnessing Power

In the beginning of the program the leader may give out pencils and paper and say, "I am going to ask you four questions about your salvation experience which you may answer on the paper briefly." (Remind them that the papers will not be collected.) "At what age were you converted? Where did this experience take place? Did anyone in particular influence your decision? What else do you remember about it?"

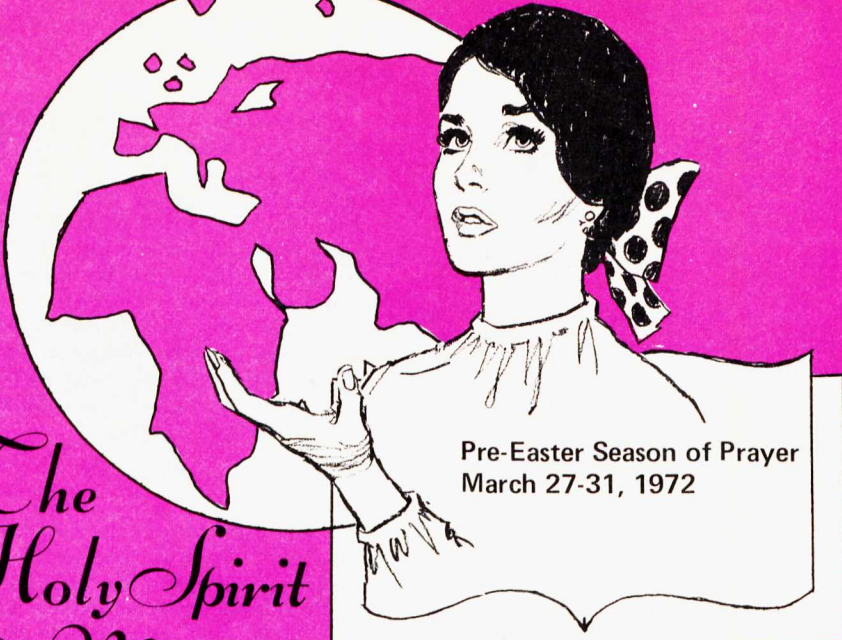
The leader then tells her own conversion and gives others an opportunity to share their experiences. She should encourage some who hesitate if she knows them well.

If your Auxiliary or Mission Action Group needs help in selecting a mission project, read pages 7-10 of the *Mission Action Chairman's Guide*. Note the Mission Action Survey forms, pages 9-10. Additional copies of the forms may be ordered from WNAC, 25¢ per dozen.

Other helps for this quarter include the tract, "*The Spirit-Filled Life*," (order one for each member). 12 for 40¢.

Playlet, "*I Love to Tell the Story*," Shows how souls can be won when Auxiliary members become concerned. Three scenes, 7 women. Each 20¢.

Order from WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Please include postage (20¢ on the first dollar and 7 cents for each additional dollar).



# The Holy Spirit & Missions

Pre-Easter Season of Prayer  
March 27-31, 1972

by Jane Burden

Hymn for the Week: "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit"

Planning Suggestions: See back cover

## THE BEGINNING

Scripture: Acts 1-2:40

THE PASSOVER Season was ended. The crowds that had gathered for the occasion dispersed and Jerusalem returned to normal. Some were puzzled by the unusual circumstances surrounding the crucifixion of a certain Jesus of Nazareth who appeared to be a revolutionist—for he had tried to set up a kingdom of his own. A rumor had spread concerning his resurrection from the dead, but certainly that was impossible, they thought. Had not the soldiers who guarded his tomb reported the theft of his body by his followers? That was sufficient explanation for most. Another Galilean rabble rouser

had come to the end of his rope.

One hundred and twenty of His followers gathered in an upper room knew different. Having seen and talked with the risen Lord, they awaited at His command the coming of the Holy Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost (fifty days after the crucifixion and ten days after the ascension) they were rewarded. A sound as of a rushing wind filled the house. On each of the group lighted what appeared to be a tongue of flame. Immediately they were filled with the Spirit and began to speak in other tongues.

Rapidly word of this phenomenon spread among Jews gathered for the Feast of Pentecost. A crowd came rushing to investigate. Upon arrival, they all heard the message of truth in their own language. Some marveled. Others accused the Disciples of being drunk. This was a foolish assertion because drunkenness would only produce gibberish, not intelligible conversation

in another language. Besides it was early in the day—too early for such a large group to be drunk.

At this point Peter arose and addressed the throng. He pointed out that this phenomenon was a result of the Holy Spirit's ministry among them. Then he preached Christ—His death, resurrection, and ascension and the present necessity of receiving Him by faith as Saviour and being baptized in His name. The Holy Spirit so wrought that three thousand believed on that memorable day.

## FULFILLMENT

*Scripture: Acts 2:42-47*

**T**HUS THE CHURCH was born. And wonderful was the experience of believers during succeeding days. They held the true doctrine, were faithful in prayer, partook frequently of the Lord's Supper, enjoyed each other's fellowship, were in one accord, and lived joyous lives. Those who met them were strangely moved and awed. Daily, many believed, not because they talked about a tongues of fire, but because their tongues became tongues afire with the Holy Spirit's desire for all men to know the truth of Jesus Christ (John 16:13). With the Holy Spirit controlling their tongues they could "reprove the world of sin and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8). Soon the number of believers swelled to about 5,000 men. In addition there were women and children.

Fulfillment of a worldwide Commission had begun with the fact that all known languages had been represented in the presentation of the Gospel on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit's work was to glorify Christ (John

16:14), to teach "all men everywhere" the truth concerning the salvation provided in the cross and the empty tomb. He indwelt every believer, convicted every hearer, and drew all men unto the matchless grace provided in the atoning efforts of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was not confined to Jerusalem, but His ministry was carried to every corner of the then-known world. John 17:17 tells us that Christ had prayed that the believers would be sanctified by the truth: The Holy Spirit was that truth. He was the guiding factor in their doctrine, the purifying force in their conduct, and the flow of love in the ordinances practiced by the body of believers called the Church.

Satan reacted to this plan of the ages with the same hostility he had manifested through the ages of time. He is the destroyer of souls, the Father of lies, and the organizer of the False Church. He set his plans in high gear to do away with believers through persecution of the body. His plans back-fired because the believers were alive in the Spirit and willing to lose earthly life to gain the Kingdom of God.

## SURVIVAL THROUGH THE CENTURIES

*Scripture: 1 John 1:1-9*

**S**ATAN SET all the foes of heaven loose to do his work. He must destroy God's plan, God's people, and God's kingdom in the hearts of men. Romans 1 tells us that man's degradation was so complete that "*God gave them up.*" But the Holy Spirit is still present in the world and the first century Christians were aware of His ministry during their joys, sufferings, and many travels. The Spirit used many

humble Godly men to spread the message of 1 John 1.

Each century since Golgotha has had the war of spiritual forces in high places. Religious hypocrisy has set the stage for many a soul to be martyred, and the god of this world hath blinded the eyes of many that they may not believe. Yet the pure Gospel has survived in the heart of someone, somewhere and the Word of God in it's purity has gone through fire, water, and the sword to survive the ages.

The New Testament as we know it was not fully accepted until the fifth century. The Holy Spirit had to provide all guidance in the protection of the Word of God and continue to spread the Gospel through the believers of each age.

False doctrine set in through ignorance of the Word of God and the Dark Ages doomed many a soul to a Christless eternity. The precious light of the Gospel lit the souls of many who hated hypocrisy and the Holy Spirit helped Martin Luther to illuminate many generations with use of the printing press. Now the Word of God could be spread, not only with the mouth of believers, but it could be laid out for eyes to see, and a hungry heart to devour.

The Reformation came to Germany, England, France, Scotland, and the Netherlands, with missionaries going from each place to another part of the world. The Moravians sent missionaries to areas in struggle with moral depravity and found tremendous rewards in the Spirit.

In the eighteenth century revivals broke out in England and the Thirteen Colonies through the Moravians, and the Wesley influence. Jonathan Edwards felt the guidance of the Holy Spirit as he led the Great Awakening in New England. Each new land on the face of the earth

had been prayed for and possession by the Spirit of God would be forthcoming. Not of the majority, but a faithful few.

## THE MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

*Scripture 1:18-25*

THE MODERN missionary movement actually began with William Carey (1761-1834) whose efforts led to the founding of the Baptist Missionary Society at Kettering, England, in 1792. As reports of his work were received from India members of other denominations banded together to form the London Missionary Society in 1792. So the Holy Spirit had led men who were faithful to the cause of Christ to join their efforts in the Great Commission regardless of church organizational differences.

Carey taught himself several languages of India and became a leader in Bible translation. He was followed there by the Anglican Henry Martyn and Alexander Duff. Samuel Marsden pioneered for over 40 years in Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands. The London Missionary Society sent Robert Morrison to open up the work in China and Robert and Mary Moffat and David Livingstone to Africa. Morrison provided the Chinese dictionary and Chinese translation of the Bible for later missionaries there. Moffat translated the Bible into important tribal languages of South Africa. Livingstone opened up Central Africa. In 1865 J. Hudson Taylor founded the China Inland Mission, one of the great interdenominational faith missions.

Industrial progress of all mankind became a downfall for the dependance upon God, which the farmer-land-God existence had maintained in the United

States and Europe. Man was now depending upon himself and felt he needed a day of rest and recreation without the "pressures of hellfire and brimstone preaching." But God used the faithful and made giants of some humble godly men to call attention to the work of the Holy Spirit needed in everyman's life. Some of those men were D.L. Moody, Charles G. Finney, Wilbur Chapman, George Truett, and Billy Sunday. They led many people to the Lord and the Holy Spirit used these people to lead others to the Lord. They each learned to pray, read their Bibles, and trust the Holy Spirit to be their daily guide. Had He not done this through all the ages? He was still using men's tongues to glorify God.

## CHALLENGE OF THE CENTURY

*Scripture: Romans 1:26-32*

**I**N THE NINETEENTH century Bible colleges, Institutes, Church Schools and denominations had produced many willing to go to other places with the Word of God in hand and live the Gospel before unsaved men. War and strife were rampant helping some men to depend upon a force higher than themselves. The world faced a full global challenge of war or peace. Moral degradation was evident just as described in our scripture portion in spite of education being available in most places of the earth.

Several *Faith missions* came into existence during this era for the propagation of the Gospel on foreign fields. A few of them include: Africa Inland Mission, Central American Mission Evangelical Alliance, and Sudan Interior Mission. Still many fields were unevangelized. Hungry hearts were filled as

leaders went forth telling the news. The needs were great and each group of Christians began to feel personal responsibility. *The Holy Spirit made this so. This was His work.*

Now within the twentieth century, the possibility of multiplying the work of the Holy Spirit by a tongue afire with the Gospel is tremendous. Not only can the missionary go into an area, he can leave a radio set for the Gospel behind as he goes to another place. He can tape the sounds of their language, work out system of phonics, and leave the printed page with them. He can save days of labor with the means of flying, driving, or motorcycle transportation. Satellite communication, T.V. production, projection of filmstrips, illustrated lessons, and typing of materials all enhance the work—but the man must be the instrument of God.

The Holy Spirit does not indwell machines, nor communication installations. The Holy Spirit must still have a clean heart and holy hands to work through, which a tongue aflame with the Gospel gives out the message. James three tells us that the tongue kindleth the fire, but the question is, what fire? The tongue of wrath can be deadly poison and is set on fire of hell. But the tongue of the Holy Spirit is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy (James 3:17).

You are to be God's tongue aflame for your community in this century. You are God's instrument for mankind in your vicinity. What is the spiritual temperature of your tongue? Is the Holy Spirit able to do His work through your life and lips to extend His missionary obligations to the Father? *You are now the key to the Holy Spirit and Missions.*



*Missouri Retreat. Left to right, Dora Fry, Brenda Evans, Eunice Edwards and Gladys Sloan.*

## A Time Of Refreshing

**F**REE WILL BAPTIST women have learned that a Woman's Auxiliary retreat provides opportunity to escape from routine responsibilities and distractions for study, prayer, meditation, inspiration and learning.

### Missouri Retreat

Mrs. Brenda Evans, president of Missouri Auxiliary Convention, wrote: "Our retreat was so good. We had 91 women registered but the good number was not the only good thing. Each devotion, testimony, prayer, song and the message by Mrs. Sloan was a blessing.

Our song leader Joan Filkins puts so much preparation into a song service that the singing was a special blessing... The Lord wonderfully directed even in the smallest ways."

"Beside the Still Waters" was the

theme of the retreat held May 10-11, at the campgrounds in Niangua. Mrs. Gladys Sloan, bookkeeper for the national Board of Foreign Missions, was the missions speaker and also taught the new WNAC program of work. Devotional speakers included Barbara Harwell, Opal Jefferies, Eunice Edwards, Jo Ann Wood, and Louise Vandivort.

Mrs. Lucille Beatty conducted an *amateur hour* when much hidden talent was revealed, and Miss Hazel Hutsell directed an interesting hobby show, entitled *Show and Tell*.

### Georgia Retreat

Mrs. Martha Everson, state field worker, described their Woman's Auxiliary retreat as follows: "March 26-27 were exciting days for the 68 auxiliary members who assembled at Camp Mt. Bethel for the Georgia Woman's Auxil-



*Woman's Auxiliary Retreat  
Camp Mount Bethel, Georgia*



*Women leaving Mount Bethel retreat*

ary retreat. The fellowship was great, the food delicious, the information was very good and the inspiration was marvelous!

Registration began at 12:30 p.m. Friday and the meeting got underway at 1:30 with Janice Banks leading the singing and Jean Lambert serving as pianist. After Mrs. Annie Lou Wells' challenging opening devotional there was a *get-acquainted time*.

Then it was time for study! Mrs. Cleo Pursell, WNAC executive secretary, began a profitable class on the changes in Woman's Auxiliary work. Auxiliary members took an active part in the discussion and were eager participants in the question and answer period. Keen interest was shown toward the display of new materials and helps that are available.

Friday night the film "*Inhale the Incense*" served as a reminder that values must be placed in their proper

perspective. Jean Lambert, Janice Banks, and Shirley Kimbrel provided the special music for this service.

Saturday morning's activities began with a devotional skit entitled "*What? Me in Missions Action?*" This was presented by members of the Midway District under the direction of Edith Shiver. Then Sandy Travis rendered the special music after which those present went to the altar to rededicate their hearts and lives to Christ.

In conclusion, Mrs. Pursell reviewed the changes in the local auxiliary work and then went on to explain the modifications on the convention levels.

Already requests have been made for another Georgia Woman's Auxiliary retreat next year. Eloise Wainwright is president of the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Members serving on the retreat planning committee were: Janice Ursrey, Opal Hatcher, Laura Hollingshead, and Martha Everson."



by Sharon R. Berry

# the deaf hear...

**J**OHNS DISCIPLES were sent to Christ to determine if He were the true Messiah. (Matthew 11:1-6.) As in so many other instances instead of giving a direct answer, Jesus presented the evidence and let the disciples draw their own conclusions. The evidence?

The blind received their sight!

The lame walked!

The lepers were cleansed!

The deaf heard!

The dead were raised up!

The poor had the Gospel preached to them!

Surely these acts proved that Jesus was the anointed Son of God. Just how many individuals were involved in each of these categories we have no idea. On at least two particular occasions Jesus restored the precious sense of hearing to those who were deaf and of the 35 recorded miracles of Jesus 11 or almost one-third record for us the concern and compassion Jesus had for the physically handicapped. In addition to these several scriptures refer to the numerous healings of various illnesses and disabilities. Dare we do less than "... work the works of Him that sent us ... ?

## What You Can Do

I have observed again and again that it is easier to impart information than to provoke action. But looking at the ministry and heart of Jesus should move us toward real concern and involvement. The first thing you can do is *recognize the needs of the Deaf*. The need of better education, job procurement, medical facilities, legal aide, recreational and social outlets—these needs are tre-

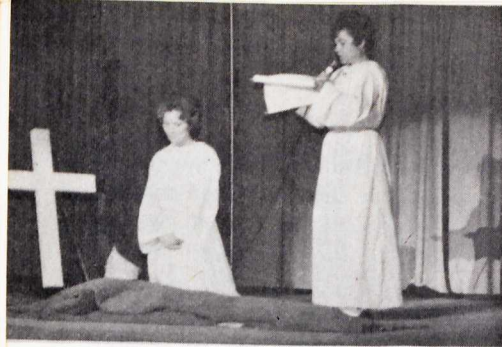
mendous but not our major concern. Salvation is our business and the present picture is bleak! There are approximately 20 million hearing impaired people in the United States. These are the field of some 300 religious workers. Please note that I said *religious* workers. The majority of these are NOT fundamental Bible loving people. The need for workers is overwhelming. It reminds me of a story told by Oswald J. Smith. If you saw ten men carrying a leg, nine on one end and one on the other end and you really wanted to help which end should you bolster?

The lack of workers is not the darkest portion of the picture. The great majority of deaf children in the United States live in residential schools. They attend classes, play, eat and sleep at the schools and go home for holidays and occasional weekends. With the present emphasis on separation of church and state and the illegality of prayer and Bible reading in these schools, the children are virtually growing up without ever being exposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The habits formed during the many years of school continue through adulthood. With hardened hearts they are very difficult to reach for the Lord.

You can *pray for laborers*. Their task is not easy. To effectively minister to the needs of the Deaf the worker must have special training in the difficult art of sign language. He must have experience in handling their special problems. And above all he must be willing to patiently work long hours at inconvenient times with only few visible fruits to show for his labors. Support him with your prayers and ask fervently that

capable workers might enter this field of service. It has been estimated that the Deaf probably do not contribute more than 20% of the total cost of their ministry. This leaves an 80% deficiency. As you pray you can financially support those who love Jesus and are actively reaching the Deaf for Christ.

You can *use the universal sign of a smile*. Deafness is a world of silence, misunderstanding, and loneliness. It is impossible for us to realize what life would be without the sound of children's voices, notes of sacred hymns, and the chatter of nature. We hear a mass of sounds and interpret them almost unconsciously into signs of emotion, information or warning. The Deaf are deprived of their most valuable sense. Deafness is considered the greatest of all handicaps. It limits the development of speech and the acquisition of normal language. Thus it is not simply a problem of "not hearing" but being unable to communicate with ease and fluency. Helen Keller stated, "Blindness is a separation from material things, deafness is a separation from the love and understanding of other human beings." The Deaf fear the ridicule, pity or indifference offered by most people and many gradually withdraw to their own limited world. How can we overcome these barriers and hinderances? The smile is that non verbal communication known around the world as the symbol of warmth, and friendship. Give a smile, shake hands heartily, and talk face to face as you would to any friend. The Deaf may not understand every word but in their hearts they will know you are a person they can trust and in turn trust your Saviour.



*The efforts of both pioneer and modern Free Will Baptist women were recognized as names were read from the roll of honor.*



*Women from Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee, depict a 1920 Auxiliary meeting.*

# Laborers Together



WNAC's historical pageant, presented at the national convention, will not soon be forgotten by those who were privileged to see it. Written and directed by Mrs. Genevieve Waddell, the pageant was made possible through the united efforts of some 15 churches in the Cumberland District Woman's Auxiliary Convention.



*The necessity for WNAC's new program of work was well illustrated.*



*Now, as then, Free Will Baptist women will always be concerned with missions.*



## WNAC'S NEW PROGRAM OF WORK

# Involves And Enlists More Women

Mrs. Jean Lambert of the Macedonia Church, Colquitt, Georgia, writes: "After several months practice we are really enthusiastic about our *new way*. Seven of our members attended the state retreat in March and received new insight and zeal to plunge further into the program.

"Next month our prayer chairman will begin a prayer group. All of us are looking forward to these groups that will be formed. So far this year we have had an average of 11 per monthly meeting—an increase over last year.

Mrs. Bertha Rushing, missions chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary of Allen, Oklahoma writes enthusiastically about their work: "I find that opportunities for service are unlimited. We launched out this quarter on a visitation program in our nursing homes in Sapulpa and the shut-ins of our church. We tried to group our women by couples—an older woman and a younger—and our objective is to visit especially those who do not have friends or relatives to visit them. We offer to write letters for them or to do any mending they might have, or any service that we might render. *We read the Scripture to them and have prayer. We have already found some who were not Christians—what an opportunity! We are praying that God will, through us, save their souls.*

Mrs. Virginia Burrell, secretary-treasurer of the Conroe, Texas Woman's Auxiliary voices her opinion: "In our *Co-Laborer* we were happy to read that changes are being made. So many records are being kept for no good reason."

Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, president of Arkansas State Auxiliary Convention and WNAC member at large wrote: "I have been studying the new plan of work and have gotten real excited about it. I feel that the simplified method will prove to be a means of real spiritual fellowship and will create more interest among our women.

Mrs. Dorothy Wood, secretary of California Auxiliary Convention says: "Praise the Lord for the new plan of Auxiliary work now offered. I am in complete accord with it. *It will involve so many more women of the church that have not taken part in the Auxiliary work before.*"

Mrs. Reba Kirk, field worker for California Auxiliary Convention reports that her local Auxiliary, Ceres, has started a weekly prayer group. "We call ourselves the "Hot Line to Heaven" prayer group.

Mrs. Bertha Kirby who has been a member of Free Will Baptist women's work for 45 years is ready for *mission action*. "I have been a member of the Ladies Aid as it was called when I joined in 1926 at Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee, and we have done a lot of good these years with our money. But we just went to the meetings and enjoyed the fellowship with each other, so I am glad of our new plan of work as we can put *ourselves* in it and *do something*. We all need to make changes in our lives as well as our work so we won't get in a rut!"

# TEEN ACTION

by Brenda Spruill, Field Worker, WNAC

For sometime we have heard the almost unanimous voice of the young women of our denomination, expressing the desire for action—to be involved.

"Let's move from within the four walls of the church building and become involved in the community."

"We are merely waiting to be asked to do something—anything that will get us totally involved."

"I feel that I am only living for myself. I want to get out and do something for others."

Young women can become involved in mission activities through praying, giving, and ministering and witnessing through mission action. We should not be guilty of passing over this wealthy mine of energy and desire to be involved with the needs of others. Mission Action Chairman—organize the youth of your church into a Teen Action Group. Involve them in the special activities of the Auxiliary, such as the WEEK of PRAYER. Encourage them in making their prayer life meaningful. Through prayer involve them in missions at home and abroad. Special Mission Action Projects can be carried on by them. Perhaps these projects will arise as follow-through to a study course they might have. The recommended books this year would be beneficial to the Teens as well as to the Women. Call upon them to give special assistance in the work of other Mission Action Groups. Surprisingly, the teens could be aware of a special need that the adults never thought of and carry out a project to meet that need. Remember the Great Commission is an all-inclusive command—*Teens are to Go and Tell the world too*. Every Christian young woman should study missions and participate in missions. She will tend to feel committed to the work only to the extent to which she is involved in it. Capture this interest in our youth while you can.

Let's encourage teen action NOW!

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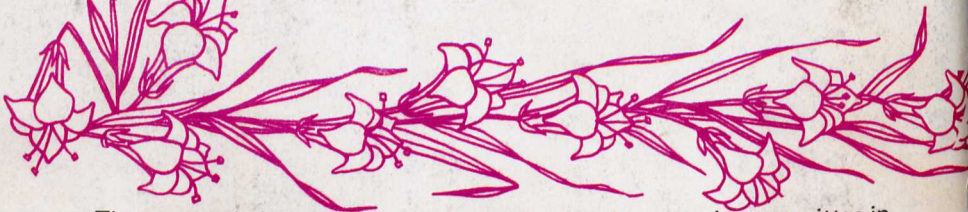
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## PRE-EASTER SEASON OF PRAYER AND OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

March 27-31, 1972

THEME: THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MISSIONS



The prayer chairman should work closely with the executive committee in correlating the Auxiliary plans for the pre-Easter season of prayer and offering for foreign missions.

If you meet daily, carefully select appropriate hymns and arrange special singing or music. You may want to create an atmosphere of worship by having the theme song, "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit" played softly at each service.

Inform your church, well in advance, of the event by posters or announcements from the pulpit, on the bulletin board and in the church bulletin.

In churches where the prayer season is observed on Wednesday evening, try to involve the entire church in your plans. Enlist members of all groups, especially include young women's groups, in this important effort for foreign missions.

Have someone to review current prayer needs of our missionaries and missions fields found in *Heartbeat* and *Co-Laborer*. You may want to make prayer booklets to give to each member as a daily prayer reminder.

You may want to choose a different person to lead each daily session. She will lead the Bible study, prayer periods, sharing sessions, and benediction. She may be assisted by as many women as possible throughout the week.

Decide as to how the offering for foreign missions is to be collected. Use music at the close of the program as members make their gifts.