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Women In Action

Showers of Blessing

Mrs. Beth Kinsey secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary, St. John's Free Will Baptist Church of Perry, Florida writes: "The Lord has greatly blessed our Woman's Auxiliary. We have moved into a new year of work with new officers and new members. We now have a total of 15 members.

"For our pre-Thanksgiving season of prayer program, our mission prayer chairman was given the Sunday night service. The Auxiliary provided the special music, prayer, and poems. The highlight of the service was a Thanksgiving arrangement donated and arranged by the ladies. Many of the fresh fruits, grains, and vegetables were mentioned in a symbolic reading, comparing these to virtuous gifts the Lord has for His children. The produce was then given to a family who has had much sickness. The service ended with the pre-Thanksgiving season of prayer program and an offering for National Home Missions which was \$53.00.

"We recently had a linen shower for the provision closet and are planning a Tupperware party . . . For the Christmas program the ladies are pairing off, having the program, and then performing inspirational services for the local handicapped and underprivileged of the area. Later they and the Master's Men are having their Christmas party in a local banquet room."

An Imaginary Tour

A basement classroom of the Tippetts Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina, was transformed recently into a seashore scene when the members of the Woman's Auxiliary met for a mission study program.

Upon arriving, guests were seated at tables covered with orange tablecloths and centered with real pineapples. Mrs. Jean Lee, study course chairman, welcomed the passengers aboard flight 743 of TWA Airlines about to depart to Florence, New Jersey (along the Delaware River), jungles of Peru, Panama, confrontation with Castro, Cuba, and round trip back to the good ole' USA. She then invited the ladies to settle back and enjoy their Spanish dinner which consisted of: *Jugo de Tomate*—Tomato juice, *Carne de Vaca*—beef strips, *Arroz con Salsa*—rice with gravy, *Judia*—string beans, *Melocatah con Especia*—spiced pickle peaches, *Pan*—rolls, *Te*—tea, and *Pasteleria*—fruit cocktail coke. The meal was served by *natin*—four young girls dressed in long flowing dresses. They were Misses Gail Ross, Shelia Eason, Connie Kirk and Shelia Rawls.

A large mural of seashore, palms, and ocean covered one wall and fishnet, shells, and other pieces of interest added to the "mood of the flight." Mood



Gladys Woodard (left) and Jean Lee (right) who participated in the unusual study course recently held at Tippetts Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

music played softly throughout the meal.

Mrs. Gladys Woodard, wife of the Rev. Robert Woodard, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Raleigh, was the speaker. She taught the book "Never Say Can't," a biography of the life of Rev. Thomas H. Willey.

Missionary Christmas Party

The Auxiliaries of the Toledo, Ohio District, held a missionary Christmas social at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. Members were present from the host Auxiliary, Liberty Auxiliary and Community Auxiliary.

Each lady brought a gift for the missionary provision closet. Following devotions, Christmas carols were sung and a Bible Quiz held. The gifts to the missionary provision closet were opened and displayed. Refreshments and a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

Mrs. Cheryl Taylor writes that this will probably become an annual event in the Toledo district. Gifts totaled \$102.00.

Members of the District Auxiliary of Toledo, Ohio and gifts for the missionary provision closet.

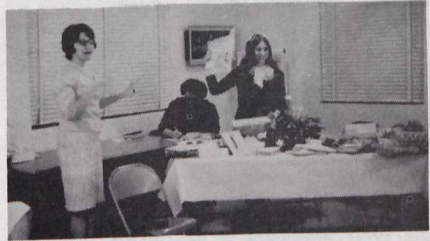


Members of the newly-formed Woman's Auxiliary, Lubbock, Texas.

New Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Lubbock, Texas Free Will Baptist Church was organized in January with 16 charter members.

Mrs. Nadine Hood, president of the Westside Auxiliary, Midland, Texas conducted the business and Arlene Potter, mission study chairman, was in charge of the installation of officers.



Trudy Haas inspects gifts from Cofer's Chapel Woman's Auxiliary. Assisting her (from left to right), Genevieve Waddell and Maude Coffey.

Trudy Haas Honored

Trudy Haas, daughter of Barbara and Joe Haas, Rennes, France, was honored with a personal shower by the Woman's Auxiliary of Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Trudy is a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

This lovely "Thanksgiving" arrangement, used during the pre-Thanksgiving season of Prayer, by the Woman's Auxiliary, Perry, Florida, was later given to cheer a family that had been ill.





Rev. Robert Crawford, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church, Chipley, Florida, discusses district workshop with WNAC field worker, Brenda Spruill.

Florida Workshop

The Liberty District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met in November at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Chipley, Florida. There were approximately 40 present. WNAC field worker, Brenda Spruill, taught the workshop. A few of the pastors from the area were there, which was a real boost to the women. We are looking forward to *action* from this district.



Our Writers

Helen Sanders is the author of the July program, *Empowered*. She and her husband, Luther, pioneered Free Will Baptist work in Waipahu, Hawaii, where he is presently pastoring. Helen is a former youth chairman of WNAC and the mother of WNAC's present field worker.

Brenda Spruill, WNAC's field worker, wrote the August program, *Cultivate the Soil*. She lived with her parents in Waipahu, Hawaii, until she entered Free Will Baptist Bible College. She is a member of the 1972 graduating class and will now be able to devote full time to her work with WNAC.

Damon C. Dodd is the author of the book *All of Mine for Him*, from which the September program is taken. Rev. Dodd has held numerous pastorates and is presently pastoring the Free Will Baptist Church, Homerville, Georgia. He served four years as Executive Secretary of the National Association, five years as Promotional Secretary of the National Home Missions Board, and has served on the mission field in Cuba.

Gladys Sloan compiled the materials for prayer groups this quarter. She has served as bookkeeper for the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department for almost 22 years. Mrs. Sloan has also held the offices of WNAC executive secretary and president.

Prayer & Praise

Praise the Lord that the Jesse Dunns have been able to rent a building for their services in Boise, Idaho. The address is 3967 Pershing Drive. They have already had a good increase in attendance.

Praise the Lord that the mission work in Sterling Park, Virginia, is beginning to make progress. Don Ellis writes that families are beginning to attend the services.

Pray for the newly organized church in Greenville, Mississippi. Wendell Walley reports that they are buying three acres of land to build the church on.

Praise the Lord for the breakthrough in Newbury, Vermont. Mack Owens reports that the Lord is opening doors to homes there.

Pray for the kindergartens and schools opening up this fall. This will be an added burden on the missionaries as they assume these extra activities.

Pray that the mission boards will be able to raise their 1972 budget. Pray that each state will meet its quota.

Praise the Lord for the way He has worked through the Good News Team in Japan. Pray for the follow-up work now being done through their contacts.

Pray for the Combses and the Crafts in their work in Tubarao, Brazil. Pray for God to give them laborers for their work.

Pray for the summer missionaries in

Panama, Japan and Brazil. They will return to the states in August.

Praise God for the way He has helped Don and Billie Sexton in their French language study.

Praise the Lord for the strength He has given Sandra Payne since returning to the hospital work in Doropo, Ivory Coast.

Pray for the Joe Haas family as they return to France. Pray for Joey and Trudy as they remain in the states.

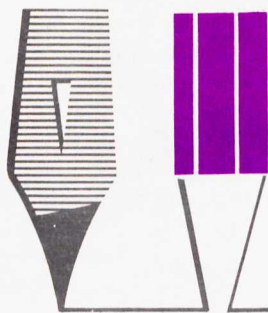
Pray that Don Cronk may completely recover his health.

Pray for Tom and Nancy Hughes who have completed language school. Pray that they will be effective witnesses for Christ in their work in Brazil.

Pray for Herbert and Geraldine Waid in their work in Toyko, Japan. Pray for God to give them the strength they need to win many souls to Him. Praise God for His faithful care and protection of our missionaries traveling on itinerate across the states.

Pray for the annual missions retreat August 7-11, in Nashville. Pray that this will be a time of refreshing and of fellowship as well as inspiration for the missionaries and others who attend.

Pray for Foreign Missions general director, J. Reford Wilson as he makes important decisions concerning the missionaries.



Co-Laborers Write

From California

We enjoy and are blessed by the programs of our *Co-Laborers*. Thankful for those who give of their time.

*Betty Watson
Goshen, California*

From Georgia

We have been having some wonderful programs in our Auxiliary with the help of the *Co-Laborer*.

*Mrs. Floyd Dalton
Quitman, Georgia*

From Alabama

We enjoy your programs very much and it is a great blessing just to sit down and read through them at home as well.

*Joan Kuykendall
Graysville, Alabama*

From Arkansas

We have grown from five members to 17 members. For this we are thankful. Our newly elected officers are: President Dorothy Childress, Helen Spencer, Hattie Robinson, Patsy Williams, Virginia Hale, Phyllis Sutton, Armel Toliver, Orene Spencer.

We are so thankful for our *Co-*

Laborer this year. All the programs were real good and helpful to all of us.

*Mrs. Ernie Hale
Pocahontas, Arkansas*

From Arizona

We think the *Co-Laborer* is GREAT.

*Joan Green
Phoenix, Arizona*

From Mississippi

Our women are enjoying our new Auxiliary program. The *Co-Laborer* magazine is also a real blessing... Thank you for the work you're doing at WNAC.

*Faye Stevens
Amory, Mississippi*

From North Carolina

We of North Carolina really appreciate the work that you and the staff there in Nashville do. We appreciate the helps that are available to us as state Auxiliary officers and as individual members. I thoroughly enjoy the *Co-Laborer* magazine. Along with the good programs, there are always interesting and inspirational extra

articles. Also we can learn what other women are doing for the Lord.

*Shirley Lee
Clayton, N.C.*

From Ohio

As president of our Auxiliary, it thrills my heart to see our ladies present their parts from *Co-Laborer* with such enthusiasm and to have the joy of the Lord so real to us.

We are so thankful for all our missionaries. Enclosed is a check for the provision closet.

*Carolyn Wilhide
Akron, Ohio*

From Oklahoma

Thanks so much to the women who work so hard that we can have such a wonderful *Co-Laborer*. We appreciate it so much.

*Lottie Plumer
Talala, Oklahoma*

From South Carolina

As mission prayer chairman for 1972 my desire is to get every person in our church to join in our prayers for missionaries, our needs here in our church, our WNAC staff, also our Bible college, the teachers and students . . . the Prayer and Praise" items in *Co-Laborer* are a help to us in guiding us to pray for our missionaries each day.

*Mrs. D. J. Granger
Charleston Heights, S.C.*

From Missouri

We are enjoying the new work and think it will be good for the Auxiliaries.

*Dorcas Weisman
Springfield, Missouri*

From Texas

The Conroe Free Will Baptist Church

was organized in May, 1970. We organized our Auxiliary before we were a church (while a mission). We now have eleven active members with a record of 95% attendance all this year. We enjoy *Co-Laborer* very much and thank God for all our writers and everyone who makes Auxiliary possible.

*Jewel Gregory
Conroe, Texas*

From Virginia

We are in the Roanoke Mission and the Lord is richly blessing. We began with 10 people a year and half ago and we are averaging 70 now . . . Our Auxiliary started about a month after the church started. We now have from 10 to 15 ladies at our meetings . . . Increase our *Co-Laborer* order to 15.

*Mrs. James Cox
Roanoke, Virginia*

From Virgin Islands

We anticipate a growth in our Woman's Auxiliary now that we will be able to meet evenings in the church, many of our working ladies will be able to attend. We are going to combine our meetings with a family night so that no problems should arise with the ladies driving alone at night on the island.

*Kathleen Sigler
St. Croix, Virgin Islands*

From Vermont

The Woman's Auxiliary is at this time doing a great job, helping us get our account out of the red and we are so grateful.

Continue to pray for us here because the devil is at work, but we know Christ who is in us is much greater. Two unsaved families have started since the first of January.

*The Mack Owens
Newbury, Vermont*



This Is How It Happened

... is the theme for the 1972-73 WNAC Emphasis Month observance.

Written by Brenda Spruill, WNAC's field worker, this exciting program kit consists of a program guide, a colorful poster, a play, and offering folders. We have sent these materials, without charge, to each Auxiliary on the *Co-Laborer* mailing list.

If you are new in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, you may not fully understand the purpose of the kit. Annually, WNAC sends well-written program materials built around an informative theme, plus visual aids, to help the Auxiliaries plan their WNAC Emphasis Month observance.

The purpose of WNAC Emphasis Month is to give your entire church an opportunity to learn what is being accomplished through the ministry of Free Will Baptist women; to enlist other

women in the work; and to lend support to the National Auxiliary office.

The offering received at the conclusion of the program for WNAC will enable the national office to maintain and enlarge its ministry to the state, district, and local Woman's Auxiliaries as they serve in the world-wide ministries of the local churches.

Please **PRAY AND PREPARE** for this event. It is important!

USE the order form in the program guide to order any additional supplies you may need.

SEND your offerings to your district Auxiliary treasurer earmarked WNAC General Fund.

If the month of August is not convenient to your pastor's program, ask him for an alternate date.

**DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER
WNAC EMPHASIS MONTH!**

PRAYER GROUPS

Gladys Sloan

WHAT PLANS HAVE you made for our youth this summer?

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

There are many activities in the "good old summertime" in which to teach and train our children. *"Be instant in season, out of season..."* (2 Timothy 4:2). These are our future missionaries, pastors and church leaders.

July DVBS, YOUTH CAMPS, RETREATS

Men and women have worked diligently in preparing literature and programs for DVBS in our churches. Youth camps and retreats have been planned for the purpose of teaching young people in the ways of the Lord.

The CTS has a program planned for young men at Hillmont beginning in June. There will be organized youth activities during the national convention. Bill Glass, a former all American football player for the Cleveland Browns is the speaker for the youth

rally on July 12.

The Foreign Mission Board is sending out college students as *summer missionaries* to help our missionaries in DVBS and youth camps.

The purpose of all the activities can be summed up in a statement made by CTS general director, Sam Johnson: "Church Training Service activities are provided to win the lost to Jesus Christ and to instruct and train Christians how to live daily according to the disciplines of God's Holy Word in fellowship with His Son."

"Do not sin against the child..." (Genesis 42:22). We sin against our children when we fail to provide a wholesome, environment for them. We sin against our children when we are indifferent to their religious education.

"Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4B). Let them have a religious education. Instruct them to fear sinning; and inform them of, and excite them to, the whole of their duty towards God."

"I exhort... that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men" (1 Timothy 2:1).



Prayer Requests

- Pray for DVBS, teachers and directors.

- Pray for the activities at Hillmont and at youth camps throughout our denomination.

- Pray for youth activities during the national convention.

- Pray for our college students who are going to foreign fields as summer missionaries.

- Pray that the end result will be many souls saved, also that many of these participating in these activities will find God's will for their lives.

August

STUDENT MINISTRIES

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19-20).

Many of our missionaries on foreign fields find that reaching the young is much easier than reaching the older generation.

Japan

The Calverys are having a great ministry among the young people on the island of Hokkaido, Japan. This ministry began with a group of young people in the park. Mr. Calvery heard them playing their instruments, and singing. He invited them into his home and joined in with their singing folk

songs, and then religious music. Mr. Calvery writes many of the songs sung by the young people.

As a result of this contact many young people are believers. A new youth center has been built for the purpose of reaching Japanese youth for Christ.

France

There are seven universities in Rennes, France—science and chemistry math; medicine, languages, history and geography; law, economics, French language and literature. The regular school year is the end of October to the end of June.

There are approximately 30,000 students in Rennes. It would not be necessary for workers to have an in-depth knowledge of the French language to work with the students—most of the French students know English.

A major prayer request regarding the student ministry is for more workers, especially couples. A single person could go to school for about \$40 a year and live in the dorm for about \$18 a month.

Dennis Teague, a graduate from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, is presently attending one of the universities. Dennis has been instrumental in leading several of the university students to know the Lord.

The Joe Hasses are working in Rennes. While on furlough, Dennis will continue the Sunday night English Bible study.

Two Bible clubs are presently being held each week for the children.

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Bible clubs being held on each of our fields.

- Pray for students to witness in France.

- Pray for Dennis Teague as he is attending a university in France.

- Pray for the DVBS and youth camps being conducted on our various foreign fields.

- Pray for Wayne Patton, Virginia Bays, and Linda Potter who are in Japan as summer missionaries.

September CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS

"And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds" (Acts 7:22).

"I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city of Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day" (Acts 22:3).

Moses and Paul are examples of men who had been thoroughly instructed in the law. No pains were spared to make them understand the nature of the law.

Many of our Free Will Baptist churches are opening Christian Day Schools in order that young people of today may be trained in a Christian atmosphere.

Mr. Ledlow of the Home Missions Department has informed us of schools which are being organized by our home missionaries.

Hawaii

The church in Waipahu, Hawaii, will begin a Christian Day School this month. Grades seven and eight will be

taught with a limit of 30 to 40 students. The name of the school is Malulani Intermediate and High School. Malulani is a Hawaiian name meaning "*under Heaven's protection*." Mr. Sanders reports that they will be able to purchase equipment from the military for the school. The government has approved the school and everything is going forward toward opening.

Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands

Two schools have been opened, one in Puerto Rico and one in the Virgin Islands. The Puerto Rico church has started a pre-kindergarten and a kindergarten, which is doing fine. Also, the church has started a Bible Correspondence school, (Nuerva Vida) *New Life*. They are reaching many souls through these means.

The church in the Virgin Islands is sponsoring a pre-kindergarten and a kindergarten. They also have youth clubs on Saturday for the Sion Valley children where our Free Will Baptist church is centered. The church also sponsors Troop 162 of the Boy Scouts of America.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Mrs. and Mrs. Luther Sanders as this will be an added load on them. Pray for their continued health.

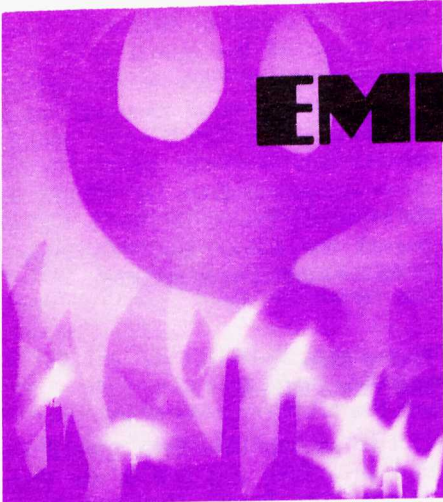
- Pray for the faculty in each of these schools.

- Pray for the missionaries on these fields.

- Pray for the leader of the Boy Scout group.

- Pray that a harvest of souls will be reaped for the Lord through these schools.

July Program
by Helen Sanders



EMPOWERED

nacle among us. The Lord said "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comfortor will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you" (John 16:7). Now we who accept Christ as our Saviour have God—the Holy Spirit, living within us because in John 14:17 Christ said "... but we know Him for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." He also tells us "*that He (the Spirit) shall abide with us forever*" (John 14:6). In other words when God saw the failure and inability of His people to keep the law and obey Him, He came to help us and today He says "Come on I'll help you keep My commandments." Our relationship to God which is made possible by the omnipresent, comforting, sustaining Holy Spirit is precious indeed.

Purpose: To realize that power is sent from God and with this power nothing is impossible for the Christian.

See *Ideas for Your Program*

Song: "Breath on Me," or "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

HOW WONDERFUL and precious to those who know Him in the power of the Spirit and how frustrating and impossible would be the Christian life without His guiding Presence. We have a good picture of this throughout the Old Testament. God gave His people the law, He warned them through the prophets, He judged them, chastised them, loved them, protected them, and led them but they were continuously rebelling, failing, murmuring, sinning and turning from God. God saw their utter and complete inability to live as they should so in His divine plan and wisdom He became man in order to die for the sins of mankind; then He returned to the Father, and in His triune wisdom the Holy Spirit came to taber-

Empowered to Serve

David expressed this in his song of Thanksgiving in 2 Samuel 22:33 when he said "*God is my strength and power.*" I'm sure he was thinking back over his life as a young lad when he killed the lion and the bear; or at the beginning of his public life when he killed the giant Goliath and fought against the armies of the Philistines; when he escaped from Saul; was made King of Judah; then when he united the Kingdom of Israel. David again reminds us of this in Psalm 62:11 when he says "*Power belongeth unto God.*" Many times the human odds were against David but he had seen God prove His

omnipotence; and David did not take someone else's word for it but he knew from experience that truly "*power belongeth unto God.*" If this recognition was necessary for David then certainly it is for us today because victory is not within our strength nor our abilities, Neither in possessions nor weapons of warfare, but victory and power does come by the Spirit of God.

The Psalmist in Psalm 68:35 said, "He (God) giveth strength and power unto His people." The apostle Paul put it another way in Philippians 4:13 when he said "I can do *all* things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Yet we often fail God by saying "I can't." Of course "*we* can't" but "*He* can" and all He asks is that we *let* Him! The prophet Micah said "*But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord*" (Micah 4:8). What a reproach God's children have brought upon Him and His church with their weak, anemic show of power. God is the same today as He was when He answered Elijah's prayers but He is waiting for an Elijah to let Him have a chance to prove it.

Too often we try to do God's work in *our* strength and we are defeated, and bring a reproach on the *One* we represent. How sweet and victorious have been those times when we have allowed the Spirit to work through us and to control circumstance and direct events in our lives. When we fail to let the Spirit control then our vision is limited and our spiritual accomplishments for the Lord are retarded to say the least, and our services at that time become ordinary. A penetrating question we should often ask ourselves is "What have I done today that only a Christian would do?" If our goals are only ordinary goals and do not go beyond human abilities, then there is nothing there that would glorify our Lord. Paul

said "For to *their* power, I bear record, yes, and *beyond* their power they were willing of themselves" (2 Corinthians 8:3). It is this *beyond their power* that makes these people exceptional. In Acts 3:12 Peter gives glory to God, "*And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?*" Only that which we permit God to do through us, which is beyond ourselves and our power, will bring glory to God. Too often we want everything within the realm of sight or of our abilities. We insist on seeing all the "*hows*" and "*whys*" but God wants us to test His promise and let Him prove Himself beyond all human possibilities and expectations.

Empowered to Trust

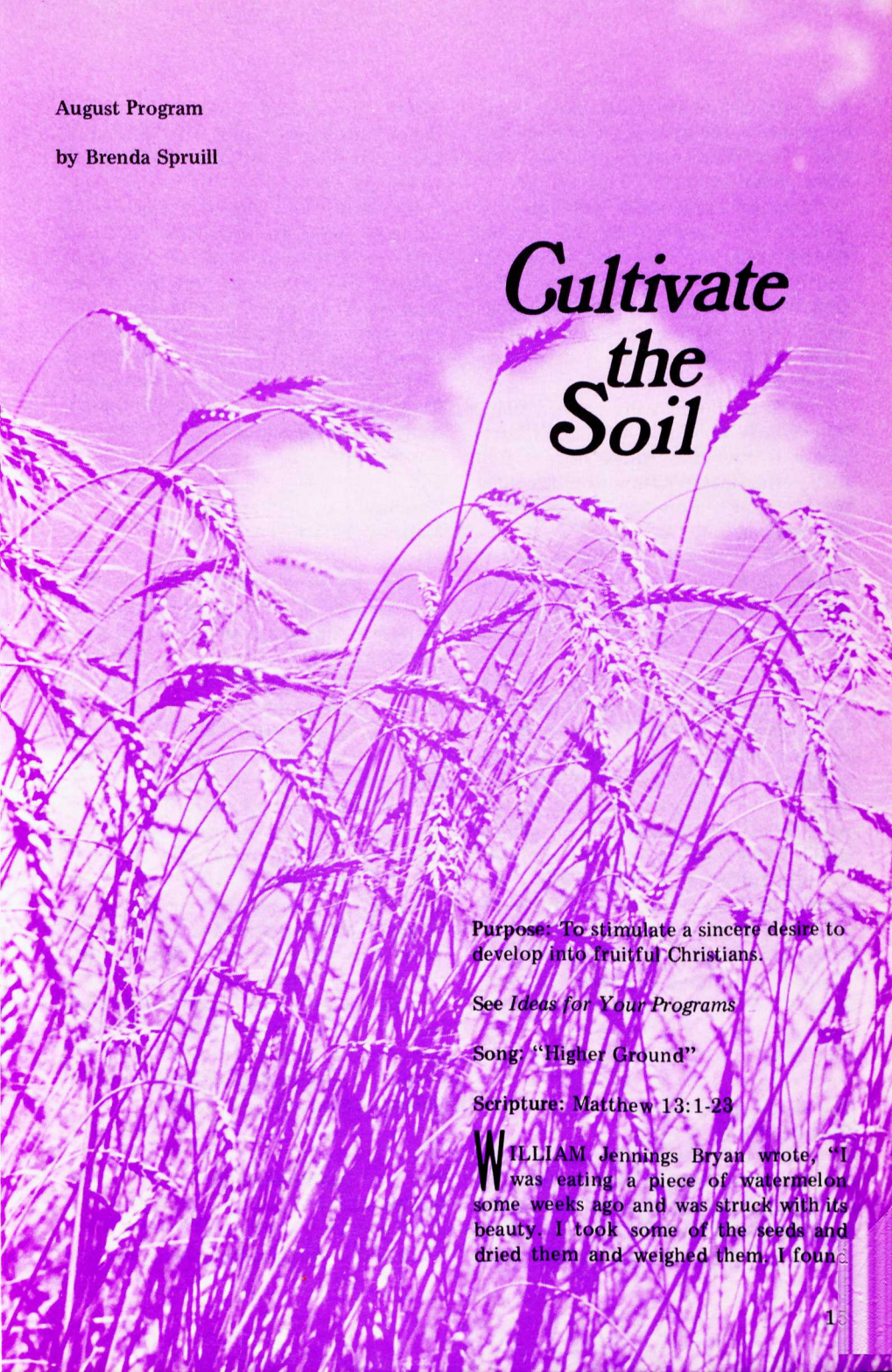
There have been so many experiences in our own lives, especially since we came to Hawaii, that it would take a book to tell the story; however I can sum it all up in the following statement "I found myself trusting God day by day and was surprised at His goodness and power." Our prayer for the work here in Hawaii has been "*That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it*" (Isaiah 41:20). Truly God has answered prayer far beyond our greatest expectations. I will give you only one example: The difficulty we had in obtaining property in Hawaii is history but I can well remember the day God gave us the acre and one-half we now have. It was on a Wednesday in mid-September, 1962. Luther called the real estate agency and went to see the property in early after-

noon, he came home and took me to see it; we then called the five couples that were attending the church at that time and asked them to come early to prayer meeting in order for us to show them the proposed property before the evening service. After our brief but informative trek we returned to our "basement church" at our home and spent some time in prayer. The real estate agent had said that we could probably get the land for \$60,000. At that time we had about \$5,000 in a building fund that had been collected over a period of two years. This had come from friends and co-laborers back home, of course. Our church family consisting of about six families (including ourselves) could hardly meet the monthly expenses of the services. As I knelt to pray that night \$60,000 seemed to be the largest amount of money I had ever heard of in all of my life, but God gave me a verse of Scripture and a promise that night that certainly took me beyond the realm of human possibilities. He said *"I will do exceeding abundantly above (beyond) all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"* (Ephesians 3:20). I said, "Beyond \$60,000, Lord?" He said, "Above all ye ask or think." Well, the events that followed make a long story but you ask me today if that promise is worthy of our faith—I must answer "Oh, yes, to be sure"; because today the Free Will Baptist Church in Waipahu, Hawaii stands as proof not only of Ephesians 3:20 but also of the truth of 1 Thessalonians 5:24 *"Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it."* The property here is now appraised at better than a quarter of a million dollars and still increasing in value and with only an indebtedness of \$38,700. Truly God has done exceeding abundantly above all that I asked that night ten

years ago. I shall be eternally thankful that we were forced into this trial of our faith at that particular time because that one experience helped to increase our faith and give us courage for all that has followed—which has been ten years of similar experiences too numerous to count. What a great big wonderful God we serve! When we first committed our lives to the Lord for this work in Hawaii He gave us the promise in Matthew 28:18-20. *"...all power is given unto me ... Go ye ... and, lo, I am with you always."* We have tried Him, proved Him, and found it to be even as He said.

Empowered to Proclaim

The admonition that our Lord gave in Luke 24:49 is certainly relevant to the Church today—*"Tarry ye ... until ye be endued with power from on high."* This is the secret of our Christian witness and service. *"Finally brethren (sisters), be strong in the Lord, and in the power of HIS might"* (Ephesians 6:10). These days are truly days of tremendous challenge for all of the disciples of Christ and we will be overcome by satanic forces if we have nothing more than our own strength and wisdom to lean upon. These are days of perplexity and frustrations *"But God has not given unto us the spirit of fear; but of power and of a sound mind."* He will help us to understand and not be overcome by confusion, discouragement, and "it can't be done attitude." Now is the hour for God's children to go forth in His power and show the unbelieving world that Christ does make a difference in one's life. My prayer for each of you is that you will be *"Strengthened with all might according to His glorious power"* (Colossians 1:11).



August Program

by Brenda Spruill

Cultivate the Soil

Purpose: To stimulate a sincere desire to develop into fruitful Christians.

See Ideas for Your Programs

Song: "Higher Ground"

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-23

WILLIAM Jennings Bryan wrote, "I was eating a piece of watermelon some weeks ago and was struck with its beauty. I took some of the seeds and dried them and weighed them. I found

that it would require some five thousands seeds to weigh a pound. And then I applied mathematics to that forty-pound melon.

"One of these seeds put into the ground, when warmed by the sun and moistened by the rain, takes off its coat and goes to work. It gathers from somewhere 200,000 times its own weight and, forcing this raw material through its tiny stem, constructs a watermelon.

"What architect drew this plan? Where does the little seed get its tremendous strength? Where does it find its coloring matter? How does it collect its flavoring? How does it build a watermelon?

"Until you can explain a watermelon, do not be too sure that you can limit the ability of the Almighty to say just what He would do or how He could do it."

Seeds are marvelous things and perform miracles. Each does the work intended by the Creator. Spring brings to mind planting time whether it be the garden or flower bed, and suddenly seeds are very important things. In the parable of the Sower, Christ applies seeds as the Word of God. The seeds fall in different places; each place a different soil. Spiritual seeds are constantly being sowed but all are not allowed to bring forth fruit. Let us consider four things that could happen to the spiritual seed as it is sown in an Auxiliary meeting.

The Seed Can Be Stolen Matthew 13:4

The first seeds that are mentioned in this parable became food for the enemy because they fell by the wayside, where they were never intended to be sown.

Think how many times in a service Satan tries to get minds off the seed of the Word of God, in order for it to fall to the side.

It must be admitted that some women come to Auxiliary meetings with no intention of presenting good ground for the seeds that are to be planted. They may come because they feel they are expected to come or because it is their only chance to get out of the house for some peace and quiet. They are expecting nothing from God, so usually get nothing.

The Seed Can Be Starved Matthew 13:5-6

The seeds of the Gospel in this section were planted in willing soil yet there was no depth of earth and thus the plants that did spring up had very shallow roots. There were too many stones in the ground.

Looking a little bit further in Matthew 13:20-21, Christ describes those who are like this soil. They come to Auxiliary meeting and other services and receive the seed with joy. They enjoy the meetings and agree with all that has been taught. However, notice verse 21: "Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for awhile..." Their lives are weak spiritually for they try to root within themselves. Others around them may not notice the shallowness until a little trouble arises or persecutions come as a result of convictions. Enthusiasm fades and the Word of God or seed gradually dies.

The Seed Can Be Strangled Matthew 13:7

Here in this passage the seeds are

allowed to develop a little further but alas they fell into a thicket of thorns and life is choked from all plantlife. The ground is covered with thistles that should not have been upon that land in the first place.

Christ says this represents those that hear the Word. They come to the meetings expecting something from God and enjoy all that is received. They even try to live it in their daily Christian walk. But the thorns, the cares of this world, spring up. Temptations suddenly appear on all sides, choking the joy and testimony of the love of God. The temptations become stronger, money deceitfully glitters, popularity and success frustrates. Soon their interests have turned to other things and the Word of God is choked out of their lives completely. Gradually they die to the things of God.

The Seed Can Be Fruitful Matthew 13:8

The good soil is finally found that has depth without the thorns and stones. The seeds that fell here were bound to produce abundantly. Only a fourth of the seeds that were scattered in this parable were able to bear. However the miracle of the seed is again revealed for each seed in the good soil produced a crop of 30, 60 or 100 times more than itself.

This part of the parable is the best of all. Picture the women who are of this type of soil. Those that come to the meetings with a prayer in their hearts that God will open their eyes so that they can see what God would have for them, and their ears so that they will hear what God would say to them. These women listen attentively and then put what they hear into ACTION. With

God's power and strength they persevere and let nothing hinder the Word from growing and bringing forth a harvest in their lives. How precious these women become to others and such a wall of strength can be had just by being close to them. A fruitful Christian lives such an abundant life that it should be the desire of each to obtain the same fruits. The fruit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance can be part of the harvest of those who are willing to be good soil to the Word of God.

One day a business man said to Mark Twain, "Before I die I mean to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I want to climb to the top of Mount Sinai and read the Ten Commandments out loud." "I have a better idea," Mark Twain responded. "Why don't you stay right at home in Boston and keep them?"

Thus women who are *doers* of the Word of God as well as hearers become fruitful Christians and a blessing to all who pass their way. They reap a harvest of many souls just because they develop a good soil.

The Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary seeks to help you in the endeavor of harvest. Review its chief aims:

1. To strengthen the spiritual life of its members.
2. To develop a genuine concern for those lost without Christ.
3. To lead its members into Christian witnessing.
4. To magnify Christian sharing of possessions.
5. To cultivate missionary convictions in the hearts of women.

Begin now to cultivate the good soil so that the seeds of God's Word may be planted and then look forward to and expect the abundant harvest that is promised.

The Stewardship of Personality

Purpose: To show the importance of witnessing through a personality surrendered to Christ.

See Ideas for Your Program

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

PERSONALITY is the sum-total of mental and spiritual characteristics that go to make up the individual and set him as distinct from other people. It exalts man into likeness to God. Personality is the greatest thing that man possesses. One day the body will die, but the personality lives on forever. So closely allied with the soul is this personality that separation is all but impossible.

We must learn the true value of personality and place these values in their proper relationship to the stewardship life. Once we have recognized the value of personality in the importance which God places on it we will have grasped the essentials of a true and faithful stewardship of personality.

Every individual is accountable for what he does with himself more than for anything else, for what one does in any other respect depends to a very great extent on what he does with himself.

ITS BASIS

Stewardship of personality involves as its basis a recognition of God's Divine

lordship and ownership of the Christian's life. The Scriptures are just as definite on this point as they are on the world ownership of God (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20a).

Prior to conversion the soul was condemned by the Word of God. The individual who has not yielded himself to Christ is an "enemy of the cross" and is scattering abroad, rather than sowing with Christ. There is no middle ground of neutrality in this matter. One is a Christian or is not a Christian (Romans 6:16.)

Salvation through faith in the atoning work of Christ is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8, 9). Christians live in Him and by Him (Galatians 2:20). We, then, who are the redeemed, owe our life to God from both the natural and the spiritual standpoint. It is imperative that we give of the best of life to Him.

Consecration

Consecration is God setting our life apart as a sacred vessel after we have surrendered, or as we commonly say, dedicated it to Him. There are many Christians who have never made this surrender. The apostle gives a graphic description of the various stages of the Christian life in the second epistle to Timothy. It is a picture of a large house, presided over by a meticulous lord. There are vessels of all types, including the clay basins just inside the entry used

for washing the guests' feet, the coarse pottery mugs used by the servants, the stone containers for oil, the wooden buckets for water, and on to the beautiful ware used on the banquet table. Each type of vessel was for a specific purpose, but only the best ones of gold and silver were used for the higher and nobler service.

In the Household of Faith the same is true. There are those who have not found their place in service. They are the nominal ones who are content just to attend services and listen in, but who never accept any responsibility in the Church's program. Theirs is a passive attitude that keeps them in the Church, but just barely maintaining themselves in the faith.

On the other hand, there is a class of church members that is distinguished by mediocrity. Those who make up this group must be stirred into action by some unusual occurrence. They will respond to revival trumpets but will usually flee to their tents at the call to arms. They are easily stirred by emotional outbursts but are silent and listless under the stress of routine. Their interest and participation in the church's activity are spasmodic and seasonal. They have no systematic prayer life, read the Scriptures occasionally and give of their money at irregular intervals only to salve their conscience. There is no real sense of obligation and loyalty that demands their undivided allegiance to the church. They are easily attracted by worldly interests and are apt to be critical of much that is being done by their church.

The "vessels of honor" are those that have been purged, or cleansed from faithlessness, inactivity, disputations, profanity, and the like (Galatians 2:1-18). They have become "*vessels*

unto honor, sanctified and meet (fit) for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (Galatians 2:21). Such people make up the "faithful few" in the church. They have made a full and complete surrender to the Lord of time, talent, life, and money. They are ready and anxious to do their part without murmuring or complaining. Their life is "hid with Christ in God." They have their feet planted on the Rock and the Word "hidden in their hearts." Every act of service is an act of worship. All questions of conduct are settled only after checking the Christian's yardstick of "what would Jesus do?" These people seek not their own exaltation but earnestly desire to glorify God. Their motto is "I must do that because I belong to God." or "I cannot do that because I belong to God." What churches our Free Will Baptist churches would be if their members understood and practiced this kind of stewardship! Such a stewardship of consecrated personality would save our churches from the weakness and inefficiency caused by non-participation of members.

Preparation

If we are to develop a lasting stewardship of personality an effort at making the most of oneself must be put forth. Responsible as we are to surrender our personality to Christ, we are equally obligated to develop our potentialities to the greatest degree. The Christian is under obligation to God, to whom he belongs, to make the most of himself for Christ. He should cultivate his heart and mind so that he will become prepared and fruitful in *every good work*. No Christian has a right to remain wholly unqualified for service in the church. He should be willing to

qualify by preparation and study.

The church should provide the training for the members who want to qualify as better stewards of personality. She should be constantly training and fitting her members for various phases of work. Every member should have a specific task and be about preparing to do that task in the most efficient manner. "*Study to show yourself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*" is a challenge to each Christian to be constantly striving to better qualify in his field of service.

Surrendering Personality to Christ

We are to prepare ourselves through study to be the very best steward possible and then to definitely put ourselves into God's hands to be used of Him. This is the very thing that the Apostle Paul so highly commended the Corinthians for when he said, "*This they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord*" (2 Corinthians 8:5). The rule here is one that we should always be careful to observe, *the surrender of themselves preceded the surrender of their possessions*. Proverbs 11:24 teaches us that, "*There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.*" He who withholds his personality from God does so unto his own spiritual poverty. Proverbs 11:25 goes further to say, "*the liberal soul shall be made fat.*" He who freely gives, freely receives, means that he who surrenders his personality to God receives an abundance of God's grace of return. John F. Goucher says, "Spiritual poverty is the demonstration of spiritual indolence, of neglected opportunities, of sequestered or misused possessions, of defalcation in the exercise of stewardship."

If one would find the great secret of genuine stewardship living, he must surrender to Christ. When this secret is learned, stewardship in its every phase becomes easier. When one has first given self, he can then give substance with hilarity. We often use the misstatement, "Give until it hurts." Giving hurts only those who have never definitely given themselves wholly to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Each Christian is in reality an incarnation of Christ. This is what Paul meant when he referred to the community of believers as "*the Body of Christ.*" The very thought herein contained ought to make us humble before God. Spirit without body is vague, formless, ineffective. Body without spirit is helpless, unthinking, dead. So, with all reverence, we may think of the Spirit of Christ. He is the life of the church, yet He uses men through whom to express Himself. His disciples become living epistles. His church is a fellowship of men and its decisions and programs must be made by men. All the work of the church at home and abroad is done by men. Luther called Christian men "little Christs" and he was not irreverent. "So the grace of Christ becomes personalized in His followers. As their hands serve and save, He is serving and saving. His compassion flows through their compassion. He is working miracles of mercy every day, every hour, through them. His lips speak through the lips of every witnessing Christian. He persuades, invites, warns, encourages, forgives, lives among us in those who love Him. True, it is a dim and marred reflection of His grace that our neighbors can see in us, yet it ought to be that they can say with positive conviction, 'He has been with Jesus and learned of Him.'" (*Graceful Giving*, pp 25, 26, Amos John Traver.)

IDEAS

FOR YOUR PROGRAM

The third quarter, 1972 Program Packet includes all the materials you will need to carry out the suggested ideas for each months program.

July/Empowered

This months program was written by Helen Sanders who with her husband Luther, and daughter Brenda, pioneered the Free Will Baptist work in Hawaii.

Poster—An outline map of the island of Oahu, pinpointing Waipahu, where the Free Will Baptist church is located, plus a small picture of the Sanders family, may be used to make a stand-up poster. Add a vase of flowers and tropical fruits to provide an interest center. A Bible or "dove" will emphasize the program title.

Facts Sheet/Hawaii—Furnishes information concerning the beginning of the work in Hawaii.

Special Feature—"The Flower Lei," is a reading showing the lei as a symbol of God's message to the people of Hawaii. Have the song "He Lives on High" played softly as someone gives the reading.

Invitations—Fold a piece of writing paper. On the outside in large colorful letters write the word ALOHA. Inside pen a warm invitation to the Auxiliary meeting.

Leis—Instructions for making paper leis are in the packet. You may want to make a small one for each member and attach a prayer request. Or, you may write requests on small outline maps of Oahu.

August/Cultivate the Soil

Interest Center—Have a display of

different seeds and the flower or fruit it produces. Have a caption on the table: ARE YOU AS FRUITFUL?

Prayer Reminders—Glue a small seed on each card and print or type: "Faith as a Grain of Mustard Seed . . ." List prayer requests.

Special Feature—"Bible Math," is an interesting exercise which will involve the members in discussion concerning a fruitful Christian. Two mathematical terms are mentioned in the Scriptures which total a fruitful Christian.

September/The Stewardship of Personality

Interest Center—Cover a table with a colorful piece of cloth. Place on it several containers of perfume and a placard with the inscription:

PERSONALITY IS POTENT . . .
LIKE PERFUME

Special Feature—"I Just Couldn't Sing This Hymn—Take My Life and Let It Be." This clever monolog emphasizes the program theme.

Questionnaire—"How Does Your Auxiliary Rate?" Emphasizes the importance of good leadership, well planned programs, room appearance, and friendliness. How do first-time visitors rate your Auxiliary's personality? Will they want to come back?

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
PROGRAM PACKET
Third Quarter, 1972

Contains materials and suggestions for
July, August, September programs.
Order from WNAC

Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Inclose .75¢ plus 20¢ postage



Summer is the time for a PRAYER RETREAT

A prayer retreat is a special experience. It is a time of worship, of sharing, and of learning more about God and His purpose for individuals.

If you sometimes realize that you are just half the Christian you would like to be; if you are disturbed because you feel that your Christian witness is ineffective; if you wonder what the Christian way of life has to do with everyday tasks, be assured that others feel the same way. We need something special in our lives that will enable us to rise above these doubts and frustrations.

Jesus had the answer. He often went off alone to pray; at other times He invited his friends: "Come with me, . . . to some lonely place where you can rest quietly" (Mark 6:31 NEB).

A prayer retreat offers an opportunity to do this. It is a time of silence, meditation, confession, praise, dialogue with others, and dialogue with God. It is an opportunity for self-renewal in the experience of real prayer.

Your Auxiliary can have a prayer retreat for members only. Or you may want to invite prospects for your Auxiliary.

Place

A prayer retreat is more effective if it is held in a quiet place as free of noise and distractions as possible. An out-of-doors location away from city or town would be best. However, a retreat may be held in a church, home, college, or even hotel.

Time

A prayer retreat may be one day, two days, or longer. It may have to be limited to a few hours. Suit the time factors to your group.

Preparation

The prayer chairman should lead the executive committee in planning for the retreat. This means selecting a place, setting the time, arranging for transportation and meals, selecting a leader, and planning for worship.

Publicity and Music

Every Woman's Auxiliary member should be informed about the date, place, and purpose of the retreat. Ask every member to bring her Bible. A music director should be appointed.

Leader

One person should be designated as the leader. She can ask others to assist in Bible study, prayer periods, sharing of prayer experiences, reading, and music. The leader's role is not to preside, but to guide.

Suggested Schedule

The time allotted for the retreat should be structured so there will be no feeling of hurry. The following schedule is from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is in no way suggesting such a limited time. The schedule gives a pattern which

can be used with adaptations for each session. In a retreat lasting two days or more, the periods in this suggested schedule should be shortened. The closing worship and dedication service should be held for the close of the retreat.

- 9:30—9:45 Opening worship
- 9:45—10:15 Bible Study
- 10:15—10:30 Prayer
- 10:30—10:45 Individual meditation
- 10:45—11:00 Testimonies
- 11:00—11:30 Group discussion
- 11:30—12:00 Discussion reports
- 12:00—12:30 Directed prayer and meditation (for problems and requests presented by the discussion groups)
- 12:30 Lunch

Opening Worship

This is group worship. Sharing experiences deepens meanings. This period depends upon and paves the way to individual meditation. Worship through hymn singing, praying, reading responsively, and sharing prayer requests.

Bible Study

You may ask someone to lead a Bible study. A study on the subject of prayer, commitment, the Holy Spirit, missions, or thanksgiving would be stimulating and meaningful.

Prayer Time

This prayer time suggests both the inward and the outward look. Each participant will consider her own spiritual need and will intercede for others in her own community, nation, and world.

Individual Meditation

Being alone with God is necessary for a deeper and growing devotional life.

Aids for this service include the Bible, hymnals, poetry, devotional books, and the *Co-Laborer*.

Testimonies

This period is an audible sharing of personal experiences in the Christian life. It is reviewing the work of God in individual lives, in families, in the church, and in our missions effort around the world.

Group Discussion

Designate a leader for each group with no more than five to a group. All groups may discuss the same topic or a different one. Allow at least twenty-five minutes for discussion. Urge leaders to encourage all girls to participate freely in the discussion.

Directed Prayer and Meditation

This period provides an opportunity to concentrate in prayer on the problems presented and the requests made in the discussion groups.

Closing Worship and Dedication Service

This can be a time of sharing thoughts about the most meaningful experiences of the retreat and new commitments made. The leader should create an atmosphere of freedom and acceptance. Closing worship might include directed prayer for some of the following concerns:

Deepened gratitude for God's blessings daily

More effective Christian witnessing both by life example and in word

A more genuine concern for community, national, and world problems—especially spiritual needs

Faithfulness in prayer for missionaries who proclaim the Gospel around the world.

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ANNUAL MEETING

YOU WILL want to be a part of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention when it meets July 10-11, 1972, in the Convention Center, Forth Worth, Texas.

The stirring theme and watchword will be, "Proclaim His Name . . . Unto Every Nation, and Kindred, and Tongue, and People."

The keynote message will be brought by Don Robirds, former missionary to Brazil, and present director of communications, Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department.

Other speakers include Barbara Haas, France; Julie Barron, Mexico; and Vickie Straughan (who has been called the Carrie Nation of Moore, Oklahoma). Trula Cronk, India, will speak at the annual fellowship dinner on Monday night in the Convention Center.

Numerous returned missionaries will bring greetings; a choral arrangement of the convention theme will be given by Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Oklahoma; and of course there will be inspiring music and singing under the direction of Rev. Everett Hellard, Texas.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Monday	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	Executive Room, Sheraton Hotel
1:00 p.m.	State Presidents, Field Workers, WNAC Executive Committee
	Shorthorn Room, Sheraton Hotel
1:00 p.m.	Registration—Convention Center
5:00 p.m.	WNAC Fellowship Dinner
	Trula Cronk, speaker
	Convention Center
Tuesday	
9:00 a.m.	Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
	Convention Center Auditorium

Will Your Auxiliary Be Represented?

Each local Auxiliary in good standing with its representing higher body (district or state) has the privilege of sending a delegate to this convention by paying a representation fee of \$3.00. She will pay the fee when she registers at the booth.

Make sure your Auxiliary is represented at this convention with a delegate who will be able to give you first-hand information of the WNAC activities and reports when she returns.

Reminder to Secretaries and Treasurers

State recording secretaries and state treasurers should send in their annual reports and dues before the first of July if they wish them included in the report to the national convention.

Send treasurer's reports and annual membership dues (75¢ per active member) by June 20th to:

Mrs. Cleo Pursell
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Send secretary's reports to:

Mrs. Zetta Rose
1910 S. 109 E. Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128

MESSAGE FROM WNAC'S PRESIDENT

Clara Picirilli

We are trusting God for great things to happen in Forth Worth, Texas on July 10-11, 1972.

We are looking forward to fellowship with Christian friends as we meet together to praise and worship God, hear from our missionaries, as well as transact the Lord's business for WNAC.

I hope that you will begin making plans *now* to meet us in Forth Worth for this gathering of co-laborers for God.

*Special Note

Please make sure your state secretary sends to our WNAC recording (or executive) secretary the name of your state's member to serve on the nominating committee during the next two years. Also it is very important that you send to the secretary as complete a list as possible of the delegates from your state. We need these names *before* com-

mittees can be appointed to function at our convention—or any business transacted. It is impossible to keep accurate records if we are not careful to register each person correctly during our WNAC meeting.

Our annual fellowship dinner will be held on Monday evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Convention Center. Tickets for this special occasion may be obtained from the WNAC office. We hope that many auxiliaries will make it possible for all our missionaries in attendance to be able to attend the dinner by purchasing a ticket for one or more of the missionaries. You may also take care of this matter by contacting our WNAC office.

I am requesting that each of you pray sincerely concerning our convention and especially for each of our WNAC officers as final plans are made for our meeting together this year.

*You Are Invited
to attend the
W. N. A. C.
fellowship dinner
Monday July 10.
5:00 p.m.
Convention Center
Fort Worth, Texas*

Our speaker this year will be our beloved missionary, Trula Cronk, who with her husband, Dan, have spent many years in missionary service in North India.

All banquets have been reserved for a certain number of people. To avoid disappointment, you are urged to order tickets early. No tickets will be mailed out or reserved without payment. Refunds are available through July 1, 1972. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request for tickets.

The dinner is open to both men and women and tickets are \$4.50 each (including tax and gratuity).

**—RESERVATION FORM—
WNAC FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Clip and mail to WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202
Date _____

I would like to reserve _____ tickets for the WNAC Fellowship Dinner to be held in the Convention Center, Fort Worth, Texas on Monday, July 10, 1972 at 5:00 p.m.

Inclosed is \$_____ for payment in full. Please mail tickets to me.

I wish to purchase tickets for missionaries indicated below:

Name _____

Street Number _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

WNAC STUDENT LOAN FUND HELPS STUDENTS

by Thurman Pate

SHORTLY before my graduation from Free Will Baptist Bible College, I found that I was in need of a small sum of money to finish my school bill. It was suggested to me that I stop by the WNAC office to see if there was any money available for a loan that late in the school year. I did and there was, and my loan was arranged quickly and efficiently. This enabled me to graduate without financial worry during those last critical weeks. There are many advantages to a WNAC loan, as I discovered.

The loan is not due to be repaid until after the borrower is out of school. This was especially important to me because I continued my education at another school.

The rate of interest is very low. I had to pay a rate of only about half that from a conventional source such as a bank loan.

The loan is repayable at the convenience of the borrower. This is helpful to the borrower but not to prospective borrowers. It was so easy to keep delaying on the repayment because the only reminder I received was a semi-annual voucher from the auditor. I am told that I paid my loan back much faster than most. If that is true, I can understand why the loan fund runs low.

This fund is one of the few loan sources for Free Will Baptist Bible College students. Government funds are no longer available to the students. Also the banks are very hesitant about loaning money to college students, especially those from out of town, or those attending out of town.

It was easier paying interest on the loan knowing it would mean more money to loan to other students, not more money in some businessman's pocket.

This loan fund which has helped many Free Will Baptist students is now low. As one that has benefited from it, I would like to encourage each who still owe on a loan to repay it as soon as possible. Donations from others are also needed. Let us as Free Will Baptists work and give to have the funds available when a student needs a loan.

WNAC'S LENIENT LOAN POLICY

by Cleo Pursell

WNAC has a very *lenient* student loan policy. Students who have completed one year at the Free Will Baptist Bible College are eligible to apply for a loan.

The borrower does not have to begin repayment on his loan until 30 days after he graduates, withdraws, or is expelled from school. This usually means at least three years elapse before he begins repayment.

In the event he furthers his schooling, payment is deferred another

four or five years. This makes a total of seven or eight years.

If, because of illness or lack of income, the borrower is unable to make his payments, he is obligated to notify WNAC monthly and resume the payments as soon as possible.

Interest

Interest of only 4% begins one year from the date the loan is granted and is

to be paid annually on or before the 30 of May. Since 1969 WNAC has notified the borrower annually of this obligation, (this notice is in addition to the annual notice WNAC prepares for the auditor to send out). This year a third reminder was sent out.

Lenient? Yes. But after all this is the purpose of the Memorial Student Loan Fund—to help needy and worthy students in the completion of their Christian education at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Repayment

Since 1958, members of the WNAC have invested more than \$50,000 in the student loan fund. Less than 10% of those obtaining loans have failed in their obligations to repay. It is true that some have taken advantage of this leniency and have been careless about repayment. A few have had justifiable reasons for non-repayment. But the 90% who have met their obligations promptly, appreciate WNAC's *lenient* loan policy.

YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING . . .

Brenda Spruill

"I have just recently been elected as a member-at-large in my state. I do not find any duties listed for me. What do I do?"

This position of member-at-large is new to Woman's Auxiliary. It was felt that members such as you should be included on the executive committee to help with the planning of the state's work. Just because you have not been given any specific duties, do not think you are unnecessary. In fact, you have a greater responsibility for you are to promote and encourage the total program of your state. You are also to be available for any work the state president may ask you to do, such as head the registration committee or conduct a workshop in your area. Your ideas and suggestions are invaluable to the executive committee!

"I am the field worker for my district. Can you give me any suggestions to help me carry out my duties?"

You, as a field worker, have a most exciting job, I speak from experience! You can expect warm response and enthusiasm from the women of your area if you go to them with the same warmth and enthusiasm.

Look at your duties again in the manual. Your success in the office will depend on your availability and interest in the auxiliaries around you. Be able to answer their questions or give suggestions. Special letters to the auxiliaries will go a long way in reminding them of a project or encouraging new enlistment efforts. Volunteer to visit the local auxiliaries and take a few minutes to explain the district and state work. The key word to our office is ENTHUSIASM. Let me hear from you again as to how your work is progressing.

"ENOUGH TUPPERWARE TO LAST UNTIL THE SECOND COMING"



*Brenda Spruill, WNAC field worker, and
Iva Hunter, secretary, inventory Tupper-
ware received recently.*

These are the words of missionary Fred Hersey as he surveyed the large stock of Tupperware in the missionary provision closet.

Almost every day brings additional supplies of Tupperware. Our women have been generous in sending this useful commodity for use by our missionaries and at the present time most missionary families are well stocked. Therefore we ask that you please consider sending other needed items. Some of these are:

bedspreads—both full and twin size
mattress and pillow covers—all sizes
Melmac—service for 8 or 12
stainless steel flatwear—service for 8
or 12

steam irons
colored sheets—full and twin size
flat and fitted
wash clothes—heavy
money for new storage cabinets

The missionary provision closet is in need of storage cabinets as it must soon expand. Additional space in the warehouse is now available. Any contribution towards this expense will be greatly appreciated.

NEED A PROJECT?

The Free Will Baptist National Offices need approximately \$2,500 to furnish the lounge and conference room. Major items include a conference table, 12 swivel chairs, a desk and chair.

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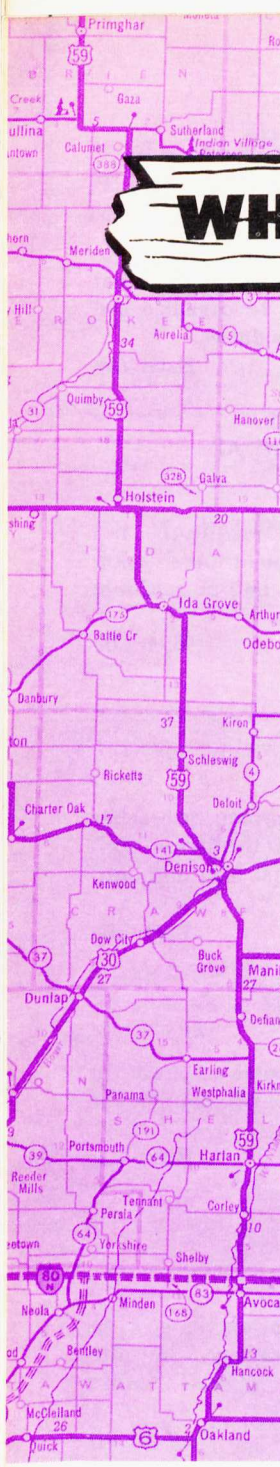
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