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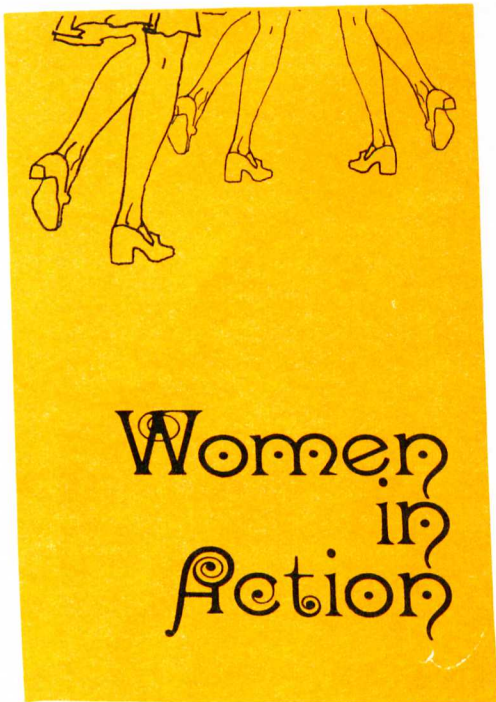
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Will Baptist Church.

President June Rolan addressed the convention. Other speakers shared program, prayer, and project ideas for each month. The theme was carried out in the luncheon with each woman seated at the table decorated for the month of her birth.

The Talking Bible

Mrs. Larue Calhoun, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, Moultrie, Georgia, presented Lucille Houston a set of stereo records of the New Testament. Mrs. Houston, a blind widow, has asked that at her death the album be returned to the Auxiliary to be loaned to some other needy person.

Members (left to right) front row, Bea Coley, Juttie Dalton, Lucille Houston, Larue Calhoun. Second row, Lucy Lowery, Alberta Elrod, Clara Lasseter, Geneva Dalton, Veta Davis, Janie Croft, Mary Alice Tyree, Betty Fowler, Bernice Boyd. Third row, Jolen Lasseter, Margaret Davis, Verneree Eunice, Lou Annie Croft, Rosa Lee Lewis, Jewell Harby, Jo Perkins, Margaret Smith, and Carmen Osborn.

TALKING BIBLE—Presented by Moultrie, Georgia Auxiliary to Mrs. Lucille Houston.

Georgia District

"Open My Eyes," was the theme of the Midway District Woman's Auxiliary workshop held in April in the Patmos Free Will Baptist Church. Reverend Melvin Worthington delivered the morning message. Anne Worthington, Gloria Henley, Gloria Beven and Earnestine Roebuck spoke on relevant issues such as "The Occult," "Jehovah's Witnesses," "The Mormons," and "Communism."

California District

The women of Center District Woman's Auxiliary chose "Proclaim His Name in Every Season," as the theme for their meeting held in the Selma Free





CALIFORNIA STATE MEETING: Left to right, Goldie Priest, Mary Kelton, president; and Connie Dameron.

Silver Anniversary

California Woman's Auxiliary observed their 25th session, April 7, 1973, in the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Fresno.

A highlight of the day was a stroll down memory lane by Wanda Rogers. Past presidents were presented awards by three young ladies dressed in the costumes of the decades in which each president had served. Brenda Spruill, WNAC field worker spoke.

Winnie McLain installed the officers as follows: June Rolan, president; Mrs. Oscar Wright, vice president; Sandi Jones, secretary; Margaret Gribble, treasurer, and Donna Wade, field worker.

Alabama Convention

The Alabama Woman's Auxiliary Convention met May 5, in Dothan First Free Will Baptist Church, with president Alice Hood presiding.

Speakers included Larry Russell, home missionary, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Brenda Spruill, national field worker. Registration was 123.



ALABAMA STATE AUXILIARY presents Larry Russell with a check for \$500 to purchase church bus.

Queen for a day

The Reverend Glenn Hood, pastor of the West Side Free Will Baptist Church, Midland, Texas, crowned Mrs. Kenneth Fincher *Queen for a Day* at the Woman's Auxiliary meeting in May. She was presented with a scepter, a trophy and a yellow rose corsage.

QUEEN FOR A DAY—Reverend Glenn Hood, pastor of West Side Church, Midland, Texas crowned Mrs. Kenneth Fincher at Woman's Auxiliary meeting in May.



Missionary Shower

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of Parrish, Alabama, held a shower for the missionary provision closet during their pre-Easter week of prayer. Members shown, left to right, Billie Kilpatrick, Audie Romine, Flora Goodwin, pastor A.J. Lambert, Annie Lambert, Talese Carroll, Debra Uptain, and Gladys Goodwin.

Auxiliary Re-organized

The Woman's Auxiliary of Opelika, Alabama was re-organized with the following officers: Marcel Lynn, president; Martha Caswell, vice-president; Bessie Stitt, program chairman, Alma Hale, secretary-treasurer.

OFFICERS INSTALLED. Kathleen Champion installs officers of the Opelika, Alabama, Woman's Auxiliary.

Illinois State Convention

Love in Action was the theme for the Illinois Auxiliary convention when convened in the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, May 10. Betty Hampleman, president presided.

Darlene Melvin spoke on *Coffee Pot Evangelism* and the executive committee presented a playlet. Vivian Dunning brought devotions.

Alabama District

The Progressive District Woman's Auxiliary met at the Russellville Church in March. Anita Sparks, missionary to the Ivory Coast spoke. A special offering was received for the Kulango New Testament translation.

Officers shown with Anita are, left to right, Lovie Jagers, Barbara Fletcher, Elree Randolph, Betty Capps, and Glenda Suggs.

ALABAMA PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT



Illinois District

The Loyal Workers District Auxiliary met in April in the Ina Free Will Baptist Church. The afternoon devotions were presented in the form of a skit by Mrs. Adams and her daughter Trina. Peggy Clyatt is president. WNAC field worker, Brenda Spruill, spoke.

Cahaba River District

The Cahaba River District Auxiliary met in April in the Center Point, Alabama, Free Will Baptist Church, with president Alice Hood in charge.

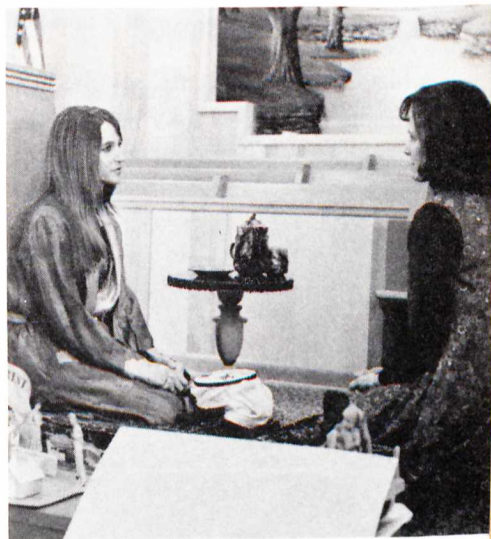
Trula Cronk, missionary to India, was the speaker. She was presented with a money tree of \$206 for personal needs and \$270 for the Cronks account. The convention gave more than \$1,100 to missions this year.

MISSIONARY SHOWER. Members of the Woman's Auxiliary, Parrish, Alabama, shown with gifts for the shower for missionary provision closet.



TRULA CRONK receives money tree from Cahaba River, Alabama District.

DEVOTIONS were presented in the form of a skit at the Loyal Workers District Auxiliary, Ina, Illinois. Shown are Mrs. Adams and daughter, Trina.



PRAYER GROUPS

Gladys Sloan



OCTOBER

PERSONAL WITNESSING

"He that winneth souls is wise"
(Proverbs 11:30). "I took my children



to church one time. They started fighting and cursing. This embarrassed me so that I have never taken them to church again." This was an excuse used by one mother we visited on one Tuesday morning during our visitation program.

Our Auxiliary women go on visitation each Tuesday morning. We meet at the church, have prayer, get our assignments, and go out two by two. Since partially retiring from the Foreign Missions Department, I find great joy in visiting homes and hospitals. There have also been many times that my heart has ached for such people as mentioned above. This was a home where there are a number of children. I wish this mother had been embarrassed enough to have taken her children home and taught them a better way.

We left that home heavy hearted.

Following this incident, on that same Tuesday, we went to another home in which we had previously been told that we might be invited in to the home. The lady came to the door when we knocked. We introduced ourselves and gave our reason for calling. She hesitantly answered our questions but did not ask us to come in.

It happened to be a lovely day. There was some porch furniture on her porch so we invited her out. She came, and after talking with her for a few moments, I saw tears begin trickling down her cheeks. We asked if she would like for us to pray with her. After prayer seemingly, there was a load lifted from this dear woman. We told her that we loved her and offered our help at any time she might need it.

It is a thrill to go into a home and lead its members to know Christ as Saviour. *"Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth"* (Luke 15:7).

It is exciting to see some one you have visited come into the church building on Sunday morning. Then to see them come to the altar when the invitations is extended. One can hardly contain the joy that fills the heart.

1. Pray that our women will get excited about witnessing to the lost.
2. Pray that at the National Convention next year there will be reported a great number of souls saved during the year.
3. Pray that soul winning will be our strongest point and not our weakest.
4. Pray for this dear mother with all the small children. Pray that she may be saved and bring her children to Sunday school and church.
5. Pray that more groups for visitation will be organized.
6. Pray for all the groups that do go out witnessing.

NOVEMBER

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Praise the Lord for the way He has blessed the Home Missions Department for the past several years under the directorship of Reverend Homer Willis. Mr. Willis will be greatly missed in that department.

Reverend Bob Shockey who replaced Mr. Willis will do his very best to continue this great work.

November is a busy month for Home Missions. New missionary appointees on itinerate at this time are Karl and Gladys Smith, Gary and Faith Watson, Linda Green. John Hollis and his wife Vickie are working in Illinois in a state and national joint project.

Several state associations will be meeting during the month of November. Reverend Roy Thomas will be speaking in Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Ashland City, Tennessee on National Home Missions on Sunday November 18.

The Larry Russells are now working in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

1. Pray for Mr. Shockey. There are many details involved in directing a missions department.
2. Pray for the National Home Mission Board Meeting which is scheduled for November 12-15.
3. Pray for Home Missions Emphasis activity week November 12-18.
4. Pray that Home Missions Sunday, November 18, will be a big success.
5. Pray for Roy Thomas as he speaks on Home Missions Sunday.
6. Mr. Shockey, Roy Thomas and E.B. Ledlow will be promoting National Home Missions in a number of states during the month of November. Pray for them.

DECEMBER

STATE HOME MISSIONS

How these months do fly by. We are in the month of December again. Where did the past eleven months go? What have we done in the past eleven months for the Lord? Shall we take inventory for our accomplishments for the past eleven months? We praise the Lord for those things that have been done for Him.

We will soon be facing a new year with its new challenges, new opportunities, and its new problems. Pray that the Lord will give us a new vision, new strength and zeal to do that which He has for us in the coming year. December is a month of happiness. The month that has been set aside for the purpose of commemorating our Saviour's birth.

December is State Home Missions month in many areas. When thinking of gifts please do not forget one for state Missions.

1. Pray for the Foreign Missions Board Meeting December 10-14.
2. Pray for missionary kids. They are out of school for the holidays and many are away from parents.
3. Pray for the Howard Filkins family. This is their first year as active dorm parents at the school in Africa.
4. Pray for the Jerry Pinkertons who are spending their first Christmas in Africa.
5. Pray for the Don Sextons. They have finished language school and getting settled in their work in France.
6. Pray for Anita Sparks. She has been many months in setting type for the Koulango New Testament while on itinerate.

7. Pray for all National Home missionaries and Church Extension workers.
8. Pray for new missionary appointees.
9. Pray for State Association meetings this month.
10. Pray for Larry Powells in Puerto Rico.
11. Pray for John and Vickie Hollis in Illinois.
12. Pray for WNAC's Pre-Thanksgiving Season of Prayer and offering for Home Missions, November 12-16.



MISSIONARY PROVISION CLOSET NEEDS

Sheets (double and twin, colored)

*Giant Tupperware cannisters

*Tupperware glasses (all sizes)

*Tupperware cake takers

*Bedspreads (double and twin)

Blenders

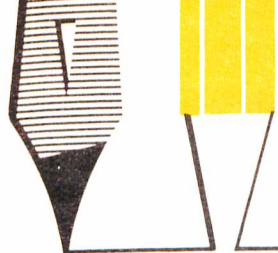
Flatware (stainless steel)

Layettes (no blankets needed)

We have an ample supply of steam irons and quilts at the present time.

*Most needed





Co-Laborers Write

This check is for WNAC debt. We pray that many more Auxiliaries will respond to this need. One of our Auxiliaries has voted to start supporting through the Co-Laborer offering plan. We appreciate very much the work you are doing at the Nashville offices.

*Judy Reed, Treasurer
Beckley Conference
West, Virginia*

Thank you very much!

Editor

The Woman's Auxiliary of Morrison City Free Will Baptist Church enjoys the monthly lessons in *Co-Laborer* very much. Keep the good work going.

*Mrs. Hargus Griffie
Kingsport, Tennessee*

"Try it, you'll like it," and that's just what we did.

A retreat in the beautiful pine country of East Texas, on March 30-31st.

With the very capable help and direction of Mrs. Zetta Rose and three lovely women from Tulsa, Oklahoma, as her co-laborers, we who attended thoroughly enjoyed the week end of fun, fellowship and spiritual renewal. It really gave us a boost which we took back to our respective churches, and hopefully we can put into action some

of the benefits received.

Our very own state president, Mrs. Asa Berry is to be commended for her endeavors, prayers, and most gracious manner in which she conducted the entire program.

These blessings were just too good to keep, had to share them with you and others.

*Mary Feath
Denison, Texas*

I would like a standing order for the program packets for a year. Our women at Rocky Pass Church thoroughly enjoy the programs and the news of other Auxiliaries and what they are doing for missions and other departments in our churches.

We should really thank God for our writers and others that work so faithful to make our *Co-Laborer*.

*Mrs. Gwendolyn Allen
Nebo, N.C.*

We here at New Prospect enjoy our *Co-Laborer*, and we thank God for all those that have a part in putting it together.

Pray for our women that they will become more involved in our Auxiliary work for God, and for me as program chairman, that I may help make our lessons even more interesting.

*Mrs. Blanch Poston
Johnsonville, S.C.*

Our Auxiliary at the First Free Will Baptist Church would like to order 7 additional copies of *Co-Laborer*. Our Auxiliary has been growing for the last few months. The *Co-Laborer* has been a real blessing to each of our ladies and also to the patients at our local hospital. When we finish with our books we have our study chairman take them there

Mary Ann Smith
Chester, S.C.

The Trinity Free Will Baptist Auxiliary is working to help the children's dormitory in the Ivory Coast. We have sent \$2.00 per member to the state project, \$100 to help on stoves and refrigerator, and \$50 to help build the dorm. We have made two quilts and are having a linen shower for the provision closet.

We really enjoy the programs and articles in the *Co-Laborer*.

Frances Stepp
Muskogee, Oklahoma

Please increase our *Co-Laborer* subscription by six more copies. We have several young ladies in our church that are attending Woman's Auxiliary now Many women of the church who do not attend Woman's Auxiliary are very good in helping in various projects.

Mrs. Hoover Lewis
Batesville, Arkansas

We appreciate all you ladies are doing for us at WNAC, and the *Co-Laborers* get better all the time.

Betty Henderson
Brunswick, Georgia

Please rush us the Idea Packet

. . . The *Co-Laborer* has been the most inspirational ever!

Tressa Moore
Waycross, Georgia

We just received our *Co-Laborer* and as usual I sat down and read most of it. I enjoy it so much We appreciate our ladies and what they are doing for missions (home and foreign). In the year we've been in Emporia, we have heard from so many of the Auxiliaries across the nation. We do praise the Lord for each one. We're so thankful for the provision closet.

The Bobby Clyatts
Emporia, Kansas

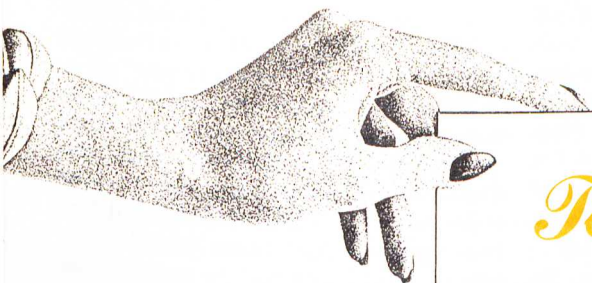
Sorry we were late sending this offering to the general fund to help get our women out of the red. We enjoy the *Co-Laborer* magazine very much. The lessons are very interesting as well as other information in the book.

Edith Waters
Plymouth, N.C.

The Lord has richly blessed us this past year We received a total of \$1,179.71 in our treasure and used it for various projects and offerings. We also bought audio visual equipment for our church, which we have used to show films to help our church be more mission minded.

The ladies of our Auxiliary asked that I write to express our appreciation to you for the *Co-Laborer*. I often hear them comment of how they enjoy the programs and articles, and how they are an inspiration and a challenge to all of us.

Mrs. Ted R. Reynolds
Caroleen, N.C.



To Serve... *To Be Served*

Purpose: *To discover what Christ intended women to be and do.*

See Program Help Packet

Song: "Help Somebody Today"

Special Music: "Our Best"

Scripture: "Just as the Son of Man has not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life to set many others free"

Matthew 20:28 (Phillips).

In this day of the liberated woman, it is interesting to note that woman was created to be a help meet. Examination of that word reveals in its meaning, the idea of service. Eve was not created to be the pampered darling of her mate, Adam; but rather, she was created to stand beside him, toiling with him, relieving him of many duties, performing many tasks independently, complementing the work of the man. Many women, very conveniently, use the term "help meet" to relieve themselves of the responsibility of taking any initiative in service. However, the scripture quoted above points out very vividly, the responsibility of service on the part of every Christian. If Christ, Son of Al-

mighty God, Creator of the universe, and Saviour of the world, who possessed all the power and wealth of heaven and earth, came to serve and not to be served, how much more should each Christian realize his responsibility in service!

Service is vital for Christian growth. The Bible admonished believers to grow; service is the exercise which helps to develop the spiritual body. Just as one's physical body becomes soft and flabby and useless without exercise, the spiritual body becomes dull, flabby, and useless without the stimulating exercise of christian service.

Certainly, the importance of service can be readily seen. The problem comes, perhaps, in the definition and the doing. What is *service*? The catch phrase of this day is "I'd be glad to help, but what can I do?" The following sections will endeavor to point out specific areas of service... specific tasks from grand glorious limelights to the menial and mundane. Areas of concentration will be 1) service in the home, 2) service in the church, and 3) service in the community.

IN THE HOME

These are days of substitutes. We have artificial flowers, artificial sweeteners, artificial hairpieces, and artificial eyelashes. It is sad to note that we have also developed artificiality in hospitality. It is easier to take the guest out to eat than to prepare a meal for him at home. Very firm and convincing arguments can be given in favor of this practice. "I can enjoy the visit too." "There won't be all those dishes to wash." The arguments are true; but women, in exchange for convenience and less bother, give up the closeness and intimacy of fellowship at home. Conversation in a restaurant is different from conversation in the home; and the blessing of the presence of the man or woman of God often is lost in favor of less bother.

Adequate preparation in advance will enable the woman to enjoy the visit as well. Mary sat at Jesus' feet while Martha fretted and fussed about. Mary was not lazy; she had helped Martha all day, and now that the guest was present, she was ready for that "better part." Jesus was not reprimanding Martha for the serving, but rather for letting it interfere with her worship.

In Romans the twelfth chapter, Paul illustrated the importance of hospitality by listing it along with brotherly love, giving to the saints, prayer, and patience. Hospitality is defined as, "*a kind and generous reception of guests and strangers; or receiving and entertaining guests and strangers.*" It involves receiving others into the *home* . . . taking the preacher out to eat is not hospitality.

The home is an excellent field of service. Many such fields offer no visible rewards; but there is a unique satisfaction in preparing a delicious meal, set-

ting a beautiful table and collecting the compliments from an appreciative guest.

IN THE CHURCH

Times have changed and churches have changed. If possible, there are even more opportunities for service within the church than ever before. Consider the jobs which are now available but were not 100 years ago. Yesterday Uncle Zeke blew the note on a pitch pipe and the congregation began to sing. Today the Minister of Music nods to the pianist who nods to the organists who hits the chords and the choir begins to sing; the congregation joins in after checking the number of the bulletin. There, in that simple process, are several opportunities for service. Someone must provide music; someone must sing in the choir. Someone must type the bulletin (not to mention the other mountain of correspondence and records); and someone must arrange the hymnals in the racks so that they will be available for the congregation and choir. Within the church building itself are numerous opportunities for service. The furniture must be dusted and waxed; the carpet must be vacuumed. The nursery must be attended and cleaned (including the laundering of linen). The kitchen must be cleaned and towels and tea towels must be laundered. Bulletin boards must be arranged and decorated. Certainly, many of the tasks are menial and unrewarding as far as praise, but they are important nevertheless.

Within the church also should be mentioned the welcoming of visitors and strangers who attend the services. One woman at a church in the midwest was never in the foreground. She could not sing; she did not have a fantastic testimony. But she had a genuine interest in and concern for people. She never let a visitor leave without his having been

welcomed to the service and invited to attend again. Her task was just as important as any other, for many times visitors leave a church without ever having been noticed by the members.

By emphasizing these lesser-known tasks, we certainly should not overlook the well-known positions of leadership and service, for their importance should never be minimized; but enough evidence has been presented to negate the statement, "Well, there's just nothing I can do."

IN THE COMMUNITY

Christ said to go into all the world with the Gospel. Some respond to His call in foreign service; some serve on the mission fields in America. Others fold their hands and say, "Lord, bless the missionaries," never realizing that they too have a field of service. The community is a mission field; all around are souls in need. Certainly, many are unsaved and need the Gospel. Visitation and soul winning are important; but a ministry of service is needed as well . . . a ministry which can be handled by women. Within every church, there are many who are old and sick, deprived of the opportunity for regular church attendance. There are always the unexpected tragedies of death and illness. A woman of God will feel the need to go and serve in these situations. This is the day of the phone call, the card in mail . . . showing a thought, but not replacing the personal contact. Keith Kennemer, Sunday School evangelist, gave an illustration which could apply here although he used it in reference to soul winning and visiting Sunday School members. He said that the love of God cannot be put on a six-cent postcard or in a potted plant. God's love is a love which goes personally to one in need.

At a time of need, a death or sickness, it is easier to send flowers and a card than to go personally. We say, "I never know what to say in that situation." Have you asked God to direct your thoughts and words as you speak words of comfort and solace? Emily Post in her rules of etiquette, says that the "proper" thing to do at a time of death is to go to the home. Words of comfort may not come easily but there are few women who cannot run a vacuum sweeper, wash a sinkful of dishes, or put a load of laundry in the washer. Death usually comes unannounced and the situation may find an uncleaned house, unwashed dishes, and unwashed clothes. There is much more to be done than simply offering a few kind words. After the shock of death, the broken family may not remember the words; but they never forget the kindness of friends. Just the simple act of going . . . though you may do no more than take food . . . gives a sense of satisfaction and expresses love and concern for your neighbor in need.

The hands of a woman are shaped for service; the heart of a woman is tuned to the pleas of the helpless and needy; the eyes of a woman are prepared to shed tears of compassion with her neighbor. A woman is a helpmeet . . . and individual with a job to do.

SERVICE

Three things the Master asks for us;
And we who serve Him here below
And long to see His kingdom come
May pray, or give, or go.

He needs them all . . . the open hand,
The willing feet, the praying heart,
To work together and to weave
A threefold cord that shall not part.

Author Unknown

November Program
Cleo Pursell

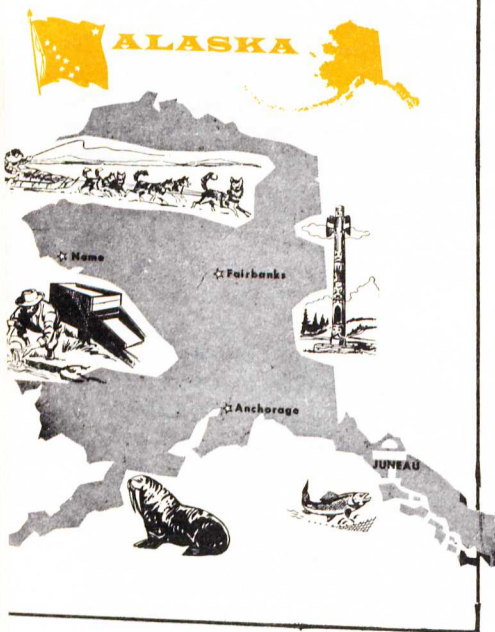
America's Last Frontier

Purpose: To arouse concern for a long neglected mission field.

Song: "O For a Thousand Tongues"

Scripture: Revelation 14:6b

See Program Help Packet



To Program Leader: Plan the program as a guided tour of mission points in Alaska. The "tour guide" may wear a tailored skirt and blouse such as a stewardess might wear. Lightweight parkas have been popular among young people; you may be able to borrow some for those on the program to wear. For illusion, place chairs like seats on an airplane and provide other atmosphere to suggest a plane ride.

Tour Guide: Good morning, ladies. I am your tour guide, _____ (name _____). Welcome aboard our Woman's Auxiliary Airliner. We have just taken off on the first leg of our travel tour to acquaint you with the only real frontierland left in the United States. Haven't you often yearned to visit a land where the spirit of adventure still abounds? Where summer temperatures are sometimes in the nineties and plunge seventy below zero in the dark long nights of winter? Where strawberries grow to the size of golf balls and cabbages to 60 pounds or more?

Our destination is Alaska. This 49th state is unique in many ways: It is the largest in size, over twice as large as Texas, and yet has the smallest population. It is the farthest North, the farthest West, and also the farthest East, for part of the Aleutian Islands actually extends into the eastern hemisphere. It is so mountainous that many villages and towns cannot be reached except by air. Contrasts in scenery make Alaska a fascinating place to visit.

But we are far more concerned with Alaska's people than we are the scenery. In 1959 when statehood was being celebrated, many proud Alaskans wore a badge with this message: "Bigger than Texas, better than California: Alaska, God's Country." This is the motive

behind our visit today—to see what Free Will Baptists are doing to make Alaska God's country.

This should be an enjoyable trip; you haven't had time to worry about what clothes to pack and what reservations to make. So just sit back and relax, and leave the "flying" to us.

We are fortunate to have with us on our tour several women who have firsthand knowledge of our work in Alaska. I would like for them to come and tell us what we can expect to see in the cities and villages where we have work.

First Speaker: Let me tell you first of Anchorage, the largest city in Alaska and the home of Free Will Baptist work.

In April, 1958, Lee and Ethel Whaley and their two sons, Vernon and Rodney, arrived in Anchorage as the first Free Will Baptist missionaries. Three weeks later they held their first service with 16 persons present and four nationalities represented. The family was housed in a two room efficiency with the basement serving as the chapel. Classes were formed and the beds in the apartment were the seats for the children.

There were many difficulties to combat as they faced a new field but God blessed. On April 29, 1959, the first Free Will Baptist Church was organized with 17 charter members. In May, property was purchased and the church began to make permanent headway. Carl and Ann Johnson arrived in Alaska in 1963. He later pastored the Anchorage church.

The present pastor is Donald Farris. He, his wife Wilda, and their three children went to Alaska approximately five years ago. Pastor Farris is a licensed pilot.

The church is located on International Airport Road in one of the best sections of the city. The property is

debt free and the present congregation is in the process of building a new church building.

Second Speaker: After our visit to the birthplace of Free Will Baptist work we'll move north to Fairbanks. (Point to location on map.)

The second Free Will Baptist missionaries to enter Alaska were Kirby Joe and Elizabeth Godwin. They held church services in their home until a hall could be rented. The church was organized in 1962 with 12 charter members but later died for lack of support.

The present church in Fairbanks was started by three preachers and their families who moved there approximately three years ago. They are Robert Epperson, Eldred Baker and Wayne Douthit.

The church is located at 7 Mile and Old Richardson Highway. They have paid for the building as it was built. The name of the church is Northern Lights Free Will Baptist Church. The churches in Alaska are 360 miles apart, so fellowship is always appreciated.

Miss Dixie Myers has worked in Fairbanks for several years. She is a Free Will Baptist missionary working with Wycliff Translators. Dixie is helping to print six epistles in the Upper Tanana Athapaskan dialect.

Third Speaker: Juneau, capital of Alaska, is the only southeastern coastal city on the mainland, and should have a Free Will Baptist Church.

The Godwins returned to Alaska in August, 1964, and attempted to begin a work in Juneau. They had a successful Bible Club in their home but were unable to secure a building for services until June, 1965. This work also languished for lack of support.

Alaska has proven to be a very hard field for missionary work. The weather is one of the real factors. Missionaries have often had health problems. Free

Will Baptists can be proud of the men and women who have worked and are working in Alaska.

Fourth Speaker: Bob and Shirley Carr and their family have recently moved to Fairbanks. They hope to begin a ministry to the native people north of the Artic Circle.

In this area there are approximately 30 villages with a population of 6,500 natives, primarily Eskimo. There are no roads in this part of Alaska; therefore an airplane is essential for their work.

The Eskimos are the best known and most numerous of the native Alaskans, usually associated with a world of igloos, fur parkas, and dog sleds. The culture of the modern Alaskan Eskimo does not completely fit this popular concept. According to the *U.S. Department of the Interior* the Alaska Eskimos never built snow igloos, although they sometimes constructed snow wind-breaks when caught outside in storms. "The old-fashioned igloo (the Eskimo

word for house) was framed in driftwood or whalebone and insulated with blocks of sod. Modern homes along the Yukon and Kuskokwim deltas are wood or log dwellings, sometimes made of driftwood or other salvage.

The familiar and functional hooded fur parka and mukluks are still in evidence in Alaska. In many areas, however, this type of clothing is replaced by items selected from a mail order catalogue, and the art of working skins is known only to the older women."

Tour Guide: I feel sure we all have learned many things about America's last unconquered frontier. For *any* visitor it offers fabulous scenery and a rich native Indian and Eskimo culture. For *us* there are the added attractions of our growing Free Will Baptist churches, the enthusiasm of a growing Christian witness, and the hearty pioneer spirit—"to take Alaska for Christ."

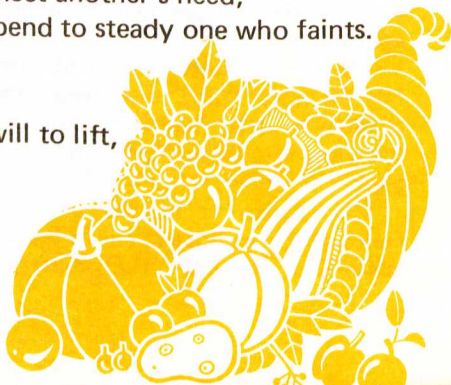


I do not thank thee, Lord, that I have bread to eat while others starve;
Nor yet for work to do while empty hands solicit heaven;
Nor for a body strong while other bodies flatten beds of pain.
No, not for thee do I give thanks!

But I am grateful, Lord, because my meager loaf I may divide;
For that my busy hands may move to meet another's need;
Because my doubled strength I may expend to steady one who faints.
Yes, for all of these I do give thanks!

For heart to share, desire to bear, and will to lift,
Flamed into one deathless love—
Thanks be to God for this!
Unspeakable! His gift!

Anonymous





December Program Jo Ann Riggs

Purpose: *To stimulate a desire to share with others the great gift of eternal life which God gave us through Jesus.*

See Program Help Packet

Songs: "His Name is Wonderful"; "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Scripture: John 15:22a.

T'S TRUE that the world had distorted much of the meaning of Christmas, nevertheless it is good for Christians to pause to remember what the Lord's coming has meant in their lives.

Let us meditate briefly upon a phrase which Jesus uttered to His disciples: "*If I had not come . . .*" (John 15:22a). What a vast and tragic difference there would be in the world if Christ had not come!

In our community we would have no places of worship but instead we would have numerous beer taverns, whiskey stores, jails, houses of immorality, dance halls, theaters, and mortuaries. It is doubtful that we would have any schools or hospitals.

Crime and terror would prevail. No one would be safe in his own home, let alone on the streets.

The pages of our Bible would be only blank sheets of paper. No scriptures would offer their instruction and cheer. The thirty-eight thousand promises in the Bible to Christians could never have been made. No provisions would have been made by a loving heavenly Father to adopt fallen mankind into his family to make him an heir of God and joint-heir with the Lord Jesus Christ. No Holy Spirit would have been sent by Jesus to indwell, guide, teach, and comfort human beings.

After death there would be no hope of eternal life nor a home in heaven. There would be no resurrection of our bodies nor reuniting with departed loved ones.

Yet, to the heathen *these things are so!* They have not heard that there is a Christ who has come to change their dismal plight. Would they not, like us, rejoice to hear the glad news that Jesus has come and that He can change life and eternity completely?

Acts 4:12 declares, "... *there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*"

If one cannot be saved except through Jesus Christ and we have the knowledge of the way to Him, it is certainly sin for us to hold this life-giving truth without sharing it.

It has been nearly two thousand years since Jesus gave the commandment, "*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*" To every creature! Oswald J. Smith has asked the question, "Does anyone have a right to hear the gospel twice until everyone has heard it once?"

Most christians have *missed* the perfect will of God for their lives. This is a strong statement, but it is based upon the orders of Christ. Would our Lord give us a command which he knew to be impossible? No. Has God failed to *call* enough Christians to go to get the job done? Of course not; but *most have not obeyed the call*. Does it mean nothing to us that half the world's population is still unevangelized.

Think of the 750,000,000 souls in China who have been without an open gospel witness for two decades. You may say, "These folks are communists, and they are our enemies." However, the truth is that only *three per cent* (which is 13 million) of the multitude of China are registered communists. *In Russia*, there is also a comparatively small percentage of registered communists, only *five per cent*. We have Free Will Baptist brethren in the prisons of Cuba. The great majority of people in communist-controlled countries are in a very real sense *under bondage*.

Hebrew 13:3 charges us to, "*Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also*

in the body." Though we cannot go behind the *Iron and Bamboo Curtains* today with the gospel, we can uphold these people daily in prayer. God, who can open all doors in answer to his children's prayers, may be working even now in *government places* toward this end.

There is much of the world where the doors are still wide open to missionaries: namely, Africa, Europe, Japan, Australia, New Guinea, South America, and the islands of the seas.

God may not want you to go outside your home town but have you asked Him? Will you dare to ask Him? Perhaps you think that you have never "*felt*" a particular call to go to the regions beyond. This may be true, but still our call to evangelize is already given—and in print. Jesus said, "Go ye." In our language, "You go."

WILLING WITNESSES

Mary Slessor was a young, white woman who went alone to the cannibals of darkest Africa. She found millions of the black people in the bush and the interior. Most of them were slaves who were treated like pigs. They slept in the yards, were branded with hot irons as animals, and could be beaten, sold, or killed. If the chief died, his wives were beheaded and buried with him. If twins were born, they were buried alive or thrown into the bush to die of hunger. It was believed that the father of one of the twins was an evil spirit or devil. Since they didn't know which one, both had to be killed to be sure of getting rid of the right one. These same cannibals became fine, loving Christians when taught the Word of God and of Jesus' power to save from sin. To these new creatures in Christ Jesus, Mary Slessor

became their "beautiful, white mother."

David Livingston also took the news of salvation to Africa. After preaching to a village one day, the chief said it was their custom to ask questions about any new thing they heard of. He asked Dr. Livingston if his forefathers knew of a future judgment. When the answer was affirmative and the good doctor began to describe the scene of the great white throne and Him who shall sit on it, from whose face the heaven and earth shall flee away, the chief exclaimed, "You startle me; these words make all my bones to shake; I have no strength in me. But my forefathers were living at the same time yours were, and how is it that they did not send them word about these terrible things sooner? They all passed away into darkness without knowing whither they were going."

When missionaries took the Word to Latin America, one of the new converts questioned them about his recently departed mother. Grasping for some ray of hope, he tearfully asked, "What about my mother? She was a dear, precious mother—a loving and kind mother. She died before you came with this news. What of her soul's destiny?" Yes, many

will believe if they only have a chance.

There are many small towns in our country with numerous churches in their area. Thank God for this, but shouldn't it break our hearts in contrast at the many towns and villages throughout the world which cannot obtain even one Bible teacher to instruct their people on how to get to Heaven? With such spiritual hunger and need on our globe, how pathetic that there are so few to go.

We may not be able to pour ointment upon our Lord, as Mary of old did, but we can pour out our lives as living sacrifices to help reach the lost. We can give Him our very best—for He is worthy. We can give Him our sons and daughters. The dedication of our children may mean that we will not see their faces for five years at a time, but it may mean that souls will see the face of Jesus and a home in Heaven who would otherwise never have the privilege.

The Lord still issues the call, "*Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*" Let us answer as Isaiah did, "*Here am I; send me.*" Then we can truly join the angelic hosts and proclaim, "*Joy to the world, the Lord is come.*"

Suppose that Christ had not been born
That far-away Judean morn.

Suppose that God, whose mighty hand
Created worlds, had never planned
A way for man to be redeemed.
Suppose the Wise Men only dreamed
That guiding star whose light still glows
Down through the centuries. Suppose
Christ never walked here in men's sight
Our blessed Way, and Truth, and Light.

Suppose He counted all the cost,
And never cared that we were lost,
And never died for you and me,
Nor shed His blood on Calvary
Upon a shameful cross. Suppose
That having died He never rose,
And there was none with power to save
Our souls from death beyond the grave!

As far as piteous heathen know,
These things that I've "supposed" —
are so.

—Martha Snell Nicholson





Pre-Thanksgiving Prayer Programs
Mary Dilda

Thanks Be Unto God For His Unspeakable Gift

General Suggestions to the Leader:
These prayer sessions will be much more effective if you will give those attending something to challenge them personally at each session. If all of your members do not have a Co-Laborer, type copies of the daily challenges included in the programs. If your group is sharing your prayer sessions with the shut-ins in your church or neighborhood, take along your music in the form of a cassette tape, but be sure to include "hymns and spiritual songs" in your prayer-praise time this week. Pray definitely for a home missionary whom you know personally. Have written goals before the group in the form of prayer requests for the home missionary needs of your families and community.

**MONDAY: JESUS
HOME MISSIONARY**

Scripture: Luke 8:1-4
Song: "Anywhere with Jesus"

Thoughts for the day: The scripture reference for today is only one example of the kind of missionary that Jesus was. "... he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God," serves as a guide to us as we consider winning souls to God's kingdom. The scripture further shows us the response of "certain" women who had been healed of illnesses and had been delivered of evil spirits by Jesus. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and many

others were showing their gratefulness to Jesus by ministering unto Him. They shared their food, home, and their time because they recognized that Jesus had saved their souls.

The challenge to us spiritually is two-fold: Are we faithful home missionaries, whether we are going or sending? Are we sharing our blessings because we are thankful for our salvation?

DAILY CHALLENGE: (*Leader, type and run-off enough copies of the following news flash for all the women in your church. Those who do not attend the services can be handed a copy later. Try to print it as a news story, but make it clear that it is entirely fictitious!*)

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL OUT IT! HOME MISSIONARY FOUND GUILTY. It has been reported that a Free Will Baptist home missionary has been found guilty of gross negligence. She has plead guilty of the following: Reading her Bible only to prepare for teaching or in settling foolish arguments; Praying only in emergencies; Witnessing for the Lord only during the hour set aside each week; Missing Sunday school and sometimes church to cook dinner for company; Feeling too bad to attend prayer meeting often; Watching television 15 hours a week; Gossiping about some of the brothers and sisters in Christ, especially the preacher; Smoking; Becoming weary in well-doing, etc.

Do you recognize the missionary yet? Before you pass judgment, consider this fact: *All* born again believers in Jesus Christ are *missionaries*, no matter where they live or from what means they receive the money necessary to live. Are you the missionary described above?

Pray: For a vision for souls and for Brother Robert Shockey, General Director of Home Missions.

TUESDAY: JESUS, WINEBIBBER AND GLUTTON

Scripture: *Luke 14:12-14*

Song: "I Surrender All

Thoughts for the Day: Was Jesus justly accused when some called him a winebibber and a glutton? What was really His attitude toward *physical* food? As we approach the time of the traditional family feast, may we be challenged by the scriptures to *re-evaluate* and *revise* our traditions.

(*Before the meeting begins, write the following scripture references on slips and pass them to various individuals to be read aloud and discussed: Matthew 11:19; Luke 10:42; Matthew 6:25; Luke 14:13*).

Because the eating habits of Jesus were different from those of John the Baptist, doubters thought he was gluttonous; however, the life of Jesus bears a different testimony. When Jesus waited at Sychar's well, He led a sinful woman to receive Him as Saviour while the disciples went to town for food. When they returned and questioned His appetite, He responded, "*I have meat to eat that ye know not of.*" Upon visiting the home of Mary and Martha, He commended Mary for "*choosing the better part*" when she chose to hear His words instead of worrying about "*much serving*" as Martha was. On another occasion Jesus proposed this question, "*Is not the life more than meat . . . ?*" Certainly Jesus had a purpose for asking this question. There must have been people present who were too much concerned with where the next meal was coming from, or overly anxious about preparing a meal for personal glory, or there might have been someone who had spent too much time

storing up an excess amount of food "for a rainy day." I know personally a woman who is so ill that she cannot walk, cook, or even feed herself. One of her main concerns is that of catching all the sales at the grocery stores and storing the bargains in her freezer, "because you never know when hard times are coming." She has no children; her husband has money, property and a lucrative business. She will more than likely not live out the year. Jesus wants us to be concerned with the better part: serving Him.

Having considered the attitude that Jesus has expressed about the importance of physical food, how then shall we re-evaluate and revise our plans for the Thanksgiving feast? (Read Luke 14:13.) Jesus promised a blessing to those who followed this command. Could attitudes like these come from a "winebibber and glutton?"

DAILY CHALLENGE: After you leave the prayer meeting, search your church roll or your neighborhood for the "Poor, lame, maimed, blind," and invite them to the Thanksgiving dinner! **Pray:** That the Lord will open our eyes to the fact that our lives can be eternal blessings to others if we are willing to deny ourselves, take up His cross daily and follow Him. Ask the Holy Spirit for power to be an overcomer. Thank the Lord for many material blessings.

WEDNESDAY: JESUS, TRUE TO HIS NAME

Scripture: *Matthew 1:21-25*

Song: "Blessed Be the Namee"

(Make copies or write on a large piece of poster paper the words of this song which is sung to the tune of "Work for the Night is Coming.")

Thanksgiving time is coming,
Bringing a happy day;
All of the fruits are gathered,
Grains are put away.

Let's sing our thanks to Jesus,
Praise Him who sends His love;
Thank Him for this great harvest
And His wondrous love.

Thoughts for the Day: Not all names have significance. No doubt all have origins. Before Jesus was born, the angel announced that His name would be "*JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*" To Joseph came the reminder of the prophecy that "*a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*"

(Before the meeting ask five ladies to prepare a testimony related to the names given to Jesus by the prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 9:6. Write the individual names along with the related scriptures as a guide to their testimonies.) Wonderful (Job 42:3, Psalm 119:129, Isaiah 28:29); Counsellor (Psalm 20:4, 5; Psalm 33:10,11, Hebrews 6:17, Revelation 3:18); The Mighty God (Jeremiah 32:17-19, Matthew 3:11, Psalm 93:4; The Everlasting Father (John 10:30, 2 Corinthians 6:18, Psalm 90:2); The Prince of Peace (Ephesians 2:14, 1 Corinthians 14:33, Romans 5:1).

More significance is given to the name of Jesus Christ than to any other. "*God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name*" (Philippians 2:9). "*And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS*" (Revelation 19:16).

DAILY CHALLENGE: Sing together "*Take the Name of Jesus with You*" before the season of prayer.

Pray: That we will allow Jesus to be all that He has promised to be to us. Pray for a home missionary couple that you know personally.

THURSDAY: JESUS, SAVIOUR OF LITTLE CHILDREN

Scripture: *Matthew 18:1-10*

Song: "Footsteps of Jesus"

Thoughts for the Day: (If possible, invite your own children to the prayer meeting today. Using flannelgraph, or an object lesson, tell them a Bible story including questions calling for a response from them. Ask the prayer requests from the children before the season of prayer. As a closing, emphasize Matthew 18:3.

DAILY CHALLENGE: Let us seek to be home missionaries.

Pray: Don't forget to include the children. Seek the Lord's guidance in providing every opportunity for the children in your home, church, family, and community to be saved. Sing "Thank You, Lord," as the closing prayer.

FRIDAY: JESUS, TEACHER AND JUDGE

Scripture: *John 3:2; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10*

Song: "Prepare to Meet Thy God"

Thoughts for the Day: This is final examination day. Since we all must stand before the judgement seat of Christ, it behooves us to examine ourselves (2 Corinthians 13:5).

(Leader: Write the following "Final Examination" on a stencil and run off

enough copies for all your ladies. Look up the scriptures and discuss the answers given in the Bible and the answers of those present. Keep in mind that the answers that we have in our hearts will determine whether we pass the "final examination").

FINAL EXAMINATION: JESUS

1. What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He? (Matthew 22:41, 42)
2. Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (Matthew 16:13)
3. Whom say ye that I am? (Matthew 16:15)
4. Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? (Matthew 18:1-6)
5. What must I do to be saved? (Acts 16:31)
6. What doth hinder me to be baptized? (Acts 8:36)
7. What shall it profit if a man shall *gain* the whole *world* and lose his own *soul*? (Mark 8:36)
8. What can a man give in exchange for his soul? (Mark 8:37)
9. What will ye do with Jesus which is called the Christ? (Matthew 27:22)

DAILY CHALLENGE: Take this examination alone on your knees before God in prayer. Read the scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to try you as you really are.

Pray: Thank the Lord for providing salvation free and for making the plan of salvation so plain and simple that even a child can understand. Seek the leadership of the Lord in sharing His gospel with others every day.

OFFERING FOR HOME MISSIONS

The Marks Of A Good Christian

- ☒ Follow Christ Obediently
- ☒ Love Christ Supremely
- ☒ Defend Christ Loyal
- ☒ Reflect Christ In Every Action
- ☒ Endure To The End

"For me to live is Christ . . ." to be a Christian is one thing, but to be a "good" Christian is often quite another thing.

According to the Bible, when a person has accepted Christ, he must proceed immediately to show the reality of that experience.

Who is the final word on whether or not a man is a good Christian? It is the minister? The church? The deacons? A denomination? I think not . . . as always God and God's Word must be final.

First of all, the marks of a good Christian will be seen only in . . .

THE PERSON WHO FOLLOWS CHRIST OBEDIENTLY

Scripture: *Romans 6:16*

Song: *"Trust and Obey"*

In Matthew 4:18-20 we see an example of men following Christ in com-

plete obedience. *"And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him."* How often have you marvelled over this passage and others just like it? . . . Jesus called and men responded immediately!

Do we wonder why the Apostles were able to get things from God? It's really very simple. They were obedient and God rewards obedience. In the Old Testament God tells us that *"to obey is better than sacrifice . . ."* Not only does God expect us to respond to His call with ready obedience, but He wants and expects obedience to His commandments as well.

Jesus, the sinless Son of God, was obedient to the Father. *"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered"* (Hebrews 5:8). In looking for an example of one

who followed God's commands obediently, we need look no further than to Jesus. He was obedient in every way. In Luke 14:27 Christ calls for obedience in abandoning self and serving Him. "*And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.*"

In John 14:21 we are told, "*He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me.*." Notice: "*He that hath . . . and he that keepeth my commandments loveth me.*" As an illustration, a man will sometimes put his arm around his wife and tell her he loves her, and then say, "If you really love me you'll do what I ask you to." God is saying the same thing to us when He says, "*He that hath . . . and keepeth my commandments loveth me.*"

THE PERSON WHO LOVES CHRIST SUPREME

Scripture: John 13:35

Song: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

In Psalm 116:1 we read "*I love the Lord because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.*" The Psalmist had love in his heart for God because God had answered his prayers.

Certainly we ought to love God because He has answered our requests. But I speak of something deeper than the love of gratitude. There's not a woman here who would want that kind of love from her mate as a basis for marriage. In Acts 20:24 Paul tells us of a much deeper love. He says, "*But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.*" This kind of love doesn't just consider God first—it's first,

last, and always.

If we have this kind of love in our hearts, even the world will know there is something about us that is different. "*By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another*" (John 13:35). The love of a Christian brother or sister for each other sometimes is even sweeter and closer than the love of family ties.

Jesus tells us in John 14:15 that if we have this love that places God first, last and always in our lives, God will know we love Him because we keep His commandments. These commandments include "*love thy neighbor*", but one we sometimes forget or place at the bottom of the list is "*go ye*". This command is to all Christians, not just to God-called preachers, missionaries and teachers.

"*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord*" (1 Corinthians 15:15). If we claim this verse, our fellow-Christians will also know that we love Christ, because we abound with good works. We can't claim to have faith and then just "sit down" and watch others work, but if we have faith we will prove it by our works (James 2:17).

THE PERSON WHO DEFENDS CHRIST LOYALLY

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:15

Song: "Loyalty to Christ"

The child of God faces a world that denies God, is hostile, and disapproves of the Christian way of life. And what are many Christians doing? Sitting comfortably in their pews, waiting for the opposition to cease.

In Ecclesiastes 8:2 the wise man says "I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard to the oath of God." In other words, we are to be loyal subjects of those who rule over us. Romans 13:1 confirms that in the New Testament, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, For there is no power but of God, the powers that be are ordained of God."

Peter tells us to be loyal to God in 1 Peter 3:15. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" Now, if we should be loyal to our country and the rulers over us who help keep our country safe and look after the physical aspect of our lives, how much more loyal should we be to God who makes it all possible?

Some people mistake loyalty to their pastor for loyalty to Christ. They are willing to do just about anything their pastor asks them to do, and that's good, but should the pastor be gone to another preaching engagement, these people will find other things to do that Sunday rather than going to their church. This is mistaken loyalty to the pastor, and certainly doesn't honor God in any way. Loyalty to the pastor is important. The Church could not move smoothly or effectively without it, but loyalty to the pastor should be the result of a greater loyalty to Christ.

The Lord would have our loyalty in our daily lives—at home with our family in teaching our children the things of God, and being an example to our neighbors. At work and play—loyalty to Christ should come before the wishes or our co-workers and friends. Let's show our loyalty to Christ by being faithful to those things which are important to the Lord's work here on earth.

THE PERSON WHO REFLECTS CHRIST IN EVERY ACTION

Scripture: *Philippians 1:27*

Song: "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

Salvation is not an internal process only. To be sure, the work is done on the inside—a new heart, a new desire, a new mind, all on the inside—but it has a net result that shows on the outside. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The new desires will show the changes that have taken place on the inside. The new desires will be to serve God and live to please Him. This does not mean we will never be tempted to commit our old sins, but God has promised to give us help in overcoming them if we will just ask for it (1 Corinthians 10:13).

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27). Paul is telling the Christians at Philippi that when they have accepted Christ as their Saviour, whether he is with them or not, he would like to hear that they are faithfully serving the Lord.

"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2a). There are people looking at our lives every day. Our lives are as books "known and read of all men." Therefore, we have a great responsibility to see that our every action reflects the fruits of the Spirit

that would give credence to our claim to be Christians. If we continue to keep our eyes on Jesus and the prize at the end of the race, the day to day struggle will not be so hard. Let's remember also that even though a sinner may do his very best to make you fall into sin, he will be greatly disappointed if you do. As an illustration: A very wicked woman was saved. Her husband said "I'll give her six weeks, if she doesn't go back into the world, I'll be saved." Three weeks went by, she remained firm. Then four, then five. On the 5th week, he invited her to go drinking and dancing with him. She got ready and went all the way to the door. He then burst into tears and said, "I was hoping it was real. I wanted to be saved, too." Then she realized what she had done.

THE PERSON WHO ENDURES TO THE END

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:7, 8
Song: "Amazing Grace"

The chorus "Yesterday, Today, Forever, Jesus is the same; All my change but Jesus never, Glory to His name" gives us a prospect for the future which puts hope into our hearts. "*The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger*" (Job 17:9). We have the assurance that if we do our best to live righteously before the Lord He will give us strength.

Matthew 28:20 gives us a promise which we should not take lightly. "...lo, I am with you *always, even unto the end of the world.*" How can we fail to have joy in living for Christ when we have Him with us at all times? The Psalmist tells us in 138:8 "*The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me.*" We don't even have to worry

about any aspect of our lives. The Lord will work it all out for us. Then Paul writes to the Philippians "*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice.*" Christ, himself, tells us to "*cast all our care upon Him, for He careth for you.*" How can we fail to endure to the end if we continually cast all our cares upon Him and then rejoice in the Lord always. It is the people who forget the Lord who do not have the ability to endure to the end, for we surely can't make it by ourselves, in our own strength.

Then Paul gives us more hope of enduring in Philippians 1:6, "*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*" The Lord gives us His promises to take care of us if we will just trust in Him and take advantage of all the benefits he has provided for us. Proverbs 3:5, 6 gives us another benefit we should take advantage of: "*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths.*" Why should we ever worry or fret when we have such promises of His watchcare over us as these?

We have seen the help that the Lord will give us, now let's look at the reward for enduring to the end. Matthew 24:13 promises us "*He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*" Paul wrote to Timothy, "*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing*" (2 Timothy 4:7, 8). These are the promises to the person who endures to the end. Glorious promises!



Our Writers

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CLEO PURSELL, WNAC's executive secretary-treasurer and editor of *Co-Laborer*, has a new enthusiasm for Alaska after compiling the November program entitled *America's Last Frontier*.

JO ANN RIGGS challenges us with the thought provoking question, *What if Christ had not come?* in December's program. This talented writer from Russellville, Alabama, has held various offices in Woman's Auxiliary work.

PEGGY GIUNTA, author of the State Home Missions Prayer Program, writes from first hand experience. She assisted her husband, Frank, in pioneering a missions work in Jefferson City, Missouri. She is the mother of two children.

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Many times we report the bright side of our missionary lives and fail to share the heartbreak side.

Heartbreak & Victory

by Howard Gage

SATAN IS dedicated to the task of bringing problems into our work area. If he does not show his ugly head then we should carefully check our flock to see what is wrong.

When I returned to the field I was so anxious to get back to Konzie and greet the people I had watched come from darkness to light. The first blow that struck our little primitive group was a death that claimed the little daughter of our most promising young couple. The family came, the village came and put all the pressure that hundreds of years of tradition, superstition and ignorance could bring. The young parents came through it all and asked for a christian funeral. The first christian funeral that anyone in the village had ever witnessed. Then they buried little Mary near the new church. It seemed that Robert and Lydia had real victory through all their heartache.

In just a few weeks the young father became very ill. He told his wife and friends that very soon he would be with little Mary and that he wanted a funeral service just as they had for his daughter. Before anyone realized how very ill he was, he was dead. Only the Lord knows the persecution that Lydia went through. Again she stood the test, but had to flee to Doropo to escape tribal pressure.

Satan working through the fetisher finally broke the courage of the young mother. The local fetisher took all her earthly possessions and promised to keep her three little children well. Bro. Payne went over for service. Lydia came and said two of her babies were ill. Eddie brought them to Dr. Miley, one had tetanus, the other meningitis. Days and nights, Dr. Miley, labored to save the children. All the while reminding Lydia that God, and not the fetisher, could save her children. By the time they were well on the road to recovery, she had made a decision to go back to the church and repent for going to the fetisher and offering to be the wife of a man who already had a wife.

One of the oldest men in the church had gone back to tradition and bought a young girl for his son a wife. This put him out of fellowship with the church. What a heartbreak it was when we returned and learned of these problems.

Bro. Wilson, Bro. Payne, Mom and I went to Konzie for Sunday morning service and at the close of the sermon, Lydia and the young man that she wanted for a husband both came to the altar for prayer and counsel. The older man came later and talked to Paul and wants to undo his wrong. *We left with a light heart, feeling real victory over these problems.*

Howard Gage is a missionary builder in the Ivory Coast.

THERE IS NO TIME FOR "LITTLENESS"

Life is TOO short

by Olive Bishop Branch

LIFE IS to short to be little," Disraeli once wrote. No one needs to labor to establish the fact of the brevity of life. Man's allotted time is three score years and ten, and though a few may live several years longer than this, life is only a brief moment in the eons of time and eternity.

We are in no danger of physical littleness. Doctors will tell us the number one health problem in the United States is overweight. But the great danger among church people today is spiritual littleness! How many of our troubles would melt away if we would only overcome our spiritual smallness and become spiritually big where it really counts!

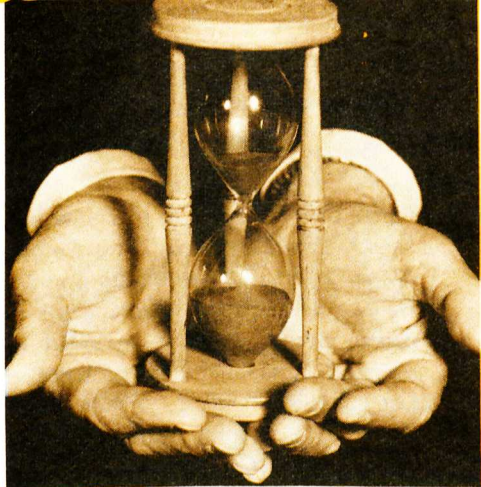
Children often take a measuring stick to determine how tall they are, and the results of their measurements are sometimes amazing. One little boy insisted he was nine feet tall! How tragic it is when Christians childishly insist on a bigness that is simply an illusion!

If Jesus' disciples had been less intent on striving for the place of greatness and honor, they might have grasped more of the bigness of His spirit. He taught that to be great, one must be humble. Even the menial task of washing their dusty feet only magnified His greatness. While the small person is striving to advance himself, the one who is big in spirit is seeking to serve and walk the path of humility. Here he finds enlargement of soul and release from pettiness.

According to these standards, how big are you?

Can you see another advanced or honored while you and your efforts are ignored or thrust aside? Perhaps someone else was at the head of a project on which you labored long and arduously. When the accounting was made, praise went to the leader and your efforts went unnoticed. What was your size then? Did you feel resentment and jealousy? Or did you rejoice that the work was done and the cause of Christ advanced?

Can you give another person the right to an opinion even though that opinion may be counter to your own? There is a vast field of problems and questions to which we must apply the principles laid down in the Bible and we do not all



"...For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

James 4:14

arrive at the same conclusions.

Recently I tried to discuss a spiritual question with a Christian man who had evidenced little understanding of the subject. He would not listen to my opinion, but flatly stated his, with the attitude, "If you don't agree with me, you're wrong."

Much of our squabbling and divisions may be traced to smallness of spirit. "Most troubles in our churches are caused by people who are not big enough to see anything beyond their own private opinions or ambitions. Some churches have been split wide open by little people who are more determined to save face than to save the world" (Miller).

Are you big enough to admit it gracefully when you are wrong? The big person can see a question from all sides and reason logically, without being swayed by prejudice or preconceived opinions. If he finds he has been wrong, he will change his opinion and admit it readily. Someone said, "A wise man changes his mind, but a fool never does." No doubt you have sometimes run into blind, biased prejudice even on religious questions. Such is the measure of one who is stunted in spirit.

Are you big enough to forgive, or do you feel that life is too short to get even with all the people you fancy have wronged you?

Can you face your sins and failures squarely, or do you try to justify yourself by comparing yourself with someone else who has failed? Or, worse yet, do you try to run down another person so you will appear in a better light? I've known Christians who try to dig up something in a fellow Christian's past and blacken his face so their own sins wouldn't appear so black. It's a big person who can assume full responsibility for his failures and sins, rather than trying to blame someone or something else.

How big are you? As you endeavor to accurately measure yourself, the Holy Spirit will bring to light other questions of spiritual smallness. And remember, in the light of the great task of getting the gospel out and the short amount of time we have in which to do it, *"Life is too short to be little."*

The Treat Of A Retreat

LAST YEAR more than 500 women from 16 states participated in Woman's Auxiliary retreats. Because the retreats were so enthusiastically received, they have become a vital part of the program of WNAC.

Some of the retreats are strictly *prayer* retreats. A time to withdraw from routine responsibilities and distractions for study of the Bible, prayer, meditation, self-examination, and commitment. Others become almost small conventions with very full programs—study courses, skits, films, as well as times of fun and fellowship. Each has special advantages—and some disadvantages.

Those planning retreats may wish to consider many possibilities and choose the type retreat that seems to meet the needs of the particular group for whom it is being planned. Either way—a retreat is a *treat*!

Arkansas and Oklahoma

The second regional retreat for these two states was held May 11-12, 1973 at Camp Beaver Fork Camp, Conway Arkansas. WNAC officers Zetta Rose and Alene Coffman and Arkansas president, Genelle Scott, led in planning the successful event. Speakers included missionaries Bessie Richards and Willa Jean Deeds, WNAC field worker Brenda Spruill, Joy Jones, Marguerite Kern, Wilma Prince, Carole Carner, and Ruth Leonard.

Texas Retreat

The Texas Auxiliary Retreat was held in Pineywoods Baptist Encampment near Groveton, March 30-31, 1973. Asa Berry, state president and Zetta Rose, Oklahoma, directed the camp of 50 women. They were assisted by Joyce Johnson, Marquerite Hinesley, and Carol Carner from Oklahoma.

Missouri Retreat

"The teachings of Jesus," (Matthew 4:23) was the theme of the Missouri Woman's Auxiliary retreat held at the state youth camp, Niangua. Brenda Evans, state president directed the activities. Speakers included Barbara Harwell, Brenda Spruill, Jo Ann Wood, Freida Hays, Sandy Smith, Jean Bowman, and Lucille Beatty.

Tennessee District

The Cumberland District Woman's Auxiliary retreat was held May 23-24 at Hillmont Camp, Whitehouse, Tennessee. Brenda Spruill conducted a study course on "*Missions, Missionaries and their Message.*" Sixty-eight attended.



Announcing

1973-74 Creative Writing Contest

THE *CO-LABORER* invites Woman's Auxiliary members to submit original material in the following catagories:

PROGRAMS (suitable for publication in *Co-Laborer*.) Manuscripts should be approximately five and one-half pages in length (typed and double-spaced).

PLAYS Should not exceed seven pages of typed, double-spaced material. (We encourage skits.) Subject matter may include: missions, prayer, enlistment study, stewardship, christian living, family or home life, service.

ARTICLES (short stories, essays, feature-type articles.) Subjects may include woman's life and problems; personal christian experience; practical Christianity; devotional and inspirational—including seasonal themes, missions, prayer, stewardship.

Manuscript should not exceed three and one half pages of typed, double-spaced, material or approximately 1100 words.

Submit as many entries as you desire. Entries will be judged on originality, content, interest, and suitability for *Co-Laborer* readers.

AWARDS: In each of the three catagories the awards are: first prize, \$25; second prize, \$10; third prize, study course books.

DEADLINE: Send your entries by March 1, 1974 to

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1972-73 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

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Second Place:
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Honorable Mention:
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First Place:
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Second Place:
"Doin' What Comes
Un-Naturally"
Joyce Johnson
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma



Third Place:
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