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Scotch Love

An autobiography
by Heddy Chapman.



Heddy (Betty) Chapman is a member of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia. She served one term of missionary work in British West Africa where she met Allen Chapman, her husband-to-be.

They were married after their return to the United States and Mrs. Chapman became a teacher. She belonged to many educational and religious organizations.

Mrs. Chapman is a victim of rheumatoid arthritis which has limited her activities to writing only. "Writing helps to dispel some of the frustration of *exercising patience* and also makes me hopeful that I can touch the lives of others in some measure through the printed word," she said.

On reading the book, one will readily understand why Mrs. Chapman says that a Scotman's love is *a mixture of tenderness and firmness and is as tough and durable as leather*. She wrote SCOTCH

LOVE to show what can be accomplished by faith in a loving God and to express her gratitude for the fortitude and perservance of her husband.

Rarely will the reader find a more touching story of marital love and loyalty, give and take, mutual trust, and faith in the Divine Being. These are the qualities which enabled Heddy Chapman and her husband, Scotchy, to weather the adversities of pain and suffering which beset them as a result of her arthritis.

The author manifests a remarkable ability to impart her ideas, thoughts, and feelings to her readers, resulting in a warmly human book. SCOTCH LOVE is an inspiring, poignant, highly readable book laced with pathos, despair, and loneliness. Dominating it, however, is an uncompromising faith in God.

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Women in Action

OHIO STATE

The Ohio State Auxiliary met June 20, at Free Will Baptist Church, Dayton, with Mary Dooley presiding. State projects are to raise \$2000 for Jerry and Barbara Gibbs, appointees to France, and to support the WNAC general fund through enlarged Emphasis Month offerings. Nora Lee McCarty was elected president.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

The Mississippi State Auxiliary Convention met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Booneville, November 9, 1973. Reverend E. B. Ledlow was the convention speaker and Odessa Ledlow spoke at the Auxiliary banquet. Elizabeth Gibson was elected president.

Field worker, Eva House, reported the organization of four local auxiliaries, two each in the Little Brown Creek District and the Northeast District.

MISSOURI STATE

The Missouri State Auxiliary meeting was held August 21, in Monett. President Brenda Evans presided as the convention adopted state projects to raise \$1000 to purchase a 16mm projector for the Lonnie Sparks in Spain, and \$1000 for the perpetual loan fund of the state home missions board.

Missionaries Lonnie and Anita Sparks spoke at the worship service and the banquet respectively. Sandy Smith was elected president.

TEXAS DISTRICT

The Midessa, Texas District Auxiliary officers visited the Auxiliary of Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Andrews, to help acquaint the officers with their jobs. Zanette Mowry, district president, installed the following officers: Ethel Sellars, president; Juanita Roberts, vice president; Wilma Rogers, secretary-treasurer; Edith Duffy, mission prayer, and Doris Lajendy, mission action.

District officers attending were: Mrs. Mowry, Betty Hobbs, Nadine Hood, and Dora Johnson.

GOLDEN AGE MEMBERS. The Woman's Auxiliary of the Howard Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Cottonwood, Alabama, honored members over 65 years of age with a luncheon in the church fellowship hall.

The guests were welcomed by pastor Bobby Parker and a filmstrip was shown. Mrs. Webb Wells, Auxiliary president, gave the devotion using Proverbs 31. Fifty guests and visitors attended. Each of the honorees was presented a gift.



STUDENT SHOWER. Cofer's Chapel Auxiliary, Nashville, Tennessee, sponsored a miscellaneous shower for their pastor's daughter, Rhonda Waddell, shortly before she left for Free Will Baptist Bible College.



INSTALLATION SERVICE. Pastor Glen Hood of Westside Free Will Baptist Church, Midland, Texas, is shown with Mrs. Brooks Potter, Auxiliary president. Other officers installed by Mrs. Robert C. Beggs were Mrs. W. C. Harmon, vice president; Mrs. W. C.H. Johnson, secretary-treasurer, and the following chairmen: Mrs. Bill Mizzles, mission prayer, Mrs. Bobby Sparkman, missions study; Mrs. Glen Hood, missions action, Mrs. Beggs, program, Mrs. Marie Mondey, social and circle chairmen, Mrs. J. L. Cates, Mrs. Charles Taylor and Mrs. J. C. Potter.



SENIOR MEMBERS HONORED. Minnie Bell Smith and Viola Peters, left to right, were honored by the members of the Panther Creek Woman's Auxiliary, Slocumb, Alabama. They were both crowned "Queens for a Day."

Pam Driggers, pastor's wife, writes that these women "are precious to us and a blessing to everyone they meet."

WNAC Field Worker, Brenda Spruill, shares literature and ideas at a workshop in Faith Chapel Church, Hobbs, New Mexico.





OFFICERS of the Howard Grove Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, Cottonwood, Alabama.



WESTERN AVENUE Woman's Auxiliary, Oklahoma City, sent gifts of tupperware to the missionary provision closet by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carroll. Left to right, Jeraldine Carroll, Marjorie Workman, and Cleo Pursell, WNAC executive secretary.

MURRY SPUR Woman's Auxiliary, Spiro, Oklahoma, shown with gifts sent to the missionary provision closet.



GEORGIA STATE

Jerry and Janice Banks, missionary appointees to Japan, were speakers at the Georgia State Auxiliary Convention, November 15, in Eastman. Martha Everson, president, presided. The new project is six dollars per member to be divided between the four state missionaries. Eleanor Sheffield was elected president.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

The Center District Woman's Auxiliary met October 6, at the Selma Free Will Baptist Church with a theme of "Fashions for Fall." President, June Rolan launched the fashion-oriented program. Mary Kelton presented devotional thoughts, "Mini, Midi, and Maxi Christianity."

The program was presented by Catherine Henry and Sandi Jones with Miss Jones modeling the things worn by a truly fashionable woman—the Christian woman. Included were modest apparel, honesty, simplicity, and a cheerful smile.

TENNESSEE STATE

The 28 annual session of the Tennessee Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held November 13, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Cookeville. Missionaries Lonnie and Anita Sparks spoke at the convention and the banquet. Marjorie Workman was elected president.

Resolutions included a retreat to be held in late spring and adoption of a project to raise \$1500 to erase the deficit of the Joe Englands, state home missionaries, Crossville, Tennessee.

*The sign read "W. A. Airlines
Lobby . . . next right."*

Destination Alaska



THERE WAS excitement in the air—you could feel it. It was the first time aboard an airplane for most of the ladies.

"Does anyone have dramamine?" "Are you going to wear that?" "When do we leave?"

The stewardess came to the door with the announcement that departure would be shortly. Destination—America's Last Frontier—Alaska, God's Country.

The W. A. Airlines, Incorporated, chartered a 747 on November 7, 1973, to transport the members of their local auxiliary to the land of Alaska. The plane left Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Chipley, Florida, at 7 p.m. with

nine members aboard. Refreshments were served to ease the anxiety. Shortly, the plane was flying over Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and headed toward the Arctic Circle.

The purpose for taking the ladies of Piney Grove to the last frontier was to acquaint them with the need and to instill a desire to help win the lost in Alaska for God. Can we do less than to give, go, and pray that the lost of this our largest state might know our Lord?

The church in Chipley is blessed with a woman who has dedicated her creative talent to God. She converted the adult Sunday school class room into an airplane. Through the cardboard windows could be seen the snow filled land of Alaska and the vast opportunity which is ours.

It took a lot of work and courage, a great imagination and much love to present this interesting program for a small group.

This woman is typical of many women throughout our denomination who adapt the suggestions and helps given in the Quarterly Program Packets to fit the needs of their own auxiliary plus many original ideas of their own.

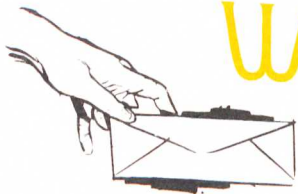
If your auxiliary is not using the Program Help Packet, it may be ordered on a quarterly or a standing order basis.
WNAC PROGRAM HELP PACKET
P.O. Box 1088

Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Please send \$3.20 (plus 50¢ postage) for the year, or .80¢ (plus 20¢ postage) for the quarter.



Co-Laborers Write



The Lord has richly blessed our Auxiliary. The *Co-Laborer* and program packet have been a big help! We enjoy them so much.

*Pam Driggers
Slocomb, Alabama*

We thoroughly enjoy the ideas and suggestions in the program packets. I think our Auxiliary is increasing and progressing because of the enthusiasm of our ladies and the new programs.

*Mrs. Robert R. Caswell
Opelika, Alabama*

The people of Lodi and Daisy Free Will Baptist Churches had a vacation Bible school. We collected \$40 which we have donated to the Ernie Deeds account.

*Dean Mitchell
Lodi, Arkansas*

Greetings from California. We are still working for the Lord and our Auxiliary is doing good. We had such a wonderful time in the Lord last night at our meeting. . . The lessons in *Co-Laborer* are so good.

We need to update our missionary display area in the church. Anything

concerning our missionaries would be greatly appreciated.

*Pansy Cravens
Pomona, California*

We were very moved and challenged by the September study in *Co-Laborer* realizing "If it's to Be, It's Up to Me."

*Betty Watson
Goshen, California*

We are sending our medicine bottles we have saved for months and months! We also are sending some hand knitted bedroom slippers and pot holders made by our oldest and most active member, Mrs. Ida Kent who is in her eighties.

We thrive on our *Co-Laborer* magazines and thank God for them.

*Grace Isaacs
Freeport, Florida*

Please increase our order for *Co-Laborers* to 14 copies. We feel that the staff and writers are doing an excellent job.

*Myrtice Orvin
Calvary Church
Jacksonville, Florida*

Our Auxiliary has chosen a missionary to support by sending an offering of \$5.00 per month to Tommy and Nancy Hughes of Brazil.

The women of our church are really involved in the auxiliary work and we're certainly proud to be of help to others.

*Marlene Mikell
Miami, Florida*

Our Auxiliary has grown from 13 to 16 members this year. . . . Pray that we will continue to grow.

*Myrtle McGlamory
Blakely, Georgia*

Our Auxiliary is growing and we really enjoy all the programs in the *Co-Laborer*. They have challenged each of us to become more active in our Lord's work.

*Linda Gay
Moultrie, Georgia*

We have 99 registered for the retreat and we are all excited about it. The work is going good.

*Barbara Daniels
Allen Park, Michigan*

The Lord is blessing in the work in the Little Brown Creek Association. We are now in our lovely new sanctuary, which we believe is a miracle building. Only the Lord could have given us such a lovely place of worship Not only is He blessing our church but our Woman's Auxiliary work is being blessed also. Two of our ladies and I went out to one of our country churches and organized an Auxiliary with eight charter members. Last night five of our ladies and I went to another one of our country churches and organized an Auxiliary with 11 charter members. We do praise God for this because we firmly believe in Auxiliary work.

*Elizabeth Gibson
Booneville, Mississippi*

Our newly organized Auxiliary is really growing for which we praise the Lord We have 20 members now and met last night with perfect attendance. Please continue to pray for our work here, God is really blessing.

*Annie Talton
Garner, N.C.*

Our Auxiliaries are doing a good work and have good interest. How it thrills us to see young and older

women join in the work and pray together . . .

*Lura Gibhart
Tulsa, Oklahoma*

We are really receiving blessings from the *Co-Laborer*. The writers seem to be inspired with each lesson and we thank God for them. You are doing a marvelous job—keep up the good work.

*Janie Drake
Panama, Oklahoma*

Our Auxiliary is growing in number but most of all spiritually. We do thank the Lord for the *Co-Laborer* and for each one of you who work so hard to publish it. We have had such good programs recently it seems they were just meant for us.

*Mrs. Tommy Godly
Johnsonville, S.C.*

Please send us the program help packet. We have heard many great things about it and our Auxiliary is just getting started. We are truly enjoying our *Co-Laborer*.

*Mrs. Wendell Ard
Andrews, S.C.*

The Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer held by the Auxiliary was a week of praying, singing, shouting services. Just a revival in itself. How our hearts were overflowing with the presence of the Holy Spirit. An offering was taken for our home missionaries. We have decided to form a prayer band to meet each Monday at 10 a.m. at the church.

*Esserville, Virginia
Bobby Laney, Pastor*

The Auxiliary surely enjoys the skits and quizzes for the programs. The last quarter *Co-Laborer* was real good.

*Mrs. Hargus Griffie
Kingsport, Tennessee*

Thank you for coming up with Auxiliary program helps. The skits, quizzes, and other ideas really do a lot of our Auxiliary. As far as I'm concerned they're a complete success! We truly appreciate WNAC and everything it does for us to make our programs so interesting!

*Mrs. Dayton Pratt
Memphis, Tennessee*

We are excited about the growth of our local Auxiliary. The program packets are certainly improving our programs. We are now in the process of planning and drawing up a constitution for an auxiliary or action group for our teenage girls.

*Brenda Patrick
Memphis, Tennessee*

From the Field

Enclosed you will find \$50 from our Auxiliary. Twenty-five is for Patsy Vanhook and \$25 for Jerry and Barb Gibbs.

*Barbara Haas
Rennes, France*

Our Auxiliary here in St. Croix is planning to have a retreat in January or February and we have invited the women in Puerto Rico to join us. We are looking forward to our first Caribbean retreat.

We certainly owe a lot to the Auxiliaries. They continue to support us so faithfully and we appreciate their love and faithfulness.

*Rita Wenning
St. Croix, Virgin Islands*

We have some enthusiasm here at last over organizing a state-wide women's

meeting. So pray for us that the necessary training can be given and that the women's work will be strengthened.

*Aileen Calvery
Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan*

Time is growing shorter for me before returning to Ecuador. I'm trying to do some work here in or on the house for my mother and sister. It, on top of my never-ending "paper work," shopping, etc. keep me busy. I need your prayers.

*Ella Rae Jones
Mobile, Alabama*

As you will remember, we are in a State Mission work here in Statesboro. We are still a mission, but we are ready to organize a Woman's Auxiliary. It seems that I remember that the first quarter of *Co-Laborers* are given to us free... Please send us any free materials that you have that will be of interest and help to us in beginning our Auxiliary in the proper way.

My desire is that our Auxiliary will be a spiritually strong part of our church and help our church to promote missions at every level—That we might truly be "*Laborers together with God.*"

*Martha Morris
Statesboro, Georgia*

While we were home on furlough we appreciated very much the privilege of going into the provision closet to select several items to bring back to Panama. It was a real joy upon returning to be able to replace some of the patched, worn linens with bright, new, colorful ones. Thanks so much to each of our Auxiliaries who make these pretty things available to us. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

*Glenda and Bill Fulcher
Panama*

This 'n That

Food Parcels Needed

Missionary Carlisle Hanna writes: "Many of our people are hungry. Prices are beyond those who have a regular salary. Others—well, there is just no answer. Here we can't get fuel and the basic needs are just not available. How we would appreciate some food parcels. We just do not get them anymore."

Unavailable items to send: Canned meats, jello, kool-aid, cake mixes, dream- whip, fruit punch, chili mixes, meat sauces and dried fruits.

Pack cans in separate parcels from other things, pack firmly and sew in cloth. These can be sent parcel post (up to 22 pounds) and will take four to five months to arrive on the field.

Used Postage Stamps

For years Auxiliary groups have sent used postage stamps to REAP. These stamps were sold to stamp collection dealers and proceeds used to print tracts and Bible portions which were available to missionaries without charge.

Recently however, REAP has moved, and stamps are being returned to the senders. A letter written by our office has brought no response. Until further information is received you may send your stamps to:

Mission Stamps

Box 251

LaSalle Station

Niagara Falls, New York 14304

Used Christmas Cards

Wondering what to do with those

beautiful Christmas cards you are reluctant to discard? Pastor Dorairaj has need of them.

To save postage send only the picture portion. Since few people in India can read the scripture verses printed in English, the missionaries will print verses in Tamil. Send the cards as *Printed Matter or Used Christmas Cards*, and no customs charges will be made.

Wrap securely with heavy paper and cord but do not seal. The postage for this class of mail is low and the limit weight is 4 lbs. 9 ozs. If you are sending only a few cards (1-2 pounds) put them in a manila clasp envelope, tie with cord both ways, but **DO NOT SEAL**, and mark as above. Send them to
Pastor D. Dorairaj
Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church
Kotagiri-64327
The Nilgiris
Tamilnad
South India

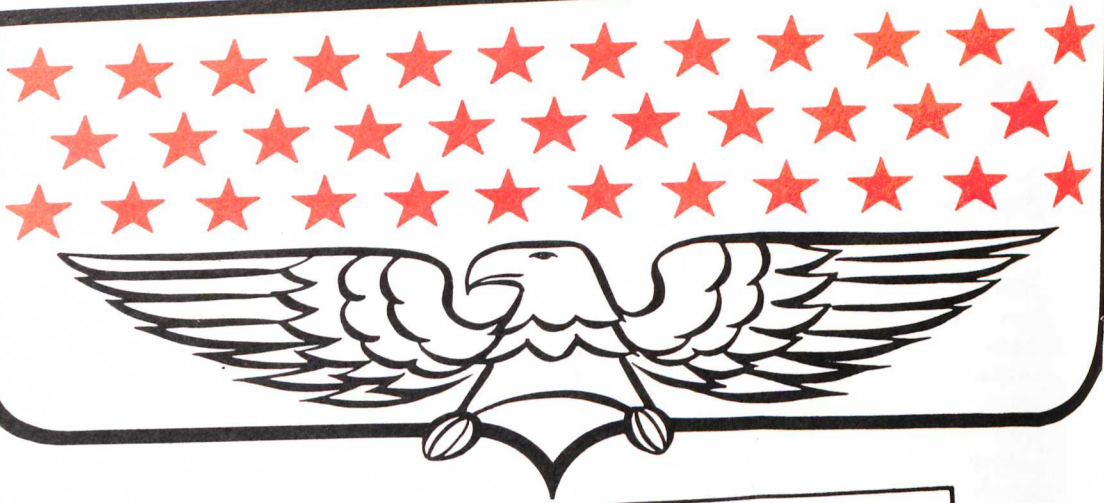
Missionary Provision Closet

Once again our women have generously supplied our need for certain items of tupperware. *Please* do not send any more three piece white canister sets. There are only a few items that are needed:

- beverage containers
- cereal bowls with seals
- colanders
- Econo Savers
- any *new* pieces

Other needs are:

- colored sheets
- mattress covers (no plastic, please)
- bedspreads
- electric blankets (twin and double)
- layettes (no blankets)
- mixers and blenders
- stainless steel flatware
- Melmac



IN ORDER to express a denomination-wide concern for our servicemen and women, we recommend that the last Sunday in May be designated as Servicemen's Sunday. We encourage our churches to plan special recognition on this Sunday to those in the armed forces from our churches, and to pray for those evangelical chaplains who seek to preach Christ to men and women far from home.

**Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
July, 1973**

SUGGESTIONS FOR SERVICEMEN'S DAY

To help you with this patriotic emphasis, some of the following ideas may be useful:

- ★ Plan to have the choir and congregation sing some patriotic songs.
- ★ Request the entire congregation to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- ★ Read selected letters from your servicemen. Make the letters come alive by showing a color slide of each serviceman selected.
- ★ Give special recognition to the

immediate families of servicemen in your congregation. The sacrifice of these families should not be forgotten or neglected in your service.

- ★ Arrange a display of service uniforms, old or new, for an added bit of interest.
- ★ Make a tape recording of the church service and send a copy to each of your servicemen.
- ★ Send church bulletins. Remember each serviceman by name in prayer during this special observance.
- ★ Be sure to publicize the service by posters, cards, letters, and announcements.

Our Writers

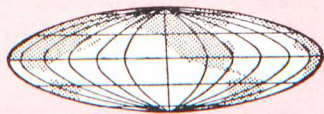
DON ROBERTS, director of communications, Foreign Missions Department, gives a graphic resume' of Japan and Free Will Baptist missionaries serving in that field in the April program. Don and his wife Carol, are the parents of four children and served as missionaries in Brazil for seven and one half years.

JOAN GARDNER, Columbus, Mississippi, won second place in WNAC's Creative Writing Contest with the May program, "Your Family Armor." This talented pastor's wife and mother of three children is an active worker in Woman's Auxiliary work and has a weekly children's Bible Club in her home.

SANDY SMITH, Farmington, Missouri, was awarded third place with her unique program, "A Rose and Me." She is president of Missouri State Auxiliary Convention and is employed as a caseworker in the Missouri Division of Welfare. She has a B.S. degree in Home Economics.

EDRA SEVERANCE, Jacksonville, Florida, is the author of the Pre-Easter Week of Prayer Programs. This busy mother of seven children is active in Woman's Auxiliary work and is the wife of H. Reedy Sevarance, pastor of the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Jacksonville.





Prayer Groups

Gladys Sloan

the grave. We who have that hope of being with Him in the future are a happy people.

As I watched the news on TV the other morning I saw scenes of some of the gangs in New York. The gang wars died down for a while because members had gotten on drugs. Since the drugs hindered their activities they are giving up the drugs and going back to the whiskey bottle, and the gang wars are reviving. As I watched, my heart cried out, "*Oh, if someone could get to them with the Gospel.*" Some are married and have small children who will never know any other way of life. Can these people be reached with the Gospel?

Pray that the burden of reaching these dear souls will lay heavily upon some one or some group, and that God will open the door for this type of ministry.

Foreign Missions Month

APRIL

As I take pen in hand to write this article, I glance out the window at the gray skies, trees all bare, grass which was so pretty and green just a few weeks ago and now turned brown. This is such a gloomy day, I thought. Suddenly the sun shines through the clouds. How differently everything appears with the sun shining.

Mind to my paper, recalling to my mind the month for which this article is to be written, my heart leaps with joy. Why? Because, April is the month in which we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. This would be a gloomy old world if the sun never shown. How much more dismal and hopeless our future would be had Christ, the Son of God, not risen from

April has been set aside as Foreign Missions month. April 21 has been designated as Call-A-Thon Sunday. Let us pray and give to make this a record month in giving for the spreading of the Gospel. Our concern for the lost will be gauged by the way we give and pray for this great cause.

1. Pray, giving thanks for the hope that we have within us.
2. Pray that our pre-Easter week of prayer meetings will bring forth much fruit.
3. Pray that Call-A-Thon Sunday, April 21, will be a great success.
4. The Jim McLains were scheduled to begin a new work in the Sapporo,

Hokkaido area of Japan in March. Pray for this work.

5. Pray for Robert and Judy Bryan who are scheduled to return to the states for furlough in March. They have been on the field in Africa for one term.
6. Pray for the Annual Foreign Mission and Home Mission Boards as they meet in the very near future.

MAY

Perhaps you have no way of knowing all that is involved in Departmental Board Meetings of Free Will Baptists. The responsibility of being a board member is very great. These men and women need our prayer support. The annual meetings are usually held in April and May. Annual budgets are to be prepared. Missionaries on furlough are to be interviewed. Missionary candidates must be interviewed. Plans for the work of the department for the coming year are to be considered. Activities of the past year are to be weighed in the balances. All of these findings are brought before the National Convention in July for approval or disapproval.

It is the responsibility of these boards and committees to project a year in advance the cost of keeping missionaries on the field, both at home and abroad. They trust the Lord to lay it on the hearts of Free Will Baptists to respond with their gifts to meet the needs.

The WNAC Executive Committee has practically the same responsibility. The ultimate of each of these boards and committees is to get the Gospel out to all the world. *"Ye shall be witnesses*

unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Do we pray enough for our board members who spend hours, yes days, in consultation two and three times each year? What they do and the time they spend is done for the Lord not for any material gain for themselves. Do we appreciate them or do we criticize? They do it because they love the cause it promotes.

1. Pray much for these men and women as they meet.
2. Pray that as they interview missionary candidates the Holy Spirit will have His way in each decision.
3. Pray as budgets are prepared for the coming year that God will give wisdom.
4. Pray for the Gary Watsons as they finish their internship and make plans to go to Oahu, Hawaii.
5. Pray for the Larry Russells as they continue to build their church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Pray for their bus ministry.
6. Pray for Ron and Pam Wood as they finish their itinerate and start serving their internship. They will build a Free Will Baptist Church in Yuma, Arizona.
7. Pray that God will call missionary couples to Spokane, Washington, Greeley, Colorado, and New Orleans, Louisiana.
8. Pray for the summer missionary program. Many of our missionaries will be involved in this program with couples from our different Free Will Baptist Colleges.

JUNE

From The Field

The Jim Sturgills from Brazil write, "I have always heard friends giving directions to someone else say, 'Just keep going until you get to the jumping off place, and then . . . ' Well, the jumping off place for us is just one month away—the end of language school. We plan to move to Barbacena. I will be responsible for helping administer correspondence courses, Bible study courses by the programmed study method, door to door visitation, etc. Our duties will be varied, some easy, others difficult, but all designed to win and teach men, women, boys and girls to follow the footsteps of our beloved Saviour."

The Carlisle Hannas, India—"The ferns have turned brown, the jack-in-the-pulpit berries are red and the down-pour of rain has slackened. Spirits soar as sunshine appears after three months of heavy rain and misty clouds. This reminds us of the brightness of our Saviour's love dispelling the gloom of sin.

"Much of Carlisle's time in recent months has been spent in trying to get our mission 'house' in order to comply with new government regulations. Besides this, annual conference, a trip to South India in April, retreats, discussions with pastors on church matters, visits to villages . . . "

Former missionary Volena Wilson lets us know that she is still working for the Master, "I spoke at one of our churches November 18th night service on missions. There was a good response. The pastor was encouraged. Though the membership of the church is small, their

offering was \$71.00 for home mission work."

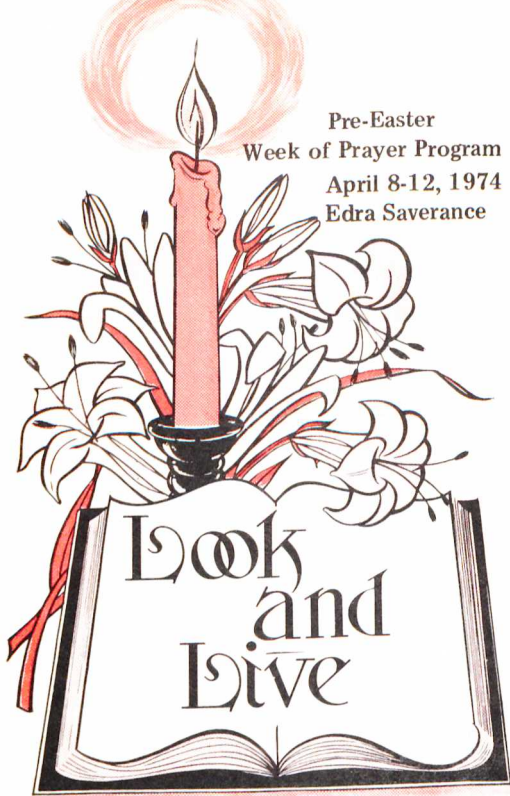
Pat Tyson, Ecuador, "On Sunday more than 3,000 Quechua Indians gathered in the mountain town of Colta for the dedication of the Quechua New Testament. You helped to make the printing possible from the Ecuador Mission Account. My main work now is involved in reaching Quechuas in Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia and Peru through radio."

Ella Rae Jones on furlough writes, "I'm looking forward to getting back to Ecuador. There are many good things about being in the United States. One of the greatest blessings of my time here has been the opportunity of seeing some of you again and hearing from your very own lips of your interest in the work in Ecuador. What a lift for me!

"So by way of this letter I want to thank you for your words of encouragement, your hospitality, your gifts, and your prayers. I praise the Lord for you and thank Him, too, for many good meetings where you've allowed me to share Ecuador and His work. I trust that through the ministry of God's Word and the Holy Spirit your lives will continually be challenged to a complete obedience to Him."

1. Pray for the Coscias, Mayhews, Waids and Merkhs who will be coming to the states for furlough this spring.
2. Pray for the Sparks and Caton families as they leave for language school to learn the Spanish language for opening new work in Spain.
3. The Eagletons and Aldridges will be returning to their field of labor the early part of the summer. Pray for them.
4. Pray for the National Convention scheduled to meet in July.
5. Pray that all who attend will be of one mind and one accord.

Pre-Easter
Week of Prayer Program
April 8-12, 1974
Edra Saverance



I do not know the depths of love
It took to die on Calvary;
I do not know the shame and grief
He suffered there to set me free.
Nor can I tell how bitter was
His cup in dark Gethsemane,
The pain He bore—heartbroken, poor;
But this I know: He died for me!

I know not why that for my sins
His precious blood so freely flows,
Nor fathom why the Lord of All
Did not such cruel death oppose.
I cannot understand the power
Which triumphed over death and
foes.

They sealed His tomb 'midst dark'ning
gloom;

But this I know: for me He rose!

I do not know why oftentimes
The skies are dark and overcast;

Nor why, in grave temptations, all
My problems seem hard, so vast.
I cannot tell what things may come
Sore heartaches, all my hopes to
blast

The shades of night obscure the light;
But this I know: He'll hold me fast.

... Grace M. Watkins

Prayer: That during this pre-Easter
week, we will look to the Cross of
Calvary and then look to our own lives.

Monday:
LOOK UP FOR SALVATION

Scripture: *Psalms 121:1; Isaiah 45:22*

Song: "He Lifted Me"

Poor? No, of course not! Why, how
could I be,
When Christ, the King, is taking care
of me?

Friend, I am rich! With Christ I am
"joint heir,"

Since He once stooped my poverty
to share!

There is no way for sins to be
forgiven and cleansed except by the
blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
When Christ cleanses us, our sins are
forgiven and remembered no more but
there must be that daily cleansing as we
walk each day with Him.

The cross is the heart of Salvation. It
reveals the true nature of God. When we
look up to the cross, we see how God
looks upon sin. It was because of sin
that the sinless Son of God was nailed
to the cross.

Before the cross, animal sacrifices
were used as a covering for sin, but
these did not remove sin. Look up to
the cross and see the incomparable grace
of God. We don't deserve His goodness.

"The soul that sinneth it shall die."

When we see the love that was offered us at Calvary and the things that God has provided for those who accept Him, are you not challenged to look up to Calvary and receive your Salvation? Prayer: That we will acknowledge Christ not only as our Savior but also as our Lord and Master.

Tuesday:

LOOK IN FOR UNCLEANNES

Scripture: *Isaiah 6:5; 2 John 8*

Song: "I Must Tell Jesus"

I am my neighbor's bible, he reads me
when we meet;
Today he reads me in my home—
tomorrow on the street,
He may be relative or friend, or slight
acquaintance be,
He may not even know my name, yet he
is reading me.

In the parable of the Sower, Christ uses seeds as the Word of God. The seeds fell on different grounds. If we should let uncleanness flourish in our lives the seeds would not bring forth fruit.

Uncleanness can make our hearts and lives like wayside soil. Satan would have the Word of God not even grow there.

Uncleanness can make our hearts and lives like stony ground. We hear with joy but the uncleanness makes us shallow and we are spiritually weak.

Uncleanness can make our hearts and lives like the thicket of thorns. We hear, we receive, we try to live for Christ but the cares of this world choke off the joy.

There can be good soil in our lives. The fruits of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

meekness, temperance, can be a part of the harvest of our lives if they are grounded in Christ.

Prayer: That we may search out our lives daily for any sin that would keep us from producing the fruits that are acceptable to Christ.

Wednesday:

LOOK AROUND FOR SERVICE

Scripture: *John 4:35*

Song: "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"

"God so loved the world," not just the few,
The wise, the great, the noble and the true,
Or those of favored class, or race, or hue,
"God so loved the world" . . . do you?

We are here to serve our Master with what He has entrusted to us until His return. Many times we are glad to proclaim Christ as our Savior but we are on the receiving end of Salvation from our Lord and never think of giving in return. What does He want in return? Our *lives*. We take the Salvation but withhold the service. Our Lord left us with a message. "Preach the Word" (2 Timothy 4:2) and "Go out quickly" (Luke 14:21).

Now I lay me down to sleep;
I cannot pray because I weep
For my children straying faraway
From thy commandments day by day.
How can they know the way to go—
Even when Thou dost love them so—
Unless someone with care and love
Guides them in Thy truths above?

Prayer: That the service we render for Christ, we will do quickly.

Thursday:

LOOK OUT FOR SIN

Scripture: *1 Peter 5:8*

Song: "Jesus Will Walk With Me"

In works of labor of skill
I would be busy too;
For Satan finds some mischief still
For idle hands to do.

Sin has always been a terrible thing
and has always been punished. God is a
God of love but He is also a just God.
Sin has always broken our relationship
with God.

It will sneak into our lives in un-
recognized forms and we will name it
human weakness. In God's sight sin is
sin and that's all it is. We must be
faithful in dealing with sin in our lives.

Sin that is not confessed and for-
saken will bring spiritual defeat and
there will be no growth in our lives.
Adam and Eve had communion with
God until they sinned. If we try to hide
what we really are, we should check out
our sin list.

Christ would have us victorious in
our Christian living. Two words of
tremendous importance to us as Chris-
tians are *submit* and *resist*. Submit (say
yes) to Christ and resist (say no) to
Satan.

Prayer: That we keep alert to the wiles
of the Devil. *Submit* and *resist*.

Friday:

LOOK FORWARD TO HEAVEN

Scripture: *Luke 21:28*

Song: "One Day"

'Twill not be long—the burdens now we
carry

Will be laid down, and our dear Lord
we'll meet;
The gates of Day for us will soon be
opened,
Our journey here . . . We'll soon com-
plete.

'Twill not be long—the time is swiftly
passing,
One moment here, the next with Christ
our Lord;
Some busy Day our list'ning ear will
welcome
The holy sound . . . the trump of God.

'Twill not be long, but while we're
watching, waiting,
We'll journey on with an unslackened
pace;
We'll keep the faith, we'll fight to win
the battle,
And to the end . . . We'll run the race.

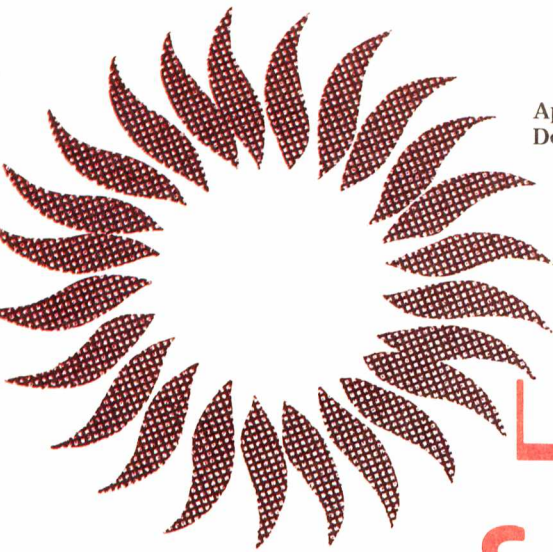
'Twill not be long, each day brings glory
nearer,
'Twill not be long that we can labor
here;
So labor on, be found a faithful servant,
The crowning Day is drawing near.

. . . Mrs. C. D. Martin

To the Prayer Chairman:

Prepare well in advance for your
offering for Foreign Missions. Here is a
suggested plan.

Encourage all members of the church
to give a 30 pieces of silver offering.
Make and give out (about three weeks
before Easter) small drawstring bags.
Make a cross about five feet high im-
bedded with small nails and place in the
front of the church. During church
services on Easter, or at the close of
your season of prayer, invite everyone
to bring their offering and place it on
the cross.



April Program
Don Robirds

Land of the Sun Goddess

Purpose: To increase our knowledge and concern for the mission field of Japan.
Songs: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"
Scripture: Acts 17:16-26; Romans 3:16-19.

Japan, "the Land of the Sun Goddess," where east meets west, where the new challenges the old. Yes, Japan is all of this and much more! It is a land of friendliness and excitement, as well as tradition and mystery. No matter how modern and westernized Japan becomes, her people still hold tradition and mystery as a vital part of life.

The new Japan is a vision of industry, resourcefulness, discipline, ancient wisdom, self-consciousness, dissatisfaction with the past, and a fearing of the future. Their basic problem of sin, however, still goes unattended. That is why Free Will Baptists have sent missionaries to proclaim salvation through Jesus Christ.

Geographically

Located just off the tip of Korea and the lower east coast of Asia, Japan is a land made up of islands. Its four main islands—Honshu, Kyushu, Hokkaido, and Shikoku—cover approximately 142,726 square miles (about the size of the state of California).

Japan is known for its mountains and volcanoes. Only 35% of the land has a slope of less than 15 degrees and less than 20% is arable.

Economically

Though facing a rapidly rising inflation, Japan is the most economically advanced nation in Asia. And though more people are employed in agriculture than any other activity, Japan is primarily an industrial nation. Japan is the world's largest producer of silk and has the largest fishing industry. Among

ship-building nations Japan ranks first. Automobile manufacturing places Japan second only to the United States, and among industrial powers of the world it is third.

Culturally

The contrasting Western and Oriental influences have been so fused together in Japan as to form a third substance unique in all the world. It is no longer Oriental; nor is it Western. Japan is a curious blend of the old and new, giving this generation of Japanese a different outlook than any of their ancestors.

Clothing has changed. Dressy kimonos are reserved for very special occasions due to expense. Western style dress has become a part of the basic wardrobe. Shoes may be leather, wooden sandals built on three inch blocks, or flat sandals made of wood or woven straw. Custom requires that these be left outside the house before entering.

The family unit is the basis of all Japanese culture. Respect for elders and ancestors has motivated Japanese families for centuries. The father is recognized as the number one personage. He is always first at meals, family baths, etc. He is graciously received by respectful bows from all the other family members. And, like the fathers of Biblical days, he bears a great responsibility: He is to provide for his family, educate his sons, manage the estate, and shelter relatives.

Educationally

Japan leads the world in literacy with more than 99% of the people able to read. Teachers are placed at the top of the ladder of prestige.

Japan is the world's largest per capita producer of magazines and newspapers and ranks second only to the Soviet Union in book publishing.

Religiously

Though a highly educated people, religiously Japan is completely pagan. The two main religions are Buddhism and Shintoism. A militant new sect of Buddhism is known as Soka Gakkai.

Legend holds that the first emperor, Jimmu Tennu, was the grandson of the sun goddess who descended to earth. He and his clan are said to have developed and organized religion from the simple worship of natural objects and consequently established themselves as religious leaders. This was the beginning of the state religion, Shintoism, and of the Imperial family. After the war in 1946 the emperor revealed that his declared deity was false and freedom of religion became a reality.

Free Will Baptist Missionaries

When Wesley and Aileen Calvery arrived in Japan in 1954, they faced a difficult language barrier, an idolatrous people imprisoned by centuries of ancestor worship and the confusion of Eastern customs mixed with Western ambitions.

Assisted by a student at Japan Christian College, the Calverys began Sunday school in a garage. They continued working in the city of Tokyo until 1956 when they moved to Hokkaido, the northernmost island of Japan. There through the assistance of a national worker, the Calverys were able to establish congregations in Abashiri, Koshimizu and Bihoro.

Calverys in Sapporo

The Calverys have remained among the people of the north for more than a decade. Three churches have been established, and two other congregations have been formed with a total of more than 125 baptized church members. In Sapporo a new church building

has been constructed and many are finding Christ through the ministry of the church. Youth activities are multiple and interest is high. A young Japanese evangelist, John Yasuda, has helped to give the work a thrust.

Herseys in Tokyo

Fred and Evelyn Hersey and their family joined the Calverys in Japan and began studying the language in 1956. Following language study, they moved to Hokkaido and began a work in Tsubetsu in addition to assuming the work in Bihoro.

Following furlough, the Herseys returned to Tokyo and established a mission in a suburban area of the city. Work with this group, now the Iriso church, and the nearby Irumagawa church continued until the Herseys again returned to the States on furlough.

Upon regression to Japan in 1972, the Herseys helped the Iriso church construct a small prefabricated building with more room and better facilities.

Waid's at Irumagawa

Arriving in 1958, the Herbert Waid's became the third Free Will Baptist missionary family to make their home in Japan. Dividing time between language study and church work in Tokyo, the Waid's got experience along with training. After two years, they moved to Hokkaido for a year but decided to return to Tokyo and thus finished their term working the capital city suburbs.

With more than 25 million people in the area, Tokyo has offered a continued challenge to the Waid's. They have continued working in the Irumagawa church located in the community of Sayama near the Iriso church. But Herbert has not been satisfied with the outreach. So plans have been proposed to build an Evangelism/Encounter Cen-

ter in the community. Through this center, a number of approaches would be used: cooking classes, English classes, youth activities, ladies' morning services, etc.—all aimed at evangelization.

McLains Help Build

Jim and Olena McLain and their family joined the missionary force in Sapporo on the island of Hokkaido in 1969 following language study. They worked in cooperation with the Calverys and assumed responsibility of the Sapporo work when the Calverys came to the States on furlough. They were actively involved with the youth and aided Bob Partee of Arkansas in the construction of Airin Chapel. Through youth meetings, rallies, and English classes, they were able to reach a number of Japanese youth for the Lord.

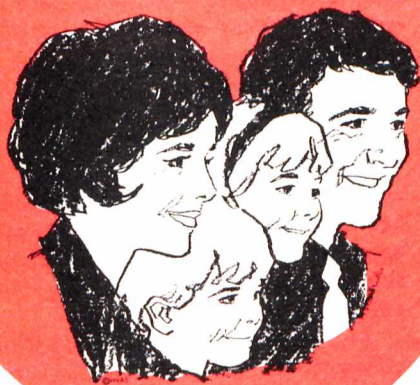
Banking on the Banks

With well over 100 million people in Japan, the other missionaries already on the islands are banking on appointees Jerry and Janice Banks. Expected to be on the field some time in 1974, the Banks should add more dimension to the thrust of evangelism and church growth. Another couple, Dale and Sandra Bishop, are in training and expect to join the team in the future.

Where do We go from Here?

The future for the work here is promising. National workers are becoming more involved. Other potential workers are in training. New strategy is being considered. But with less than one percent of the population professing Christianity, the need for workers is evident. The task is gigantic! Never the less, Free Will Baptists plan to make their mark for the future.

May Program
Joan Gardner



Your Family Armor

Purpose: *To evaluate our Christian responsibilities in the home.*

Use ideas from the Program Help Packet

Songs: "Stand Up for Jesus"

Scripture: *Proverbs 31:21; Ephesians 6:11-18*

"GET YOUR COAT. Son, don't forget your hat, I don't want you to have the earache, and please wear your boots so your feet won't get wet."

Mother, does this sound like you on a cold winter day? The virtuous woman in Proverbs was concerned about how her family was clothed also. Our family health is our responsibility. But how is your family clothed *spiritually*? In Ephesians, chapter six, we are given the attire that each person needs in this world to overcome Satan. You should dress your children warm to overcome the weather outside, but more important you should give them the armor of God to withstand the Devil.

Paul, who wrote Ephesians, knew the hard fight against "*the wiles of the Devil*." Being in Roman prisons he had constantly seen the soldiers in armor, and yet he knew the fight for a Christian is a spiritual fight against "*principalities and powers*." We see more every day of the powers of Satan and how he wins the battle over our children. Satan worship is on the increase. No more do we laugh at the talk of demons and spirits. Drugs is a national problem. The fight for morality and standards is being lost in many churches. In verse 13 we are told we need this armor to stand in the "evil day." That is TODAY. Our children need this armor more than any other protection we can give them. Yet we spend less time providing our families with this attire.

TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

(Ephesians 6:14. Use drawing 1 from packet)

These two parts of the armor, the girdle and the breastplate, cover most of the body. The girdle went around the

waist and held the sword. Paul says this should be the Girdle of Truth. Have you taught your child the *truth*? Only as he learns truth from the Word of God can your child be free. We live in a great country but no government can give your family freedom. Freedom comes from within. All mankind are enslaved in sin where there is no freedom. "*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*" (John 8:32). Does your family know the truth and is this truth a girdle about them protecting them? As you tell your child the truth do you teach him to be truthful? We live in an age of deceit therefore we must spend many hours teaching truth and being an example of truthfulness.

Also we should give our children the righteousness or goodness of God, remembering, man's goodness is as filthy rags. This righteousness is our breastplate, it protects the heart. If it is God's righteousness it will stand the test—it will not bend or break. The righteousness of God will cause your child to perform those good things which are against human nature. This breastplate is more than the flimsy personality or character courses taught to our children in school. Don't send your family out without this protection.

GOSPEL OF PEACE

(Ephesians 6:15. Drawing 2)

What kind of shoes does your child wear? Are you interested in giving him climbing shoes that he may climb the steps of mental and material success? God wants our children to wear the shoes of the "*Gospel of Peace*." Where will these shoes take them? Perhaps not to financial success nor to fame. In fact they may take your child to a foreign country to tell an unlovable people of

God's love. They may take your child to a life of complete trust in God for his every meal. They may take your child to a martyr's death. But you can be sure they will take him on the road of Joy and Contentment and real Freedom and on to a home in heaven.

They are not stylish shoes. In fact very few people will be wearing them, but they are beautiful. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace" (Isaiah 52:7).

Say, mother, have you tried a pair yourself? Are you carrying the Gospel to those near you—down the street and in your own home?

FAITH

(Ephesians 6:16. Drawing 3)

Did you give your child a "*Shield of Faith*"? In Bible days darts were placed in pitch and set on fire and when released they set on fire those things they came in contact with. Satan's darts are compared to these fiery darts. They can cause so very much damage but the "*Shield of faith*" puts these darts out.

Oh, how careful we would be to protect our precious family each day if we knew someone was hurling darts of fire at them. But, how unconcerned we are at Satan's darts which are so much more destructive.

Give your children faith to believe that God can save their soul, can protect and lead them every day and is preparing a place for them in heaven. This shield can be moved to protect the heart or the head. Satan sends his darts at both these areas. Your child is continuously moved in his heart by the desire to be liked and praised by this world. Teach him to place this shield over his heart and give his affections not

to the world but to God. Satan sends his dart of education and wisdom of men at the head. And you as parents are swayed to have your children smart and well learned, but be careful, Satan is using the world system of education to steal our youth away from us. Make sure your child has faith to believe God's Word is true no matter how strong Satan's battle is to convince him different.

SALVATION

(Ephesians 6:17a. Drawing 4)

You must teach God's Word to your children, but their salvation is a personal experience. You cannot accept Christ for them. Yet, this is the top of the armor, the helmet. How all important is the helmet. Those who work at construction sites and in factories are required to wear helmets. Those who ride on motorcycles are required to wear helmets. The "*Helmet of Salvation*" should be your first concern as you hold that little baby for the first time. Begin at birth to tell your children about salvation. At first he will begin to understand God's love through your love and concern for him. When is your child ready to be saved? This age is different in each child but some have witnessed of salvation at the age of three. When your child knows what is wrong and right and is convicted when he does wrong he is old enough to be saved. Most children begin to know they are sinners by the time they begin school. We should not insist that a small child be saved, on the other hand we should not hold them back but should be led by the Holy Spirit to guide these little ones. Don't rob any years of Christian service from your child by not trying to lead him to Jesus early. As you

give your child the "*helmet of salvation*" also give him a sword to protect himself.

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

(Ephesians 7:17b. Drawing 5)

The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. It is a two-edged sword and when we know how to use it we can win every battle. Jesus used this sword against Satan when He was tempted. Teach it to your child and help him hide it in his heart. Spend time memorizing the Word of God. We teach our children songs, rules, and formulas for math. By repetition very young children learn whole commercials from TV. Their minds learn easily. Simply by saying a scripture verse every meal for one week, a child will memorize it. The knowledge of the *sword of the Spirit* may save the spiritual life of your child. Teach it everyday.

PRAYER

(Ephesians 6:18. Drawing 6)

All this armor would only be weight to the believer except for prayer. The scripture says "*praying always.*" In Luke 18:1 we are told "*always to pray and not to faint.*" We do not have to always be on our knees but at all times we should be able to speak to our Lord about any matter always realizing His Presence with us. Teach your children that God will be with them in battle against Satan's forces. They can call upon Him for help for themselves and for others. What a wonderful Lord we have. He equips us for battle and then goes beside us to protect and give victory. *Don't send your family out to defeat.*

LET'S COMPARE Christians to the rose, which is Americas most popular flower. As you can see there is a vast difference in the two roses in the bud vase. This one, that is dried and wilted, has been separated from its bush or foundation for several days, and you can see what has happened. This one has been separated from its bush a very short time. Through a brief study of roses we can draw the parallel of a rose and a Christian, and apply some important lessons to our daily life. Gardening is something that most of us either enjoy, or tolerate, to some extent, so a similar parallel could be drawn with

tomatoes or beans in the garden or even grass on our lawns.

QUEEN OF FLOWERS

Roses, many times are referred to as the queen of flowers, and I like to think of a Christian woman as a queen, because she is a member of the royal family. Some of the reasons roses have been referred to as the queen of flowers can also apply to Christians.

Hardiness. The rose originated in Asia, but can grow in the Arctic cold of Alaska and Siberia, or in the heat of India and North Africa. Roses thrive in

Purpose: *To draw a parallel between a plant and a Christian showing the importance of a well rounded spiritual diet and proper care of our daily Christian life in order to remain an effective witness and experience the joy of a close walk with God.*

Use ideas from the Program Help Packet

Interest Center: *A bud vase containing both a rose that has wilted and begun to dry up, and a very fresh and showy rose.*

Songs: "Jesus Will Walk With Me";
"How Firm a Foundation"

Scripture: *Ephesians 2:17-22*

June Program
Sandra Smith

A Rose and Me



the sand dunes of New England and wooded hills of New York. This ability to grow wherever they are, and to find their place, is called hardiness by gardeners. The great commission commands us to go into all the world and find our place, and we can go with the assurance of Philippians 4:13, "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*" Christians certainly have their place! The key words are "*through Christ,*" for, without Him even the strongest person cannot thrive and be hardy.

Beauty. Emperor Nero spent \$100,000 for cut roses for one night's feast, and China, 5000 years ago, devoted whole parks to roses. America has parks, organizations, and books devoted to roses, because of their beauty. The beauty of a Christian woman is defined clearly in Proverbs 31:10. "*Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies*" if she possesses the beauty of love, kindness, diligence, concern, fairness and all the other virtues mentioned in the remainder of Proverbs 31.

Usefulness. Roses have been used in medicines, ointments, food, and as a source of Vitamin C during World War I. "*And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us: Yea the work of our hands establish it*" (Psalm 90:17). There is beauty in work and so much to be done! If even a thorny rose bush can be useful, then certainly we can too, if we allow God to establish the work of our hands.

Because of the reasons just mentioned: hardiness, beauty and usefulness, roses have been given the place of honor in gardens of millions of flower lovers throughout the world, and are even called royal. If we as Christians possess these traits we are members of

the royal family, but not stopping there, we can win others into the royal family of Christ.

NEEDS OF ROSES

It seems that roses and Christians have many of the same needs. The best place to grow roses is in full sunshine, for plants grown in the sun produce more flowers faster and the bushes are apt to be sturdier. "*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin*" (1 John 1:7). The lesson here is obvious. A Christian may be born again, but without the light of fellowship with God and with God's people, singing praises, praying together, studying together and working together, our Christian life becomes weak and spindly, like a rose grown in the shade.

Roses need plenty of water, but good drainage. In dry seasons a slow running hose should be left at the base of each bush for an hour or so, once a week, to completely soak the ground surrounding the roots. The water must go deep, or otherwise the roots will come to the top of the ground to search out the water and are likely to freeze out in the winter. Our Christian life will do the same, if it is only on the surface and is not grounded deeply in the Holy Spirit.

Good drainage is necessary, however, for if water is allowed to accumulate and stand stagnant the roots will literally drown. "*He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water*" (John 7:38). Then we should water or soak our Christian discipleship with the scriptures and believe, but make certain we have good drainage so that the love of Christ simply bubbles over and flows

out from us to touch others.

The gardener must make certain the soil is right for the growth of roses, which includes proper acidity and texture of the soil as well as nutrients. Children are to be brought up in the nurture and admonition of God (Ephesians 6:4). We as children of God are fed by the scriptures and are guided by actually allowing God, through the Holy Spirit, to dwell in us.

CREATING BETTER BLOOMS

There are other things with which to be concerned if one is growing prize winning roses after the basic needs just mentioned have been met.

It is unfortunately true that roses are attacked by a host of different kinds of pests and diseases. Is this not also true of Christians? Satan takes many forms and is always present in some way to attack us, but the same principle that rose growers use to control pests and diseases can be applied by you to your life. That is, first of all, keeping a healthy plant by meeting the needs already mentioned and then giving it regular care and using as your pesticide the precious blood of Jesus.

Next, rose growers know that by pruning accurately you can increase the number of blooms a rosebush will produce per season. God also uses this method to clip our wings occasionally when we try to take control of our lives and push the guidance of the Holy Spirit aside, but He does so lovingly just as a parent disciplines a child.

Sometimes the rootstock, on which a hybrid rose is grown, sprouts a cane or sucker which is easily identified by its small pale leaves. It must be removed completely and immediately, for, if it is allowed to grow unchecked, it will

quickly dominate the upper plant, sapping its energy and eventually destroying it. One little, pale, almost insignificant, sin, that is not removed promptly, and completely, in the life of a Christian can do the same; first of all, destroying the witness, and eventually destroying the person.

One last tip. Serious damage can come to a rose bush from winter's cold and therefore, your bushes need some type of protection. We Christians sometimes get the idea that we are almost miracle workers, and should be able to stand any storm, cold or hot; thus, getting ourselves into positions that begin to freeze out our faith, place little doubts in our minds, and certainly blow and shake our effectiveness as a witness. Just as a rose needs protection, we need to protect ourselves from situations where we cannot come out victorious.

SUMMARY

Looking again at the two roses, we can see that one rose has been a thing of beauty because it grew and was fed by its bush or foundation. "*Ye are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone*" (Ephesians 2:20). Once the rose became separated it took on the appearance of a Christian once he left the fellowship of God. It was no longer able to obtain the light, water and nutrients that are so vital to its health. We as Christians must remember that we need all three. All sunlight, and no water and food will cause wilt and drying. All water without sunlight and food will cause rot. All food without sunlight and water will do nothing. We must take the proper steps and care to stay close to our Lord and Savior, or we become as a dry wilted rose.

An Exciting Workshop

Rachel Clubb, treasurer of the Western Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary reports they recently had a most exciting workshop, which was held at the Ben Avenue Church in Kannapolis.

The program consisted of skits given by six different auxiliaries. This type program made it possible for a great number of women to be involved.

The most exciting part, however, was the contest among the local auxiliaries to raise money for WNAC Emphasis Month. During the meeting, each local treasurer was asked to bring her group's Emphasis check to the front. The results were as follows: Cramerton \$161, Mount Holly \$150, Stanley \$110, Dallas \$106, Ben Avenue, Kannapolis \$50, Gastonia First \$32.50, and North Belmont \$30. The total was \$639.50. Trophies were presented for the four largest gifts.

Mrs. Clubb wrote, "We were all amazed at the amount of the gifts. We are sure it was the competition that made us work harder. We would like to go even higher next year."



CRAMERTON, N. C. AUXILIARY in the costumes they used to give the skit "A Gift for the Preacher."

THE WINNERS of the Western Piedmont District Woman's Auxiliary contest to raise money for WNAC Emphasis Month. They represent Cramerton, Mount Holly, Stanley, and Dallas Auxiliaries.





A PARABLE

Behold, a certain man prospered in the affluent society in which he lived, and because he was a godly man who feared the Lord, he laid aside from all he earned a portion for the work of God. This he did gladly and with an open hand. In like manner also he paid his taxes, and medical insurance, and pension plan, and social security, and all that was required of him. But withal his goods increased and he lived in comfort with the wife of his youth, and with his sons and daughters.

And it came to pass one day that he traversed the supermarket, as was his wont, to buy meet for his family. And when he had done, he purchased also dog food for his beagle, and bird seed for his budgie, and fish food for his fantails, and catnip for his cat. And as he paid his money, being of a merry heart, he spake unto the cashier that verily it cost as much to feed his animals as it did to feed his family.

And as he drove home, he beheld a vision. And lo, he saw the faces of those who hungered, and of those who wept, and of those who were ill. And he saw also the faces of those who served them, and who preached unto them good tidings. And he was smitten of heart and said to himself, While others suffer lack, I have enough and to spare and to spend on dog food. Verily,

as God hath prospered me I will no more hold the needs of Rover above the needs of others.

 nd in his home he set aside a vessel, and vowed a vow, saying, As I live, not only shall I set aside each week as God hath prospered me, but I shall also put herein sums equal to those I spend on puppy biscuits and kitty litter. And thereafter when he bought Doggie-O or Birdie-Sing, or even Happy Fish, he placed a like sum in the vessel which he had sanctified.

 nd at the end of forty days and forty nights he looked therein, and beheld the money, how it had multiplied. And he rejoiced, saying, This is a day of good tidings. I do not well to hold my peace.

 nd he went unto his neighbors and shewed unto them the vessel, and instructed them. And they gathered them vessels from their houses, some of glass and some of wood and some of metal, and they did as he had done, and placed therein money, some to match the price of coffee, and some of bubble gum, and some of candy bars, and some of newspapers, and some of records, and others of Coke, and yet others of goods of like kind.

 nd thereby learned they what affluent people oft forget, that the needs of others, and of those who help to meet those needs, are worth at least as much as sundries.

Something Happens When Women Pray...



THEY CAME in sedans, station wagons, Toyotas, Pontiacs and Chevrolets. They came by ones and twos and by carloads. They came from the north and south, east and west. They came to Camp Sierra. They left behind smog, smoke, and sidewalks, families, fuss and freeways, husbands, homes and hustle, duties, dinners, and dirty dishes. They came for retreat—24 hours of fun and fellowship—precious moments of relaxation and rejoicing in the Lord.

October 26-27 women from across the state of California met for a retreat sponsored by the California Woman's Auxiliary Convention. They enjoyed the beauty of the Sierras, the comfort of Camp Sierra, delicious meals and snacks and the fellowship of Free Will Baptist women across the state.

Following the evening meal ladies participated in a few moments of pure fun; but the highlight of the evening was a fireside chat with Mrs. Mabel Willey, veteran missionary presently serving in Panama. Mrs. Willey spoke simply and from her heart. She spoke about love and concern for those about us. She

spoke about the patience and faith that comes through suffering. She shared experiences and prayer requests. Then others shared, testified and praised the Lord. Seated, kneeling and standing around a flickering fireplace, 47 women united their hearts in prayer.

Prayer continued throughout the night with a prayer group scheduled for every hour. The six o'clock group was just finishing their vigil when everyone gathered for breakfast and the activities of the new day. Six women spoke in the morning relating evidences of the power of prayer in various situations.

Reluctantly they left—47 women who had withdrawn to the mountains for a season of prayer and who had been blessed beyond their greatest expectations.

Mississippi Retreat

"If you missed Janie Aldridge you missed a blessing . . . also the other activities including the fun we had," writes Eva House of the Mississippi Woman's Auxiliary retreat held September, 1973 at Camp Mount Bethel.

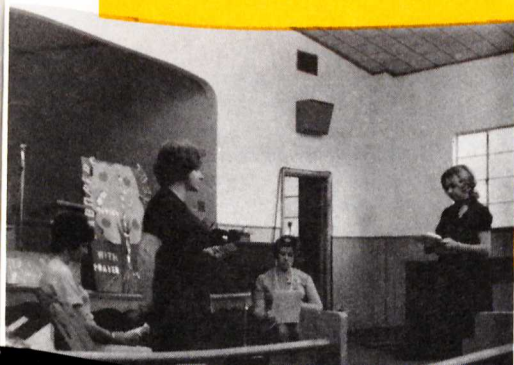
"The experience is like
a booster rocket.
It gives spiritual
impetus. It is the lift-off
into successful orbit."

At A Prayer Retreat

Kentucky Retreat-Workshop

"Me . . . Like a Tree?" was the theme of the Kentucky workshop held at the 13th Street Free Will Baptist Church in Ashland under the direction of Dorothy Cox, WNAC executive committee member. Approximately 50 women attended.

KENTUCKY OFFICERS—(from left to right), Naomi Looney, treasurer; Sarah Brown, member at large; Dorothy Cox, president; Loretta Branham, vice president; Walta Preston, secretary; and Jean Castle, member at large.



A SKIT on parliamentary procedure was presented at the retreat-workshop by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Second Free Will Baptist Church, Ashland.

Tennessee Retreats

The Tennessee Auxiliary retreat was held October 19-20, 1973, at Hillmont under the direction of Marjorie Workman, state president. Registration was 81. Pat Thomas spoke on "our Relationship... to our Cottage, Companion, Children, Community, Church, and Christ."

SUNBONNET SALLY AND OVERALL JIM portrayed in skit at Tennessee retreat by Mrs. W. H. Teague and an unidentified member from Newport.

SCHOOL DAYS reflected in skit by "students" of Woodbine Auxiliary, Nashville, Tennessee. Left to right, Pat Lanius, Judy Martin, Jean Goodwin, Arilla Wode, and Patsy Thomas.



TEENAGE GIRLS joined members of the Woman's Auxiliary of Randall Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, in a prayer and study retreat. Left to right, Linda Wright, Barbara Wright, Teresa Carter, and Mary Blackwood.

The program consisted of testimonies and the roasting of marshmallows around the campfire. Other activities, held inside, included refreshments, games, a study course, prayer, and finally sleep.

Brenda Patrick, pastor's wife, says the retreat was so effective they plan to make it an annual event.

THE LOSERS in a game played at Memphis retreat, are wearing green onion corsages. They are, left to right, first row, Sammie Pratt and Mary Blackwood. Back row, Gwen Weaver, Charlotte Edmonds, and Barbara Wright.





Quota

by Geraldine Everett Gohn

I wished for home and husband.
The wish was given me—
My heart and hearth are daily sparked
With masculinity.

I wished for children. This request
Was also granted me—
A nimble five-ringed circus
Performing endlessly.

I'm ready for my third wish, now,
Though squandered it may be—
A few full moments, please, oh please,
Occasionally.

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