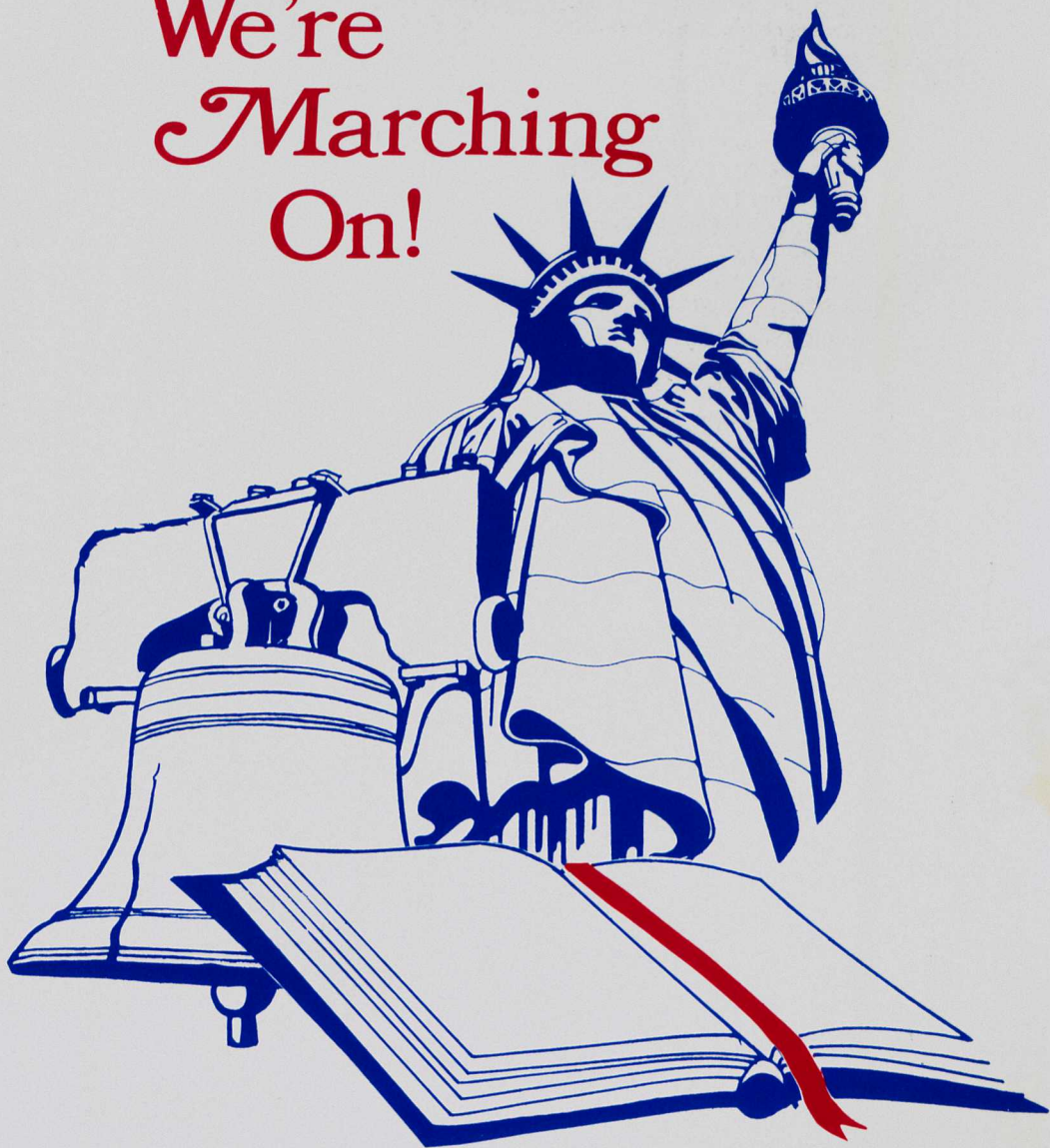


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Co-Laborers Write

I praise God for such a program as the *Actionettes*. We have needed this for our young women for a long time.

*Sue Edgmon
Portsmouth, Virginia*

I enjoy your program help packet very much. We use as much of it as possible each time. You have great ideas and may God continue guiding you in these programs. Each one is a real blessing. We also enjoyed the Pre-Easter Week of Prayer Program. Our ladies said it was the best we have ever had.

*Ann Jones
Midland City, Alabama*

Thank you so very much for your kindness and your quick response, which is a great asset of

WNAC. We are surely grateful and appreciate the work of WNAC.

*Mrs. Dayton Pratt
Memphis, Tennessee*

We really enjoy and appreciate the inspiring lessons each month. Praise God for the wonderful people who work so hard to get these programs to us.

*Donna Lyons
Dardanell, Arkansas*

We are a small Auxiliary but God has blessed us in many ways. We enjoy the *Co-Laborer* programs very much. In my opinion the one for January, "One Day at a Time," is the best one we have had.

*Mable Battenfield
Miami, Oklahoma*

You are doing a grand job with the *Co-Laborer* magazine. It means much to our Auxiliary and the programs are a blessing.

*Mrs. Arnold Ward
Timmons ville, S.C.*

The women of Magnolia Free Will Baptist Church really receive a blessing each time we meet. Please send us all the free literature you have on our missionaries . . . We would like to know what they are doing and what their needs are so we may help them.

*Mrs. Johnnie Owens
Dothan, Alabama*

Thank you for another year of interesting articles in *Co-Laborer* magazine. We really have enjoyed them and they have helped our ladies to continue working for the Lord and glorifying Him each day in our lives.

*Joyce E. Taylor
Brunswick, Georgia*

We praise the Lord for the way He has blessed our Auxiliary in the first year of its being. We average around 20 per meeting and are really praying we can get more interested.

We are requesting 22 *Co-Laborers* at this time but pray that this will double shortly. The lessons are fantastic.

*Linda Holland
Victory Church
Goldsboro, N.C.*

We really enjoy the lessons in *Co-Laborer*. The writer sure does a good job with the program helps too.

*Maiselle Woods
Uriah, Alabama*

Last summer I attended the National at Dayton. While browsing through the booths I ran across the WNAC *Actionettes* Yearbook of Programs and the Leader's Packet. I bought both, brought them home and gave them to one of the girls and her mother to look over. Before I knew it she had enlisted 18 girls. We met and organized the first *Actionettes* group in the Louisa Church. The girls were thrilled with the idea and they are really getting involved.

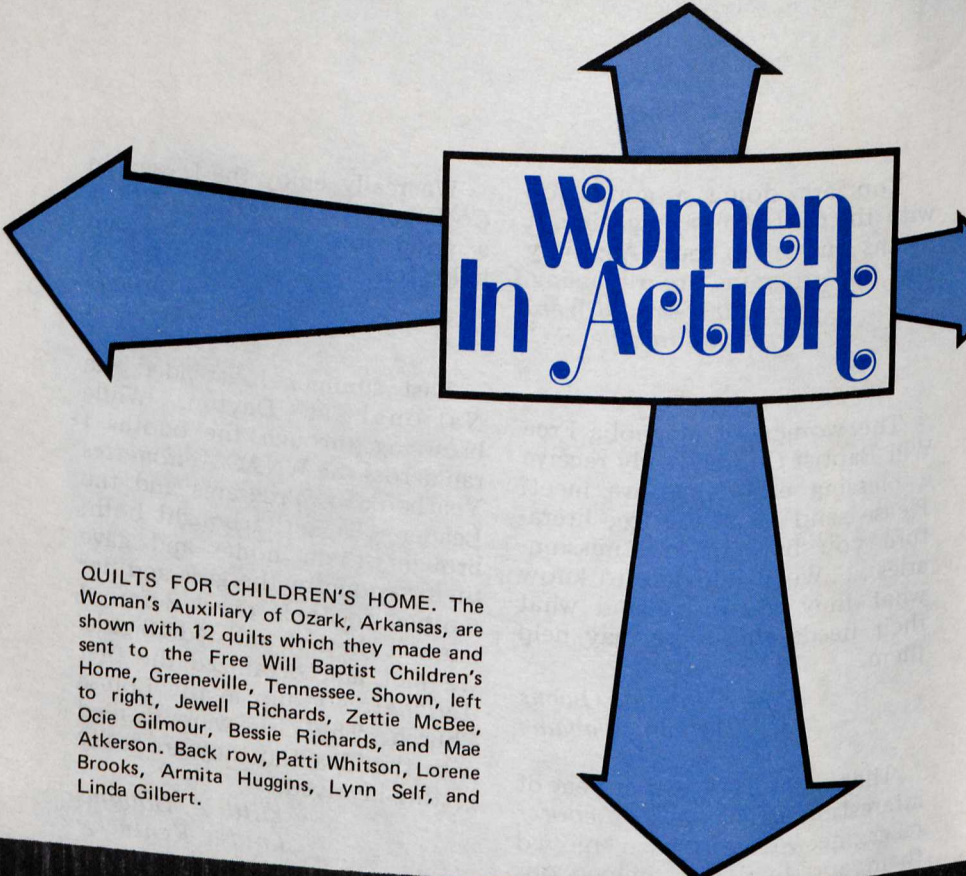
*Edith A. Dobbins
Louisa, Kentucky*

What a blessing the programs in our *Co-Laborer* have been to me this quarter. The writing was truly blessed of God. I'm looking forward to future issues with eager anticipation. We, here at First Church, salute you for the fine job you are doing.

*Linda McCurry
Newport News, Virginia*

Keep up the good work. The programs in our *Co-Laborers* are very up-lifting and challenging. Even though we are few in number we do enjoy fellowship together.

*Mrs. J.W. Clower
Arlington, Georgia*



Women In Action

QUILTS FOR CHILDREN'S HOME. The Woman's Auxiliary of Ozark, Arkansas, are shown with 12 quilts which they made and sent to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Greeneville, Tennessee. Shown, left to right, Jewell Richards, Zettie McBee, Ocie Gilmour, Bessie Richards, and Mae Atkerson. Back row, Patti Whitson, Lorene Brooks, Armita Huggins, Lynn Self, and Linda Gilbert.





NEW AUXILIARY—Members of the North Memphis, Tennessee, Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary averaged 13 for the quarter. Mrs. Jerry Presley, pastor's wife, is shown at extreme right.



CONCERNED WOMEN—Members of the Union Chapel Woman's Auxiliary, Chocowinity, N.C., gave 41 fruit baskets and 44 other gifts to the elderly in their community last Christmas. Shown from left to right, Elizabeth Edwards, Betty Carrow, Sybil Tripp, Thelma Williamson, Louise Harris and Melba Carrow. Not pictured but helping were Judy Lollis and Lillian Clark.

ALABAMA DISTRICT

The State Line District Woman's Auxiliary of Alabama held a shower for WNAC's Missionary Provision Closet. They received 19 steam irons and 16 pressure cookers which met a real need. Mrs. Shirley Kennedy, president, wrote that at this annual event 67 people from 11 auxiliaries shared a time of devotion, fun, viewing of a film on "The Christian Home," and a covered dish supper. Participating auxiliaries were: Corinth, Cowarts Creek, Dothan First, Enterprise First, Faith, Howard Grove, New Hope, Panther Creek, Shiloh, Springfield, and Union Hill.



OFFICERS of Alabama State Line District Auxiliary left to right, Phyllis Parker, vice president, Annette Tomlinson, missions prayer chairman, Shirley Kennedy, president, Geraldine Cox, field worker, Niria Ammons, historian, and Ann Jones, treasurer. Other officers are Emma Jean Mallory, secretary, Patsy Howell, missions action chairman, and Elsie Morris, missions study chairman.



MONEY SHOWER—Mrs. Earl Sutton, pastor's wife, was honored by members of the Georgetown, S.C. Woman's Auxiliary with a money shower. "She has been an inspiration to all of us," writes Mrs. Anna Davis.



STUDENTS HONORED—The White Oak Hill Woman's Auxiliary, Bailey, N.C., honored Randy and Catherine Deans and Tim and Sue Keeny with a farewell shower on the eve of their departure for Free Will Baptist Bible College. Sue and Catherine were faithful members of the White Oak Hill Woman's Auxiliary.



UNIQUE SKIRT—Shown is the Christmas tree skirt made as a gift for Judy Bryan, missionary to the Ivory Coast by the Judy Bryan Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Vero Beach, Florida. Betsy Lucky is president.

BICENTENNIAL QUILT—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Ulysses, Kansas Church, from left to right, Shirley Howard, Florence Tyler, Ruby Ragan, Bertha Grogan, and Otelha Wise. Members not pictured are Marie Wooten and Helen Klassen. Keith Tallent is pastor.



MEMORY QUILT—Pastor Roger Tripp and wife Sybil were honored at Christmas by members of the Union Chapel Woman's Auxiliary, Chocowinity, N.C. Sybil is shown with the beautiful memory quilt which was presented them. They were also given a picture album containing pictures of members and their families.



MEMO from CLEO

Cleo Pursell, Executive Secretary



Important Information

Missionary Ken Eagleton writes that due to new regulations concerning importing in Brazil, they were being charged import taxes plus various other taxes which makes it impractical to get packages out of the post office.

Several of their Christmas packages were refused by them because of the high tariffs to be paid. Most items have a 205% tax on them! The Eagletons would have had to pay approximately \$90.00 to have gotten those three packages that they refused. They hated to send them back but felt like they couldn't pay the high costs.

The post office director informed Mr. Eagleton that there would be no taxing if the packages were sent *in the name of the Mission*, instead of the name of the missionary. Too, there should be no names on packages that might be individually wrapped inside the box. The person sending the package should write a separate letter to the missionary explaining that the package has been sent and for whom the items are meant without names being included in the package.

Too, when possible, the actual cost of each item should not be placed on the card filled out for the post office. Since the package is a gift, then the items have no commercial value and should not be declared for more than \$5.00 total for the entire package. Anything over \$5.00 declared value is subject to import taxes plus other taxes.

A Sellout!

Although more than 15,000 *Co-Laborer* magazines were mailed out for first quarter, 1976, we were completely out of stock by the middle of the quarter. We apologize for not being able to fill all the new orders we received, but are thrilled at the way our *Co-Laborer* family is growing.

Postage Increase

You are well aware that Uncle Sam has increased postal rates on first, second, and third class mail. This means, of course, that of necessity WNAC will have to increase postage rates also. Please note changes in the 1976-77 catalog.



Wisehart



Staten



Cronk



Talton

Who's Who In This Issue

TRULA CRONK served with her husband Dan, as a missionary to North India for 24 years under the Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions. She presently is employed by the state of Tennessee and is the mother of a son, Randy.

MARY RUTH WISEHART is professor of English and Literature at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. She serves as state field worker and assists with field work for WNAC.

ANNIE C. TALTON and her husband, Norwood, are the owners-operators of a family care home. They have three married children. Mrs. Talton is missions study chairman of the Garner, N.C. auxiliary, president of the Randall District, and state field worker.

ELSIE STATEN is the wife of Ralph Staten, pastor of Wooddale Free Will Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. She is a mother, teacher, and avid Woman's Auxiliary supporter. She served on the Tennessee Woman's Auxiliary executive committee until her illness in 1975. Please pray for her recovery.

DIANNE WORTHINGTON conducts home Bible studies and has taught Bible in the public schools. She is the mother of four children and a pastor's wife. Her husband, Milton, is pastor of the Central Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Can You Identify Them?



(1) At the request of this Tennessee woman a committee was appointed by the General Conference of Free Will Baptists to organize a National Woman's Auxiliary Convention. On June 13, 1935, the cherished dream of many Free Will Baptist women was fulfilled.



(2) This dedicated and talented woman served as the first president of the North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention and also as the first president of the WNAC.



(3) She has been outstanding as a tireless and fluent writer for WNAC. She served WNAC continuously from 1935 to 1953. She introduced the Co-Laborer plan. She revised the manual in 1940 which included constitutions, the standard of achievement, a brief history, and suggestions for organizing.



(4) She made that historic motion which brought the East and West together in 1935. She served as field worker for WNAC and for the National Home Missions Board. She was a missionary and a minister of the Gospel. She "invented" the Jehoida Chest for missions contributions.

Answers to the quiz, "Can you identify Them?" (previous page.)



(1) Fannie Polston, WNAC's first field worker, once said: *"From the very beginning, the purpose of this organization has been to lead the women of the Free Will Baptist Church into a larger share in the winning of the world to Christ. This is made possible by providing a place of service for every woman in the church."* —Early History of WNAC (Contact).



(2) Alice Lupton, had a vision of the place young people and women could fill in service for the Lord: *"In the year 1915, Mrs. Lupton, gathered 20 juniors and intermediates and organized them for Christian service. From this organization came the youth organization of the church known as the Free Will Baptist League."*—Biographical Sketch of Alice Lupton (WNAC).



(3) Agnes Frazier, held many offices in Auxiliary work including national executive secretary-treasurer: *"The marvelous record made by Christian women of today, through their organized efforts to give the gospel to the whole wide world, surpasses all other great movements which have been undertaken by women for the uplift of humanity. In what other field of activity could a woman or young person hope to influence the whole world?"* —Manual of Woman's Auxiliary Methods, 1953.



(4) Lizzie McAdams, was avidly interested in all phases of the Lord's work in the denomination. She worked for support of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville and was present for the opening: *"She was a Prayer-Warrior—perhaps one of the last of her ilk, Her faith was unshakable—Like those heroes of old—she staggered not at God's promises—counting Him able to do according to His Word all that He had promised."* —Biographical Sketch of Lizzie McAdams (WNAC).

CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL WITH WNAC

July 12-13, 1976, in Tulsa, Oklahoma

"FREE INDEED!" is the theme of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. The watchword, based on John 8:36, emphasizes the freedom and privileges we have in Christ Jesus. Major addresses will be brought by Joe Hass, Rennes, France, Geneva Poole, Brazil, Dr. LaVerne Miley, Ivory Coast, and June Critcher, Tennessee.

The music, under the direction of Bob Followill, Norman, Oklahoma, will feature numerous songs written by Free Will Baptist women for the Bicentennial Share-a-Song Booklet. Special music will be brought by Hillsdale's New Life Singers and by missionaries Susan Moser and Barbara Haas.

Bicentennial Celebration

You simply can't afford to miss the exciting Tuesday afternoon session! First, the New Life Singers of Hillsdale Bible College will present stirring patriotic/religious musical arrangements. This will be followed by *Historical Spots* under the direction of Mary Ruth Wisehart, Nashville, Tennessee. The past will be brought to life and you will see colorful costumes of yesteryear.

The program will be climaxed by a message from June Critcher, wife of Harold Critcher, Director of Finance for the Department of Foreign Missions. June is a mother, writer-editor, and teacher, and is a frequent speaker to women's groups.

Writing Contest Awards

Awards for the winners of WNAC's fourth creative writing contest will be made in the Tuesday morning session. We ask participants to be seated on the platform before 9 a.m. Tuesday if possible.

Attention State Secretaries and Treasurers

State secretaries and treasurers and/or district and local officers where there is no state or district convention affiliated with the national convention should send in their annual reports and dues before the first of July if they wish them included in the report to the national convention. Send treasurers' reports

and membership dues of \$1.00 per active member, to:

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

Send secretaries' reports to:
Mrs. Anne Worthington
1712 Dawson Road
Albany, Georgia 31705

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday | |
| 2 p.m. | WNAC Registration
Tulsa Assembly Center |
| Monday | |
| 8 a.m. | WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast
Mayo Hotel, English Room |
| 12 noon | Executive Committee Luncheon
Mayo Hotel, English Room |
| 1 p.m. | Meeting State Presidents/Field Workers/
WNAC Executive Committee
Mayo Hotel, French Room |
| 5 p.m. | WNAC Fellowship Dinner
Speaker—Dr. LaVerne Miley, Ivory Coast
Assembly Hall, Tulsa Assembly Center |
| Tuesday | |
| 9 a.m. | Woman's National Auxiliary Convention,
Tulsa Assembly Center. Joe Haas, France,
Geneva Poole, Brazil, speakers. |
| 1:30 p.m. | BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
New Life Singers, Hillsdale Bible College
Historical Spots—Mary Ruth Wisheart
Speaker—June Critcher |

Will Your Auxiliary Be Represented?

Each local Auxiliary in good standing with its representing higher body (district or state) has the privilege of sending a delegate to this convention by paying a representation fee of

\$3.00. She will pay the fee when she registers at the WNAC booth.

You still have time to elect a local delegate. Plan to have your Auxiliary represented in Tulsa!

Fellowship Dinner

The WNAC fellowship dinner is always a highlight of the convention. Dr. LaVerne Miley, medical missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, will speak. Mr. Bob Followill will lead group singing from the original Share-a-Song Booklet.

The meeting will be held Monday at 5 p.m. in the Assembly Hall, Tulsa Assembly Center, July 12. Make your reservations early.

All banquets have been reserved for a certain number of people. To avoid disappointment you are urged to order tickets early. No tickets will be mailed or reserved without payment. Refunds are available through July 1, 1975. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request for tickets.

The dinner is open to both men and women and tickets are \$5.00 each (includes tax and gratuity.)

We encourage our Auxiliaries to help make it possible for all our missionaries home on furlough to attend the dinner. You may do so by purchasing one or more tickets for missionaries. While you are filling in the reservation form for yourself, just include the name of a missionary. WNAC will see that the missionary receives the ticket. Clip and mail to WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Date _____

I would like to reserve _____ ticket(s) for the WNAC Fellowship Dinner, Monday July 12, 1976, at 5 p.m. at the Assembly Hall, Tulsa Assembly Center.

Enclosed is \$_____ (\$5.00 each). I wish to purchase tickets for the missionaries indicated below:

Name _____

Street Number _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

July Program
by Trula Cronk

Christian Women, Free In Christ Jesus

Purpose: To remember that freedom is always conditional and in danger of being lost by neglect.

Songs: "Jesus, I Come." Use others from the bicentennial share-a-song booklet.

Scripture: John 8:36

See Program Help Packet



In Kate Wiggins' story of Patsy, there is an incident when Patsy brings her teacher an orange that had every evidence of having already been juiced. "Here's an orange I brunged yer," said Patsy. "It's been squz some, but there's still some more in it."

That is rather the way some of us feel about the word *freedom* as we make our way through this bicentennial year which celebrates our 200 years of political freedom. But, even though *freedom* is much bandied about, the full exploration of the concept lies still in the future, perhaps even in the next world, for in a very real sense freedom exists only as an incentive. Freedom is always contingent on many other conditions. It is not possible to argue with integrity that a person can be free, that is really free in the sense that the world means

free, free of restraints, free to go my own way. All freedom is defined in these words from our Lord, "Without me ye can do nothing." Existence itself is dependent on the sustaining grace of God. Though we spend all our lives trying to disprove those words, we fail. Physical and human nature follow consistent and permanent laws. Because we are sure that nature (including our own) is lawful, any personal freedom we aspire to must be defined in terms of these laws.

For instance, one can never be free to ignore the laws of health except at his own peril. The body makes exacting demands and it is only in obedience to the laws instituted by God for the maintenance of the body that anyone can be *free* to live and to work in happiness. Doctor I.S. McMillen in his book *None of These Diseases* points out how one sentence from the Book of books could have delivered men from unnumbered deaths from plague, cholera, typhoid and dysentery. That sentence is found in Deuteronomy 23, "You shall set off a place without the camp and, when you go out to use it, you must carry a spade among your gear and dig a hole, have easement, and turn to cover the excrement." Men were free to ignore this rule but only to their own hurt. People in many parts of the world continue to this day to ignore this principle and cholera still takes its annual toll, as does typhoid, dysentery and countless other intestinal diseases.

Men were free to ignore the rule, but they were also free to reap the death and misery that followed. God's moral laws are as deeply embedded in the nature of things as are His physical laws and someone has well said that we do not break these laws by ignoring them, we only break ourselves upon them.

In our age of so called enlightenment there are probably more people in actual physical bondage than there

has been at any other time in history. Of course the tremendous increase in the world's population accounts for part of this statistic, but it also means that the concept of freedom is hardly more than a dream to most of the world's people. The full revelation of the way to freedom has been in our hands for nearly two thousand years and still men ^{plow} group for some way to break their chains!

BONDAGE

Bondage to poverty is a very real kind of slavery. Who can be free who does not know whether he will be able to eat today even if he is well enough to work? What can freedom possibly mean to a person whose child is hungry and sick and there is no way to get food or medical help? Freedom to roam in the wind and the sun loses its appeal when there is no roof to come back to. What is the freedom to work at a job of one's choice worth, if there is no job? A very great portion of the world's people are never free from hunger from the day they are born until the day they die while we are free to kill ourselves from overeating. Somewhere we are ignoring one of God's basic laws of sharing the resources of the earth in a fair and just manner.

Bondage to tyrannical governments encompass a great number of the world's people, but bondage to a system of government, though a dreadful kind of slavery, may be less to be feared by the women of the world than the bondage of illiteracy, superstition, and ritual morality, not to mention bondage to certain habits that enslave by robbing people of the freedom to act in their own interest. We should never take our political freedom for granted but should continually remind ourselves and our children of the cost involved in

securing it, but as Christian women we must also be on guard against the development of habits and superstitions that rob us of our personal freedoms, for unless we are aware of the perilous nature of all our freedoms we may lose some vital ones in our own lifetime. Think of the many educated women who not only read the daily horoscopes, but plan their days by them.

Bondage to Sin is the most devastating of all the chains of slavery and it is toward the breaking of these chains that John addresses the words of our text, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Sin is the central problem for all the world's people and all the world's religions devote themselves to it. People try many ways to get rid of sin. They go on pilgrimages, they torture themselves, they fast and practice self-denial, they cross deserts and hibernate in caves, they climb high mountains and make great vows. Because they will not recognize God's law of freedom, they go on trying to get rid of sin some other way.

WHAT DOES FREEDOM MEAN TO CHRISTIAN WOMEN?

First of all, it means the total emancipation from the penalty of sin. A sense of sin causes most of life's disintegrating experiences. People break down in various kinds of mental illness because they have no adequate experience of fellowship with God. In the midst of the awfulness of our sin and the fear of eternal punishment and death, a touch comes and we know instinctively that it is the Father. Life becomes whole again. All people want to know God as a friend. The assurance of forgiveness and the experience of restored fellowship give wings to life. When the bond of sin is cancelled and the Son of God takes us

by the hand the whole way home becomes heaven because He is the Way. This is complete freedom, "Sin shall have no longer dominion over you," and it goes much deeper than repeated forgiveness for constantly repeated sins. Being free from the dominion of sin, I am now free to live in all the abundance of the creative life in me. Freedom means that we have access to alternatives. A.W. Tozer says, "The man or woman *wholly and joyously surrendered to Christ* can't make a wrong choice—any choice will be the right one." Freedom from the fear of making the wrong choices gives confidence.

FREEDOM TO BE MYSELF

As Christian women we are free to take the muzzles from our hearts and personalities, free to choose to obey the laws of God in all nature including the human personality. We no longer have to go our own way staggering under our load of self-centeredness, wrapped in the bondage of self-seeking, self-pitying and self-choosing. We become free to be real, to be ourselves at our best. We are freed from the bondage of imitation. God wants us to develop according to the unique pattern He has designed for each one. Christian freedom means to be emancipated from the pressure to imitate.

FREEDOM TO ACCEPT MY OWN HUMANITY

Christian freedom means that I am free to accept my humanness without embarrassed apologies, as one made by God, not by accident or mistake, but because He wanted someone in His world garden just like me. Though I recognize in myself the whole range of

human frailties, I also know that His grace is available to help me overcome them and to forgive me when I fail. Knowing that it is by His will that I am who I am, and where I am at the time I am, I am free to take great risks, free to live dangerously in His care. These are great, almost wild, words, but I really am free to be a rebel. "Be not conformed to this world," said Paul. There's a lot more room for rebelling against the practices and standards of this world and a lot less danger involved than there is in rebelling against the revealed laws of God. We are free to rebel against the way some popular movements wish to take us; we are not free to rebel against God's immutable laws.

FREEDOM TO RECOGNIZE MY OWN FEMALENESS

A modern philosoper has said that "to be a woman is something so strange, so confused and so complicated that only a woman could put up with it." No matter how it looks from a man's perspective, it's great to be a woman. We have characteristics and certain roles built into the nature of womanhood which we are free to ignore only at our peril. We are one with all women who seek to end the tyrannies that have made them less than whole persons. Women have the same claim to liberty and justice that men have. They have a right to them-

selves, to fair treatment and to just reward for their labors. They have a right to room to grow, to develop all their innate gifts, and no opportunity for such should ever be denied "because she is a woman." We are not one with them when they try to divorce themselves from their femaleness. This is a cop-out. God made us male and female and certain roles are fixed for us in the nature of things, the role of mother and wife for instance, but those roles are subject to wide variety in the ways they can be carried out. We also have the right to carve out for ourselves new roles in keeping with our new patterns of social organization in this industrial world. We have every right to make sure that our husbands and our children are aware of us as persons and that we have the right to be creative while at the same time enjoying the protection and security of divinely appointed authority. Jesus breaks every kind of slavery and gives us the freedom to be all that we, by grace, can be.

To be free then, whether man or woman is to obey the deepest law of the universe—"He that saveth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth it shall find it." What a beautiful life God has outlined for us, but freedom to enjoy that life is defined by obedience to the laws that govern it. These laws are revealed to us in His holy Word and only by acquainting ourselves with them and obeying them can we always be sure that we are not breaking ourselves on them.

Missionary Provision Closet Needs

Colored pillowcases, bedspreads, (twin and double sizes), mattress covers (cotton or polyester), colored sheets (queen, double, twin). Please send an evaluation of your gifts or leave the price tags on items. It will save us hours of needless labor.

August Program
by Mary Ruth Wisheart

Purpose: To help us realize the responsibility and the joy of being free to share.

Song: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44; Matthew 26:7-13

See Program Help Packet

"She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." The beautiful woman described in Proverbs 31 is a woman who is free to share not only with her own household, but also with those beyond her own. The Christian woman in Twentieth

The Christian Woman, Free To Share



Century America has freedom of every sort offered to her. But perhaps she needs to consider especially the freedom that is hers in Christ.

To the sinful woman described in John 8:1-11, Jesus said, "Go, and sin no more." To each Christian woman He has said the same and thus has freed us not only from sin and its consequences but to that new life in Him. A part of that new life is the joy of sharing. The Christian woman has a great wealth to share and greater possibilities than ever before for sharing it.

The motivating force of our sharing is love. The everlasting love of our Lord draws us, and we love Him because He first loved us. The *therefore* in Romans 12:1 suggests some things exist as a basis for our giving to God. We have sinned, but we are justified by His grace; we have peace with God; we are no longer under condemnation; "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). THEREFORE! "The love for Christ constraineth us" (II Corinthians 5:14). This then, is the basis for our sharing the material possessions, our bodies, and our spirits in the work of the gospel and for His glory.

Sharing What We Have

Material possessions are abundant all around us today. Human hands are filled with *things*. The Christian and the non-Christian alike prosper in material things in our country.

What is the Christian woman's attitude toward this abundance of material possessions?

First the Christian woman recognizes the source of all material possessions. "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18). It is His provision for us. God forbid that the Christian should boast of obtaining material possessions by his own might and power.

The purpose for such a blessing is that we may bless others. "Let him labour working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Ephesians 4:28). To some God gives the power to get great wealth, to some a lesser amount; but all is to be used faithfully in furthering His purpose. Christians are to use their strength and time wisely and care for material possessions so that they may distribute to those in need.

So the Christian woman can aid in carrying the gospel by wise use of material possessions. She is not extravagant. She knows how to save and buy wisely. Thus she has more to give to those in need, more to aid in spreading the gospel over the earth.

Sharing the Gospel

The Christian woman is also free to share the gospel of Christ. "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of

God" (I Corinthians 4:1). God has shown us clearly in His Word that His purpose in these last days is to get the gospel to every creature and to call out a people for Himself. The woman is to use every means at her disposal to aid in carrying out this purpose.

The Christian mother is to reflect Christ right in her own home. Who can say how far her influence will reach as she brings her children up in the knowledge of God? What greater gift can she give to the cause of Christ than her children as ministers, missionaries, and dedicated laymen?

She contacts other women. She is familiar with their thought patterns, their problems and burdens. She should be better able to reach them for Christ than any other. Does she work with women? Then let her be a good stewardess of the gospel. Does she have opportunity to teach women? Then let her teach in the power of the Spirit.

There is committed unto us the ministry of reconciliation. We are to bring others to reconciliation with God. God grant that we may be faithful in proclaiming the Word of God in every place where He gives us opportunity.

Sharing Yourself

God has made us each unique. To each He has given different capacities and abilities. These abilities are to be developed for His cause and for His glory. God's woman does not sigh to be something she is not; she does

not desire another's gifts or talents. She realizes that all she has came from God. He has made us to differ. The Christian woman accepts her place; and, according to the gift He has given, she ministers to others "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (I Peter 4:10).

First, God asks for *you*. For yourself and all that you are. When you become His, all that you possess also becomes His. Once we have given ourselves to Him, we are no longer our own (I Corinthians 6:19, 20). Thus our very bodies are set apart for His glory. This means keeping them pure and holy for His use. The Holy Spirit asks for a clean vessel to do His work.

Then God asks for the things we can do, the abilities we possess. Someone may say, "But I have no gift, no talent." The Word says, however, "But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that" (I Corinthians 7:7). Perhaps we are not content to use the gift God has given us, or perhaps we have not cultivated that gift to bring it to its highest; but let us not say, "God has given me no gift."

The Reward of Sharing

Whatever we yield to Christ will be restored to us in greater abundance than we could imagine. The widow who cast into the treasury received the commendation of the Lord. What more could the Christian stewardess want than to know

that her Lord approves of her giving? To have Him say, "My daughter, thou hast been faithful in all that I have given thee," should be sufficient reward.

The reward, however, is not the basis for giving. The story is told in the *Prairie Overcomer* of a pastor who said, "The people are blessed in their giving. Remember Matt Hastings told me that so soon as he increased his contributions from ten to fifteen cents a Sunday, his cows gave more milk?"

"Yes, I do," laughed his wife. "When Mrs. Callow heard of it, she gave an extra dollar to the Woman's Auxiliary, and her hens stopped laying that same week. She wanted the dollar back!" Are we ever guilty of attaching strings to our offerings to God? We are to simply "cast on the waters" trusting God to care for us.

In Malachi God promises a blessing that there will not be room to receive if His people will remember their vows and bring in the tithes and offerings. The widow who fed Elijah gave first to God's servant, and God replenished for her own houses as well as for Elijah. As we give, others are warmed and fed also. "Give, and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:38).

Finally God's woman will give an account to her Lord. What will she have gained besides that He entrusted to her? Let her be faithful that she may hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21). And best of all, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."



Songs: Use several selections from the WNAC Share-a-Song Booklet.

Purpose: To make women more aware of our dependency upon God for our blessings, materially and spiritually, over these 200 years.

Scripture: Psalm 126:3

See Program Help Packet

Home Life Then
(200 years ago)

—Mrs. Cowington

IN THE YEAR 1776 we know many things were changed. Battles were won for our freedom from the King of England's reign. Lives were lost in these battles. Bitterness erupted between our statesmen as a result of this disputed matter of freedom. But what was happening in the home? Mothers feared for their very lives from Indians, wild beasts, or the unknown, as fathers went off to fight. They had very little left to defend themselves or to depend upon except their faith in God. Children were read the Bible and were taught to read it for themselves as early as possible. Most homes had their regular routines interrupted as father left. Duties were assigned

to the older children, and they obeyed with respect.

Living in America at that time was far different from today. No electricity, no insulated brick homes, no motor cars of any kind, nor even a mule. Beasts of burden were oxen and milk cows. Every family tried to survive from the land granted to them by charter from the King of England. It was a busy, hard life. But each day was begun (in the Christian homes) with Bible study and prayer for God's keeping and protecting power throughout the day. It was ended with more Bible teaching and prayer to God in thanksgiving for His keeping them safely through the day and for His watching over the fathers and older brothers who were away at battle. This thought was always foremost in their hearts and minds.

Just put yourself inside a typical home in that day. Fires had to be built in the homemade fireplaces for cooking. No matter how high the temperature was outside—still food had to be cooked. There was no box of cereal nor carton of eggs in the refrigerator—there was no

refrigerator. One child gathered eggs before breakfast, another milked the cow while mother dressed the smaller ones and fried the meat or cooked "hoe-cake" bread in a fry pan on the fireplace. After all had eaten, water from an iron kettle over the fireplace was poured into a pan to wash the dishes (often these were tin ones brought over from England).

During the day the older children were sent to a log school-house (if there was one available) where most of the time the only textbook was the Holy Bible. Mother tidied up the house, then she must either run the loom or weave cloth for the family's clothing next winter. Or perhaps she must work in the fields to help raise food to feed the family. It was surely a constant battle just for survival or to coin a modern phrase—"keep their heads above water." But God was never left out and before a child was even school age most of them could quote Scripture and had an active faith in God. The children always saw this faith exemplified in the actions and lives of parents.

Home Life Now

Our sons still go off to war and some do not return but fortunately the wars have been fought mostly on foreign soil. If our menfolk are away and we become frightened, we pick up the telephone and call the local police or sheriff's department.

We do not live in fear for our lives. We have all our modern conveniences and use them, but it seems there aren't enough hours in our day to read nor teach our children from the Scriptures. Many children grow into adults without having heard mother nor father pray. There is nothing sweeter than a family having devotions together with father leading.

In many homes today, mother and father are both employed outside the home and the children are left alone after school to roam the streets and take care of themselves. How important are those times in their lives when they need parental guidance and answers to their questions or problems. When mother does come home, she must prepare supper, clean up the house, wash or iron at night. Father is worn out by a rough day at the office or has a meeting to attend. No time for the youngsters. The children must study homework after supper, get baths, and are rushed off to bed with little or no attention from mother or father and no time for Bible study or prayer.

Mother—is this your routine? Do material things mean more to you than time for little Susie to tell you of an important event in her life—or than time to teach the children God's Word?

Catholics claim if they can have a child until he is six or seven years old, he will be a Catholic forever. But often we who have the truth do not feel obligated to *train up our children in the way they should go* (Prov-

erbs 22:6).

Christian women and young mothers should take the time to train their children in the *Way*, even as those mothers 200 years ago did. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).

Church Life Then -- Mrs. Marshall

Churches were very few and often miles from some of the homes but this did not cause families to stay away. They would walk or ride oxcarts for several hours to get to church. Some would take along lunch for it would take one-half day to go and one-half day to return. Fathers usually stressed the importance of all the family going to worship on Sunday at God's house. If a teenager should even think that he didn't want to go, he would never dare say it for fear of being reprimanded by his father. The homes were ruled by an iron hand, and youngsters respected and obeyed parents. From the smallest baby to the oldest child, they would sit erect and still with respect either to the worship service or to the demands of the parents. One hard look at a wiggling 10 year old from father and he knew he would get punishment afterward.

Church Life Now Debbie Johnson

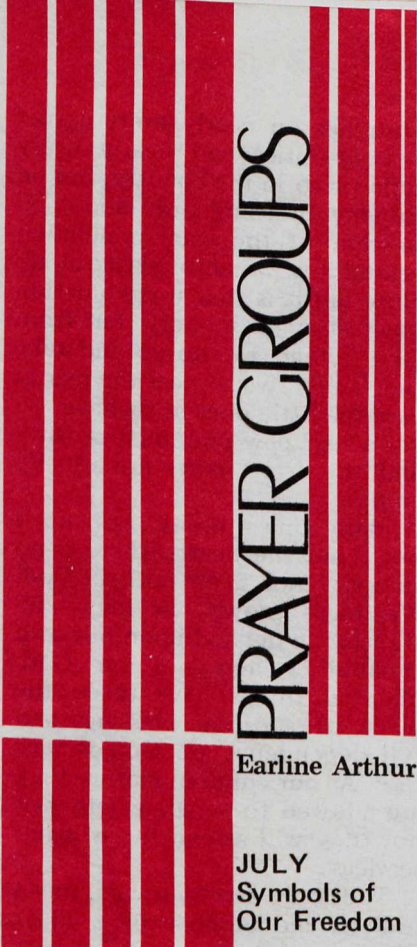
In America now, we have

churches on nearly every corner in our cities and nearly every mile or so in the country, but on Sunday morning only about 50 percent of the total population attend any worship service at all. How sad it is that we as a nation have strayed so very far from God! When we do go and take the family, we sit near the rear in case the little ones misbehave. To get a rear pew one must be early and the front pews are usually empty.

Many times, today, worship is not from the heart. There is no sincerity nor deep faith in God. We have grown, in many instances, to depend upon our own capabilities and not on God. Material things have taken the place of spiritual blessings and full dependency on God is very rare. As our children mature they are allowed to decide whether or not they will attend the worship services.

Today we have our cars, travel trailers, and beach cabins, all of which are for our convenience or pleasure. This is good. But not when they keep us from God's house and from serving in the will of God.

Let us as Christian women determine in our own hearts that our homes will again become the first place children hear of Jesus' love and saving power. That we will *make* time in our lives for serving Jesus. Then as the years pass and we mature in the Lord we can surely mean it when we say with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psalm 126:3).



PRAYER GROUPS

Earline Arthur

JULY
Symbols of
Our Freedom

The symbols of our freedom are many, but probably one of the most widely recognizable is our American flag, Old Glory. In recent years some activist groups have sought to dishonor our flag in many ways. But for me, it never fails to bring a tingle to my spine, sometimes tears into my eyes, and always a renewed allegiance and thankful heart to live in our great country. Granted, there are many things wrong with our nation and much corruption in our government, but perhaps we Christians are partly responsible.

How long has it been since

you exercised your right to actively participate in government affairs by voting? I don't mean just the presidential election every four years (although it is vitally important), but just small issues on a local level.

Just what does the American flag mean to you? Limited research failed to tell me just why the flag has its existing colors. I would suppose that the red stripes symbolize the blood shed by valiant men and women in search of freedom. And parallel to this the red cross on the Christian flag would denote the shedding of Christ's blood on Calvary for our spiritual liberty.

The white stripes might represent the pure motives of our early Americans, who searched for a land where life would be better for them and their posterity. The white field of the Christian flag no doubt denotes the purity of Christ, His unblemished life offered as our sacrifice.

In our vernacular we refer to certain friends as "true blue," meaning we know they will be loyal through all circumstances. I think the blue cantons on both the American and Christian flags could represent a similar thought. The early colonists proved they would be loyal to their new nation even to the point of death. And we know as Christians that we have a faithful Friend who will never fail us or forsake us.

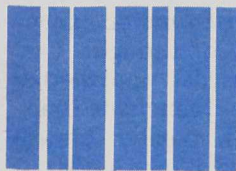
Our symbols of freedom—the American flag for our physical freedom, the Christian flag for our spiritual liberty—let's honor them faithfully.

*Mayhew & Return to
Combs Field*
Prayer Requests

Jerry and Barbara Gibbs need your prayers as they carry on the work in Rennes, France while the Hasses are on furlough.

Pray for Vada and Sherwood Lee as they carry on the work of the clinic in the Ivory Coast while the Paynes and Mileys are home.

Pray for Carl Cooper as he begins a new work in Wheeling, West Virginia, and for Arnold Shrewsbury, as he starts a new church in Canton, Ohio.



**AUGUST
I Don't
Have Time**

"Mommy, find me!" squeals my two-year-old as he ducks into a corner and turns his face to the wall.

"Jamie, mommy's busy cooking supper—I'll find you later," I promise. And a little while later the scene repeats itself. But this time, I'm washing dishes—or folding diapers—or sweeping the floor. Unless I purposely stop, I just never have the time.

"Christian, follow me."

"I will, Lord, but first I have to cook breakfast and get my husband off to work."

And later, "read my Word." "Yes, Lord, as soon as the kids have lunch and I get the dishes washed, I plan to read my Bible."

But then it's time to get supper, off to prayer meeting, home to get the kids to bed and get everybody's things ready for

tomorrow. By then I'm so tired I can't concentrate. Time—where does it all go? And why can't I seem to get things done?

How many times recently have you thought of something you need to do then said, "I'll do it later." Everytime this happens the greater grows the probability that the task will never get done.

Unfortunately, most of us have more duties than we can possibly handle. We are working mothers or wives or career girls involved in all types of activities, frequently church-oriented. In fact, I've observed the strange phenomenon of a Christian growing cold and indifferent simply because she is so involved in church activities that she doesn't have the time to study and commune with God for her own spiritual growth.

Priorities—that's the key to this ever-increasing problem. Our time is limited—a day has only 24 hours. We must determine to use each minute as efficiently as possible.

The following passage by Marjorie Holmes "hit home" with me. I trust it will reach you, too.

"Here goes, God. Today, this minute, I'm getting at it.

"I know it won't be easy, but you've made me realize it won't be all that hard, either. You will give me confidence and strength—and ultimate success—But you can't do any of these things for any of us until we start.

"And now that I think of it, if you created the whole world and its creatures in seven days, you must have just made up your

mind and *done* it. Maybe even You didn't realize what Your own potential was, or how vast the result would be until it was complete."

Prayer Requests

Pray for Steve Nichols as he begins a new work in Greenwood, Mississippi.

Pray for Jerry and Janice Banks and Dale and Sandra Bishop who are studying the difficult Japanese language.

Pray that appointees Alice Smith, Judy Smith, the Steve Lytles, and the Allan Crowsons will have their cash support raised for their departure for language schools in September.

Pray for Clint and Lynette Morgan, Jim and Susan Moser, Ron and Linda Callaway, and Mirial Gainer as they begin their deputational ministry.



SEPTEMBER Jack of All Trades

Have you ever known somebody who seemed handy at everything, who seemed a little knowledgeable in all subjects? It's good for us to be well-rounded in our education and to be informed on a variety of topics. But too much knowledge can be detrimental.

What happened to Adam and Eve in their quest for further knowledge? They presumed to know better than God and disobeyed His instructions, resulting in the sinful state of man.

Further Scripture passages show us that knowledge begets pride and vanity—"Look how much *I* know"—and leads to our turning from trust in God's ability to confidence in our own humanity.

This discussion brings to mind an old expression, "jack of all trades, master of none." I was always taught to learn a few things, and learn them well, or to attempt a few tasks and complete them successfully rather than tackling several jobs and failing or doing a shabby job of each.

But there is one major exception to this line of thought. Our thirst for spiritual knowledge should never be quenched. Daily we should seek greater understanding of God's laws and the directions He appoints for our lives.

We often learn by experience what we cannot learn from study. Experiencing Christ's indwelling and partaking of His omniscience allows us to attain heights of spiritual understanding beyond the normal reach of man.

So, learn much in life, but above all, be a "master Christian."

Prayer Request

The annual missions retreat, August 9-13, will find all furloughing missionaries in Nashville. Pray for a time of physical and spiritual refreshment.

Pray for lay families to move to the field and help strengthen churches in Wilmington, Delaware; Pocatello, Idaho; and San Diego, California.

Through My Window

by Dianne Worthington

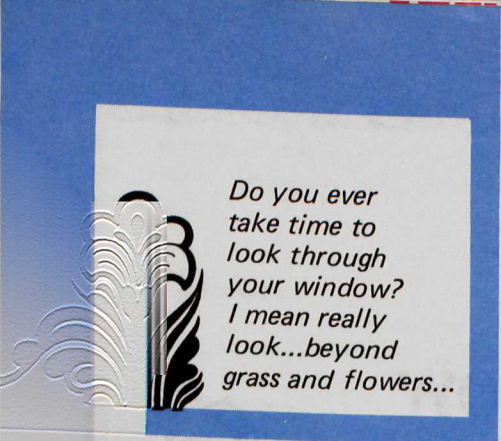


THE WARM sunshine through the window causes the Wandering Jew in the clay pot on the window sill to stand up and multiply like hundreds of tentacles reaching upward. The room is bright, and ruffled curtains make it warm and cozy. Sitting at the table with my hot coffee I feel very secure and satisfied in the pleasant sheltered world that I have created. As I look out the window I can enjoy all the beauty of the budding trees and bushes, see the robins, watch the cats play, and never be bothered by cold, heat, winds, or rain. What a wonderful invention is the window.

Beyond My Backyard

As my eyes wander farther I can see Mrs. Smith's house. Too bad they

don't take care of it better... and those boys always being left alone. I guess that is what makes them so mean and troublesome. They say they belong to a church, so I guess we can never reach them. Then there is Mrs. Price, she is so nice, and does come pretty often on Sunday morning to church. But I often wonder just how much she understands. Now Mrs. Brown really has a beautiful yard. She and Mrs. Gray are Church of Christ. Surely I couldn't share my faith in Christ and His Word with them! There are a few Southern Baptists, Episcopalians, and Presbyterians here and there on the block and a Catholic Avon lady. Of course there are many lovely homes where I know nothing about the souls that occupy them. They are such lovely people, could they possibly have needs? (Maybe



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your neighborhood is not as lovely and the needs of people are more obvious . . . but all people need Jesus. Almost all have marriage, parental, and social problems that can only be changed by Jesus. All have a sin problem!)

Do you ever take time to look through your window? I mean really look . . . beyond grass and flowers, and ask "Lord, what would you have me to do right here in my block in this neighborhood?" These people will not come to our church. They are already denominationally labeled and some are active in their churches. Should I go to their world and meet them, make friends with them, and invite them into my world? But you know out there it is sometimes very cold and indifferent, hot and insulting, or wet with the perspiration of work in which they may get me involved. It would be so much easier to just pray for them or maybe even invite them once and give them a gospel tract. It takes time to go to P.T.A. meetings, and take community responsibility from time to time, to carry food to the sick and visit. It takes time to make friends.

Most people are hungry for friends but no one wants to take the initiative to make them. The closer people get to you the clearer they can see your Christian testimony. Sometimes I am

hesitant of Christians who hold people off at a distance and only want to be viewed, so to speak, through the window. Are they unsure of their own testimony?

As I look out my window my heart cries, "How, Lord, and how much can I be expected to do?" The answer comes, "No more than time, strength, and talent allow; only keep your window clean and your vision clear and it will give you incentive to use all these to the best eternal advantage." As you establish friendships in your neighborhood you may want to invite the children into your home for a Good News Club. You may find it a wonderful experience to invite the women for a Bible study. (I would suggest a short term at first, three to six weeks so they will feel that they can handle it and not cramp their schedule indefinitely. Be adaptable and considerate.) You may offer to take children to Sunday school with you, or arrange for the church bus to pick them up. This is truly where it is at . . . my own neighborhood! If we can't make an impact here, can we or do we make one anywhere else?

The heart often looks through the window and imagines larger spheres of service . . . far away . . . among people I do not know very well. This is fantasy! I will best pray for, support, and understand the burden, fears, time, and energy problems of a missionary wife only as I endeavor to perform the same tasks in my neighborhood. For if she would fulfill her calling she must reach those whom she sees through her windows. Her problems will be the same as mine, but often magnified. Do you understand her? Have you caught the vision or are you still inside just looking, fantasizing some unreal ministry, or are you

trying to do it? Cutting the grass, pruning the trees, and weeding the garden is not as easy as sitting inside looking out, but it sure helps the view. Take time to truly look through your window and pray that the Lord will show you how to improve the *spiritual* view. Soon you will see past the grass and flowers to your neighborhood, and to neighborhoods or people just like them in every state and country of the world.

From Heaven's View

Often the Lord Jesus looked out upon cities and large groups of people and had compassion on them. He saw individual needs. He could not reach them all, He did not make them all understand, nor did He meet all their physical needs, yet He never stopped looking and giving of Himself each day in whatever neighborhood He happened to find Himself. He and the Father looked out of Heaven on a world in spiritual need, and willingly

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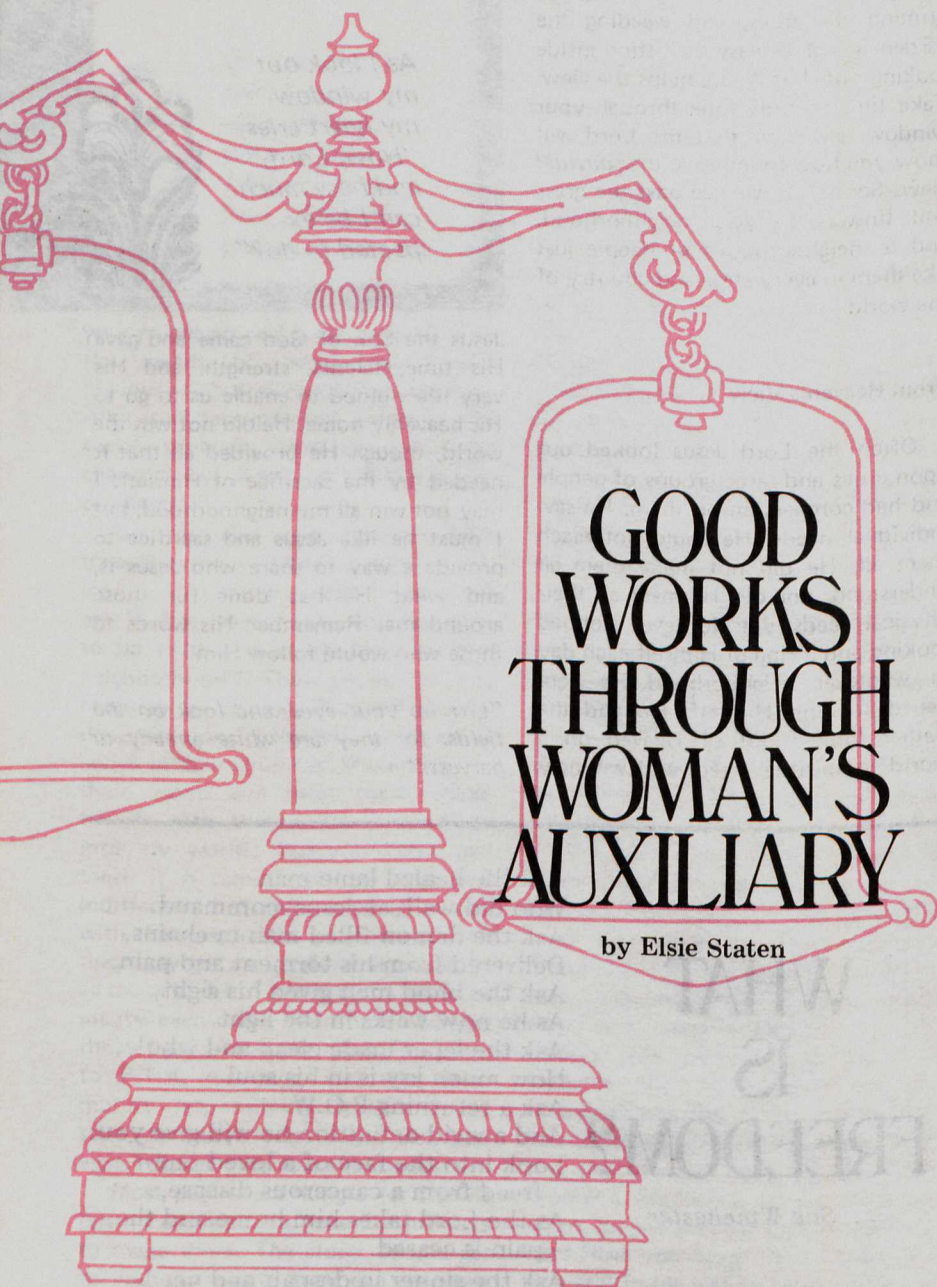
Jesus the Son of God came and gave His time, talents, strength, and His very life's blood to enable us to go to His heavenly home. He did not win the world, though He provided all that it needed by the sacrifice of Himself. I may not win all my neighborhood, but I must be like Jesus and sacrifice to provide a way to share who Jesus is, and what He has done for those around me. Remember His words to those who would follow Him:

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

WHAT IS FREEDOM?

...Sue Winchester

Ask the healed lame man
Who did walk at Jesus' command.
Ask the demon-filled man in chains,
Delivered from his torment and pain.
Ask the blind man given his sight,
As he now walks in the light.
Ask the leper made clean and whole,
How much joy is in his soul.
Ask a returning P.O.W.
And a vivid definition he will give you.
Look into the face of a loved one
freed from a cancerous disease,
As the Lord takes him home and the
pain is ceased.
Ask the sinner in despair and need,
For Christ has made him free indeed.



GOOD WORKS THROUGH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

by Elsie Staten

"Personal participation will not only challenge a demonstration of faith but it will awaken a dead faith, strengthen a weak faith, and increase little faith."

Any work requires action. Whether it is the work of the body, the work of the mind, or the work of the soul, there is action. Action denotes doing. Doing with the hands or feet, thinking with the mind, seeing with the eyes, hearing with the ears, or rejoicing in the soul requires action.

Noble deeds done for the needy or unfortunate, speaking spiritual words of comfort to the bereaved or those who are burdened, developing beautiful thoughts by thinking on things that are true, just, pure, lovely and of good report—all such activities are good works.

Knowing full-well that it isn't by good works that we are saved, we know also, that "We are created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). Salvation is by grace *through* faith, but faith without works is dead. Then, if we are not walking in good works our faith through which we were saved is dead. Too, we are kept through faith, I Peter 1:5. We are not safe if our faith isn't working. Faithfulness demonstrates work of the body, mind, or soul.

The Woman's Auxiliary—local, district, state or national, is an

avenue of good works where women who have been created in Christ Jesus can walk, will enjoy walking, and will glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by walking.

Noble deeds such as preparing and serving meals to bereaved families who have lost a loved one is a common avenue that Auxiliary women use.

The many spiritual words of comfort from the promises of God's Word to those who are burdened by sin or sorrow is an avenue of opportunity that the Woman's Auxiliary accepts.

Projects to supply material needs or financial support to both friends and missionaries at home and abroad is another avenue of good works. The Woman's Auxiliary teaches and supports missions to spread the gospel to all the ends of the earth.

Through study courses, skits, plays, programs, films, and retreats, the women collect and develop beautiful thoughts. By seeing, hearing, and participating in such doings they are elevated. These things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. They tend to lift up and make them to sit, seemingly, in heavenly places. Then, they can better overcome the suppression from the sordid reports that are

heard and seen daily on radio, TV, and other news media.

The words of the Lord Jesus Christ are interwoven with specific commands—things to do. In James 1:22 there is the command, “Be ye doers of the word . . .”

Such actions; humble deeds, precious comfort, gracious gifts, Bible studies, services exalting and praising Christ are some of the good works that God has ordained and that the Woman’s Auxiliary has made available for women to walk in.

Richard C. Cobot said, “Work is doing what you now enjoy for the sake of a future which you desire. It is a drudgery when you don’t enjoy it.” In the light of this definition think of Luke 10:28 “. . . this *do* and thou shalt live.” Do what? “Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself” (v 27). Such love exercised for God and neighbor is *work*. It is a work of labor and love that God has promised not to forget. As heirs (having been created in Christ Jesus) it is a work man enjoys for the sake of a future inheritance, an equal heir or equal inheritance with our elder brother, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Woman’s Auxiliary is an organization that exercises such love for God and neighbor through its various functions. The entire program is a work demonstrating love and exercising faith, and is approved and justified by the principles and teachings of God’s Word, the

Bible.

Such an organization gives a challenge to every woman who is in Christ Jesus to demonstrate her faith through its avenues. Personal participation will not only challenge a demonstration of faith, but it will awaken a dead faith, strengthen a weak faith, and increase little faith.

“. . . The Lord is a God of knowledge and by him actions are weighed” (II Samuel 2:3). He knows all the intents and purposes of every woman’s behavior or doings. All that she does in word or in deed should be done for God’s glory. He knows if it’s done for His glory, or if it’s done for self glory, or if it’s done for the praise of men.

There was once a king who was weighed in the balances and found wanting because of his inordinate actions. The things that he did the night that the handwriting appeared on the wall were things done to please men instead of God. They were done for self glory through the praise of men, and were not ordained of God.

Like King Belshazzar, each Auxiliary woman will be weighed in the balances. Does she attend regularly, even though she doesn’t have a part on the program, or a specific duty to perform? Does the out-going officer boost and support her successor? Does she go to conventions if she isn’t a delegate? Is she concerned about results? Is she in sympathy with each phase of the work and her co-laborers? If so her actions can be weighed in the balances and will not be found wanting.

WNAC Emphasis Month Blessings

*“Our Auxiliary thought it was about time to shout our praise item. The Lord has truly blessed our group of women at South Side Church. *Our Auxiliary has exactly doubled itself in size since Emphasis Month in August.* We had 13 members, now we have 26 . . . We owe this to the Lord Jesus Christ. He has been with us in all our doings. Also, we have a wonderful president and other dedicated officers, and willing, willing members. We are so thankful and blessed that we just wanted to share the news with everyone.”
—Nancy Ferguson, St. Louis, Missouri.

*We at Marietta Church enjoy doing things for the glory of God. Our Auxiliary held the Emphasis Month program on Sunday morning and had such a good program! The women dressed representing the state they were guides for. *Bloom Where You Are Planted* was a wonderful theme. Our offering was \$65.00. We feel that the congregation enjoyed it and it gave all of us a better understanding of the Auxiliary. Thank you for the material you sent. —Mrs. Pike McLain, Lyons, Georgia.

*“We really enjoyed presenting the Emphasis Month program. We used two skits with it, ‘How is your prayer life?’ and ‘How to Keep your Members from Coming to Auxiliary.’ Everyone was blessed by it even the young people commented about it.”—Kate Briggs, Lawton, Oklahoma.

*“Our Auxiliary is growing. At present we have 20 members. We presented the Emphasis Month program on Sunday, August 17. Our WNAC offering was \$105.00—Dianne Naumann, Bethel Church, Festus, Missouri.

“THROUGH CHRIST WE’RE MARCHING ON” is the theme of this year’s WNAC Emphasis program. This exciting program was written by Ruthann Hall, Teen Editor, Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department.

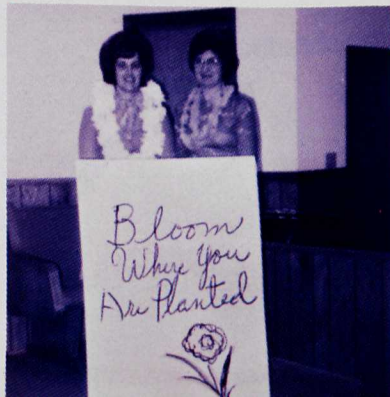
It will enable you to celebrate the nation’s Bicentennial and to commemorate the spiritual heritage that is ours.

Observance of the annual offering for WNAC will permit our national office to continue providing leadership and materials for our fast growing work.

A free kit of materials will be sent without charge to each Auxiliary on our mailing list. Help us to reach our goal.

August is WNAC Emphasis Month but if some other time is more convenient to your church program, please make other plans.

The Woman’s Auxiliary of the Garner, N.C., Church enjoyed presenting the WNAC Emphasis Month program, BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED. Shown are Helen Heath and Lottie Forlines.





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John 8:36

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