

F.W.B.C. Library

*Such As
I Have, Give
I Thee...*

Acts 3:6



Co-Laborer

July-August-September 1977

1977-78

WNAC Theme:

Love's Commitment

Watchword: "Such as I have, give I Thee . . ." (Acts 3:6)

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

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

F. R. Havergal

Wm. B. Bradbury

1. Take my life and let it be Con - se-crated, Lord, to Thee;
2. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee;
3. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 9/8 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staff.

CHO.-Lord, I give my life to Thee, Thine for - ev - er more to be;

Take my hands and let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love.
Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and harmony. It includes the lyrics for the choir and the soloist. The notation is in G major and 9/8 time.

Lord, I give my life to Thee, Thine for - ev - er more to be.

Co-Laborer

July-August-September 1977
Volume XVII Number 3

IN THIS ISSUE



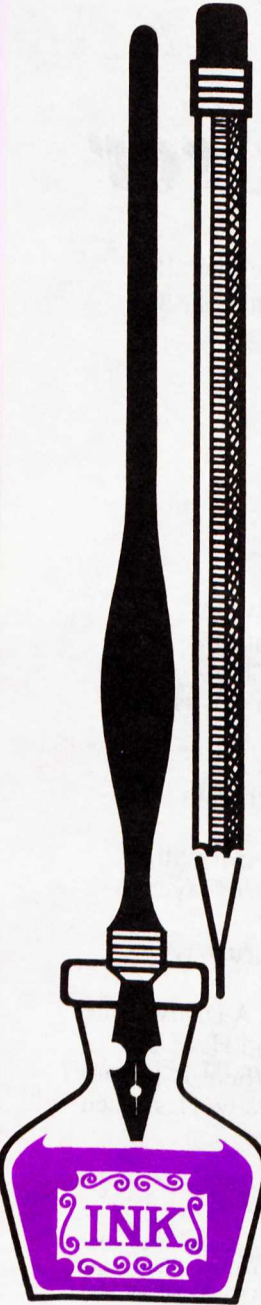
- 2 Co-Laborers Write
- 4 Women In Action
- 8 Memo from Cleo
- 9 Who's Who in this Issue
- 10 July Program
- 13 August Program
- 16 September Program
- 19 Prayer Groups
- 23 Convention Information
- 26 A First For Uruguayan Women
- 26 A First For Uruguay —And Me
- 28 I Don't Want A Dishwasher
- 29 A Woman God Has Used
- 30 Where, Oh, Where Is Johnny?
- 32 Something New Has Been Added

Cleo W. Pursell, Editor

CO-LABORER is published quarterly by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention (auxiliary to the National Association of Free Will Baptists). Subscriptions are \$1.60 per year; 5 or more to one address, \$1.50 each. Address all correspondence concerning subscriptions to: WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Second class postage paid at Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

Evelyn Jones, Circulation

Co-Laborers Write



We've had a successful year for *Actionettes*. We averaged 10 a month and most of the girls are very enthusiastic about our meetings. We took the girls ice skating last May and in September we had a Rock-a-thon for missions and raised over \$400. We need 17 program books and one leader's packet.

*Rita N. Murphy
Dallas, N.C.*

So glad *Actionettes* has been organized for our teen girls. Our girls have accomplished so much which otherwise may never have been done.

*Carolyn Pirtle
Owassa, Oklahoma*

We have another auxiliary to report joining the Beaver Creek District. It is the Grace Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Mill, S.C. with 10 members. District president, Mary Ann Smith brought the devotion and also instructed them. Shirley Kiser was elected president.

*Pauline Carter, Field Worker
Beaver Creek District
Chester, S.C.*

I enjoy the *Co-Laborer* more each issue. The writers are such a blessing to me and I praise the Lord for dedicated and Spirit-filled women who will give their talents for the cause of missions.

*Beulah Hartley
Wellington, Kansas*

We are going to Cool Springs Church to help them organize a new auxiliary. They have such a large group of women—about 25 who could be active—and many of them are young women.

We are doing so much better in our Little River District Woman's Auxiliary . . our women are so *much* more interested.

*Mrs. J. W. Franks
Brookfield, Georgia*

Our auxiliary is growing. We now have 42 members. Please increase my order for *Co-Laborers* by eight and mail as soon as possible. We are really enjoying the programs.

*Mrs. Jack Rollins
Birmingham, Alabama*

Please increase our next order for *Co-Laborers* from 8 to 12 . . the lessons have been great. Our auxiliary has received many blessings.

*Highland Park Auxiliary
Stillwater, Oklahoma*

As past mission prayer chairman for my auxiliary, I always appreciated the helpful hints that were available to me in the program packet. We all enjoy the programs in our *Co-Laborer* magazines so much. We wish to thank you for the quality of our material.

*Barbara Williams
Bryan, Texas*

Thanks to the staff and the writers who use their talents to put your wonderful magazine together . . You will never know how your lessons touch

the lives of the people who read them. We surely have been touched and challenged by them.

*Joyce Taylor
Brunswick, Georgia*

God is blessing and increasing our membership. We thank God for a place of service in Woman's Auxiliary. We're praying for you there—continue the good work.

*Mrs. Herman Owens
Grifton, N.C.*

Our district auxiliary will be having a retreat . . . My pastor's wife suggested I write you for ideas since I will be in charge of planning the retreat

We want you to know you're very special and very much appreciated by the women of our denomination. Thank you for your time and service spent helping us.

*Marlene Mikell
Miami, Florida*

We are proud of our auxiliary. We really have a working group of women . . We bought the paint and painted the entire educational building at our church . . . We rolled a huge box of bandages for Dr. Miley's clinic in Africa and also collected medicine bottles. We sent bedspreads and mattress covers to the Missionary Provision Closet. We are thankful that our women have a vision.

We enjoy the *Co-Laborer* programs very much and are thankful for the dedicated Christian women who write them.

*Emma Murphy
Cove City, N.C.*

WOMEN IN ACTION*WOMEN IN ACTION*WOMEN IN ACTION

Women In Action

WOMEN IN ACTION*WOMEN IN ACTION*WOMEN IN ACTION

Candlelight Inaugural Service. Hope Van Winkle, pastor's wife (left), was honored with a special inaugural service at the February meeting of the auxiliary in Berkeley Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Laverne Matheny, president, administered the oath of office to

their first lady, who pledged to serve the Lord to the best of her ability. A unity candle was lit by the two women, signifying their desire to be one in the Spirit, united with God. Twenty-five women participated in taking a similar pledge and singing "We are One in the Spirit."



Faithfulness Honored. Mrs. Norma Cope, 90, a long-time member of the First Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was presented a corsage of appreciation by her auxiliary president, Mrs. Charles Pirtle, in February. Mrs. Cope went to her eternal reward, March 12, 1977.

The occasion was the Tulsa Area Woman's Auxiliary Valentine Banquet held at Borden's Cafeteria. David Bigger, home missionary to Ponca City, Oklahoma, was the speaker. The five auxiliaries raised more than \$500 for the Ponca City land fund.



Woman's Auxiliary, Pleasant Grove, Alabama. The group gave a shower for the missionary provision closet and wrapped gifts for the elderly in one of the nursing homes in Birmingham.



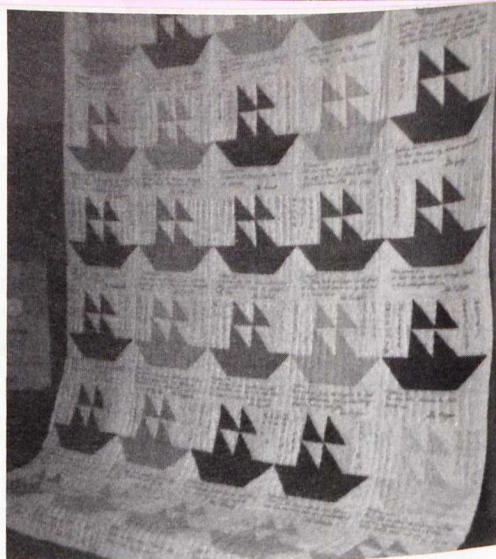
Fellowship Dinner. Twenty-seven members and guests of the woman's auxiliary of Fairwood Church, Fairfax Station, Virginia, enjoyed a delightful time of fellowship at a local restaurant. Shown (l to r), are speakers Pat Mullins and Mary Bevans, and pastor's wife, Lottie Horton.





New District Formed. Shown are members of the Liberty Woman's Auxiliary, Maumee, Ohio, who recently joined with the Clyde First Woman's Auxiliary to form a district convention. Becky Hensley is president.

Bicentennial Pageant. The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas (with the aid of several men), presented a Bicentennial pageant in November. They paid tribute to 24 men and women who played a major part in the founding of our country. Mrs. Harry Edge directed the pageant. A time of fellowship with refreshments followed the presentation.



An Unusual Quilt. Martha Langford, mission action chairman of the Dibble District Auxiliary, shares one of the projects of the Brockland Auxiliary, Lawton, Oklahoma. The quilt sold for \$75.00 which was given to the Free Will Baptist Mission, Enid, Oklahoma, where the Buddy Drakes are working.

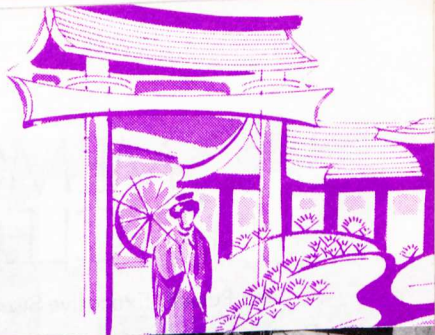
Member Honored. Mrs. Opal Young, eldest member of the Woman's Auxiliary, Newhope, Arkansas, was honored on her birthday with a cake and a social.





Mrs. Ella Jarmon, (middle), now a nursing home inmate, was honored by members of the United Free Will Baptist Church Auxiliary, Blanchard, Oklahoma, with a personal shower. "Just to show her how much we love her, and miss her," writes Virginia Hale.

Members of the Bear Point Woman's Auxiliary, Sesser, Illinois.



Japanese Women. Approximately 30 women enjoy Christmas dinner, American style, (turkey, dressing, corn, salad, and apple cake) at the church in Sapporo. Olena McLain, missionary serves.

Taiko Uchikoshi, pastor's wife, is shown wearing white sweater.



MEMO from CLEO

Cleo Pursell, Executive Secretary



Convention Time

We are eagerly anticipating the 42nd session of the WNAC, July 18-19, in Cobo Hall, Detroit, Michigan. Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge will be headquarters for the Woman's Auxiliary. Please note Convention information in this issue of *Co-Laborer*. We hope to see you there!

Creative Writing Contest

More than 90 entries were received this year in WNAC's creative writing contest. (This does not include the poetry which was sent in.) Next year *poetry will be added to the eligible categories*. Poems received this year will be held for that contest. So keep those poems, programs, plays and skits, coming.

Provision Closet Needs

Bedspreads (all sizes), stainless steel flatwear, layettes, king and queen size sheets, Melmac, dish cloths, heavy wash cloths, and a few pieces of Tupperware: A20 Stacking Canister Sets, A40 Giant Canisters (holds 36 cups), Servalier 20 oz. Sets, B20 Servalier Bowl Sets, B60 Cereal Bowls, G10 Colanders, G20 Crisp It, H50 Decorater Salad Sets, B50 Fix-n-Mix Bowls.

Used Stamps

Stamp collecting agencies seem to move frequently. Several auxiliaries have had stamps returned to them. Here are some new addresses but I advise writing before sending: Arctic Missions, Inc., Box 512 Gresham, Oregon 97030; Bethesda Home, 2833 North Nordica Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60634. The latter aids the handicapped and tubercular.

WNAC Emphasis Month

I am excited about the new WNAC Emphasis Month program materials prepared by Joanne King. You will be too! Entitled "Appropriate Apparel," a free packet will be sent to each auxiliary on the *Co-Laborer* mailing list. Please write if you do not receive yours.



Who's Who in this Issue

Nadine Jones, Muldrow, Oklahoma, is the author of the July program, "Love's Commitment . . . Obedient Service," which emphasizes this year's theme. She is program chairman of the Eastside Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary and is employed as secretary of Liberty School.

Vernie Hersey, a first place winner in WNAC's creative writing contest, challenges us in the August program with "A Summons to Missions." Vernie is the president of the Woman's Auxiliary of Donelson, Tennessee and works in the Department of Retirement and Insurance, Nashville.

Marcia Ellison and her husband, Walter, have served as missionaries in Uruguay and Brazil for the past 13 years. Her September program, "Compassion," should move us to action! She is the mother of five children.

July Program
Nadine Jones

Love's Commitment



Obedient Service

Purpose: *To remind us of our commitment as Christians to help win the lost through simple acts of service to both God and man.*

Scripture: *John 2:1-11. Key verse, 5*

Song: *"Take My Life and Let It Be," "Trust and Obey"*

SO OFTEN, we hear people say, "I would like to do something for the Lord but I don't know what He wants me to do," or, "I'm not educated and there seems to be nothing I can do." The words of Jesus' mother, in John 2:5, seems to apply to these situations. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." Jesus asked the servants to fill the waterpots with water, to take some out and bear it to the governor of the feast. The water had turned into wine. The servants asked no questions, they did not confer with one another, as we sometimes do, they obeyed. Obedience is the duty of a servant. "His servant ye are to

whom ye obey" (Romans 6:16b). Whose servants are we? Are we obedient to the Lord's commands? We often wonder what sister Smith or sister Jones is doing, but the words of Jesus' mother were, "Whatsoever he saith unto YOU, do it."

In John 21:15-17, Jesus asked Peter three times, "Lovest thou me?" and Peter replied, "Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus said, "Follow me." Later Peter asked about John, "Lord, and what shall this man do?" To paraphrase, Jesus said, "Peter, what I want John to do is none of your business—you follow me." Let each of us be obedient and follow as the Lord commands.

Pray

A Christian without prayer will be as effective as a flashlight with dead batteries. We receive power through prayer. The disciples were commanded, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49b). "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14a). These people obeyed Jesus' command to them. After receiving power they went forth doing many great works. Abraham, Hannah, Daniel, David, and Moses prayed. Jesus prayed. God's own Son, who cast out demons, healed the sick, raised the dead, fed the hungry, and changed the water to wine, prayed. He who had all power prayed. Then we who have no

power, *whose righteousness is as filthy rags*, how ought we to pray? We should certainly obey 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing." If we are to be able to do anything worth while, we must ask for power from on high, as did the disciples. "Ask, and it shall be given you," (Matthew 7:7a).

Sometimes problems arise and we may feel that our prayers alone will be of no value. "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months" (James 5:17).

Visit

The Great Commission says, "Go." We usually apply this to the missionaries going to Africa, India, or some other faraway place. But Jesus said "into *all* the world," and aren't we living in a part of the world? We can visit; that requires going. There are varied reasons for visits—Sunday school absentees and visitors, new people in the community, families who have illness, death, or other crises in their homes.

We often wonder, "What will I say?" but Jesus says *Go, and I'll go with you*. So we obey and find it isn't nearly so difficult as we had anticipated. God's promise to be with us is true.

"I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). We could take a loaf of bread, a cake, or even a pot of stew on many of those visits. Our auxiliary can visit a nursing home and sew, write letters, or read God's Word. It

may seem a small thing, but *do it* in the name of Jesus.

Telephone

You may not drive a car and it may be too far to walk, but most of us have telephones which are useful in carrying out Christ's command to "Go." How about using your telephone for something other than passing the time of day or calling the grocer. Your voice asking, "How are you?" will be welcome to the sick. In some places only the immediate family and clergy can visit the hospitals, but we can call on the telephone. It's so very important to let others know someone loves and cares about them. A call may also say, "We missed you," or, "I'm sorry," if we need to apologize. Use your phone to invite a woman to auxiliary, to the revival, or even a child to Sunday school. When you think of calling someone, don't just think, *do it!*

Write

Sometimes we cannot go physically, or call, but we can write a letter or send a card. Everybody likes to receive mail. We may be able to express our thoughts better in writing.

Think what the apostle Paul accomplished through writing letters. Others testify to wonderful results when the writers were definitely impressed by the Holy Spirit to write them.

One letter was written to a person who had backslidden; this one is serving the Lord today. The writer sent a poem to a wayward friend and he came to

an altar of repentance. As they shook hands the penitent said, "I loved the poem." It was entitled, "Back to the Fold."

Depressed folk, on the verge of suicide, have taken a new look at life simply because someone cared enough to write a letter or note.

Prayer and Fasting

We hear much about prayer today, but little about fasting. The writer's little daughter was ill and the doctor had said there was no medicine that would help her. The mother remembered an instance in the Bible where the disciples could not heal a child which had been brought to them. The reason for their failure was given by Jesus, "... this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" (Matthew 17:21).

She then read Matthew 6:6, "But thou when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:6). Further instruction was given in verses 16-18: "Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

She decided to try prayer and

fasting, but the scripture said to pray in *secret*. Being a wife and mother takes a bit of planning for secret activities. She managed to fast breakfast and lunch for two days and to pray alone. She knew definitely when the prayer was answered and was very happy when the doctor confirmed that her daughter was completely well.

Conclusion

We read the story of the *Marriage in Cana* and think we would like to have seen this miracle. It all happened because the servants obeyed the words of our Lord's mother when she said, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

When Moses doubted his ability to deliver the Israelites from Egyptian bondage, God asked, "What do you have in your hand?" The rod which he held became a mighty instrument in the deliverance of his people.

Moses was also reminded that God had made his mouth and that He could put words in it at the proper time. And He did!

So, co-workers, what can you do? What has God asked of you? Will you obey? Will you commit your life, talents, and abilities, to His service? Can you say, "Such as I have, give I thee . . . ?" (Acts 3:6).

Shagmar had an oxgoad,
Rahab had a string,
Gideon had a trumpet,
David had a sling,
Samson had a jaw bone,
Moses had a rod,
Dorcas had a needle,
All were used for God



Summons To Missions

Aim: To show that every believer receives a summons to proclaim the gospel to everyone.

Song: Wherever He Leads I'll Go

Scripture: John 20:19-21

See Program Help Packet

The Summons

THE DISCIPLES were gathered in Jerusalem. Jesus had been crucified. Peter and several women reported seeing Him—they said He had risen from the grave. Then, two disciples came rushing in declaring they saw Jesus as they traveled to Emmaus. The disciples were filled with joy, yet fearful and doubtful. They waited, wondering what the future held (Luke 24:33-35).

Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the room. He opened their minds to understand the scriptures. First of all, He explained what His suffering, death, and resurrection accomplished—through Him was forgiveness of sins (Luke 24:47).

Secondly, He told them this message should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem (Luke 24:47).

Lastly, Jesus revealed who was to take the message. His disciples, those who believed in Him, were the witnesses summoned to carry out this mission (Luke 24:48).

And so it has been for nearly 2,000 years. Every believer receives the same summons to missions, to witness both at home and throughout the world.

A summons is an order or a command to perform some action. It is to call for with authority or urgency. Jesus said, "All power (authority) is given to me in heaven and in earth," declaring His right to summon those whom He saved by His death to "go and teach all nations" (Matthew 29:18, 19).

Why The Summons

Every living person needs God and millions are in the world without God. They live from day to day, as one translation describes them, "bewildered, harassed, distressed, dejected, and helpless." They do not know God and as Zacharias said, they "sit in darkness and in the shadow of death" (Luke 1:79). Helplessly, they watch as loved ones die and go to an uncertain and unknown fate. With dreadful fear, they live each day knowing they too must come to the same end.

Why the summons? People need forgiveness of sins or their fate is eternal death. "All have sinned," and "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

Even people who do not know God, realize they have sinned.

Within them is a need for a supreme being with the power to control the circumstances of life, to answer when they call, to free them from guilt and fear, and to give them hope after death. Not knowing the true and living God, they create gods of their own.

They bow down to gods of wood and stone. They dance before them, perform tedious ceremonies, and mutilate their bodies trying to rid themselves of guilt. In some instances, they sacrifice animals or even their children trying to appease the gods.

But it is all in vain, for only one God, the true and living God, can forgive sins. They will live without hope until they know Him. And in order to know God, they must find the way to Him.

Why Us?

Jesus and His disciples were together for the last supper. During the evening, He told them He would be going to the Father. He said, "Whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the Way—no man cometh to the Father but by Me." (John 14:1-6).

Millions are searching for God, not knowing the way. To whom should they go? We as disciples of Jesus receive the summons to missions for we know the way to God.

The Summons To Home And Foreign Missions

A missionary to Beirut, E. W. Smith, once said, "To be a Christian is to be a missionary." God summons all believers and in His providence He places each where He chooses.

As Jesus traveled through the country of the Gadarenes, He met a man who lived among the tombs, controlled by unclean spirits. Jesus commanded the spirits to come out of him and to enter a herd of swine.

Later, the man followed Jesus to where He was boarding a ship. He begged to go with Jesus. But Jesus refused, saying, "Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee" (Luke 8:26-39). This man was summoned to tell his own people of Christ.

In another incident, Jesus was walking along a road. Seeing a man, he said to him, "Follow me." The man replied he would like to go home until his father died. Jesus directed him to let someone else care for the matters at home. As for him, he was to go and preach the kingdom of God. Implied in the passage is that he was to go and proclaim everywhere the message. His summons was to take him away from his home (Luke 9:59, 60).

During the early history of the church, some of the prophets and teachers in the church at Antioch fasted and prayed. The Holy Spirit directed them to separate Barnabas and Paul to be sent on a special mission. Their summons took them to foreign

lands (Acts 13:1, 2).

From the three incidents, we see how God places each believer that the message of forgiveness is taken to everyone. From the beginning of the church, two distinct groups seem to have emerged and continue to our day.

There are the believers who are engaged in various occupations and teach and witness in their local community. A majority of Christians seem to fit in this group. These disciples are the backbone of the church. This unnumbered throng serves as teachers, deacons, and in numerous other positions, answering their summons to missions.

One Free Will Baptist family helped establish four churches in the last twenty years. As they were transferred to different locations by the father's employer, they helped start a church in each city.

The second group are believers who are specifically called out to forsake their occupations and their homes. Their summons takes them throughout their homeland or into foreign lands. Hundreds of thousands of men and women over the years have been placed in this group—pastors, evangelists, teachers, and those we refer to as home and foreign missionaries.

The Summons To Send

Those whom God places in occupations are summoned to give support to those who go,

forsaking all. This summons to send is clear in Romans 10:14, 15. "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

In his third Epistle, John wrote to the church of their duty to the traveling brethren (missionaries) who passed through. Commending them for their service to the brethren, he said they did well to forward them on their journey. He encouraged them to do this after a godly sort—in a way worthy of God's service.

He went on to say the missionaries had gone out for Jesus name's sake, accepting nothing from the Gentiles (heathen). He urged the church to receive (support) them that they might be fellowhelpers with the truth (gospel) (III John 5-8).

Answering The Summons

Jesus challenged a rich ruler to sell all he had, give it to the poor, and follow Him or accompany Him as He went.

The man went away sorrowful for he felt the price was too high. He refused to answer the summons (Luke 18:18-23).

God issues a summons to missions to each of us who believe in Him. It is an individual summons requiring an individual answer. Each person must accept or refuse the summons.



COMPASSION

Purpose: *To make us aware that compassion is more than pity, for in it is the idea that one not only feels sorry but she does something about it. Compassion is feeling plus action.*

Song: "Make Me A Channel Of Blessing"

Scripture: *Psalm 86:15; Matthew 9:36.*

See Program Help Packet

COMPASSION—One of the loveliest words in any language. As it flows through the Gospels, we find that Jesus felt loving sympathy towards the wretched and the sad. The Gospel writers were so amazed that they wrote it down over and over again—that Jesus had compassion. It was not the way the rabbis reacted. Judas, in his remorse for his crime against Jesus, came to the chief priests and cried: "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood (Matthew 27:4). To this they merely said: "What is that to us?" There was no compassion whatsoever in their hearts.

Of the three women mentioned in this chapter, none came to Jesus of herself. Unasked, he delivered the dead boy of Nain to his mother. He, the Good Shepherd, went seeking the sheep lost in the wilderness until he found the Samaritan woman at the well. The widow in the Temple did not even know that a Savior's eye had seen her self-denying gift. Of all three we could say that He had compassion.

The Widow of Nain *(Luke 7:11-18)*

The way Jesus came to the aid of the widow of Nain shows in a very special way His compassion. She was a widow, a woman who had lost her only son. In this city of Nain, many folk sorrowed with this mother and had joined the funeral procession. "And when the Lord saw her," we read, "he had compassion on her" (verse 13).

"He . . . touched the bier." We in our day are apt to imagine

that the bearers stood still because they expected some miracle to happen, but they could not have foreseen this. They stood still because they were shocked. By touching the bier, Jesus had rendered Himself ritually unclean. True, it was considered an act of charity, and still is, to help carry a bier, but it was an act which involved purifying ceremonies afterward.

"Young man . . . arise." We do not pretend to know what happened. Some have doubted whether the boy was actually dead and asked if he were only in a coma. But the reports of how Jesus raised others from the dead make us pause before giving that judgment. Like Jairus' daughter and like Lazarus, whom tradition always pictures as a young man, this youth of Nain ought to have been walking the earth in the vigor of health. None of the three was ripe for the shedding of the husk of the body. It is Luke, the doctor, who sets down this account and believed it.

The Samaritan Woman (*John 4:3-39*)

Over the man-made border, therefore, His feet carried Him toward a Samaritan city. Its men were soon to come out and fetch Him in as their honored guest in a way they never expected. God works like that. Unconscious of all this, veiled against the bright midday sun, with her empty pitcher on her head, the prodigal daughter, of very common clay, walked to Jesus, as He sat

waiting and began the conversation. The worship of the Father, in summary of what He says to her, is no matter of sacrifices offered upon one mountain or another. He tries to make her see, that it matters not the city or the nation. God's worship calls for humility of the spirit rather than the bended physical knee and truth in the inward parts, which was very difficult for her to give.

God is Father of all, and has no favorites. Jesus ends with words that remind us of the Parable of the Prodigal Son. "The Father seeketh such to worship him." Was she not the prodigal daughter?

And the men she knew in the city who were apparently ordinary working people, immersed in everyday business, were so impressed by her insistence that they actually came out in the noonday heat to hear this teacher who could read a woman's past and bring spirit where all had previously been flesh.

He saw them coming, and His heart was filled with compassion. In them He saw the field ripe for harvest with seed sown by the prophets long ago, and never reaped. He spoke long to them of the things of God. John says, "Many of the Samaritans believed . . . for the saying of the woman which testified."

The Widow's Mite (*Luke 21:1-4*)

The Temple had become a

market place rather than a place of worship. Its glory had gone down into rubble. And yet the heavenly Temple which was in the woman's heart stood firmly. It was not for the earthly tabernacle she worked and prayed and gave, for He had said to another woman that neither Jerusalem alone nor on a mountain in Samaria, should God be worshiped by the true worshiper, but that the worship of the Father should be in spirit and in truth.

Here she came—this working-class woman, a widow, to worship. To her the Temple was still a shrine of her nation's faith. Because she was a woman she was not allowed to approach the inner precincts, but must worship in the outer court, where the collection boxes stood. She longed to give all she could earn or save towards the sacred rebuilding of the Temple. Her couple of brass mites equal to one farthing in men's eyes, hardly made a tinkle as they slipped down into the box. But Jesus saw and heard and because He did, those two tiny coins have rung down the ages. Many widows since her day and other working women have brought their precious contributions to the house of prayer. She the unnamed widow, poor in the world's goods but rich towards God, has long ago gone on her way, glad to have added her mite, not knowing that her act has been seen by the kindest eyes this world has ever known.

The education of women lagged far behind that of men in

the Master's time, but that never deterred Him from treating a woman as an intelligent being. Jesus of Nazareth had been sung into life with great poetry by a remarkable young woman, and it is reasonable to suppose that she taught her son to love beauty and art, whether practiced by men or women.

Now, He, and He alone of all known leaders, declared that the good part in life should be shared by women. He said that in His kingdom women shall have their portion in the highest adventures of the spirit. Their souls, equally with men's may adventure far in His companionship, into the bright, impalpable abysses of God's truth as is confirmed later on in John's account of Mary's anointing of Jesus before His death.

Man digs the well and plows the land; but it is woman who ultimately handles the pitcher and prepares the food. She lifts the cup of life to his lip and indeed can poison its springs and sully its purity.

As with the widow of Nain, the woman at the well, and the widow in the Temple, the Lord is calling for you to do your part, today.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood,
and I—

I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost
"The Road Not Taken"



Prayer Groups

by Pat Thomas

JULY

There are many prayer needs to be considered in the work of getting the Gospel of Christ to the countries of the world. One important prayer request is the need for more qualified missionary candidates who meet the requirements set by the Foreign and Home Missions Boards. Even though the requirements may vary somewhat for these two Boards, they are essentially the same.

A missionary candidate must be a *saved person*. He must be able to give testimony and evidence of conversion. Regeneration is the first requirement. "Except a man be born again, he

cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). The applicant subsequent to conversion must have followed the Lord in baptism and have affiliated with a Free Will Baptist church.

He must be a *Spirit filled man*. He must be controlled by the Holy Spirit and must know victory and consistency in his life and character.

He must be a *sound man*. If he is a preacher, he must be an ordained Free Will Baptist preacher. He must believe in the doctrinal position of the denomination, and agree to teach them in his ministry and observe ordinances as outlined in the *Treatise*.

He must be a *soul winner*. He

must be a proven soul winner who is not hesitant or shy about witnessing to the lost about Christ and His power to save.

He must be a *straight man*. He cannot be divorced, and one's spouse and children must have similar convictions and dedication regarding missionary service.

He must be a *schooled man*. Educational requirements for missionary service are: graduation from high school or its equivalent, at least two years of study at a Free Will Baptist college or other acceptable institution, and for Foreign Missions candidates, the Board prefers that an applicant receive four years of undergraduate study at a Free Will Baptist college. In some cases, proficiency in a field such as nursing, education, medicine or similar professions is necessary to gain entrance into some areas.

He must be a *separated man*. He cannot use tobacco, or be addicted to drugs or alcohol. He must not partake of worldly habits.

The church can help to lessen the expense of the missionary's itinerate by providing him with meals and lodging while he is in their community. Free Will Baptist people and pastors are most gracious and missionaries have received wonderful treatment from them. Because churches become burdened for the work of missions, they are challenged to share of their finances to support the missionary while he is on the field. This way we are "co-laborers with God."

Jerry and Barbara Gibbs will be coming to the States in July for a furlough and the Haases will be returning to France in September. Pray for these families.

Pray for the Annual Missions Retreat convening August 8-12, 1977 at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Pray that this will be a time of inspiration to all the missionaries.

Pray for Rev. Robert Shockey, General Director of National Home Missions, and Rev. Roy Thomas, Associate Director, as they travel among our churches to promote the work of that department.

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Bob Thomas in Greeley, Colorado, as they lead this congregation through a building program.

AUGUST

Before a missionary can go to the field, he must raise his support so that when he reaches his field of service, he can devote his full time to witnessing, winning souls to Christ, training converts, and organizing new churches. Since there are no funds on hand to pay the missionary's salary while he begins a new church, *itinerate* or *deputational* work is necessary. This is where the candidate travels throughout the denomination, visiting churches, quarterly meetings, state associations, missionary conferences, and other similar meetings to challenge

God's people to support the work of missions.

Itinerate does several things to aid the missionary. He gains prayer and financial support which are essential to his success. If he is a Home Missionary, as he goes from church to church, he builds a prospect list of people who have moved to the city where God is leading him. These prospects give him a place to start in gathering the nucleus for the new church.

Itinerate opens the door for God to speak to hearts about getting involved in the work of missions. Some have been prompted to give busses or other pieces of equipment for the missionary's use in building the new church. Almost every Home Missionary couple who has gone out in recent years has taken a lay couple with them. This lay couple in almost every case was challenged when the missionary came to their church for an itinerate service. Some Foreign Missionaries have been given automobiles, typewriters, and other equipment because hearts were burdened for this work through a slide presentation during an itinerate service.

The pastor and local church hold the key to a successful itinerate for the missionary. They must open their church for the missionary to come. They must do their best to get their people to attend the service so they can be challenged to share in his ministry.

If the pastor has a missionary vision he will encourage his

people to respond to the missionary's appeal so that his church may be blessed by Him Who said, "Give and it shall be given to you" (Luke 6:38a).

He must be a *successful man*. He must have had experience in Christian service and have proven himself capable of bearing fruit in the Lord's work. For Home Missionaries, they must have at least two years of pastoral experience, and also for the general Foreign Missionary there are usually two years of pastoral experience required.

He must be a *surrendered man*. He must have a divine call to missionary service and have the firm conviction that God is leading him into missionary service. He must be willing to go where God sends him.

Pray for Tom and Nancy Hughes as they open a new work in the City of Uberlandia, Brazil, South America. The Coscias will go a day or two each week to help them with this new work.

Pray for the Earnie Deeds' family as they return to the States for furlough. Remember in prayer their work in Lafaiete.

Pray for several home missionaries who have not completed their itinerate work and are now starting services on the field. Some of these are: Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Dunn, Salem, Oregon; Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Norris, Tallahassee, Florida; Rev. and Mrs. Mark Vandivort, Flagstaff, Arizona; and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Helms, Evansville, Indiana.

SEPTEMBER

The work of the Home and Foreign Missions Department is financed mainly by a plan of support called the "Faith Promise System." This is a plan where, by faith, God's people, commit themselves to monthly financial support of missions. This commitment is above and beyond the tithes and offerings that are given to the local church and other causes in God's work.

As missionary candidates travel doing itinerate work in the churches of our denomination, they challenge our Free Will Baptist people to faith commitments which will raise their support so they can be maintained on the field. This is truly a work of faith as individuals covenant with God to give monthly a specific amount. This might be above and beyond what they think physically possible. Since the agreement is between individuals and God, the burden rests wholly on God and each individual's faith. But God is faithful, and will supply the amount committed, if the individual will give, placing his faith in the Lord to provide.

When an individual fills out a faith promise card in an itinerate service, here is what happens. A faith promise is made between that individual and God for a specific amount to be given each month to missions (or specific missionary accounts). That individual then each month gives his commitment either through his local church, designated for a

particular missionary (or missionaries) or he may send his gift through the National Boards, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. No one ever asks him for it. No official of the church or mission board will ever call on him to collect it. No one will ever check to see if he gave it. It is a promise made by him to God and to God alone. If he is unable to pay it, all he has to do is tell God about it. Give Him the reason. If He accepts it, he is free of his commitment. However, God is faithful, and if the individual will trust God to supply the commitment, God will provide. Thus it is called the "faith promise plan." No better plan for completing God's program could be designed than one which enlists Christians in applying the faith principle. Faith promise giving meets this need.

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Bob Francis as they return to the Home Missions field of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Pray for new joint project workers, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Adkisson, as they assume responsibilities of a new work in Newark, Ohio.

Praise the Lord for His safety of travel to our missionaries as they travel to and from their fields of service and for His abundant protection of those doing deputational work in the States.

Remember the Nationals on each of our eight fields of service. Pray that each may stay close to the Lord and lead their own to His Saving Grace.

42nd Session...

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

July 18-19, 1977

Cobo Hall

Detroit, Michigan

Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge

WNAC Headquarters

"Love's Commitment," "Such as I have, give I Thee . . ." (Acts 3:6) are the theme and watchword which will permeate the WNAC's convention activities this year.

Major addresses will be brought by Larry Powell, McAllen, Texas, Sandra Payne, Ivory Coast, and Elizabeth MacDonald, Birmingham, Michigan. The music is under the direction of Charles Cox, Detroit.



Powell



Payne



MacDonald

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.

Fellowship Dinner

Elizabeth MacDonald, wife of Harold C. MacDonald who is vice president of the Research Staff, Ford Motor Company, will speak. She is a mother and grandmother, and has shared the reality of Christ in a woman's World at many women's meetings throughout the United States and Canada.

The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in the Cobo Hall Cafeteria, July 18. 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, 1977. 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 tip).

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 18, 1977, at 5 p.m. at the Cafeteria, Cobo Hall, Detroit, Michigan.

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

Name _____

Street Number _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Writing Contest Awards

Awards for the winners of WNAC's fifth 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.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Schedule of Activities

Sunday

2. p.m. WNAC Registration
Cobo Hall

Monday

- 8 a.m. WNAC Executive Committee
Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
Breakfast—Essex-South Room
- 12:00 Luncheon—Essex-North Room
- 9:30 WNAC Nominating Committee
Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
Oxford Room
- 1 p.m. Meeting State Presidents/Field Workers/WNAC Executive Committee
Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
Oxford Room
- 5 p.m. WNAC Fellowship Dinner
Cobo Hall Cafeteria
Elizabeth MacDonald, speaker

Tuesday

- 9 a.m. Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
Cobo Hall Arena
Larry Powell, Sandra Payne, speakers
- 1:30 Elizabeth MacDonald, speaker

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 Detroit!

A First for Uruguayan Women

Amy Robinson



The *first* Free Will Baptist women's conference was held November 27, 1976, in Rivera, Uruguay.

Approximately 70 persons were present representing all of the churches in the area with the exception of one. Missionaries Molly Barker and Marcia Ellison also participated.

Speakers included the wife of the pastor of the Christian Missionary Alliance and a Methodist church woman.

Testimonies were given and a time of fellowship was enjoyed. The women are eagerly looking forward to another such gathering.

A First for Uruguay - and Me

Mary R. Wisheart

Working for WNAC brings many pleasant surprises, but I never expected the honor of being the first field worker to speak to the women in Uruguay, S. A.

For sometime I had planned a visit to Molly Barker in Uruguay. Since December is the summer season there, Christmas vacation

seemed the best time to go. December 15, I left the United States, stopped for a while in Panama and flew to Montevideo, Uruguay December 17. Molly Barker met me there and we traveled by bus to the border of Uruguay and Brazil where Free Will Baptists have work in Rivera, Uruguay and Livramento,

Brazil.

Molly said, "You're going to speak to the Woman's Auxiliaries on Monday afternoon (December 20)." I gulped; I hadn't prepared any messages or brought any outlines. But I got ready, and on Monday afternoon at 3:30, the women gathered at Central Free Will Baptist Church in Rivera, Uruguay. About thirty people came—a small group compared to our WNAC, but a good beginning for them. They represented three Free Will Baptist churches in Uruguay.

My fluency in Spanish leaves much to be desired, and for that reason, Molly translated while I spoke in English.

After the message, the women asked some questions about WNAC in the United States. They found it hard to believe

that there were so many women in the organization. They gave testimonies and several of them asked special prayer for unsaved husbands or other family or spiritual problems. Remember these women as you pray. They are faithful and working hard in the churches there, many times without the support of their husbands.

We have no literature in their language for the women in Spanish speaking countries where we work—Spain, Uruguay, Panama. In Uruguay they do use *Co-Laborer* in a limited way when someone translates an English program into Spanish. Perhaps WNAC should begin thinking about the possibility of materials for our sisters in Christ who do not have helps in their own language.



I don't want a dishwasher

by Rosemary Blackburn



CAN YOU imagine a woman who did not want a dishwasher? My husband thought I was out of my mind when he offered to have one installed and I told him I would rather not have one. He could not understand, so I explained:

There is more in doing dishes than just scrubbing pots and pans; it is a time that I use for prayer, meditation, singing, witnessing, conversing, and even a time for chastisement.

It was over a pile of dirty dishes with suds up to my elbows that I met my Lord. It seemed as though He were saying, "Today is your day of salvation—it is now or never." I accepted the Lord, and I told Him that I would serve Him the rest of my life.

The next day I was still rejoicing. As I washed the dishes, my sister-in-law came in. I told her that I had received Christ as my Savior, and that I wished that she would also.

Occasionally, my daughter helped with the dishes. We have discussed many of her problems over the kitchen sink. Many times her problem would be solved by the time the last dish was put away. Sometimes, she would talk and I would just listen. It is surprising the things one can learn about an offspring by just listening. Often, we would sing or reminisce about her childhood. I would tell her what a pretty baby she had been

and how thankful I was to have her. I would tell her how I had dedicated her to God and had promised to raise her to serve Him.

Many prayers have been said as I have washed my dishes. I prayed especially for my little boy who was in and out of the hospital with asthma until he was twelve. Many times tears streamed down my face as I prayed: "God, spare his life; don't take him from me; I will give him to You."

"Oh, thank You, Lord, for answering my prayers... I'm glad you are here, Lord... Lord, I have this problem, help me... Lord, give me patience and help me to be kind as I care for my invalid mother-in-law... Be with my husband, heal his back... Thank you, Lord, for supplying our needs... Please bring my brother home from service before my father dies... Lord, be with my brother and his wife in California; they need You, Lord; send someone their way... Lord, I know I should have visited my neighbor today... I'm sorry I spoke unkind words... Lord, help me to do better...."

So many precious moments spent with the Lord as I have washed my dishes. It is that time again—time to do the dishes. Thank You, Lord.

Mrs. Blackburn's article was given Honorable Mention in WNAC's Creative Writing Contest.



A Woman God Has Used

For 50 years Mary Williams Wilkinson was an active member of the Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church near Glennville, Georgia. Before her marriage to Dewey Wilkinson, she spent a lot of her time traveling and playing for a cousin, who taught singing schools in churches in the area. This gave her a love for music which she used in her service to the church. Her interest in the Lord's work was always keen, but when her first cousin, Laura Belle Barnard went to India her interest spread to the foreign fields, which probably influenced her own son, Sammy, to later go to Brazil.

"Miss Mary," as she was known, felt that the principles in God's Word should be put to use in one's life and family. She always lived by them and instilled them in her family. She was always active in the work of the church. She taught Sunday school, worked in the Woman's Auxiliary, and went to all the district and state meetings, whether they were of the church or the Woman's Auxiliary.

She served her community by loving and helping when there was a need. She loved people and people loved her. Her home was always open to everyone including relatives, preachers, friends and all the children from the neighborhood. There were many of these since she had seven of her own.

The love for "Miss Mary" was summed up by a small lad in the neighborhood. When she passed away in November of last year, this little boy, who had always been welcomed into her home and to her cookie jar, said of her, "She was a good lady."

"Where, Oh, Where Is Johnny?"

by Betty Reeves



Second Place Winner
Creative Writing Contest

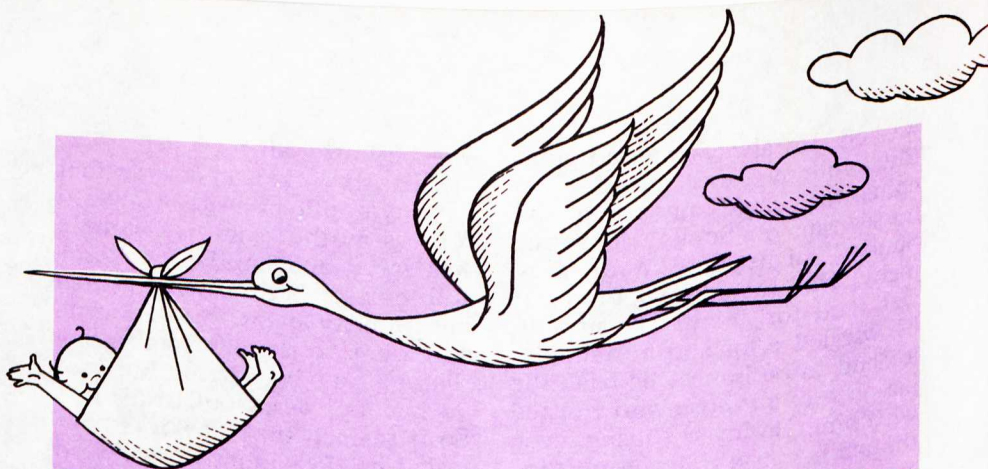
THE FAMILIAR sing-song game of a group of children playing "Way down yonder in the paw-paw patch" causes me to stop and listen. A lump forms in my throat and a tear falls from my eye as I hear them sing, "Where, oh, where, oh, where is Johnny?" The haunting refrain strikes a note in my memory as I remember another Johnny. Johnny, one of those little ones of whom Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). I rejoice in my heart that I know where Johnny is. No, he's not way down yonder in the paw-paw patch. No, he's not in that group of children playing, Johnny is playing around the throne of God. His eyes twinkle, the little crooked smile plays around his mouth as perhaps he sings his favorite song "Jesus Loves Me," as Jesus smiles at him. But that is getting ahead of my story, let's go back and let me introduce you to Johnny.

I first met Johnny when he started riding one of our Sunday school busses and he was in Primary Church, where I was director. Johnny was one of those little ones that some of our people couldn't quite accept, for you see Johnny wasn't always clean and neat. In fact, most of the time, his clothes were too big, his shirt wasn't buttoned straight and not tucked neatly in his pants and his shoes were almost always untied. He usually needed to have his hair cut and combed and to have his face

washed. He always wanted gum. But Johnny was faithful to come, he came any time the busses ran, on Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. He was always there. It was hard for Johnny to sit still, he wiggled a lot and he talked a lot and to be honest he tried the patience of all those who worked with him. He loved to sing, even though he wasn't always on tune and his favorite request was "Let's sing Jesus Loves Me," I think he was thrilled and amazed at the thought that Jesus loved him. I wish I could say I always understood and that I was always patient, but I wasn't. There were times when I was impatient and perhaps even a little short-tempered and I am sure that would be the testimony of most of those who worked with him. But God blesses in peculiar ways, for I am sure that Johnny never realized that some of our people really didn't want him there or that he upset us with some of his actions, for Johnny loved to come to church and I believe in his own way, he loved God's people. We were his new family, after all wasn't that what he was taught in Sunday school and church and he believed it. He made many trips to the altar, to be saved and to "pray for his mom and dad" or perhaps as some of the people said "it was to get attention." (But then I know some older Christians that do things to get attention like pouting, quit tithing, gossiping or making snide remarks about the preacher or other church people—perhaps Johnny's way

was best after all.)

Finally, it seemed that Johnny's prayer was answered for his mother came to church, was saved and baptized and she still comes faithfully and then one Sunday night, his dad came and went to the altar confessing that he had been saved but that he had left Jesus out of his life. So it seemed that all worked out just fine for Johnny. But God works in mysterious ways, for about 6 weeks later, Johnny was struck by a car and died later that night at the hospital. Many of the Children's Church workers and other people of the church went to say "good-bye" to Johnny. Johnny's face was clean now, his hair was cut and combed neatly in place, his clothes were new and fit him and Johnny was still. He didn't wiggle and he didn't ask for gum. Maybe it was my imagination, but I thought I could see just the traces of that little crooked smile on his lips. Perhaps he was smiling, for now he was singing to Jesus, he had met the One "who loved him." I'm so glad that Johnny knew who Jesus was, that he didn't have to be afraid, because he had learned of Jesus with us. Yes, I'm sure that I know where Johnny is, Thank God, I do know. The last message that Johnny heard in Primary Church was based on Romans 8:28 and I'm sure that as he walks and talks with Jesus that Johnny would agree that "All things do work together for good, to them that love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."



SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

to WNAC's creative writing contest—Poetry!

Other categories are: Programs (suitable for publication in *Co-Laborer*)
Skits and Plays
Articles

Subjects: Missions, prayer, enlistment, service, stewardship, woman's life and problems, seasonal themes, devotional and inspirational materials.

Length: Articles—one to three pages
Programs—five to five and one-half pages
Plays/Skits—one to three pages
Poetry—one to two pages

All manuscripts must be typed and double-spaced, with the writer's name and address in the upper left hand corner of the first page.

Awards: In each of the four categories the awards are:

First place—\$25.00
Second place—\$10.00
Third place—Books
Fourth place—Honorable mention

Entries will be judged on: Originality, content, interest, and suitability for Woman's Auxiliary work. Send as many entries as you wish.

Send your entries to:
WNAC Writing Contest
P. O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

August Is WNAC Emphasis Month

APPROPRIATE APPAREL
is the theme for
the program. You will enjoy this
exciting presentation written by
Joanne King.

Plan now with your pastor for a
Woman's Auxiliary Emphasis.



If I can do some good today,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say,
Lord, show me how!

If I can do a kindly deed,
If I can help someone in need,
If I can sow a fruitful seed,
Lord, show me how!

