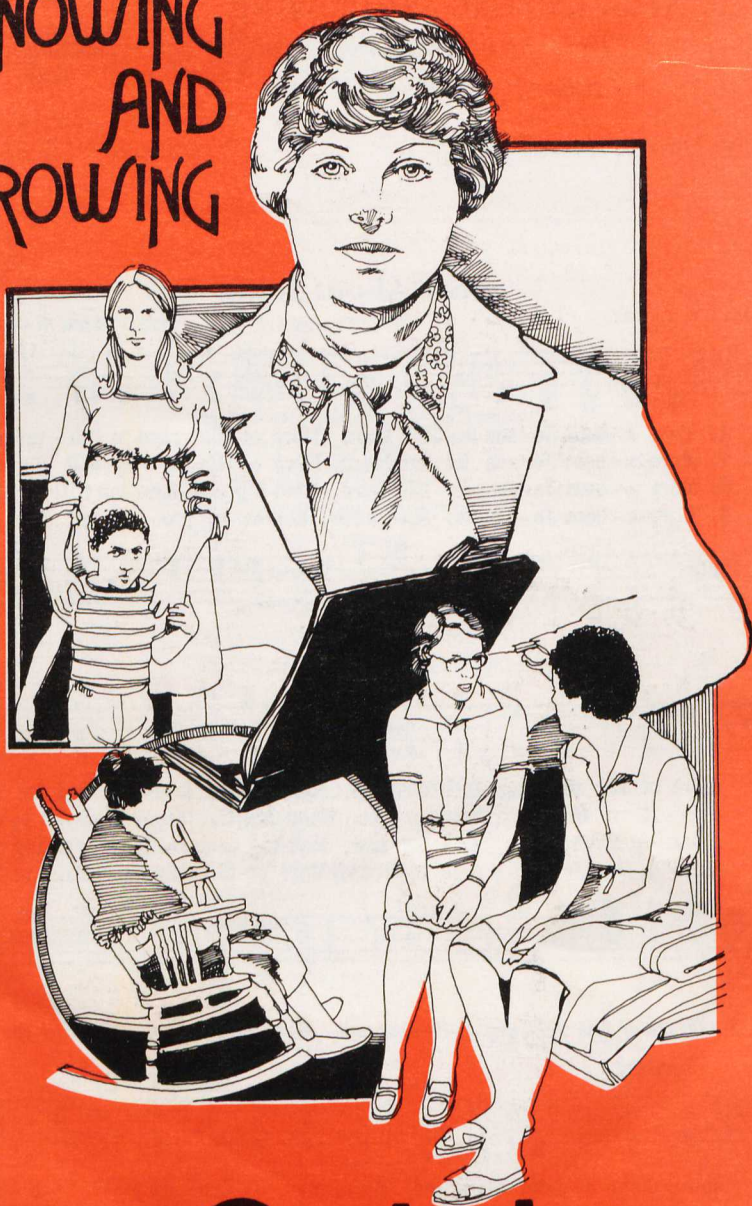


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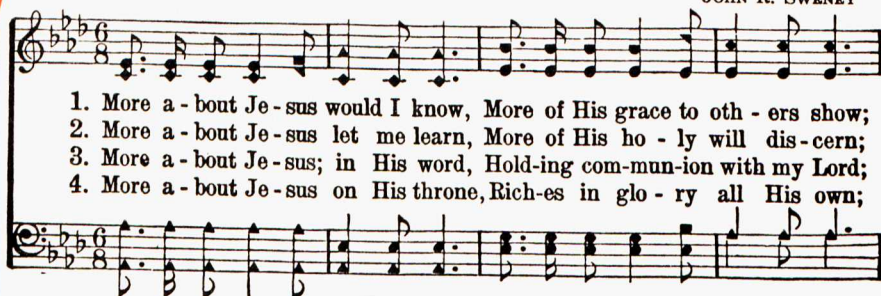
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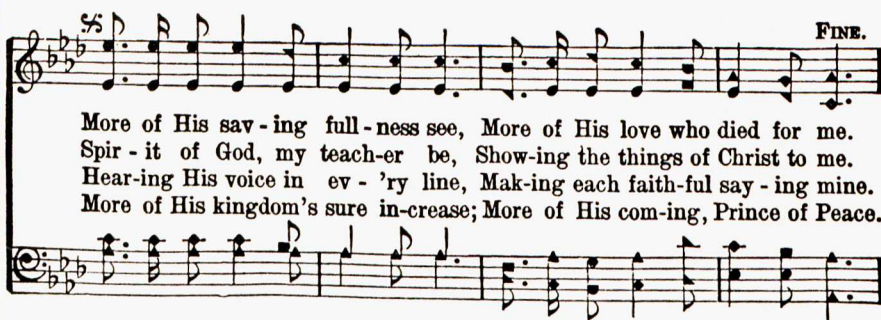
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ELIZA E. HEWITT

JOHN R. SWENEY



1. More a - bout Je - sus would I know, More of His grace to oth - ers show;
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4. More a - bout Je - sus on His throne, Rich - es in glo - ry all His own;

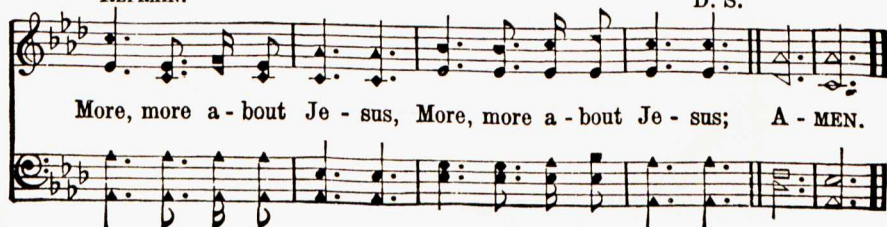


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Spir - it of God, my teach - er be, Show - ing the things of Christ to me.
Hear - ing His voice in ev - 'ry line, Mak - ing each faith - ful say - ing mine.
More of His kingdom's sure in - crease; More of His com - ing, Prince of Peace.

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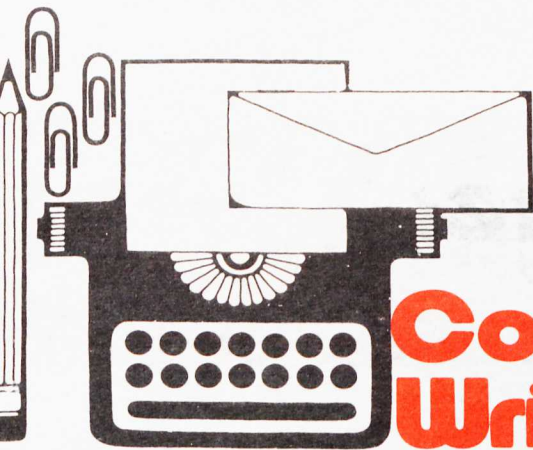
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Co-Laborers Write

Just a note to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone concerned with WNAC. 1978 proved to our co-laborers that the best can be improved. We have a sweeter fellowship in our meetings than ever before. We must applaud God first and WNAC second. We feel the programs and the helps have been instrumental in bringing our auxiliary this closeness. Thanks again, and may God continue to bless.

*Eula Edwards
Washington, North Carolina*

I was introduced to the MIS-
SIONARY PRAYER PACK put
out by your department. I think
it is a great idea. I have been
using one during my daily devo-
tional time. It surely helps a
great deal in remembering to
pray for our missionaries as well
as becoming familiar with them.

*Robert P. Cooper
Charleston Heights, S. Carolina*

We all enjoy the *Co-Laborer* so
very much and really do

appreciate the wonderful work
you folks are doing there in the
WNAC office.

*Annie C. Talton
Garner, North Carolina*

We had our first meeting of
the new year last night and each
of us was richly blessed by our
program. We were challenged to
be "Used of God" and have
made our theme for the year "I
Will Serve Thee."

*Ramona Kaye Sessoms
Roanoke, Virginia*

Our auxiliary met last night
and we had several new
members. I need six more *Co-
Laborers* for this quarter. Praise
the Lord for the good lessons we
are having and for wonderful
writers that make them possible.

*Agnes Carpenter
Eufaula, Alabama*

The Woman's Auxiliary of the
Waipahu Free Will Baptist
Church, Waipahu, Hawaii, would
like to report that God has richly

blessed us in 1978, our first full year of service. Our monthly auxiliary meetings are a blessing to the women. Our membership continues to grow and our women are becoming stronger Christians through woman's auxiliary.

We especially enjoy the *Co-Laborer* because it keeps us in touch with the auxiliaries on the mainland. We rejoice in what God is doing through the woman's auxiliaries of Free Will Baptists.

*Sharon Beam
Honolulu, Hawaii*

We are proud of our woman's auxiliary at the Cardwell Town Free Will Baptist Church. We have a prayer chain in our auxiliary and when someone has a need, she calls our prayer chairman. She calls the other women of the church and we all pray for that need. We have seen souls saved, people healed, and financial problems met. God has really blessed our auxiliary, and we want to do more for the Lord this year than we have in the past.

*Patsy Chapman
Saltville, Virginia*

I would like to praise the Lord for sharing in His work in the woman's auxiliary. You are doing a great job in producing the *Co-Laborer*. We are not just growing in numbers, but souls for Jesus. We have 12 members

now and hope to have more. God bless all of you.

*Reba Schonfeld
Hawaiian Gardens, California*

We enjoy our *Co-Laborer* articles so much, and thank God for each writer who shares with us! Thank you so much!

*Rosetta Buchanan
Marion, North Carolina*

Please find enclosed \$10.00 for the *Co-Laborer* fund. Hope this will be of some help to your fund. Our membership is not too large in number, but we pray for all the good work that is going on and for all those working in the vineyard.

*Mrs. M. Sauls
Bristol, Virginia*

We at Cofer's Chapel want to let you know how much we enjoy the *Co-Laborer* magazine. We especially enjoy knowing what other auxiliaries are doing.

*Wanda Perry
Nashville, Tennessee*

The Fellowship Woman's Auxiliary, Nashville, Tennessee, wants to say "thank you" to Donna Carr for informing our ladies of the officers and their duties. We feel much better informed because of her being with us on March 21. We are really excited about our future.

*Janis Williams
Nashville, Tennessee*

MEMO from CLEO

Cleo Pursell, Executive Secretary



Convention '79

"Know and Grow" (Ephesians 4:15b) is the theme for the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention which convenes July 16-17, in Civic Center, Charlotte, NC. Please check information elsewhere in this issue for details. Every Christian woman should want to grow and mature; to develop an in-depth relationship with God; to reach her full potential as a Christian woman. You will find "grow-power" for Christian living at each of the events planned for you: the presidents and field workers meeting on Monday afternoon where an exchange of creative ideas on the new theme and watchword will be made; the fellowship dinner Monday evening with Kay Arthur; the convention on Tuesday with missionaries sharing from the fields. Don't miss any of it—it will stretch your mind, enlarge your vision and help you *grow!*

Wedding Bells

Donna Carr, WNAC secretary and editor for the past 19 months, was united in marriage to Earl Rickey Mayo, May 5, 1979. Rick is an engineer for Consoer, Townsend & Associates. They will reside in Lauderhill, Florida. Best wishes to a fine couple!

Concerning Coupons

The Tennessee Children's Home has discontinued its coupon program. Doris Raper expresses appreciation to those who have faithfully supported this project in the past but says that coupons are no longer of any value to them.

WNAC Emphasis Month

Remember to plan for your annual program to present the work of the Woman's Auxiliary to your entire church and to receive an offering for WNAC's general fund. The program was written by Dr. Mary R. Wisehart and is entitled "Growing Up for God."

Women in Action



On December 1-2, 1978, 75 teens from Kirby Free Will Baptist Church rocked and raised approximately \$875.00.

Actionettes

An Actionette group was formed at Richland Free Will Baptist Church, Richland, California, last year with four members and two sponsors. And though they only have four members, they have given \$75.00 to various missionary projects.

Local Auxiliaries

The Hazel Park Woman's Auxiliary, Hazel Park, Michigan, bought a gas dryer for Deleen and Mike Cousineau, missionaries to Ivory Coast.

The Wesconnett Woman's Auxiliary, Jacksonville, Florida, gathered recipes and made a cookbook. The proceeds from their sale were used to buy a mimeograph machine for their Christian academy.

Priscilla Inscoe, missionary to Panama, was guest speaker at First Free Will Baptist Church, Washington, North Carolina, for a Pre-Thanksgiving Prayer Service, November 21, 1978. Eight churches participated, 117 women attended, and \$420 was given to National Home Missions.

The theme was "A Good Thing" based on "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord," (Psalm 92:1). Mrs. Inscoe spoke on the role of the missionary's wife.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Washington, North Carolina



The Kirby Woman's Auxiliary, Taylor, Michigan, started in August of 1978 with 12 members, and they now have 22. In November they raised \$225.00 for Home Missions, and in December they held a rock-athon for the teens of the church to raise money for a camera for their pastor, Rev. J. B. Varney.

The women of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Bowie, Texas, organized a woman's auxiliary with 11 present at their first meeting. Larry Cox pastors.

The woman's auxiliary at the Free Will Baptist church in Rennes, France invited missionary Barbara Gibbs to speak at their Christmas meeting. They had the program in the *Co-Laborer* translated into French. The women also visited the cancer hospital and witnessed, sang and gave out tracts, gifts and candy.

They are pictured here at their mother-daughter banquet last May. The theme, taken from John 15:5, was "Abiding in Him." Forty-eight were present.

Rennes, France Auxiliary Mother-Daughter Banquet



District Activities



Northern Virginia District Officers: Sec.-treas., Betty Stipes; Field Worker, Lottie Horton; V. Pres., Doris Robinson; Pres., Nancy Meade; Resolutions, Patricia Mullins

The Northern Virginia District Auxiliary held a prayer breakfast at the Wayside Inn, Middletown, Virginia, on October 21, 1978. Wayside dates back to 1797, is filled with antiques and boasts of several famous guests.

Thirty-seven enjoyed breakfast before the regular quarterly meeting conducted business.

The Northeast District Woman's Auxiliary met at Collinsville Free Will Baptist Church, Collinsville, Oklahoma, and had a Christmas party for

Northeast District Auxiliary, Collinswood, Oklahoma



the children's home in Greeneville, Tennessee. They presented them with a money tree worth \$43.30. Laura Layne then gave a study course, and afterwards they enjoyed holiday desserts.

Missions Projects

"Christmas in September" was the theme for the special missions emphasis project sponsored by the Victory Free Will Baptist Church in Wenatchee, Washington. The scene was enhanced with a Christmas money tree, singing of carols and special prayer time for the work in Brazil. The event was in honor of Jim, Susan and Christopher Moser, missionaries to Brazil, and a gift of \$406 was given by the congregation.

The woman's auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas, presented "A Winning Team" and received an emphasis offering of \$55.81 for WNAC.

After the program the ladies served an "International Taste Test Dinner." Each lady chose a country where we have missionaries and made a main dish and a dessert from that country. Each one made a poster of the country and hung it in front of the food she prepared. They also tried to dress in the native costumes of each country. Through their efforts, \$45 was raised to send to home missionary, Rue Dell Smith, Shawnee Mission, Kansas.



Mrs. Oma Fisher (left) is presented a gift from Mrs. Marion Pilgrim (Pastor's wife).

Each year the Holdenville Woman's Auxiliary, Holdenville, Oklahoma, sponsors a supper and auction and the proceeds go to home and foreign missions. This year they made \$770.75. Mrs. Oma Fisher, who spends each year making quilts and other items, was presented a plaque for donating the most merchandise—\$153.00 worth.

Two other women of the auxiliary were recognized for their faithfulness, Mrs. Frances Hays and Mrs. Ruby Giles. Mrs. Hays has not missed an auxiliary meeting in 17 years, and Mrs. Giles has eight years of perfect attendance. They were also presented plaques.

Mrs. Ruby Giles and Mrs. Frances Hays, Holdenville, Oklahoma





Coffey



Dobbs

Who's Who in this Issue



Thomas



Pursell



Wilson

Maude Coffey, Nashville, Tennessee, is the author of our August program, "The Christian and Hospitality." Wife of Rev. Rufus Coffey, executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, she teaches music at Free Will Baptist Bible College and is a member of Horton Heights.

Rubenia Dobbs, Dothan, Alabama, is a wife, mother and second grade teacher at a Christian school. Her husband, Rev. Dean Dobbs, pastors First Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan. She wrote "Whining Before God," our study for September.

Diane Thomas, Grifton, North Carolina, wrote "His Unnumbered Blessings." A housewife and mother, she is also program chairman of her local auxiliary, a Sunday school teacher and teen worker.

Cleo Pursell, Nashville, Tennessee, wrote our July program. "What Size Are You?" She serves as executive secretary for the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention and is a member of LaVergne Free Will Baptist Church.

Sheila Wilson, Bristol, Virginia, received honorable mention for her article, "Christians and Chestnuts" in the 1977-78 creative writing contest. She is a wife, mother and teacher in junior church.

What **Size** Are You?

Aim: *To help us to grow spiritually and to develop our full potential as Christian women.*

Song: "More About Jesus"

Scripture: *Ephesians 4:11-16*

WOMEN ARE frequently asked the question "What size are you?" If you have been dieting and have lost a few pounds your answer will be a happy one. But if you have not lost and are self conscious about your weight, it could be a bit embarrassing. Many women who are concerned about physical size forget their spiritual size is much more important. A Christian woman should want to grow and mature; to develop an in-depth relationship with God; to reach her full potential as a Christian woman.

SPIRITUAL IMMATURITY

Most pastors have encountered immature Christians in their congregations. Of course immaturity is to be expected of a new convert, a baby Christian, for it takes time for a baby to grow. The birth of a baby into a home is one of the most wonderful experiences, but if that baby did

not grow into a well-bred, well-mannered, and well-moraled individual, the parents would be very unhappy. It is also sad when a young Christian fails to grow and develop into a mature, well-rounded person spiritually.

Spiritual immaturity is not a new problem but dates back to the early church. Paul was forced to talk to members of the Corinthian church as though they were babes in Christ. He fed them with milk instead of solid food because they couldn't digest anything stronger.

In the instructions to the Hebrew Christians they were reminded that they had been saved a long time and should be capable of teaching others. Instead they needed someone to again teach them the very first principles in God's Word. Paul says that we are to "grow up" (Ephesians 4:15b). There is a vast difference in growing old and in *growing up*.

GROW UP INTO HIM

A humorist has defined an adult as a person who has quit growing at both ends and started growing in the middle. The definition is at least a reminder that when an adult quits learning, he quits living and simply vegetates. If you are not growing, you're shrinking. Paul said that we are to "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:15b).

In 2 Peter 3:18a we are admonished to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." This means to grow in spiritual strength and to become better acquainted with our Lord. How shall we do this? The secret of spiritual fitness is first *proper diet*. The spiritual food we need is the Word of God. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). *Correct breathing* is important. Many of us do not breathe correctly; we use only part of our lungs. Prayer is the breath of the soul. We may need to deepen our prayer life. Our nation of joggers and frequenters of health spas attest to the fact that *exercise* is important but spiritual exercise is more important (1 Timothy 4:8). Spiritual exercise is going, being, doing, and witnessing.

If you would like to become a more mature Christian woman the possibilities are at your fingertips. The Woman's Auxiliary offers many opportunities for spiritual growth and learning. The informative programs and study courses which are a part of auxiliary work stretch not only the heart but the mind. Oliver Wendell Holmes suggested that sometimes a person's mind is stretched by a new idea and never goes back to its old dimensions. The heart may be stretched also and never return to selfish dimensions through ministering to those with special needs in our communities and around the world. Jesus included heart, soul, and mind when He commanded, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew

12:37). The auxiliary program of work, consistently followed, contributes to both mental and spiritual growth.

THE RESULTS OF GROWTH

In our Scripture context, Ephesians 4:11-16, the apostle states the reason the various gifts were given to the church is to build up the body of Christ; to develop the individual Christians from spiritual infancy to spiritual manhood, to the *stature of the fulness of Christ*. The whole body of Christ is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

What a difference there is in a baby and in a full-grown adult. Not only in stature but in strength and wisdom. Just as a child may keep a record of his growth by measuring his height with a ruler, we can mark the increase that takes place in the life of a Christian every year. Don't become discouraged if you do not grow as rapidly as you think you should. Just as physical growth is slow, there is no way to become mature instantly in the spiritual realm. The first step in becoming a growing, expanding Christian is to understand that maturing is a never-ending process.

There is an upsurge in religious interest in the United States according to the Gallup Opinion Index for 1977-78. But evidence can also be found of *spiritual immaturity*, or spiritual illiteracy. The index report states

that the middle 1970's could perhaps be described as a period of spiritual adolescence; while spiritually immature in certain respects, Americans at the same time appear to be searching hard—perhaps harder than ever before—for the deeper meanings of life.

The report notes that the majority of Americans say they believe in God but many of them have given little time to thinking about His existence. Many people use prayer for petition rather than for giving thanks or intercession. Many have Bibles in their homes but few study them.

WHAT SIZE ARE YOU?

What size are you spiritually? Have you grown in your relationships with God, your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers? It is important for us to evaluate our progress from time to time. What size is your vision of your community? Of the world? How do you respond to opportunities to serve? Many of us use excuses to avoid doing those things we do not want to do for the Lord: "My husband doesn't like for me to be gone at night"; "I have such a big family I just don't have time for anyone else." There are many other excuses we may be giving for not relating to people in our community: we are not comfortable with people we don't know; we are reluctant to do new things; we don't think that we are capable. In reality, perhaps we have not trusted God for wisdom and strength to do the things we feel we should be doing. Unless

you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow!

Let's take a new look at ourselves as growing persons. The dimensions for growth are almost limitless. Scientists claim that most of us, whatever our age may be, are using only five or ten percent of our human potential. *Potential* refers to the total capacities in every person which are not yet fully developed or used at the present time. These may include hidden abilities, talents, or resources; the potential of increased creative productivity; the capacity for developing leadership in matters which affect our church, auxiliary, or community; and many others. Do we allow personal habits to deprive us of creative growth? Fear of risking ourselves in situations which might cause change in our way of life? Lack of motivation, resistance to understanding oneself?

Look over the past year. Did you grow any? Have you ever wanted to write poetry, articles, or even a book? Would you like to sing? Play an instrument? Perhaps you need to "stir up the gift that is within you." Are you concerned about the uncon-
verted?

May we be willing to accept the challenge as individuals and as auxiliaries to find new areas of growth during this year. Perhaps you can begin a new mission action project such as regular visits to a nursing home, a hospital, or to a home-bound person. Grow in Bible study, prayer, and witness. Grow in stewardship of giving. "*Grow up into him in all things . . .*"

August Program
Maude Coffey

Aim: *To define hospitality and see it as the Christian's responsibility.*

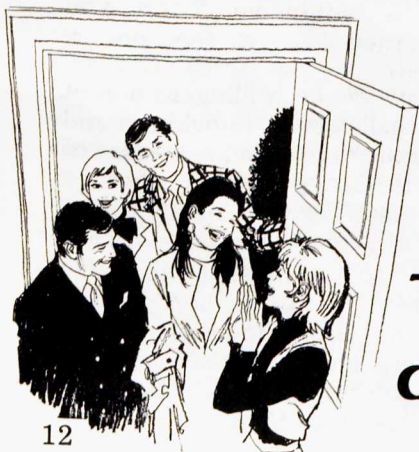
Song: *"Make Me a Channel of Blessing"*

Scripture: *Romans 12:6-13*

ONE OF the unique features of God's created beings is the desire for togetherness and fellowship with others. Even animals and birds, as well as human beings, have this desire. Their natural instinct is to group together in flocks, herds or coveys.

Who has not heard the chirping of a lonely bird, the night wail of a dog, the high-pitched bleating of a calf calling for attention? Likewise, who has not seen loneliness mirrored in a person's face, longing to be with friends and satisfy this need.

Because man's natural instinct craves companionship, Christians should develop a sensitivity to fulfilling this need in others.



HOSPITALITY DEFINED

Hospitality is a marvelous gift of the Holy Spirit to minister to a lonely society. Opening our hearts to befriend or sharing with others the warmth and intimacy of our home is hospitality. It is an expression of our inner disposition to welcome and minister to guests in our home.

Hospitality comes from the word "hospital" which means to give care to strangers, travelers, the infirm or ill. It is a reaching out, caring and sharing.

Samuel Foss caught this spirit when he penned these words:

I see from my house by the side
of the road,

By the side of the highway of
life,

The men who press with the
ardor of hope

The men who are faint with
the strife.

But I turn not away from their
smiles nor their tears—

Both parts of an infinite plan—
Let me live in a house by the
side of the road

And be a friend to man.

GOD'S WORD AND HOSPITALITY

The ancient world regarded
hospitality as one of its chief

The Christian and Hospitality

virtues. The Bible speaks of respecting strangers and reminded the Israelites they were once strangers in Egypt themselves (Leviticus 19:33, 34).

Abraham welcomed three visitors into his home and fed them so they might be refreshed before going on their way (Genesis 18:1-8). Lot also received two angelic visitors, prepared a meal for them and gave them lodging for the night (Genesis 19:1-3).

The widow of Zarephath thought she was feeding Elijah with the last bit of meal and oil, but God multiplied her provisions because of her hospitality to His servant (1 Kings 17:10-16).

Hospitality, spoken of as a Christian virtue, is actually *commanded*. Romans 12:13 exhorts "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality" (NIV).

Paul gave a list of qualifications for a bishop or overseer in the church. It is interesting that one of them is being hospitable. 1 Timothy 2:2 (Amplified) explains, "he must be hospitable" and Titus 1:8 (Amplified) says, "But he must be hospitable—loving and a friend to believers, especially to the strangers and foreigners." 1 Peter 4:9 (NIV) admonishes us to "offer hospitality to one another without grumbling."

Matthew 25:42 and 43 offer sobering words when we see that neglect of Christ is symbolized by our inhospitality to neighbors.

Karen Maines in *Open Hearts and Open Homes* wrote, "I am firmly convinced that if

Christians would open their homes and practice hospitality as defined in Scripture, we could significantly alter the fabric of society. We could play a major role in its spiritual, moral and emotional redemption.

CULTIVATING HOSPITALITY

Needless to say, this business of being hospitable as given in God's Word rests squarely on the shoulders of believers. You and I, along with our families, are to demonstrate Christian love toward strangers, the friendless, those in need. To some this may come naturally; others may need practice, and for all of us, the gift must be *nurtured*.

We may need to ask ourselves some questions and honestly answer them. Am I willing to use my home, my china and crystal (or lack of it), my time and finances in this ministry? Perhaps our priorities need adjusting and our attitudes changing.

Excuses such as "I'm too busy," "I can't afford it," "My home isn't nice enough," and "I can't cook" often keep us from being hospitable. These reasons can be overcome.

True hospitality comes before pride. It is a sharing of what we have. It gives no thought to reward, but finds pleasure in giving, doing, loving and sharing.

Having guests in our homes can be done very simply with a minimum of expense and preparation, or there may be times when we serve more elaborately. We should not feel we cannot minister effectively because we lack "things."

There are times for simplicity, but there are also times when we put forth extra effort. This is not to impress, but can be a display of our special affection. Karen Maines says, "I love it when people go to extra efforts. It makes me feel as though they have a special reason to do so much for me."

THE VALUE OF HOSPITALITY

One of the outstanding values of hospitality is *fellowship*. It is quite evident that the early church devoted themselves . . . "to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42—NIV). Our churches place a strong emphasis on prayer and Bible study, which is right and good, but very little emphasis on fellowship with one another.

The early Christians gathered regularly, in fact, daily, in different homes to share meals. It was a time of gladness and sincerity (Acts 2:46).

Sharing our Christian faith in our homes over a cup of coffee has a way of being human in an inhuman world. The home gives a relaxed atmosphere and is more conducive to open, sensitive discussion than a formal worship service or even a Bible study group.

Our families are enriched as we reach out to others. Children are the recipients of the blessings and they will in turn benefit. They will recognize the home as a tool for evangelism, encouragement and fellowship.

Not only will they learn the skills of hospitality, such as

clearing tables, filling water glasses, greeting people at the door, etc., but they become familiar with the spirit as well. Attitudes are caught, not taught, and our values and priorities will become theirs also.

PRACTICING HOSPITALITY

We can become missionaries without leaving home as we open our homes. There is a variety of people to whom we can extend a welcome—the person who needs Christ, elderly citizens who need to know someone cares, bus children, singles and members from broken homes, some who need a temporary home until they become located, other nationalities and races, the new convert who needs encouragement, refreshment for the transient who needs a bath, rest and food, ministers, evangelists, missionaries, students in a college community, the young people of your church, friends of your children, peer groups for fun and fellowship, your pastor and his family.

Be on the lookout for the new member, the visitor, the person who needs to be befriended.

Your food does not have to be a gourmet delight. Try such things as raiding the ice box, soup and sandwiches, chili, cake and coffee, homemade donuts or hotdogs.

The important thing is "breaking bread together." And the King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me" (Matthew 25:40).



Whining Before God

Aim: To see ourselves in Bible characters who whined, and also what our reactions should be.

Song: "Trust and Obey"

Scripture: Exodus 3, 4; 1 Kings 19:1-18; Judges 4:6-24; Ruth 1:16-18, 2:1-3, 10, 4:13-22

AS A MOTHER nothing annoyed me more than for my son to whine. Instead of asking me for help, he would complain and pout, expecting me to know his need. Yet one day as I sought to do my daily tasks, prepare to teach two weeks of youth camp, plan a church meeting, pack for the National Association and care for my very active two-year-old; I began to whine. In desperation I threw it all down and resorted to my bedroom to whine. God spoke to my heart and said, "Why don't you ask me for help?"

WHINING DOUBTER

In the first two chapters of Exodus we read how God miraculously saved Moses and gave him the choice life. Yet when God called Moses in Exodus 3:10 Moses began to whine. "Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" (Exodus 3:11).

When God assured him of His

presence, Moses still said, "But what will I say?" and "What if they don't believe me?" But God had it all worked out; in fact, He said, "I will do the work." God evidently had not chosen the best speaker in the Israelite nation. He had not asked for any special talent. Moses did not even have to ask God what he should do. He just needed to be willing to let God work through him. Still he said, "But Lord, me?"

"But Lord, me?" is such a familiar phrase. How often are we called on to do a task and say, "But Lord, me? I'm busy, I can't. Let someone else."

Then God asks Moses a question, "What is that in thine hand? And he said A rod" (Exodus 4:2). Such a small thing, but when it took on the power of God it ceased to be small. God says just use what you have in your hand. He even offered to put the words in his mouth, but still Moses whined. "And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses..." (Exodus 4:14).

As mothers we punish children who choose to whine and complain rather than obey. They choose to reap the consequences rather than praise. But do they learn from us to complain over insignificant matters? Do we get caught striking out because of the circumstances around us? Do we punish our children for using

what they have learned from us?

WHINING POUTER

In the last six chapters of 1 Kings we read accounts of some of the mightiest works of God in the life of one man. God had sent ravens to bring food to Elijah in a barren land and had fed His prophet from an empty meal barrel. He had raised the widow's son from the dead and held back rain for three years. He had consumed a water-drenched sacrifice with heavenly fire and dethroned a king and his family. How exciting to be used of God so! God had used Elijah because he was always willing to go when God called.

However, after all this Elijah was brought to a state of depression by one of the most common arrows Satan shoots at us today. Elijah received an unkind message, a threat to his personal well-being, and to top it all, it was from a woman! (1 Kings 19:1, 2).

We claim to work in the power and strength of God, but do we, like Elijah, have tender ears brought low by gossip? How often does it tear us assunder?

We find this great man of God in 1 Kings 19:4 pouting under a tree. "Oh, Lord, I give up, let me die. I've done so much, worked so hard, nobody will help me, nobody appreciates me." Elijah thought he had earned the right to pout. Things had not gone his way. God taught Elijah a lesson we should learn and pass on to our children. Pouting does not bring self desires, but discipline.

God gave Elijah a choice—sit

and pout or get back to work. He reminded Elijah that he was not alone—there were 7,000 faithful Israelites (1 Kings 19:18). Elijah chose to be used of God. In fact, he walked with God all the way to heaven. Will we be found still working or under our pet pouting tree?

WHINING OUTER

Think of yourself as a child or your own children. Are they always willing workers? Did it ever take a little persuading for you to get your chores accomplished? As mothers it's easy to become weary of telling your child what to do. It's easier to go do the work yourself than listen to their whining. Why do they seem to need an extra push? Have they learned the habit of "putting off" from watching their mothers?

In the Old Testament Barak is an example of one who put things off. He was literally sitting on a command of God. God had commanded Barak to destroy Sisera and his armies, and He had even promised Barak that He would deliver them. But he still hesitated.

It took Judge Deborah to remind him of his responsibility. (Read Judges 4:6, 7). God had promised Barak all the blessings of victory, yet he was saying, "Leave me out, God. You've asked too much." When Deborah reminded him of the Lord's command, Barak said, "If you'll go, I'll go."

Deborah was a willing worker, "And she said, I will surely go with thee" (Judges 4:9).

However, she added that Barak would lose the honor of doing a task for God. "For the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman" (Judges 4:9).

As we read in chapter 4:21-22 Jael, Heber's wife, killed Sisera and met Barak with the news, "I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest." Barak received not victory, honor or blessing; but the dead remains of an enemy.

God says, "Now." And much too often we expect Him to wait while we take time to whine and complain over the situation. We should not be so much concerned over situations often caused by human frailties, but over the command "go."

WHINELESS OBEDIENCE

In the midst of the judges, wars, oppression and disobedience we find the book of Ruth. God's people had experienced victories and periods of returning to Him, but in contrast, we see complete obedience in Ruth. She depicts what God wants for the Christian life. In these few chapters we see Ruth deciding, serving, resting and rewarded.

First and most important, Ruth decided to follow God. Ruth had not known the true Holy God. She was told by Naomi to return to her gods. But Ruth saw God in the life of Naomi. What she saw in one woman made her forsake a lifetime of teaching and believing. Ruth 1:16 and 17 are a remarkable note in the life of a young

believer. It is interesting to note that Ruth was "steadfastly minded" (verse 18) to follow Naomi and the God she had found.

Secondly, she immediately started serving. We see no record of her whining and complaining over a bare cupboard. Ruth went to work—a lonely, back-breaking job, satisfied to pick up what was left in the field.

"So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley" (Ruth 2:17). Ruth had worked hard and won the right to eat and rest. Verse 18 says she was "sufficed." Because of her faithfulness to her God and diligence at the task before her, Ruth enjoyed God's richest blessings. As Boaz exclaimed, "Blessed be thou of the Lord" (Ruth 3:10).

The blessings of God upon Ruth's life were wonderful—He supplied her with a job, food and a husband. But they are not the important things. To be included in the messianic line is Ruth's real reward. And while the rich blessings of God upon us daily are wonderful, to beget with our lives that which is eternal should be our ultimate goal.

Ruth is a wonderful example for mothers. She took no side-steps to complain, whine or feel sorry for herself. She never had to be reminded that she had said, "Thy God, my God." The son God blessed Ruth with and his sons were taught eternal values. We should strive to instill faith in our children like Ruth's grandson, Jesse, who raised a little boy to believe God would give him power to kill giants with pebbles.

Prayer Group Programs

by Pat Thomas

JULY

July is the month of the year when our thoughts turn to patriotism for our country, perhaps more than other time. Anyone who has traveled abroad knows what a great privilege it is to be an American. The five freedoms and our form of government make Americans the freest of all the peoples of the world. Her citizens enjoy the highest standards of living of any people. While America has ten percent of the world's population, she has 52 percent of its food, 67 percent of the world's automobiles, 75 percent of the world's clothes, 80 percent of the world's bathtubs, 95 percent of the world's radios and 95 percent of the world's televisions.

However, in spite of these blessings, America is fast losing her freedoms. Christian liberty needs to be proclaimed throughout all this land to all its inhabitants because America has veered from her course and lost her way. In spite of all her freedoms, America is in bondage.

She is in bondage to an educa-

tional system that has become godless and humanistic in its philosophy. Drugs are readily available to most students and illicit sex is promoted. Evolution is taught as a fact, even though it is still, and will always be, a theory. America is in trouble because her children are being reared under this kind of godless influence.

America is in trouble because she is captivated by a warped media. Even though much pressure has been put on television's producers about violence, they have now turned to sex exploitation. Americans are fed a diet of adultery and sex perversion in television programming. While profanity and filth are allowed to go uncensored on television, gospel preaching programs where godly men stood against the sins of the day have been cut.

Politically and religiously America has lost her way and is groping in confusion for answers that only Christ and His freedom can bring. We need to pray that more home missionaries can be sent out in order for more Bible-believing, soul-winning churches to be established and turn the tide against these destructive forces. The only hope for America to remain the "land of the free and the home of the brave" is to see a revival among our existing churches and the establishing of new churches so that this nation can once again be reached with the gospel.

Pray for our Free Will Baptist workers and nationals in Spain. Several decisions have been made during this year. Pray for their spiritual growth.

Pray for Jim and Barbara Williams as they prepare to reopen the Institute of Gold in Monterrey, N.L., Mexico to train native Mexican pastors and workers.

AUGUST

I am thankful for the privilege of being a member of a local woman's auxiliary in my church, and for the opportunity to serve through missions prayer, missions study and missions action groups. August is WNAC emphasis month, and as my attention turns to the work of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, my heart swells with gratitude for what God has accomplished through this important organization of our National Association of Free Will Baptists.

I think of the provision closet housed in the national office building in Nashville, Tennessee. Many times it has been my privilege to guide missionaries, both home and foreign, through the overflowing shelves of this section of the office building, and what a blessing to watch tears come to the eyes of missionaries as they select items that are so desperately needed by their families. These supplies of bedding, Tupperware, towels, dishes, small appliances and other household items are provided for the missionaries free of charge by our women across America as they share in this facet of auxiliary work. How I thank God for this service!

Each month a generous check is presented to both the home

and foreign missions departments for gifts that have been given to designated missionaries and their needs from woman's auxiliaries across America. Many times these checks have helped these departments go over their quotas for the month and have been the source of much rejoicing. Each time Mrs. Pursell presents a monthly check from WNAC my heart breathes a prayer of thanks for our women who care enough to give so that the gospel may be taken around the world.

Now, in the month of August, it is time for us to remember WNAC and its needs. We have outgrown a one-woman, one-room operation, and today the work of WNAC is done in the executive offices of the national headquarters at 1134 Murfreesboro Road in Nashville, Tennessee. Growth in literature and supplies has been phenomenal. From a meager beginning, the WNAC has extended the printed page into every possible area of endeavor.

Because of the necessity of adequate, systematic support for its expanding operations, the national convention designated the month of August as WNAC emphasis month, in which every auxiliary member is asked to contribute to WNAC's general fund. Not only can we as auxiliary members contribute to this cause, but we can pray for the work of WNAC and its office staff and executive committee as they give guidance to the important work of this organization.

Pray for new woman's auxiliaries that are being organized in the home missions churches

throughout America that they will become effective missionary services of the churches.

Pray for Mrs. Cleo Pursell and the other WNAC officers as they lead our auxiliaries in being "Laborers together with God" and helping women fulfill their places in the great commission.

SEPTEMBER

September is "back to school" month for many school children and college students across our country. Many of our young people will be going to one of the Free Will Baptist colleges this fall to train for service in many walks of life. God has blessed Free Will Baptists with several colleges and Bible institutes where our people can be trained in Bible-centered education.

Not only do these schools exist to train pastors and missionaries, but also laymen who want to enter honorable vocations in the business and professional world. Indeed, the need to provide Christian education for the laity becomes more and more acute as our society generally grows more and more anti-Christian in thought and practice.

The Christian school teacher, doctor, businessman, brick-layer, carpenter, or farmer needs to devote at least part of his educational years to Biblical studies. He needs a thorough foundation in basic Bible knowledge and Christian doctrine. He needs practice and experience in Christian service. He needs more than just a passing acquaintance with the essentials of Christian

living.

Where can he get this kind of training? Not in the teachers' college or medical school or business college, nor as an apprentice in the butcher shop. The answer is a college which offers a curriculum based on God's Word and an atmosphere saturated with Christian thought and philosophy.

The Memorial Student Loan Fund was established in 1958 as a tribute to the pioneer women in WNAC work. This fund is to assist needy and worthy students in the completion of their Christian education at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. We believe that one of the best means to reach our goals as a missionary service of the church is through helping students obtain Christian training that they might more effectively carry out the great commission. During one month of the year (usually September) each local auxiliary is requested to have a special emphasis on the Student Loan Fund. Not only can you help by giving to this cause, but you can pray for all the Bible college students as they prepare to serve the Lord more effectively.

Pray for students at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, California Christian College and other Bible colleges and institutes as they train for more effective service for Christ.

Allan and LaRue Crowson covet your prayers as they labor in Nassian, Ivory Coast.

Pray for the Sherwood Lee family as they have just returned to the states for furlough.

44th Session
WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION
July 16-17, 1979
Civic Center
Charlotte, North Carolina

You'll be "Knowing and Growing" more than ever before at the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention! All activities will be focused on the watchword, "Grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:15b), and, of course, the theme, "Knowing and Growing."

For real grow-power you'll want to hear keynote speakers Kay Arthur, Jimmy Aldridge, Jerry Barron and Lorene Miley.

WNAC's Fellowship Dinner is always a high point in the convention and this year promises to be no exception with Kay Arthur, a noted Bible scholar and speaker, bringing the message. Kay and her husband Jack head REACH OUT, a many faceted, inter-denominational Bible study conference center.

Unique among Christian ministries, REACH OUT is located in the outskirts of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and its main thrust is to equip the saints—to ground Christians in the Word of God. The Arthurs and their staff lead monthly conferences, weekly Bible studies, special short-term, intensive summer training programs and a year-long apprenticeship program meeting the needs of men, women and young people from all over the United States.

Jimmy Aldridge attended Columbia Bible College and has a bachelor's degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College. He and his wife Janie have served as missionaries in Ivory Coast for the past 16 years.

Jerry and Julie Barron have ministered in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico since 1971. They have organized a Free Will Baptist church there, as well as several missions, and are responsible for seeing many souls won to Christ. The Barrons have four children.

Lorene Miley will be speaking at the 1:30 meeting on Tuesday afternoon. She and her husband Dr. Laverne Miley served 19 years as missionaries in Ivory Coast. Two of their children and their families, the Lynn Mileys and Clint Morgans, are now ministering in the Ivory Coast.

WRITING CONTEST AWARDS

Awards for the winners of WNAC's seventh 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.

ATTENTION STATE SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

State secretaries and treasurers 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.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

Sunday 3 p.m.	Registration Civic Center
Monday 8 a.m.	WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast Radisson Plaza Room 821
9 a.m.	WNAC Nominating Committee Radisson Plaza Gold Room
1 p.m.	State Presidents/Field Workers/ WNAC Executive Committee Radisson Plaza Mechlenburg Room
5 p.m.	WNAC Fellowship Dinner Civic Center Kay Arthur, Speaker
Tuesday 9 a.m.	Woman's National Auxiliary Convention Civic Center
1:30 p.m.	Message Lorene Miley

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Kay Arthur will speak at the Fellowship Dinner to be held at 5 p.m. in the Civic Center. Plan now to attend and 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, 1979. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request for tickets.

The dinner is open to both men and women and tickets are \$6.00 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 16, 1979, at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Enclosed is \$_____ (\$6.00 each). I wish to purchase tickets for the missionaries indicated below:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

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 the 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 Charlotte!

Christians and Chestnuts

Sheila Wilson

EVERYONE HAD gone to church except me. Since I was still puffy from having two wisdom teeth surgically removed, I had stayed home. It was such a lovely September morning that I walked out into the back yard with Muffin, our dog, to pick up the chestnuts which were now falling daily. Actually, I picked up very few chestnuts. That is my husband's favorite thing to do. Rather, I picked up a grocery sack full of burrs.

As I went slowly around the tree, I began to notice these burrs. They had to be lifted off the ground very carefully since they were so prickly. No one would be able to get to the chestnut itself until the burr popped open and allowed the nut to drop to the ground. Oh, I suppose you could pick a burr from the tree and eventually get it open, but how painful the process would be—and the undeveloped fruit would not be much reward for your efforts!

This reminded me of our impatience as Christians. Instead of waiting for God's perfect time, we get impatient and "kick against the prick." The process is painful, damaging to us as Christians and fruitless. Whereas, if we awaited God's perfect timing, no such effort on our part would be required. He would do the work, and all we would need to do is faithfully sit under the tree and let the fruit drop into our laps. Naturally, we have to do our part by "picking up" the fruit, but it should be a result of God working through us; not an effort of self alone. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

Also I noticed that in each burr there were three chestnuts. Usually two of these were flat, undeveloped nuts with no meat, and only one had grown to maturity. This reminded me of Christians. Two out of three people who are saved never mature, never

grow past the first stages of new birth. Perhaps one out of three will grow into a well-rounded, mature Christian, one who bears fruit and is beneficial to the growth of others.

As the nuts are dropped upon the ground, the two immature ones wither and simply lie there. The plump, round, mature chestnut is eaten and aids in the growth of a person or squirrel or some other living creature. Perhaps some of the mature nuts may be dropped or carried to fertile ground to lie dormant all winter. In the spring it may push through the earth and eventually become another tree!

I long to be like the mature chestnut. I don't want to be deflated, flat, fruitless, and of no use like the other two nuts. But how exciting to be like a mature "nut!" Often I may not like the circumstance into which I am "dropped." I may fear and wonder if God is really aware of what is happening to me. I may resent the "ground" to which I am carried. May I contentedly trust God to place me in fertile ground where I may be used of Him.

I want to be used of God to strengthen my Christian brothers and sisters—to cause growth in them. I want to bear fruit for my Creator, perhaps springing up into a strong, new, tree if I can bear the winds and freezes of winter, multiplying myself a thousandfold. When tribulations and trials come, Lord, help me to remember that the nut must bear the winter, buried beneath the fertile soil, and then must die to itself in the spring before a new tree with new fruit can grow.

His Unnumbered Blessings



Diane Mitchell Thomas

SPREAD OUT on the table before me were the bills we had not counted on for the month—dental bills, car repair, medicine. Where would it all end? One thing was certain, the family trip we had planned to the mountains was certainly at an end. We just could not afford it again this summer. I poured myself another cup of coffee and gloomily sat down at the table. As I sat looking out the window, I could feel depression slipping its arms around me. After all, I had a right to be depressed. I certainly had nothing to be thankful

for at the moment.

Suddenly I was brought back from these thoughts of mine as I heard the laughter of my two little boys playing together in the back yard. I could not resist a smile of pride as I looked at those two precious children. Oh, the joy I had received since becoming a mother. All at once I felt guilty for believing I had nothing to be thankful for. I reached for my Bible there on the table and turned to Psalm 40:5. "Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward." I was filled with shame as I remembered the wonderful works of God that I had let myself forget—the things He has provided just for the pleasure of my family and me.

I again looked out the window and right there in my own backyard I could see evidence of God's wonderful works. My younger son was playing with one of the little kittens born to our old family pet cat. They were a special breed of kittens with the scientific name Manx. They have rabbit-like features and are born without a tail. They are so cute and funny looking as they hop around their very normal mother cat. We enjoy playing with them so much.

Then I glanced over to the right of the yard and noticed the pile of scrap food we had left out for the wild fox who visits us. Although we live in a busy housing section, our house is the last in the line, and next to it are very dense woods. At the beginning of the summer a wild gray fox started coming to the edge of the woods in search of the food scraps we put out.

We decided among ourselves that this was a blessing God intended just for us. We have had such pleasure trying to making friends with this exciting visitor of ours.

Just beyond the scrap pile at the edge of the woods was the blueberry bush that grew wild. This summer it produced so many blueberries that our two little boys went on a blueberry hunt. With the assistance of their daddy, they gathered so many blueberries there were enough for me to make blueberry muffins. They were so delicious. I remember how they laughed because they each had a blue tongue.

At the very back of the yard our vegetable garden was growing gloriously. It had become almost a daily ritual for us to go out after supper and see what had ripened during the day. It was always exciting to find a big red tomato or a pepper ready to be picked. The psalmist David was right—many are thy wonderful works, O Lord.

As I sat there and took in all these wonderful things, I guess I felt as David did when he ended Psalm 40:5, "if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." How can I possibly think that I had nothing to be thankful for, when right there in my own backyard was evidence of God's innumerable blessings that He has provided just for my family.

Why not take the time to look at your own backyard and try to number the blessings God has provided just for you? As for me, I think I will take my little boys on a butterfly chase.

SURPRISE!

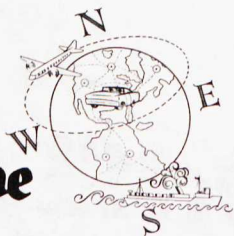
Mrs. Cleo Pursell was honored with a surprise party on February 16, 1979, her 61st birthday, at the Free Will Baptist National Office building, Nashville, Tennessee. As a way of saying "We love you. Thanks for being you," about 50 friends gathered to celebrate with her.

Dr. Mary Wisheart, WNAC field worker, and Rev. Jack Williams offered words of tribute and appreciation for her godly example and contributions to WNAC, the Free Will Baptist denomination and the cause of Christ. Mrs. Pursell received an assortment of gifts, along with a very special box containing numerous cards and letters from people across the country.

Mrs. Cleo Pursell was elected to the position of WNAC executive secretary in 1963. Under her leadership its membership has grown extensively, and *Co-Laborer* circulation has grown from 10,000 to 17,000. She helped develop WNAC's new plan of work, update and revise the manuals and launch the idea of emphasis month. She has planned and directed the annual conventions, and traveled and spoken extensively. Mrs. Pursell has united and inspired Free Will Baptist women, and through their efforts over one million dollars has been given to the cause of missions.



From the Field



It was such a privilege to visit your office and meet your staff. What a thrill to visit the provision closet! It is such a blessing to know the ladies in our auxiliaries contribute so bountifully. Thank you for all the nice items we were able to secure from the closet.

Please continue to pray for our auxiliary on St. Croix. At our last meeting we had nine ladies present and we hope to add to our number in 1979.

*Barbara Dail
St. Croix, Virgin Islands*

We do appreciate your prayers for the work here in Rennes, and especially with our women! This year has been a "trial" year. For eight years we have had our woman's auxiliary always in the afternoon, but this year (because we have many of our women who work during the day in outside jobs) we started to have our meetings in the evenings. God has blessed—we have new women attending—but always when there is a change, we have lost several that cannot attend because it is in the evening. Please pray with us that the Lord will direct as to whether it would be wise to have an afternoon meeting also. We do have a good group that meet each month, 15-20, but do pray that each month our ladies will learn more about Him and how to serve their Lord with all their hearts.

Our ladies enjoy giving to missions. Enclosed is a gift for the Teague account, designated for Jered Teague, their baby, for we know the cost of the hospital expense. Thank the ladies for their prayers as you meet them in the different states.

*Barbara Haas
Rennes, France*

Greetings from snow-covered Hokkaido! Just wanted to drop you a line to say hello and thanks for all you're doing for us there in the office. There's hardly a day that goes by that I'm not reminded of you all there. The many things I've gotten from the provision closet have just made living so much easier here in Japan. Please relay my thanks to all those who've contributed to the provision closet for the missionaries. Also, I enjoy receiving the *Co-Laborer* so much and reading articles contributed by our Free Will Baptist women. I look forward to receiving it each time . . . Thank you so much for all that you're doing there on our behalf.

*Judy Smith
Hokkaido, Japan*

It's been three and a half years since we visited the provision closet, but we enjoy the blessing of it every day of our lives. The quilts, Tupperware, sheets and much more have been so nice. I just wanted to write and say that after three and a half years we are still enjoying it all. We are grateful to the Free Will Baptist ladies and your office for providing it for us.

*Sharon Bennett
Pocatello, Idaho*

Growing up for God



Dr. Mary Wisehart is the author of WNAC's emphasis month program, "Growing up for God." August has been designated as emphasis month, but anytime more convenient to your church is acceptable—just as long as you get growing!

Presenting Our Presidents

Kentucky

Dorothy Cox, serving her fourth term as president for the Bluegrass State, has been active in auxiliary work since the early 50's. Through the years she has held practically every office on the local, district and state levels. Mrs. Cox also served as member-at-large of WNAC's executive committee for two terms.

Dorothy, a mother of four and grandmother of two, works part-time in her husband's business. She teaches Sunday school, serves as vice president in her local auxiliary and secretary in the district, and attends classes at Bethel Bible Institute.

Working the field for Kentucky is Mrs. Frances Varney, a pastor's wife of 23 years and mother of seven. She was elected to the office in June of 1978 and on January 11, 1979 she organized the Green River District Auxiliary in Glasgow, Kentucky. Frances also serves as president of the First Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1956 Mrs. Varney helped organize Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, and in 1958 she organized a woman's auxiliary in the church. She served as member-at-large for the Michigan Woman's Auxiliary Convention during the 1956-76 year.

Cox



Varney



Georgia

Mrs. Delores Burns serves as president for the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention as well as her local auxiliary. Previously, she held the office of vice president in the state of Florida.

Originally from North Carolina, Delores married Rev. Luther Burns in 1953. He is currently pastoring the Swainsboro Free Will Baptist Church. Mrs. Burns has taught Sunday school and CTS classes and held various jobs in the different churches he has pastored.

Delores is the mother of two sons and bookkeeper and secretary to the administrator of Emanuel County Hospital.

Martha Everson, Colquitt, Georgia, is certainly not new to auxiliary work, and through the years she has served in several state offices including assistant secretary/treasurer, secretary/treasurer, and after the two offices were separated, treasurer, study course chairman and president.

Now in her second term as field worker for Georgia, Mrs. Everson has organized three district conventions and several local auxiliaries. In her first term she headed a committee to rewrite the state constitution and by-laws and began an auxiliary page in the Georgia Promotional Bulletin.

Burns



Everson





A Woman God Has Used

Mrs. Dixie Atkinson was born September 27, 1920, the youngest child of L. M. and Clemmie McDaniel. She graduated from Guin (Alabama) High School and spent one year in college in Rome, Georgia. Dixie became the bride of William E. Atkinson in November of 1941, and they entered the ministry in 1956.

Those of all age groups felt the influence of Mrs. Atkinson. She organized child evangelism clubs, often leading the children to a saving knowledge of the Lord, and she was active in vacation Bible schools. She taught teen classes for several years, as well as adult groups. Dixie also served in woman's auxiliary as president of both district and state conventions.

It has been said of Dixie Atkinson many times that there was never a more devoted, supportive, soul-winning helpmate than she was to her preacher husband. The Atkinsons had one son, Bill, who is District Attorney in Northwest Alabama.

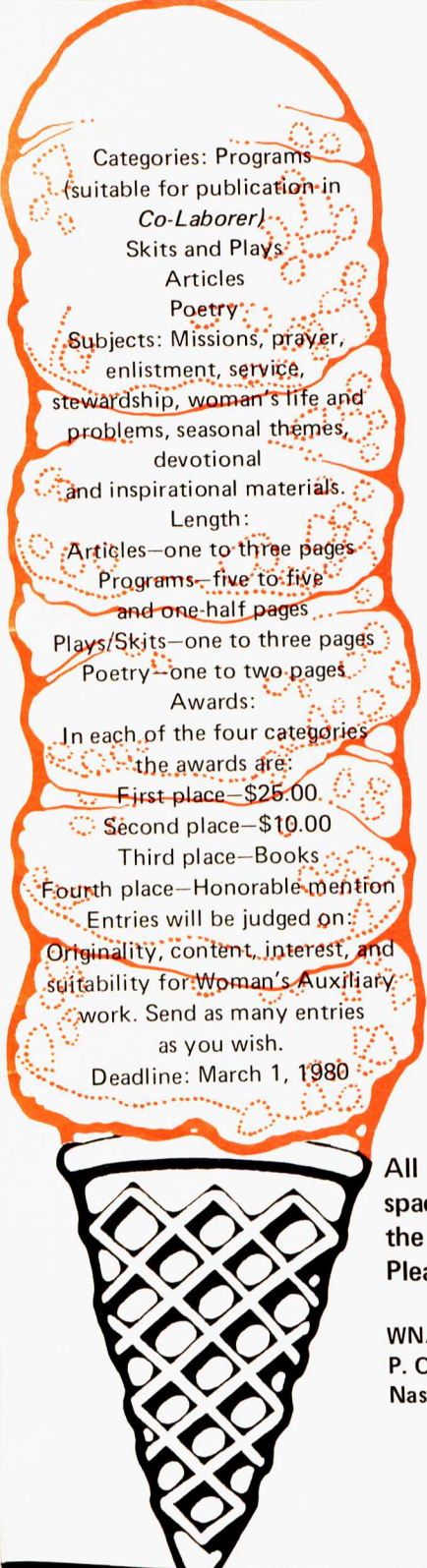
On July 30, 1978, Dixie went to be with the Lord. She is survived by her husband, pastor of Pearce Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Smithville, Mississippi; one son; and two grandchildren, Todd and Dawn.



There is nothing more certain
than change, and there is nothing
more uncertain than tomorrow, but
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Share it with others
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