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Our Writers

Dorothy Cox, Paintsville, Kentucky's state president; **Cora Christian**, young adult Sunday school teacher, Chapel Hill, Tennessee; and **Carolyn Franks**, college business teacher, Manatchie, Mississippi, all former **Co-Laborer** writers and active auxiliary workers, prepared this issue's programs.

Sandra Casey, Ozark, Alabama, co-authorized the January program. Both she and Carolyn submitted programs on the same theme and agreed to a co-authorship. Sandra, a secretary, married to Joe, an elementary school teacher, is involved in the Corinth auxiliary, Midland City.

Mildred Daniel, Troy, Michigan, Bible student and teacher, has a Bible Club ministry in the public schools in addition to her responsibilities in the Central FWB Church, Royal Oak.

Elizabeth Holder, Miramar, waitress and legal secretary, wife of Phil, a general contractor, and mother of two, currently is in her 2nd term as Florida's state secretary.

Genevieve Waddell, Nashville, Tennessee, freelance writer and wife of the pastor of Cofer's Chapel FWB Church, has agreed to write our book reviews. The Waddells have 6 children, one of whom is married.

Kay Hampton, also of Nashville and of the Cofer's Chapel auxiliary, is our new prayer program writer. Her husband, Larry, is editorial manager of the national Sunday school department and they have two children, Mark, 8, and Allysa, 2.

editorial



Once upon a time a long time ago the women in our churches stayed home and kept house and raised children and attended auxiliary meeting every day.

Today our women work at jobs outside the home and leave their children at day care centers and compete with umpteen organizations clamoring for their talents until they just barely manage, if at all, to wedge the monthly auxiliary meeting into their busy schedules.

What's the solution—revitalize it? Compromise it? Socialize it? Substitute it? Or just discard the whole thing.

One auxiliary or another at one time or another has tried all these methods of survival. About all you can say for these moments of re-evaluation is that it drives one back to the nitty-gritty of the Whole Thing—just what is the purpose of the auxiliary anyway?

A dismembered body is in a sad shape. A church without an auxiliary is just as deplorable. For that's exactly what the auxiliary is—an arm of the church, and a missionary arm at that. They help impart that missionary oomph! to the total church program.

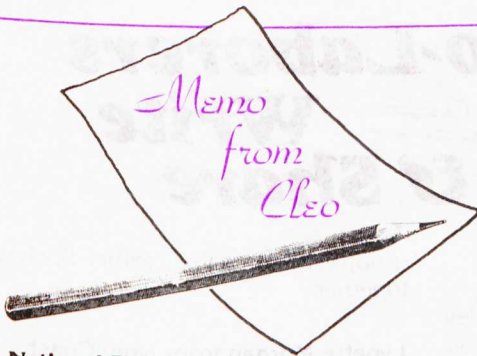
If you're in trouble in your auxiliary and about ready to throw in the towel, stop and do a bit of analysis. What have we really been trying to accomplish in the auxiliary?

Let me suggest a piece of advice from the lines of an old song:

Accentuate the positive (spiritual)
Eliminate the negative (fleshly)

Anything in-between results in a lackadaisical membership and the non-involved women simply not caring less.

Loune Miley



National Retreat

We are thrilled at the response to our first national auxiliary retreat which is planned for September 25-27, 1980, in the Smoky Shadows Conference Center, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. This beautiful site is located on U.S. Highway 441 North of Gatlinburg and South of Knoxville. Registration will begin Thursday afternoon at 6 p.m. with the opening session at 7:30. The activities will closed with lunch on Saturday.

An inspiring program has been planned with outstanding speakers. There will also be free time on Friday to tour the Great Smoky Mountains National Park or Christus Gardens, or perhaps shop at the many gift shops in nearby Gatlinburg.

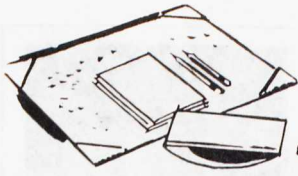
Turn now to the back cover of this issue of **Co-Laborer** and fill in the application form. Send it with your registration fee of \$4.00 plus \$11.00 for motel (two nights). Read the instructions carefully on the back cover. **THIS DOES NOT COVER MEALS.**

Because of fluctuating food costs the manager cannot guarantee present prices several months hence. Current prices are: Breakfast—\$2.50, Lunch—\$3.00, Supper—\$4.00. Tax and gratuity not included.

For additional information call: WNAC, (615) 361-1010, Space is limited so get your application in early.

Enlistment Month

January is enlistment month for Woman's Auxiliaries! Watch for the special enlistment newsletter which will be mailed to auxiliaries before the first of the year. It will be filled with exciting ideas to help you plan your enlistment drive to win new members and to re-activate absentees. Now is the time to make your plans. Check the 1979-80 WNAC catalog for available materials (leaflets, enlistment packet, plays). However, plans on paper will not enlist women of the "I'm busy" generation. It's up to you to plan your work and to **work your plan!** Special recognition will be given states with the largest net membership gain at the 1980 national convention.



Co-Laborers Write & Share

Appreciation

We appreciate all the good articles in **Co-Laborer**. Thank God for good Christian women across our nation who are still writing pure Gospel programs and are still sharing their talents with others. God has certainly blessed us. We are small in number, but we enjoy the meetings and fellowship each month.

Rosa Gault
Union, South Carolina

Goal Exceeded in Maryland

We had a very good state meeting with our new church in Delaware. We are so happy to report that our goal of \$275 for the Dave Franks family in Brazil toward the education of their children was exceeded and we were able to give \$508.63 to this special project!

Patricia Mullins

Prayer Group Idea

At a recent retreat, the prayer leader, Maizie Sevits, Kirksville, Missouri, prepared a prayer card for each woman. She cut pictures of both home and foreign missionaries from mission maps and pasted two or three of these on colored index cards (or construction paper), along with one of 6 different bird seals. When it came time to divide into prayer

groups, birds of like feather flocked together.

Lynette Morgan from Ivory Coast

Adam (age 3) fell on his head into the grease pit as he was trying to climb down the ladder. The next day his eyes began to cross and he was having double vision. Sunday night it was real bad; his eyes were just held in the middle and he couldn't see straight. He kept saying, "I see two Mommies." That evening Clint and I were so worried. We just poured our hearts out to God and He really gave us peace about it. The next day we noticed it very little and haven't seen his eyes cross since. We really praise the Lord.

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

During the past quarter more than 30 (that's thirty!) different missionaries have benefitted from the Provision Closet. They each wish to express to you their deepest appreciation for making this service available.

Retreat Biscuits

Bernice Thomas, Kirksville, made frozen biscuits for their NE Missouri retreat. She froze them ahead of time, allowed to thaw slightly and baked 25-30 minutes in a 475° oven, or until

browned. Each batch makes approximately 3 dozen.

4 cups flour
8 t. baking powder
1 t. cream of tartar
4 t. sugar
1 t. salt
1 1/3 cup milk
1 egg
1 cup melted shortening

S-E-R-V-I-C-E

I am 76 years old and have served in the auxiliary for many years. I'm so very thankful we are blessed with many young dedicated women willing to serve. I'd like to share a skit entitled "Doors of Opportunity." Seven doors with a letter S-E-R-V-I-C-E on each. Pray that we all will be women of **courage** and **integrity**, **cooperating** together as we **search** for ways to glorify God; that we would be **eager** and **enlightened** to **receive** the **vision** He wants to give; that we would **endure** faithfully, **reaching** lost souls, 'til He calls us home.

Lura Gebhart
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Barbara Hass from France

Our auxiliary has felt your prayers and God has been near to us. We had a wonderful mother-daughter banquet. The Holy Spirit spoke to hearts; some of the 42 present were unsaved. Our last meeting was out in the country with one of our ladies. We had over 20 to attend. She had invited several of her lost neighbors in and some of the ladies gave their testimonies. We truly sensed His presence.

The Lord is letting us take our vacation in the U.S. this summer. We are anxious to see the three new grandbabies that the Lord is giving our family.

Good News

Eva Crowe, Pleasant Grove, Alabama, found home missionary Jerry McClary's name in the **Co-Laborer** and wrote him concerning her unsaved grandson in Omaha, Nebraska. She writes: "Brother McClary visited him and yesterday he was gloriously saved. My grandson called last night to tell me the good news. I'm still praising God."

Knowing and Growing

Just a note to express our love and appreciation to all our sisters in Christ who have any part in WNAC. We have about 15 members in our local auxiliary and hopefully we are "knowing and growing" as our theme suggests.

Pat Robinette
Ariton, Alabama

Home Missions Beginnings

Janice Drake, home missionary to Enid, Oklahoma, reminiscences of those difficult beginning days. "There was a family of four that attended faithfully from the beginning and is still working in the church. But on some occasions when they were unable to attend. I would teach Buddy, Autumn and Misty in Sunday school; then Buddy would take my place and preach to us!" Building a church is a lot like having a tiny baby."

AUXILIARY Women IN ACTION

Mini-library

The auxiliary of the fledgling mission church, Faith, in Milan, Illinois, installed a mini-library in order to encourage spiritual growth and maturity in the lives of the members.

All-State Banquet

Peace FWB Church, Indianapolis, hosted the 6th annual Indiana State Woman's Auxiliary banquet with a buffet at the Sweden House. 87 attended from churches in Indianapolis, Anderson, Elkhart, New Castle, and Chesterfield. "The Christian Home" was emphasized through the special music presented by Vernon and Beth Whaley, Nashville, Tennessee, and the guest speaker, Dr. Earl Coldsmith, director of a Christian counseling service in Indianapolis.

Provision Closet

The women of the Sophia Auxiliary, Sophia, West Virginia, participated in a communication study in which the auxiliary earned 35,000 points. These were exchanged for a number of small appliances which were sent to the Provision Closet. Illene Barr is president of this group of enthusiastic women.

Prayer Emphasis

First Mission district, Tulsa, Oklahoma, believes in putting first things first. They closed their year with a marked increase in cottage prayer meetings, Bible studies, and missions studies and giving.

Rock-a-thon

The Actionettes, Tippetts Chapel, Clayton, N. C., sponsored an 8 hour Rock-a-Thon and raised \$1,400 to send their pastor and wife, Nathan Eason, on a Hawaiian tour. The youth's leaders, Billy Johnson and Bobbie Pope, treated the girls to a spaghetti supper afterwards.

Rock-A-Thon



All Nations Auxiliary Meeting

The Harmony Woman's Auxiliary, West Frankford, Illinois, enjoyed a most unusual meeting recently. All the ladies arrived dressed in native attire of 7 different countries and brought along food representing these countries.

There were Indian maidens with pigtails, father headbands, authentic wooden beads, and moccasins. Hawaiian ladies wore flashy muumuus and leis of real flowers and flower-bedecked hair. The gypsy from Madrid wore dangling jewelry and bright colors, while another wore black lace. The Turkish lady wore a bold black and red print. Kimonos of real satin were worn by those impersonating the Chinese. The Egyptian fisherman came wrapped in a white sheet, turbaned, sandaled, and carried her catch in a net (a can of tuna!).

Following the meeting, the ladies enjoyed a buffet meal of chinese stew, chinese oriental, corn, fish cornbread, spanish rice, pineapple tidbits, hawaiian punch, turkish pastry and spanish cookies.

Oklahoma Presidents

Lila Faye Morgan, state president; Bertha Mae Keiffer, 1st Mission; and Nadine Hood, Tulsa Area participated in an area workshop to inform and encourage new auxiliary members. Forty adults registered at the Lewis Avenue FWB Church, Tulsa, for this all day session.

Oklahoma Presidents



"All Nations"

Mission Action

Philadelphia (Michigan) auxiliary visits regularly in a local nursing home. They recently made soap and netting decorations and book markers to present as gifts to the patients.

Appreciation Shower

Around 50 ladies of the First FWB auxiliary, Swannanoa, North Carolina, sponsored an appreciation linen and personal shower for their pastor's wife of 18 years, Mrs. Elizabeth Hollifield.

This shower was their way of saying "We love you" for performing all those tasks to benefit others. For quietly doing those many little jobs around the church that other church members neglect to do, "Thanks, Nanny!"



RETREAT REVIEW



Oklahoma split up for their retreat. Easterners came to Western Hills Lodge, Waggoner, and heard Mary Ruth Wisehart speak on "Lord, Speak To Me." Westerners met at Texhoma Lodge, Ardmore, where a puppet play, "The Agape Love Machine" was presented. Beverly Welch, music director, composed the theme song, "Think Upon These Things."

Michigan's annual retreat met at Pine Hills Camp to hear a former WNAC fellowship dinner speaker, Elizabeth McDonald.

Arkansas retreaters overflowed Camp Beaver Fork, Conway, for a "Renewing of Your Mind" emphasis. June Arnold, missionary apointee and former summer missionary to Panama, showed slides and shared her burden for the mission field. The women divided into 6 groups for a review of the book "The Spirit Controlled Woman."

Camp Mt. Bethel hosted **Georgia's**

spring retreat. "The Meaning of Service" was presented through skits, idea exchanges, and vespers. Macedonia won first place in the poster contest.

The **Missouri** state retreat was held at Camp Niangua with June Critcher advancing the theme, "God's Wonderful Word in a Woman's World." Northeastern women retreated to the Camp of the Hills, Kirksville, where Lorene Miley spoke on "Love, Our Communion With God."

South Carolina's women congregated at the Garden City Chapel for their annual retreat.

Kentucky women make their prayer retreats, **prayer** retreats. More than 250 women united at the Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonberg, to hear Rudene Kennedy and Lorene Miley speak. Most of the time was devoted to sharing prayer requests with each other and the Lord.

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Knowing and Growing

**"Grow up into Him
 in all things which
 is the head, even
 Christ . . ."**

(Eph. 4:15)



**Mrs. Pursell, executive
 secretary, confers with
 some of her staff following
 the annual WNAC commit-
 tee breakfast**



**state presidents and field workers joined the
 executive committee for a Monday afternoon idea
 exchange "Where Do We Grow From Here"**

Singers



Pat Zeigler, leads in the convention song, "More About Jesus"



Vernon and Beth Whaley sang at both convention and dinner



Douglas and Kathy Henderson and Patty Raper, North Carolina

WNAC fellowship dinner



775 crowded the banquet hall to listen to Kay Arthur, Chattanooga, Tennessee, speak on Biblical covenants.



Speakers



Jerry Barron, missionary to Mexico, translating for a young Mexican believer, Gonzalo Medina

Jimmy Aldridge, missionary to Ivory Coast



Special Events



Diane Thomas, N. C., Dorothy Ireland, Va., Phyllis Bass, Fla., Mildred Hutchinson, S. C., Magaline Statzer, Va., Bev Walker, Tex.



Nancy Trimble, member-at-large, recognizes the creative contest winners



Skit: "Model, Mannequin, or For Real" by Mary Ruth Wischart, Jill Kettelman, and Laura Thigpen



Why Do I Attend Auxiliary?

Well, now,
let me see

I attend because the auxiliary is a time of fellowship. It is also an opportunity to reach out to those who are in need. The auxiliary is an arm of the church, a helping arm which include those in our own community as well as reaching around the world. We have a chance to reach out in a way that only Christian women can—with love and compassion.

We've learned that it takes prayer and effort from all of us to make it work. But God blesses as we let people know that Jesus cares and that we care, too.

Jean Williams
Van Buren, Arkansas

Before I knew anything about auxiliaries, I wondered why women from other churches were always talking about theirs. What are they for anyway, I wondered. I was a very young Christian at that time. But after several years and several churches (my husband is a minister) we moved to Memphis, Tennessee, and became acquainted with a missionary family. I joined the same auxiliary she attended and I soon learned the "why" of auxiliary. It means MISSIONS-MISSIONS-MISSIONS. Just getting the Gospel to the lost everywhere.

Irma Winter
Randolph, Mississippi

Our auxiliary was at a low ebb and the women were losing interest. Then we realized that most of our time was spent on reporting on money raising projects. We needed to do something, so we shifted the emphasis from business to programs, and that made a difference. The spirit of our meetings improved when we changed our emphasis.

Margrette Hughes
Canton, North Carolina

Every since I can remember, there was auxiliary. I just went along with my mom and played with the other kids until one day someone shoved a book in front of my face to give a program, and I've been giving programs since. What does auxiliary mean to me? Well, the first word I can think of is "work." For that's what it is—work, work, work. Not just the monthly programs, but the weeks of prayer programs, special projects, etc. But I'm not complaining. It's been said of me, "If she wasn't doing all those things she wouldn't be happy." And it's true; I function better under pressure. Auxiliary is an opportunity to share, through my limited abilities, what God means to me.

Neva Thomas
Kirkville, Missouri

What Others Said

"It never occurred to me **not** to go. It's just a part of the church program where women can help." "The auxiliary is my family. When our baby died recently, they loved and cared and showed it."

A woman's auxiliary can be
Just another meeting place,
Or sharing God's love and matchless grace.

A woman's auxiliary can be
Time given out of duty,
Or taking advantage of an opportunity.

A woman's auxiliary can be
A long business session,
Or learning a deep and spiritual lesson.

A woman's auxiliary can be
Projects to raise money,
Or an emphasis given on tithing only.

A woman's auxiliary can be
Merely a quilting party,
Or meanwhile, being a witness heartily.

A woman's auxiliary can be
Dull, boring women-sits,
Or times of sincere love and fellowship.

A woman's auxiliary can be
Modified gab sessions,
Or sharing in the world-wide task of missions.

A woman's auxiliary can be
All that I'll allow Him to do through me.

Carol Bechere
Fremont, California

JANUARY **is** **Enlistment Month**

Enlistment Packet

All you need for a
Successful Enlistment
Brunch

Publicity, Invitations,
Placecards, Centerpiece,
Menu, Program, Skit,
Prayer Reminders

Ask for your free catalog
Send \$1.00 plus postage to:

WNAC
Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

....for the birds.



by Elizabeth Holder

For 21 years I thought I was a Christian. We were active in the First FWB Church, Hollywood, Florida, where my husband drove the church bus and I sang in the choir. It never occurred to me that I needed anything more. We had a good income, a new car, and all the material possessions we desired.

As time went on, I found myself becoming more and more involved in the Lord's work. But when our new pastor's wife suggested starting an auxiliary, that was too much. "Auxiliary is for the birds," I replied and wanted no part of it. There was no need to start anything so useless. Why, all they did was sit around and brag about what they did for others!

But the other women went along with this stupid idea. Oh, I did participate in their projects if it meant giving money or gifts, but never my time. I even quit going to church on Wednesday nights because their regular monthly meeting replaced the prayer

meeting on that night.

One night I goofed. I went to prayer meeting and found it was auxiliary night instead. I had to attend whether I wanted to or not. But the Lord met with us. He showed me that the auxiliary was *not* just a gab fest. The women *didn't* just sit and talk about unimportant things. They actually had programs that glorified Jesus. I learned the importance of missions and what the auxiliary does in its promotion. My troubles seemed small compared to what many of our missionaries faced.

That was the beginning. The Holy Spirit began to deal with me. Shortly after that meeting I became so convicted that my feminist ego was completely broken and I knelt at an altar of prayer. That night this 30 year old active church member became a new creation in Christ Jesus. I'm so thankful for the love and prayers of the pastor's wife and the other ladies that finally brought me into a personal relationship with my Lord.

My attitudes changed. I used to think charity began at home. In a sense, I still do. For unless He is allowed to first fill our own hearts with His love and power, we have nothing to offer those out there who are dying without Christ.

The auxiliary means a lot in my life. It helps me grow spiritually, it gives me an opportunity to serve, and teaches me what I can do about missions.

If the Lord can change my attitude toward the auxiliary, He can change yours. Just give Him a chance.



GOD LOVES MY KITCHEN BEST

by Mab Graff
Zondervan Publishing House
Grand Rapids, MI
1977 \$1.95/paperback

Reviewed by Genny Waddell

Don't read **GOD LOVES MY KITCHEN BEST** if you are afraid of mirrors. You won't see yourself on *every* page, but you will see yourself in many of the 204 devotions for homemakers.

Mrs. Graff can best be described as God's answer to Erma Bombeck. At times, she carries the fun-poking a little too far, reminding the reader of Phyllis Diller's "Fang." But the author's beautiful ability to laugh at herself comes through enough to take the rough edge off her critique of her husband, home, friends, and life in general.

Her willingness to improve on her homemaking, money-saving and child-rearing techniques—which often collapse in calamity—is hilarious and believable. Some situations may seem farfetched, but the average wife, mother or career woman will identify with

each story.

One day Mrs. Graff's map reading led her husband to drive an extra 48 miles on a dirt road to St. Louis. Another story will encourage the heart of every woman who has tackled canning, "Can the Canning!" And, if you have desperately tried to recall a friend's name, you will enjoy "Name Tags" and rejoice with her that God knows your own name and will *never* forget it.

Every devotional ends with two scriptural excerpts and a spiritual application. Besides offering an opportunity to laugh and learn from a sister's mistakes, **GOD LOVES MY KITCHEN BEST** is a compilation of thought-provoking experiences, designed to make you see God's hand in your life, in your house, even in your freshly-waxed kitchen (which the dog and two muddy children just ramsacked!) But, just as Mrs. Graff would testify, God is in control anyway. Praise Him!

Presenting Our State Leaders

Arkansas



Hill

Bonita Hill has almost a decade of service to her credit in the Arkansas State Convention, first as vice-president and now in her second term as president. She has been employed for 17 years by the Pope county government as clerk and bookkeeper. Her husband, Jimmy, is Master's Men state senator, and they have one son, Ty, age 15.



Chronister

Assisting in field promotion is **Mary Ann Chronister**, also of Atkins. Currently serving as district president, she has been involved in state work since 1969.

Mary Ann was saved at age 13 and has been active in the total church program most of her life. Her husband, Jim, pastors Center Valley FWB Church near Russellville. Their only son, Keith, is 17.



Posten

South Carolina

Frances Posten, Florence, was re-elected as president of the palmetto state. For almost 25 years she has presided over an auxiliary somewhere. She enjoys teaching and presently teaches teens. She and husband Archie, deacon, trustee, treasurer, have 5 children and 2 grandchildren.

Frances believes "Prayer can do what God can do."



Chester

Both field workers in this issue are Mary Anns. South Carolina's is **Mary Ann Smith, Chester**, who is an active pastor's wife. They've pastored the Chester FWB Church for 14 years and have 5 children ages 7-18.

Mary Ann loves the Lord and auxiliary work with all her heart.



HOSTESS



SEAMSTRESS



TEACHER



MUSICIAN

**A
Missionary
wife
is**



BARBER



NURSE



BAKER



PUBLIC
SPEAKER



TYPIST
SECRETARY

USED—NOT ABUSED



by Mildred Daniel

Early one evening, I tucked my five year old son in bed, then waited for my husband to return from his evening shift. Before retiring, I looked in on him again to make sure he was still covered. Sometime later, I woke up, though I don't remember hearing any sounds. Mother-like, I lay there listening for a few minutes before getting up to see if there was anything wrong. Tiptoeing into his room, I received one of the frights of my life! The room was light enough for me to see that his bed was empty. I switched on the overhead light and screamed for my husband simultaneously. The combination of light and sound produced a little sleepy-headed boy, rising up from between the bed and wall. He had fallen sometime during the night, yet kept right on sleeping.

Drawing on that analogy, I can identify with today's busy Christian woman. Somewhere she "fell" from being a happy homemaker and instead became a harried housewife. Vows made to study her Bible and have a

personal devotional time tumbled with her, though ever so gently and subtly that she may be unaware of her condition. It took a "light" and a "scream" to wake me up, too.

Having no Christian heritage to spur me on or set an example, I can say with David, "My help cometh from the Lord . . ." I had finished growing physically when converted. However, I was attending a strong Bible teaching, missions oriented church, where daily Bible study and prayer were encouraged, as well as group studies and participation in the Lord's service were practiced. I was so far behind those who had been raised in church, God gave me a strong appetite for His Word from the beginning, a hunger satisfied only in His presence.

Visiting a museum in Holland, Michigan, I was impressed by a caption under an old and tattered Bible. It read, "Used—Not Abused," exactly what I desired said about my own Bible.

Our early marriage during World War II resulted in a forced separation of nearly three years, while I tried to care for our son born while his father was in a foxhole in France. These difficult days only served to make me lean heavily on the strong arm of the Lord, drawing daily strength as well as Bible knowledge in searching His Word. I didn't have to be urged to pray continually for my unsaved loved ones and for my husband's safe return to us.

Reunited again and beginning a home after three years was a welcome answer to many prayer. It was also the beginning of my "fall" though it was so gradual I did not "wake up" to the fact until sometime later. The pressures, responsibilities and joys of starting our home from scratch pre-empted the time I used to spend with the Lord and His Word. I fell into Satan's keenly devised trap for wives and mothers, that of becoming so involved with home, family and "things", that I had no time, strength, or real desire to pursue my spiritual growth.

The Bible records a Jewish proverb that says, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge." In my case, it was "mother" who had eaten something sour—her disposition proved it. Problems mounted, tension increased and finally I "woke up." The "light" came on when a speaker urged us to join the A. U. G. Club—Approved Unto God. The "password" was "STUDY" (II Tim. 2:15). I resumed my Bible study at His command. About the same time, I heard the inner voice of the Spirit as the words of Paul "screamed" at me to "present my body (total self) . . . which is my reasonable service." My joy in the God of my salvation returned again. I was out from "under the circumstances" and Romans 2:1 and 2 became my life's verses.

From that time, I determined to have a "used" Bible. To literally wear out a Bible and have to purchase another is expensive, but, leaves a good feeling, too. No longer am I content to piously carry my Bible to church and prayer meeting though it would last a lot longer. Rather with the wife whose price is "far above rubies" in Proverbs 31, I choose to rise before daylight, seeking the face of God and the mind of Christ for my busy day ahead. Glancing at my open Bible now, the "not too neat" marginal notes and the shaded or underlined verses lets me know I have been there before. I call it "making tracks." As I read through this Book of books, each time using a different colored pencil to shade in those "special blessing" verses and phrases, it takes on more of a "used" look and will have to be replaced again very soon.

When I have an opportunity to speak to teens or to ladies, I tell them that their Bible is a good clue as to how old they are spiritually. If it has a "used" appearance, it shows that you and the Lord have been spending time together. And, letting Him talk to you through the Word will produce a desire on your part and talk to Him in prayer. Like physical food, "daily" beats "weekly" any time. In fact, "seven days away from the Bible, makes one WEAK."

Walk through His Word daily. It will open your eyes, enlarge your vision, sweeten your disposition, and cause you to be a blessing to others. Then, take each opportunity available for structured Bible studies. If your ladies never have these, ask God to open this door for additional study and sharing time.

Bible study results in spiritual growth, but, can be likened to spinach. It may not look all that appealing until you develop a taste for it. But remember what you tell the kids—it's GOOD for you!

PRAYER FOCUS

Programs designed for use in mission prayer groups, regular auxiliary meetings, or wherever a prayer burden is needed

January 1980

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Spain

Spain is an ancient land with a proud history. Situated on the Iberian peninsula next to Portugal, Spain lies to the south of France and is almost entirely surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea. More than 34 million people populate the almost 200,000 square miles of this once powerful nation. According to some estimates, only one in 1,100 profess Christianity.

Free Will Baptists entered the land of Spain in 1974. Lonnie and Anita Sparks transferred to this new field after serving three terms in the Ivory Coast. Dock and Norma Caton joined them in 1976. Ron and Linda Callaway later completed our missionary family in Spain. Our work is centered in the metropolis of Madrid.

Praise: Thank God for these three

dedicated couples.

Thank God for enabling Dock Caton to complete his education while on furlough, earning a master's degree in missions.

Thank God that there is freedom of religion in this predominately Catholic country.

Praise the Lord for the reports that new folks are attending services regularly.

Prayer: Ask God to provide the necessary funds to enable the Catons to return to the field as quickly as possible.

Pray that the Sparks will be refreshed both physically and spiritually during their year in the States. Ask God to bless their ministry to the fellow Americans during this time. Pray for their two sons—Noel, a high school senior, and Paul, a student at FWBCC.

Pray for Ron and Linda Callaway who are carrying on the work in Spain while the Catons and Sparks are on furlough. Ask God to strengthen them as they labor there alone.

Pray that God will raise up a strong nucleus of believers in the city of Madrid.

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Panama

During recent months the country of Panama has frequently been in the news. The transfer of the Panama Canal to the Panamanians is not only of political significance, but also has direct bearing on the lives of Free Will Baptist missionaries.

91% of the two million citizens of Panama are Roman Catholic. The influence of the Catholic church is more keenly felt in the cities and towns than in the countryside.

Missionaries to Panama include the Steve Lytles and Larry Inscoes (now on furlough). Until recently the Bill Fulchers also worked in Panama. Because of the transfer of the Canal Zone, it became impossible to provide the special education their son required. Mrs. Thomas Wiley has also labored there for many years.

Two Panamanians have returned home to serve the Lord after completing studies at the Rio Grande Bible Institute. Another young man, Omedo Perez, desires to attend Bible College in preparation for the ministry.

Praise: Thank God for our missionaries in Panama. In particular, give thanks for the years of faithful service by the Fulcher family.

Praise God for the recent converts among the Panamanians. Rejoice in the completion of the training of these two national believers.

Prayer: Pray that the transfer of the Canal Zone to Panama will not adversely affect our mission work.

Ask God to bless the Fulcher fam-

ily in their new ministry in the States. He is pastor of the Bethel FWB Church, South Roxana, Illinois.

Pray that God will bless the national workers in Panama. Especially pray for Gabriel Perez, Panama City pastor who gives occasional help to other congregations.

A strong Catholic background has a definite impact on many of the new converts. Pray especially for Olga Solis, a convert from a "very Catholic" family.

The Inscoe family needs cash before they can return to the field. Ask God to supply this money as soon as possible.

Debra Inscoe (she's 6) has had some difficulty in adjusting to English after living in Panama all her life. Ask God to help her master our language so she will be able to proceed with her studies.

Pray that God will help the Lytles as they carry on the work in this needy country.

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Northwestern United States Idaho, in particular

Sharon Bennett writes, "We are now having 35-45 attend our services each Sunday . . . We realize that may not seem like very many to some, but we praise the Lord for everyone of them. You see, four years ago we moved to Idaho with just the four of us—Harley, me, Christy, who is now 9, and David, who is now 7."

Idaho is the heart of Mormon country. Home missionaries, Harley and Sharon Bennett, have their work cut out for them. Still, they look forward to the day they can point to a thriving Free Will Baptist church in Pocatello. Several signs of a vital church are already evident. Each Friday morning 6 ladies go soul-winning. Approximately 12 adults regularly go soul-winning as well as visiting absentees and prospects during visitation each week.

Jack and Valerie Stephenson moved to Pocatello to help the Bennetts establish a work. Sharon wrote in a recent letter, "I believe this is what all home missionaries need—dedicated Free Will Baptist families to help them in starting a new work."

Praise: Praise God for the 105 people from all over Idaho who attended camp last summer.

Thank God for the missionary volunteers who go into areas where we do not have Free Will Baptist churches.

Praise God for the faithful few who contribute greatly to the beginning of these home mission churches.

Prayer: Ask God to bless the Bennetts and our other home missionaries with good physical health.

Pray that necessary funds will be provided to meet their needs.

Pray for the church in Pocatello, that many more people will come to know the Lord; that the members of this church will have an effective witness throughout the city.

Ask the Lord to help these young Christians realize the necessity and blessing of tithing.

Ask God to call dedicated families to help in establishing home mission works across our nation.

HOLDING THE ROPES

Down beneath the might ocean
Divers plunge for treasure rare,
But men hold the ropes above them,
So they breathe the upper air.
Seeking pearls of richest value
Braver hearts have dared to go:
But our hands must every moment
Hold the ropes that reach below.

So, amid the heathen darkness
There are heroes, true and brave,
Shrinking not from death or danger,
Bearing all to help and save.
But they cry, "O do not leave us
'Mid these dreadful depths to drown
Let us feel your prayers around us;
Hold the ropes as we go down!"

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Program for January
Carolyn Franks and Sandra Casey

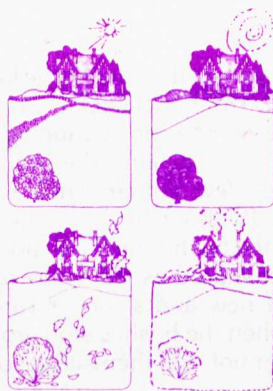
Growing With The Seasons

Objective: To show the stages of growth in the life of a believer and how we should constantly be striving for maturity.

Many metaphors have been used to describe life—a stream in which to go fishing, a race to run, a hill to climb, a pilgrimage or journey, a mountain railroad, a day from sunrise to sunset, a flower which today is and tomorrow is cast aside, a stage on which puppets act out their little parts, a tale that is told, or a vapor which appears for awhile and then vanishes away.

Life can also be compared to a year of various seasons—spring, summer, autumn and winter; or youth, young adulthood, middle age, and the senior years. Solomon said, “To everything there is a season,” and each of us is at one stage or another in this cycle.

Let us liken our Christian experience to a young plant and see how it reacts as it passes through these four seasons. Let us also be reminded that each phase of life has its own peculiar responsibilities and challenges and we should be dedicated Christian women at all times, bringing forth fruit in our season.



Spring—Youth

Spring is a time of seed planting, budding, blooming and putting down roots. All nature is joyously awakened as the warm west winds and refreshing showers inject new life and beauty to His glorious creation. As new growth begins to appear, the old dead material is carefully pruned away in order of the new life to reach its fullest potential.

This is what happens in the life of a Christian. From a state of spiritual deadness, we are quickened and made alive as the Holy Spirit takes up residence in our hearts. He then starts the life long process of pruning away all the vestures of our old lives in order that we might be conformed to the image of Christ.

New believers must be carefully nurtured and tended. They must be daily nourished by God's Word, encouraged and helped by fellow believers, and planted in the soil of fundamental, Bible-believing, spirit-filled church.

Soon we find that weeds which we neither planted or cultivated spring up among the tender plants and threaten to sap them of all life and growth. The honeysuckle is a beautiful, plant destroying vine. Sometimes

in spring when the hawthorne bushes put out, the honeysuckle vines are already on the job, wrapping their long runners around the branches. The first few tender vines can be removed without damaging the bushes, but the bushes become more and more ensnared as the vines rapidly put out new and stronger runners. Even when the bushes stop growing, they cannot rid themselves of the vines.

The young Christian must be aware of the allure of the world. The honeysuckle vine has pretty flowers and a lovely fragrance, but it saps and destroys whatever vegetation it covers. In the same way Satan ensnares our lives with sin which, if allowed to remain and grow, will damage our testimony and eventually destroy us. It can only be stopped by allowing the Holy Spirit to dig up the infective roots, straight from the source.

Summer—Young Adulthood

Spring soon passes into the long, hot days of summer and the seedlings develop and produce luscious fruit. Along with the soft winds and gentle rain, other factors have aided in the growth of these plants. Some tender plants are beset by weeds, drowned by flood waters, tossed about by storms and caused to dry up by the droughts. But those plants that were anchored firm in good soil and sprouted from good seed thrived in spite of these adverse elements.

So it is with the individual who has allowed the Holy Spirit to carry out the pruning process in his life. Some of us take more stripping and chip-

ping and sanding to make us what He can use. Satan may try to destroy the Christian with his weeds of temptations, his deluge of false promises, storms of doubts and fears, and droughts of despondence, but none of these stunt the growing Christian.

The summer of our lives is a time of growth and service. Choices, decisions, and actions mold us into responsible adults, fulfilling the various roles of wives, mothers, singles, divorcees, or widows, and pursuing occupations ranging from housewives to career women. We learn the balance between knowing and doing, for we can never hope to do more than we have learned from Him.

A thriving plant is one which divides and sends out runners or new shoots. A growing Christian is a soul winner, one who naturally reproduces herself as she introduces others to this One who is so important to her.

Autumn—Middle Age

You've heard the saying "Life begins at 40." Perhaps there's an element of truth in that statement for this is the season of greatest productivity. The success or failure of the harvest is dependent upon what was done during the spring and summer. A proper balance between sun and rain, rest and activity, wind and gentle breezes, heat and cold, has produced a bountiful harvest.

Sometimes the harvest is very bountiful, yet there are times when the crops are poor quality and scanty. Just so life has its successes and its disappointments. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 15:58 that "your labor is not in vain in the Lord." So if

the right seeds are planted and proper conditions exist, we know the right harvest will be cultivated.

For a fruitful harvest in the Christian's life, these same conditions apply. The seed of God's Word has been allowed to take root in our lives. This seed has been nurtured by Bible study, devotions, and personal witnessing. Slowly but surely the fields are becoming ripe to cultivation.

Reaping a harvest can be an awesome experience. The children are married and gone with families of their own. Have these turned out as we hoped? The seed of my husband's success had been mine to water and nurture. If it's true that a woman can make or break her man, then what have I done to mine? We are commanded to be witnesses, vessels through which His light can shine.

Winter—Senior Years

"While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter . ." (Genesis 8:22). The harvest, too, passes into the cold latent days of winter. This inactive period is necessary before the spring of new birth.

So it is with the mature believer. The most beautiful woman in all the world is the dear saint of God who has walked and talked so intimately with her Lord that His image is clearly stamped on her visage.

She's aware that her outward man is perishing, yet the inner man is being renewed day by day as she spends more and more time in His presence. Death is still an enemy, to be sure, but she even conquers that as she slips quietly into His presence to be with Him forever.

At that precise moment, a new life begins, for her old body is transformed into a new and incorruptible one. We stand amazed at the miracle of plant transformation, but this is only a mere shadow of the glorious rebirth that awaits the child of God. Robert Browning said, "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be." But God said it better in 1 Corinthians 2:9: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

Conclusion

One's physical age does not necessarily determine in which season he's living. Some young adults are mature believers. Some old folks are still old babies because they haven't properly developed. Whether you are a youth, young adult, middle-aged woman, or a woman in her senior years, there is a place for you to fill. It's such a short time from spring to winter, from youth to old age, but everyday is filled with golden opportunities.

When as a babe, I laughed and wept,
Time crept.
When as a child, I jumped and talked,
Time walked.
As time passed on, I older grew,
Time flew.
When at last I became a man,
Time ran.
Soon I shall find in traveling on,
Time gone.

This program is dedicated to Mrs. Alice Franks, a faithful auxiliary member of Fawn Grove FWB Church, Dorsey, Mississippi, who went to be with the Lord January 1, 1978.

Program for February
Dorothy Cox

O God! Enlarge My Heart

Objective: To see how God's love in our hearts will spread out, embracing the whole world.

A new baby is completely selfish and cares only for his own needs. As he grows older, normally his affections expands to include his family and friends. However, as human beings we are still basically selfish unless the Lord is given first place in our hearts and we allow Him to fill our hearts with His love.

Sunday School Times gives an interesting illustration of the effects of enlarging our hearts. A man once experimented with 200 lbs. of earth. After drying it in an oven, he placed it in an earthen vessel and planted in it a 500 lb. willow tree. He covered the vessel with a perforated metal plate to keep out all particles of dirt and contamination. After 5 years of careful watering and tending, he weighed them. The tree had gained 169 lbs. while the earth had only lost 2 oz.

We can confidently give of ourselves to others with absolutely no danger of loss. Instead we are the better; for the good that we see in the

lives that we have touched produces in us a joy that can never be duplicated or taken away.

**Enlarge
My Heart
to Love God First**

In Luke 10:27, we are commanded to put God first in our affections. He wants us to love Him supremely above every earthly love or interest. Anything that has a more important place in our lives than God Himself becomes our idols.

Money, possessions and material gain can crowd out our love for God. Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (riches), and it's as applicable today as it was then.

Sometimes we place our family before God. After many years God gave Abraham the son whom He had promised. As this son grew in stature and in Abraham's affections, God decided to test Abraham. Had this child of promise replaced God in Abraham's affections? God came to his servant and asked him to take his only son, Isaac, and offer him on an altar as a sacrifice to Him.

The Bible does not reveal to us the painful struggle involved in Abraham's decision, but we do know the outcome. He rose up *early* in the morning and set out to obey God. He fully intended to slay his son, yet he believed implicitly that God would raise him from the dead; for it was through this son that God had promised to produce a great nation.

You know the rest of the story. At the very instant the knife was to be plunged into Isaac's bosom, God stopped him and provided a ram as a substitute. But the important thing to remember is that in Abraham's heart, he had already sacrificed his son. God and Abraham became friends that day for they both knew what it was to offer their only sons in sacrifice.

Enlarge My Heart To Love Myself

When Luke 10:27 says we should love our neighbor as ourselves, we can reasonably assume that God means we should love ourselves. How can we do this?

Someone has said that love means accepting someone as they are. This is exactly what God does for us. If God can accept us and love us as we are, we should be able to love ourselves in spite of our weaknesses, our sinfulness, our temptations and our faults and failures. Many are severely critical of themselves without realizing that God made each of us a unique individual with a life plan perfectly suited to our abilities. Each person who uses wisely this God-given ability will be counted faithful in

God's sight and that is all He requires of us (1 Cor. 4:2). Instead of cultivating their own abilities, many live their lives under the shadow of trying to be like someone else or fretting because they do not have the ability another has.

Ask some of the happiest, most productive people for the secret of their success. Most of them will testify as this one did: "It was a wonderful day in my own life when I realized that God knows all about me—my sins, my faults, my failures, my weaknesses, my selfishness, my lack of love for Him and for others, *but He loves me anyway*, just as I am, praise God!"

This does not mean God does not see our failures, weaknesses and sins. It does mean that He is constantly working in us for our own good and for His glory to make us into all we are capable of becoming by the power of the Holy Spirit within us. "For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13). And when we do sin and yield to temptation, He has promised to forgive us our sin if we confess it and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). If God forgives us, we should be able to forgive ourselves and be free from the guilt which the devil uses to make many Christians miserable and useless in the Lord's service.

Not until we have resolved some of these conflicts in our own lives, are we prepared to love our neighbor.

Enlarge My Heart To Love My Neighbor

We must not be like the man who

prayed, "Lord, bless me, my wife, my son and his wife, us four and no more. Amen."

Realizing the love and concern that has been shown us by God, we should love our neighbor through our concern, our prayers, and our actions. When we allow God to have His way in our lives, we will surely reflect His concern for the whole world, beginning in our own neighborhood. We should be increasingly aware of the needs in our own community, desiring to alleviate poverty, suffering, and loneliness when it is in our power to do so. But, most of all, we must be witnesses of the saving power of our Lord.

Ann Kiemel has written a book, "I'm Out To Change My World." And she thinks she has made a good start. You know how she's doing this? By love. One person at a time. The world is crying out for love, although often it gives the impression it couldn't care less. God's love in our hearts makes us sensitive to the needs of others.

A characteristic of that early church was, "Behold, how they loved one another." Outsiders looking in were overwhelmed with this warm, fraternal love which flowed among the brethren. Love is the first fruit of the spirit. Natural love can exist in some situations; but the only love that will endure in *all* situations is that which is produced by the Holy Spirit in the lives of the believers.

We can never isolate ourselves from the needs of others, realizing that we all have needs on one level or the other. The Bible tells us that even the sufferings we have been through can be used to comfort others with the same comfort with which God has comforted us.

Enlarge My Heart Through A World-Wide Vision

In our Lord's last command, He says, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me *both* in Jerusalem (the city in which they lived), and in all Judaea (the state in which the city was located), and Samaria (a neighboring country), and unto the uttermost part of the earth (no boundaries). It's possible to be witnesses in all these areas at one time through the auxiliary. Our purpose is to teach and support missions. Knowing involves doing. The auxiliary helps us find our place in fulfilling the Great Commission.

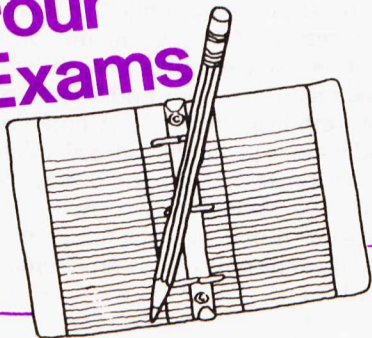
In the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10, Jesus tells us that our neighbor is anyone who needs our help. This Jew who was wounded certainly would not have considered the hated Samaritan his neighbor, but it was the Samaritan who helped him instead of the priest or Levite who would have been expected to do so.

We should start to be concerned about others in our own community as we minister to the lost, sick, needy, lonely, handicapped, and bereaved. But our concern cannot stop there. Our compassion should reach around the whole world, embracing our missionaries and those to whom they minister, our servicemen, the lost everywhere. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

Let us show by our actions that the love of God has enlarged our hearts and that we truly love our God, ourselves, and our neighbor as Christ has commanded us.

Program for March Cora Christian

Four Exams



Objective: To show that just as Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature and in favor with God and man, we likewise should give attention to growing mentally, physically, socially, and most of all, spiritually.

According to Webster, an examination is a careful search with a view to ascertain the truth or real state of things. Remember those days of school examinations? If we had been “good” students by keeping up daily assignments, completing homework assignments, and giving full attention to the teacher, we had no real anxiety about results. However, if we had not measured up to the requirements, failure was certain.

Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man. He constantly gave attention to growing mentally, physically, socially,

and spiritually. Since Jesus is our example, we should study His life in order that we might follow in His footsteps.

Let’s give ourselves four examinations to see how well we shape up.

Mental Exams

At age 12, Jesus was found “sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions,” and throughout His earthly life, He was inferior to no man.

Mental knowledge involves accumulating facts (knowledge) as well as applying that knowledge to everyday situations (wisdom). One to the neglect of the other is a whop-sided individual. A man may know all the principles of teaching, even writing volumes on the subject; yet if he fails as a teacher, of what value is it?

Elementary knowledge of the Bible is all that is required of a child. But as we progress from grade to grade, more and more knowledge is required at test time. Growing mentally requires a regular schedule of personal Bible study. This goes beyond just a few verses read in the devotional period. It is more than a quick scanning of the Sunday school lesson. It involves setting aside a time where a regular Bible study schedule is followed.

Five of the ten virgins failed because they had not sufficiently prepared. They miscalculated. They failed to use wisdom in applying the facts of their situation. They had not taken sufficient oil for their lamps and while they went to search for more, they missed out on the whole celebration.

There should be a constant evaluation of our understanding of God's Word. He gives the key in James 1:5: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not."

Physical Exams

Jesus never engaged in a gymnastic program. However, if we examine a map of Palestine and follow His steps through His earthly ministry and then realize that virtually every inch (except His triumphal entry) was on foot, we realize the tremendous amount of physical exercise He endured. Those who have trod those rugged hills of modern Israel have a greater appreciation for this fact.

Before a child leaves the hospital and then periodically on through life, physical exams are given by a practicing physician. Some are routine and others more detailed. Extensive lab work is often required, including blood and chemical analyses, x-rays, EKG's, various scans, etc. Sometimes a prolonged hospital stay is required to completely determine one's real health picture.

Physical exams are a vital part of most entrance examinations to schools and places of employment. Certain requirements must be met. One's good health is very important to the way we fulfill any responsibilities assigned us. Ask any physician and he will tell you that food, exercise, rest, and peace of mind all combine to promote good health.

Thank God, Psalm 103:4 reminds us that we have a personal physician with whom we never need to call for an appointment. God our Heavenly

Father, knows our frame. He made us. He knows our frailties and possibilities, our strengths and weaknesses, our potentials and limitations; and He will not excuse our misuse of what He has entrusted to us.

Just as we avoid foods that are detrimental, get adequate amounts of sleep, and engage in moderate exercise, so we apply this to the spiritual realm. "... For bodily exercise profiteth little (for a short time) but godliness is profitable unto all things (at all times)" (II Timothy 4:8). So while we should take care of this physical frame, it's the inner man that must be nourished and strengthened.

Social Exams

Jesus is our example socially. He mingled with people and met them where they were—in the temple, on the mountains, alongside the seas, at weddings, funerals, baptisms, and even in the tombs.

Sometimes Christians have been accused of being so holy they are of no earthly good. Jesus, God incarnate, was clothed in human flesh, and He met people at their point of need. And love! Oh, how He loved them! Once He climbed the Judaen hills and looked down over His beloved Jerusalem and wept, saying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathered her chickens under her wings, and ye would not" (Matthew 23:37).

If only we could love people as He did. Everyday our lives touch others

in some way, either for the good or bad. Our Christian love and testimony is vital if we are to win lost souls to Christ.

Jesus was a missionary. His concern led Him to distant lands to search for those hungering for that which He could satisfy.

The world is starving today for that which we can satisfy in the name of Jesus. We can never hope to fulfill God's plan for our lives until our vision extends beyond our own doorstep to those out there who have never met this same Lord we know.

Others should look on us and see that we have been with Jesus. Our words and daily walk should reflect the indwelling presence of Christ. Our mouth is His only instrument to speak His words, our members His to use at His bidding. He has no hands but ours, no feet to go but our feet. What kind of mark are we getting in this exam?

Spiritual Exams

This is in fact the most important of all exams, for how well we do on this one determines to a large extent how well we do on the other three.

Jesus never outgrew the need of prayer. He says, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint," and he Himself lived a life of continual communion with His heavenly Father. He sometimes spent entire nights in prayer. If this was necessary for Him, then how much more so is it for us.

God's Word was committed to memory so that it was on the tip of His tongue at any moment. In the wilderness temptation when Satan lashed out at Him those three times,

each time our Lord was victorious through the spoken Word.

We, too, have access to these same weapons of prayer and His Word, and we must employ them daily. We must be clad in the Christian's armor which include

girdle of truth
breastplate of righteousness
boots of peace
shield of faith
helmet of salvation
sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God

When we accepted Christ as our Saviour, the Holy Spirit came to live in our hearts. We who were dead in trespasses and sins were quickened and made spiritually alive. This examination is not so much concerned merely with whether or not we are spiritually alive, but with whether or not we have let that Holy Spirit rule in our lives. Is He really Lord, or do we continue to do as we please?

He must be Lord of all or He isn't Lord at all.

Conclusion

In God's plan, we never complete our prescribed course of study here on earth. We merely pass from grade to grade, from one stage of learning to another. Paul said, "Not as though I had already apprehended, but I follow after . . ." One day we will stand before Him for that final examination. We shall look upon our Teacher face to face to receive that blessed commendation, "Well done . . . enter thou in."

Only then will we have passed the final exam.

A WOMAN GOD HAS USED



In the fifth year of her marriage, Imogene Patterson's husband, William, entered the ministry. His ordination service became her very own as she dedicated herself to go wherever He wanted her to go and be whatever He wanted her to be.

Her "going" has been to many places and has included several missionary tours in the West Indies and to Brazil. But her roots lie buried deep in central Indiana (the place of her birth), and the First FWB Church of Chesterfield has been her roost for more than 26 years.

Her "being" is more varied than her going. Her responsibilities are characterized by consistency—DVBS director for 24 years, adult Sunday school teacher for 35 years, choir director, pianist and organist most of her life, head cook at youth camp, as well as the usual duties of a busy pastor's wife. She has raised two children, Tony and Linda Jean, and helps spoil four grandchildren.

Actively involved in auxiliary work on all levels in the state, she serves as district secretary-treasurer.

A former General Baptist, she's a comparative newcomer among us. Her first National Association was 16 years ago, and she's only missed one since.

Missionaries know and love Imogene Patterson because she writes them personal messages, warmly shares her home with them, and intercedes for them in prayer.

She lives by her favorite motto:

Only one life
I will soon be past,
Only what's done
For Christ will last.

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