

A black and white photograph of a woman with dark, curly hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, button-down shirt. She is leaning her back against the rough bark of a tree trunk. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with foliage.

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Our Writers



Bass



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Deans



Duncan



Straughan

Three of our program writers are "old timers."

Phyllis Bass (Mrs. Howard), formerly of Newport News, Virginia, now pastor's wife from Jacksonville, FL, is a frequent creative writing contest winner. Once very active in teaching and music, her two small daughters now have limited her outside activities.

Vernie Hersey (Mrs. Herman) is bookkeeper with the Board of Retirement, Nashville, TN and president of the Fellowship auxiliary. She has recently completed a course in photography at the university.

Elizabeth Deans (Mrs. Marvin) farmer's wife and mother of three from Bailey, NC, enjoys working with the music of her church, White Oak Hill. She also enjoys discipling new converts.

Hattie Duncan (Mrs. C. L.) a widow from Smithfield, MS, is a first time contributor. Retired from the grocery business, Mrs. Duncan enjoys gardening and teaching her Ladies Bible Class at Pierce's Chapel where her membership has been for 56 years. She has one married daughter.

Vicki Straughan (Mrs. Wyman), Moore, OK, member of the First FWB Church, Norman, is employed by the State Department of Education. Her two daughters are students at Hillsdale FWB College.

editorial



I'm sold on mission groups.

As far as I can see, they are the only way you can get **every** woman in the church involved in the Woman's Auxiliary. You can count on the faithful six, dozen, or maybe even 15, but what about the other half of that figure?

To be sure, a top-notch, well-prepared, Spirit-directed program is the key to any effective auxiliary meeting, but how will they know unless you get them there?

They apparently aren't interested enough to set aside that hour or two for a monthly auxiliary meeting, but they **might** be interested in a group. The auxiliary elects three chairmen who are responsible for the following groups:

Mission Study Chairman

Bible Study
Mission Study

Mission Action Chairman

Soul Winning Activities
devoted to missions projects

Mission Prayer Chairman

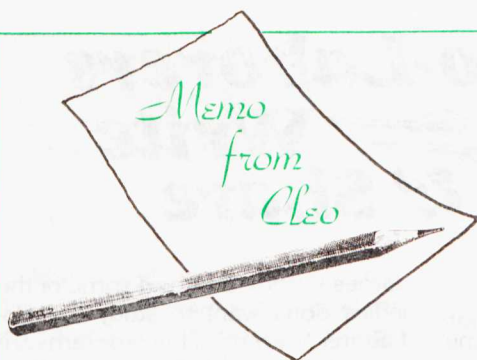
Prayer

All kinds of women make up our congregations with divergent ages, interests and abilities, yet we have one common bond—our love for the Lord Jesus and our desire to serve Him. We demonstrate this love according to our individual personalities and characteristics. The auxiliary recognizes this. Groups provide the various outlets for each woman to reach her highest potential and realize her deepest fulfillment.

It's just possible that some women shun auxiliary because theirs is, in fact, a **group** meeting, emphasizing one particular segment of the work to the neglect of the others. Let the groups do the work; the monthly meeting should major on program.

So group two, three, four or five together, assign responsibilities, and go to work. You wait and see. After a while, every woman will be looking forward to the monthly auxiliary meeting.

Lorene Miley



Volume Counts

Thank you for sending us your used or new common, commemorative, and foreign stamps! The secret however to the success of the project is VOLUME. You will save money if you will wait until you have a large quantity of stamps before sending to WNAC. Do you know someone working in a large office such as a bank, insurance office, or utility office? If they will consent to save stamps furnish them with large plastic bags. Pick these up every other day. There may be those who do not want to take time to tear off the stamp area but will save the whole envelopes. By all means take these. Your auxiliary or Actionettes may want to meet to cut these off the envelopes. (You can have fun and fellowship while doing it!)

National Auxiliary Retreat

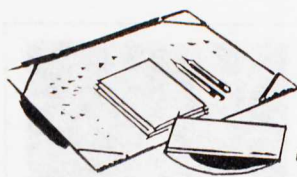
Applications are now being received for the first national auxiliary retreat to be held September 25-27, 1980 at the Smoky Shadows Conference Center, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Send Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to cover registration and two nights motel expense. THIS DOES NOT COVER MEALS. You may buy delicious meals at a reasonable price at the restaurant located on the grounds. Space is limited so get your application in early to avoid disappointment.

Officer's Guides Available

New Guides for Woman's Auxiliary officers are now available. Also a new Secretary-Treasurer's Record and Report Book. Each sells for 75¢ plus postage. Ask for: President and Vice-President's Guide, Secretary-Treasurer's Guide, Secretary-Treasurer's Record Book, Mission Study, Mission Action, and Mission Prayer Chairmen's Guides.

National Convention

Begin now to plan to attend the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention when it meets July 21-22, in the Anaheim, California Convention Center Arena (near Disneyland). Some exciting plans have been made. Don't miss it!



Co-Laborers Write & Share

62nd Anniversary Gift

Our anniversary time has come again and once more we want to share our blessings with others. This year we feel led to share with the missionary Provision Closet. So, we want the \$62 check that is enclosed to be used to replenish the bed linen closet.

Mrs. Agnes Frazier
Ashland City, Tennessee

WNAC Gift Plan?

Our auxiliary would like to become better acquainted with the actual expenses that the WNAC office incur each year. We want to distribute our funds in as many areas as possible. We feel we can best do this by knowing the needs of the different departments . . . We enjoy the spiritual growth we are receiving from our Co-Laborer programs each month.

Debbie Ziegler
Corpus Christi, Texas

We Slipped Up!

We at the Ladies Auxiliary have been studying the Co-Laborer for a long time and have enjoyed it very much. But as we had our August program, we came to this "(NIV) and (Amplified)." We study the King

James Version only and some of the ladies don't want to study the Co-Laborer any more if the programs are not based on the KJV. Could you tell us if future programs will be taken from other versions than the King James?

Imogene Hendrix
Gans, Oklahoma

Syrup from Idaho

The Free Will Baptist Women of Idaho have compiled a delightful **My Treasury of Recipes**. Sally James, Buhl, shares her "Amazing 'Maple' Syrup."

Peel six medium sized potatoes. Boil uncovered in two cups water until one cup liquid remains. Remove the potatoes and use any way desired. Stir the liquid until it reaches the boiling point again, then slowly add one cup each brown and white sugars. When dissolved, remove pan from heat and cool slowly. Bottle the syrup and store in a cabinet for three days to age and mature. Makes one pint.

The McLains from Japan

On Wednesday morning, Jim and I teach a housewives English class and it grows larger all the time. Once a

month I teach cooking. Last month I taught grape jam . . . this month I will teach pumpkin pie. Japanese housewives are very smart. They usually take the basics and go from there.

"If My Name Were Mrs Noah . . ."

When I read the program . . . "Mrs. Noah . . ." I was really surprised at the several statements you made which I cannot find in the Bible. We need more younger ladies to write our programs, but let's tell it like it is.

**Mrs. H. C. Simmons
Hemingway, S.C.**

We especially enjoyed the program" . . . Mrs. Noah . . ." It was great!

**Susan Dean
Tuscaloosa, AL**

Bookworm Idea

In connection with a study course workshop, Maurine Lee, Goldsboro, NC, made bookworms to encourage individual reading. She made them from flat pipe cleaners, attached a fuzzy ball on the end and added rhinestone eyes. Each member records the books she's read during the year by marking a colored ring (or tying a colored string) around the pipe cleaner.

A New Treasurer

We are a small group and only one year old . . . This is my first attempt at doing service for Him. I must say I am scared to death. But I have turned my life over to Jesus, and have said I would give my best effort to anything He wanted me to do. I am so glad that

I made that decision . . .

**Gladys M. Mosher
Milan, Illinois**

The Hannas write from India

I was going down the road on my bicycle about dusk and an old man who has always addressed me as "Sahib" (kind sir) called to me. I stopped and he said, "Uncle, you have taught us love." He is not a Christian and has never been to church. I was overwhelmed. What could he mean? Yes, I've helped in time of need and he's worked for us as a day laborer a few times. When you pray, ask the Father to open this man's eyes and many others to His great love.

International Year of the Child

We feel an obligation to let you know how we stand on the issue mentioned in our November program in regards to the I.Y.C. movement. We are totally opposed to the interference of the government to train a child from birth in the areas of morals, religious training, values, etc.

**Pleasant Valley Auxiliary
Chelsea, Alabama**

Appreciation for Co-Laborer

The programs have been excellent in Co-Laborer. We at First FWB Church, Amory, Mississippi, want to say, Thanks." —(Earlene Hudson.) I want to commend you for the excellent job you are doing. Each quarter the magazine is filled with interesting and informative reading material. The program packets are a source of help . . . —(Cindy Stephens, Miami, Florida).

AUXILIARY WOMEN IN ACTION

Suzanne Adopted

In their fall workshop, Northeast Missouri women voted to assume educational expenses for Suzanne, age ten, an Ivory Coast native.

politics or religion. Mrs. Nora McCarty, chairman, writes, "She told me some time ago, 'What if I'm wrong and you're right? I'm almost 80 years old and don't have much time to change.' We are praying she will believe."

Senior Citizens Honored

Food, fun and fellowship characterized the "Night to Remember" sponsored by the First FWB auxiliary, Darlington, SC, for their older women.



"Night to Remember"

Provision Closet

During the past quarter more than 30 auxiliaries have presented gifts to the Provision Closet. WNAC and all the missionaries extend their heartfelt appreciation.

Quilts, Quilts and More Quilts

The East Tulsa Woman's Auxiliary completed nine quilts for the Children's Home, Greeneville, Tennessee. The presentation was made at the Oklahoma State Auxiliary Convention to Mr. James E. Raper, the director of the home.



Mission Action

Each Monday, four or five members of the mission action group, Youngstown, OH, meet at a nursing home for crafts, sing-along, devotional and personal witnessing to the old folks. Two ladies have accepted the Lord this year. Another is greatly under conviction, but says she doesn't want to hear

Communion Table Love Loaves

Bay auxiliary (Georgia) observed Thanksgiving by helping relieve the world-wide hunger crisis. For weeks previous to this Sunday evening service, plastic loaves were stuffed with money. As these were broken open, the congregation broke bread from huge (10 x 30) freshly baked loaves.

State Meetings

More than 200 registered for **Oklahoma's** annual session where delegates wholeheartedly adopted four missionary projects—Jerry McClary, Omaha, Nebraska; Jim Combs, Brazil; Hillsdale tools and tractor fund; and a vehicle for the Dock Catons, Spain. Carole Carner was elected as president and Jean Marie Rogers as field worker.

Delegates to the 82nd annual session of the **Arkansas** State, Fort Smith, heard Vada Lee, newly returned missionary from Ivory Coast, speak on the theme, "The Best Is Yet To Be."

Georgia women are "knowing and Growing" at both their districts and state meetings. Dale and Sandra Bishop, missionaries to Japan, spoke at the annual meeting as well as the South Georgia district where 76 delegates from 15 auxiliaries were represented.

Missionaries Fred and Evelyn Hersey, Japan, spoke on the theme, "Follow God as Children" at the 34th annual session of the **Tennessee** state. Sharon

Riley was elected to replace her sister-in-law Brenda Patrick, as president.

The Herseys also challenged the 102 delegates at the 59th annual session of the Cumberland district on the theme, "Here, There, and Everywhere." Thirty-four auxiliaries reported.



Brenda Patrick and Evelyn Hersey

Mississippi delegates contributed more than \$13,000 over the past year for missions and auxiliary projects, delegates learned at their annual meeting at Booneville. A record number attended the annual banquet to hear Dr. LaVerne Miley, returned missionary from Ivory Coast, share some lessons he has learned.

New Districts

Green River District Auxiliary Convention, organized in January in Glasgow, **Kentucky**, held its first official meeting in the First FWB Church, Louisville. President Linda Gilliland presided. Cleo Pursell, WNAC, was guest speaker and conducted a question and answer hour.

Continued

Gloria Welsh was elected president of a brand new **Pennsylvania** district. Lottie Horton, Maryland's field worker, organized 16 members from two churches to form the Keystone district.



fall prayer retreat roundup

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(A) Forty-five women from North **Virginia** district hear Maude Coffey speak on "Sow in Tears, Reap in Joy" at Christian Camp Center, Syria.

(B) A check for \$500 plus a personal shower is enjoyed by Molly Barker, missionary to Uruguay, at the **Ohio** retreat, Big Prairie.

(C) McCormick's Creek State Park, Indianapolis, hosts **Indiana** district's retreat where Eunice Edwards, social worker from Missouri, shares a study on Ephesians.

(D) **Kansas** women retreat at Rolling Hills Lodge, Salina as Barbara Dunbar, state president, directs the "Growing Up For God" emphasis.

(E) South **Florida** district like Marcia Ellison, missionary to Uruguay; they invite her back a second time.

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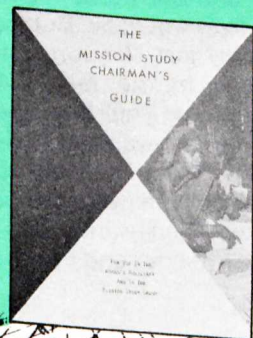
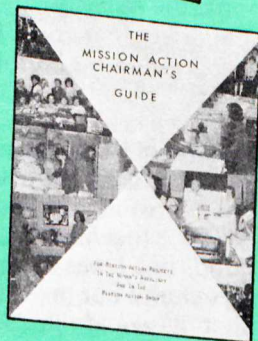
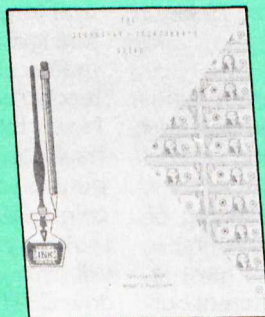
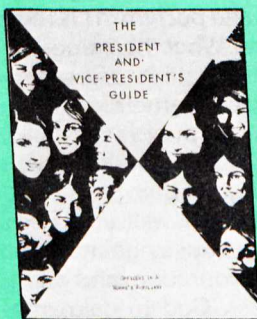
Tennessee women traveled to Henry Horton State Park, Lewisburg, for their annual retreat with Lorene Miley as guest speaker. A missionary film, "Peace Child", and auxiliary workshops directed by the state officers were featured.

Sweet fellowship permeated the third annual Western Piedmont retreat, Old Fort, **North Carolina**, with Molly Barker guest speaker.

Anita Sparks, missionary to Spain, challenged the **Mississippi** retreaters.

Illinois women roughed it at their annual retreat. Matresses carpeted the First FWB Church, South Roxana, and woman crawled over baggage and each other to find their places! Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Missouri, blessed the hearts of the 80 who attended and most said they would be willing to do it again!

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from one mother to another

I have one son and three daughters. Now I love all my children, but that only son has always been extra special to me. About two years ago we discovered he was diabetic. I will never forget the day he was told about his condition. He came home from the doctor's office, walked up to me and said, "Mom, why did God let this happen to me?" I cried with him, and then I said, "Maybe He had to allow you to have this affliction in order to bring you down where He could use you." I wept and asked God why He didn't let me have the problem instead, but finally I said, "Lord, He's Your child and he's in Your hands." Suddenly there came a peace to my soul Now God has called him into the ministry.

Helen McAllister
Farmington, Missouri

One of the most important things about God is it has to be His way. Just like my wanting my husband saved. I will have to admit my intentions were good, but I was always thinking of myself and our two little boys first—what it would be like to have a Christian home and how different our lives would be! But then it hit me one day just like someone had slapped me in the face. "Are you really wanting your husband saved, or are you just wanting all the good things that a Christian home has?" That's when I realized I had been very blind. Yes! Then I wanted him saved, not just so the boys and I would have a better



home and have someone to go to church with us, but that **he** himself would be saved for himself. The Good Lord made me see that I had to turn it all over to him and that all the rest would follow **after** my husband turned to God.

Which it has!

Rebecca Chambers
Claremore, Oklahoma

I had to learn to mete out punishment. I only whipped my son when I lost my temper and then I spanked him very hard and put him in his room and forgot him. When he came out I just ignored him until I was over my mad spell. What a shame! God had to teach me how to punish my child. Now I tell him, "Son, you know you have done wrong. I'm going to have to punish you, but I will wait until I am calmed down, because right now I'm too angry. Go to your room and wait. I will pray and ask God to calm me down." **Then** I go in and spank him. Then I go to my room and cry while he cries in his room. Usually he will come in and apologize and say, "Mom, I know you had to spank me and I deserved it." Then we hug and make up and everything is great! This is God's way.

Barbara Otwell
Santa Paula, California

Once I was in a Bible Conference in which a minister challenged the ladies to be an Elizabeth and raise a John the Baptist. I was deeply touched along with hundreds of other women of God. Our only child, a son, was five years old and I made a deeper commitment during the service to raise him to love and obey God and

serve Him in some capacity. Since that time we have been able to defeat the laws of medicine and have another son which the doctors had told us was a complete impossibility. "With God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

Marsha Rolen
Gastonia, North Carolina

bouncing blessings



"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord" . . . (Psalms 127:3).

We can all rejoice when we read these words of the Psalmist, but the validity of the verse that follows can at certain times be questioned: "Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them." For some parents, the quiver could be considered "full" when you have a whole houseful of little offsprings scampering about. On the other hand, one or two little ones could make the quiver buldge for others.

When it comes to parenthood, whether you are parents of one or of ten, the fact can be agreed upon that raising children does not consist merely of do's and don't's handed out to miniature adults. Guidance must permeate every facet of the everyday living—when life takes on the appearance of a Barnum & Bailey exhibition

or during periods of family togetherness, sometimes at 2 o'clock in the morning.

Tucked somewhere within the clamor of everyday living, the Lord expects us to be happy and include Him in the circus. In the process of wiping peanut butter off the television screen or finding your new wig in the toilet, we must maintain composure and remember to nurture (train) and admonish (gently reprove) them in the Lord and remain happy.

The 2½ year old who perches atop the nighstand next to Mom and Dad's bed at 7:00 on Saturday morning is pure delight. With little arms extended upward and proclaiming loudly, "Look out, Daddy, here I come!", in a single bound, he pounces on his suspecting prey. The four year old who shampoos her hair with vaseline is something else. But we must smile and remember. "Blessed are the meek (enduring with patience and without resentment); for they shall inherit the earth." And Christ goes on to say, "Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven."

As parents, we could weigh and compare the good, bad, and fun times that go along with those runny-nosed treasures, but, after all—who's counting?

Anita Haney
Guthrie, Kentucky

1 DAY AT A TIME

Vicki Straughan

On August 30, 1976, I had the props knocked out from under me. My husband was told he had leukemia. He had gone to give blood for a friend and when they turned him down, he thought he'd better have a checkup.

Here we were in the prime of life—don't they say life begins at 40?—facing death. How could we get along without someone so badly needed? Our church would be without a deacon; our children still in high school, fatherless; and me? A widow.

Disease is no respecter of persons.

That day—it was three years ago now—Wyman and I drove over to our church to pray at the altar. "Vicki, I'm leaving it here," my husband said, "You try to do the same."

"I'll try," I responded weakly.

I survived the initial shock of those fatal tests which confirmed that it *was* as bad as it possibly could be, with no guarantee of even six months to live. The heartbreak of telling family and friends. The awful rounds of chemotherapy with sickness and loss of hair. And through it all, we were learning to survive all this.

I was so afraid of the future that I decided to ask God for Wyman one day at a time. As I would drive to the hospital each morning, I would pray, "I know it may not be a perfect day. There may be heartaches and pain, but, please, God, give Wyman to me today."

Yes, there *were* heartaches and pains, but I began to see things for

which I could honestly praise God. Even though I faced the possibility of losing my husband, I had enjoyed being married to him for almost 20 years. That's more than some people have. Our children became closer.

I was sure that I would grow so weary trying to work and be both mother and father, plus spending as much time as possible at the hospital. I was given more strength than I had ever had in my life.

Then the most wonderful praise item of all. The leukemia went into remission. I didn't know one word could be so beautiful. Six months after we found out about his illness, he went back to work. We had sufficient insurance that this didn't have to be a concern even though the medical bills hit \$20,000.00!

Wyman's illness has touched many people in many ways. Some people who had taken the Lord for granted have drawn closer to Him. Out of Wyman's efforts a group was started in Oklahoma City called "Make Today Count," a national organization started by another cancer patient to help families cope with terminal illness.

Wyman is still on chemotherapy and the future uncertain, but new things, praiseworthy things, are being discovered every day in cancer research.

In conclusion, don't wait for something to happen to make you appreciate each day that dawns. Learn to slow down and really enjoy today and make it count. This is what I've learned by living one day at a time.



HEAVEN HELP THE HOME!

by Howard G. Hendricks
Victor Books/Wheaton, Illinois

Reviewed by Genny Waddell

SHARE-A-Book

"Is the Christian home safe for occupancy?" is a potent question asked by Dr. Howard Hendricks, Chairman of the Department of Christian Education at Dallas Theological Seminary. His wife Jeanne has helped him produce this book, now in its thirteenth printing, as a spiritual, practical and unusually interesting guide-book for parents. Having reared four children of their own this couple presents the "art of family living" as a "heavenly life in a hellish world"—if parents are willing to apply Scriptural principles to their homes. No ideas are suggested that are not clothed in the Word.

Dr. Hendricks, well known through his tape ministries concerning practical Christian living, offers specific suggestions for disciplining children, nourishing family worship, and surviving if the television breaks down. His dry wit permeates the pages without once interfering with the message of the book. This popular and practical author has taken a serious-and timely-sub-

ject and prepared a textbook of less than 150 pages that is sure to be read straight through once you begin it. Who would not be interested in knowing how Dr. Hendricks proposes that parents survive, "surrounded by foreign, hostile, and home-shattering influences in our world today?" He frankly admits that "the supportive elements of society no longer feed and shade us." He and his wife Jeanne have put together a package of workable, practical ideas and how the "Christian home must blossom in a field of weeds."

Among other ideas, Dr. Hendricks lists some 350 low-cost Christian family recreational activities, most of them available to the average Christian home. The book also lends itself to church study groups because of its practical suggestions and length.* Family and personal examinations are included, as well as specific suggestions for remodeling your *house* into a *home*.

This is a book I'm recommending to you. What have you read recently? I'd be so happy for you to share it with me. When you share a good book, you are sharing a blessing!

Presenting Our State Leaders



Wolfenbarger

Ohio

President

Yvonne Wolfenbarger succeeds Joann Sizemore as president of the Ohio State Auxiliary Convention. She serves as her district's president; also secretary at Licking Valley High School. Her husband, Floyd, pastors the Newark FWB Church, Newark, and they have one daughter, Angie, seven.

Yvonne is a multi-talented person, one of which is the ability to sing and cry at the same time!



Loveless

Field Worker (west)

Delois Loveless, a native Arkansan, married her preacher boyfriend and has been on the move since. They are right at home in the Ambassador Book Store, Columbus, where she helps her husband with his duties as the state's promotional director-editor. She writes the woman's page for the state paper, the **Ambassador**.

To those who know her, Delois is the ideal wife, mother and hostess. Her marriage is portrayed in the book edited by Harold and June Critcher "Why We Are Happily Married."

The Lovelesses have two teen-aged sons.



McCarty

Field Worker (east)

Nora McCarty, Youngstown, keeps busy as pastor's wife and active auxiliary officer, not only in her local but in the district and state as well. Four grandchildren and four married children keep her busy crocheting. One son, Steve, 12, a baseball star, is still at home.

Mrs. McCarty has a deep love and concern for missions and a lost world. She finds the auxiliary offers an outlet for expression and fulfillment.

...And Our Members At Large

Barbara Fletcher (Mrs. Dwight), Richton, Mississippi

Barbara is appreciated at the Tennessee Children's Home, and FWBBC. "Her girls" are scattered over the world.

Mr. Fletcher is pastor of Fellowship Church and they have one son, age four.

Mrs. Fletcher enjoys piano, painting, plays and crafts. She has been an active auxiliary worker for 12 years, organized auxiliaries and retreats. She "loves working with our ladies for the cause of missions."

Peggy Outland (Mrs. Gene), Durham, North Carolina

Both Peggy and her husband are native North Carolinians. Their only daughter, Angela, is a student at FWBBC.

Peggy sings in the choir and does secretarial work for the church. With 22 years of auxiliary experience, she is making a great contribution to the women's work; is now in her third term as state vice-president.

Mrs. Outland desires that the "Lord will use me to be an asset to the work."

Norman June Teague (Mrs. Harold), Longview, Texas

From Tennessee to Texas, the Teagues are now commissioned by the Home Missions Board to start a church in Longview.

Norman June's interests and accomplishments are many: she reads, sings, needlepoints, writes, teaches, and works! She is an active auxiliary officer on all four levels, a licensed State Child Care Administrator, and the mother of 13 year old Michael.



Fletcher



Outland



Teague

...Missionary Match Game

Can you match the missionary on the right with the identifying account on the left?



Alice Smith
Ivory Coast

a. I'm a nurse by profession, but I only take care of the Christians in my country—for free. Once someone gave me a gift to express gratitude. Have you ever tried to drive with two squawking chickens underfoot?



Judy Smith
Japan

b. I'm the only girl among four brothers, so I thought I'd learned to "take it." However life gets rather complicated for the single girl on the mission field. Recently when I sent my monthly form to the mission board, instead of funds, I specified "husband."



Molly Barker
Uruguay

c. I might have graduated first in my class from Bible College, but it didn't seem to help in learning a foreign language. Once I ask the garage man how often I needed to change the gasoline in my car!



Patsy VanHook
France

d. I came from Texas, a state of BIG things and BIG people to a country of small sizes. But amid the small cars, food, clothing, and people, I found something really BIG—the price of a small, non-Texan-style steak!

Answers: 1. b; 2. d; 3. a; 4. c.

PRAYER



FOCUS

by Kay Hampton

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

April 1980

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Uruguay

In 1961, Paul and Amy Robinson joined with Bill and Glenda Fulcher to form an evangelistic team in Uruguay. Five different missions resulted from this ministry. The Fulchers are now pastoring in the States.

Paul, a layman, has served as interim pastor of the Riviera church (a border church) in recent years. The Robinson family (one daughter, Becky, 18, at home) is now on furlough and living in Savannah, GA where he helps his brother Bill who pastors the First Church.

Walter (Dub) and Marcia Ellison have completed three terms of service on the Brazil/Uruguay border. During this year's leave of absence, Dub is pastoring his home church, Wooddale church, near Knoxville, TN.

When the Ellisons return to the field, they hope to begin a new work in Montevideo, Uruguay's capital city.

They have four children—Stephen, 19; John, 16; Malinda, 13; and David, 10.

Molly Barker, the energetic nurse from North Carolina, is holding the fort in Riviera, Uruguay while the two men and their families are on furlough. Molly is involved in youth and women's work in addition to using her medical training to help the national Christians.

Molly was home for a few months last year because of her father's poor health.

PRAISE: That the Word of God has brought forth fruit in Uruguay

That our missionaries have freedom to preach and teach

PRAYER: Pray for the children of our missionaries, especially the teen agers and the decisions to be made for their education, return to the field, etc.

That Molly Barker will be given health and strength and wisdom as she carries on the work alone in Uruguay.

That more nationals will become actively involved in leadership responsibilities

That additional workers will answer the call to serve in this needy South American Land

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Chaplains feel they are missionaries serving in the world's largest mission field—the U. S. Military. Since the days of the Revolutionary War, dedicated men of God have provided strong religious coverage to our military personnel.

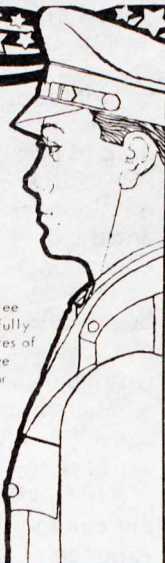
Today's military chaplain is well trained. In addition to a bachelor's degree from an accredited university and a Master of Divinity degree, he must receive an endorsement from his denomination. Each denomination is allotted a certain number of chaplains depending on the number of men in the military from its constituency.

Armed Forces Sunday

May 18, 1980

Today we give special tribute to our Free Will Baptist men and women who faithfully serve our great nation, the United States of America. We commend those who serve that we might enjoy the freedoms of our country. May God give you courage and strength to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ as you serve.

If you have members of your church who are serving in the military, we would like to have their address so we can keep in contact with them. Send addresses to: Master's Men, Box 17306, Nashville TN 37217



These qualified, men are often preachers, pastors, administrators, counselors, teachers, and musicians all rolled into one. Their ministry may consist of study groups, counsellor to military personnel and dependents, sponsoring special programs (film, music groups, retreats, etc.) and doing the follow-up, and representing the chaplaincy to other groups.

Unlike other missionaries, the continued service of our chaplains is contingent upon governmental approval. A chaplain's superior officer determines whether or not he gains this approval and regular evaluation sheets are sent to his sponsoring board. So far, our chaplains have served under sympathetic officers and have served with distinction.

Capt. James Bishop, Ft. Sill, Lawton, OK

Capt. Lawrence Cusick, USAF, Philippines

Capt. Walter Golding, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, NC

Capt. James Langford and Capt. Kerry Steedley, Ft. Campbell, KY

Major Gerald Mangham, Ft. Gordon, GA

PRAISE: Praise God for the ministry of our Free Will Baptist chaplains

For the opportunities of service as they share Christ among the military forces.

For the freedom of religion in our country

PRAYER: Two slots are currently available to Free Will Baptists. If they are not filled soon, some other denomination will receive these openings. Ask the Lord to raise up men with the necessary qualifications to fill these vacancies.

Support Your Military

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Ivory Coast

"Why does Ivory Coast have more missionaries than any other field?" a FWBBC student once asked a returned missionary from that country.

"Perhaps the need is greater there," he replied. Then more seriously, he added, "Time is running out in Ivory Coast for evangelical missions. Perhaps the Lord is sending a strong army to plant and cultivate the seed while the door is wide open."

Check your missions directory for a list of the 31 adult missionaries in this country. Note there are 14 couples and three singles. Learn about the ministry of each along with specific prayer requests.

On medical leave—Aldridges and Mileys

On furlough—Lees and Bryans, also Alice Smith to arrive in June

In French study—Cousineaus, Wode and Allen

MK's in the States—Laura Payne, Pensacola Christian College, Florida

At the December board meeting, five summer missionaries were appointed for Ivory Coast. Pray for health and ability in order to have an effective ministry among both missionaries and nationals alike.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Nichols (formerly of Hillsdale, now of Dallas Theological Seminary) have been assigned to

Agni territory to assist the Dickens and Richards. Daryl, a trained carpenter and maintenance man, will help improve living conditions for our missionaries.

The Fergusons requested Shawn Robinson (FWBBC student from Ledge's home church in Kentucky) to help them in the reading room ministry. The Mayhews, who began this evangelistic work among high school students, leave for furlough in July.

Doropo gets two young ladies this summer—Peggy Morgan, North Carolina, former FWBBC student and sister to Clint Morgan; also Marsha Waddell, FWBBC, Nashville, TN. Trey 5, and Adam, 3 (Morgan) especially requested that Marsha come to help take care of their new "sister" who is due about that time.

PRAISE: For the Spirit of revival moving across the land

For the wide open door of opportunity and the freedom to witness

PRAYER: For those missionaries experiencing health problems. Both Mileys and Aldridges hope to leave this month for their mission fields.

For the financial needs of the missionaries resulting from the unstable economy. It's discouraging for a missionary's account to dip in the red when he can't be here to encourage us to give.

For those involved in language study, both national and tribal.

For an effective ministry from the summer missionaries.

More than four and a half million people live in an area approximately the size of New Mexico. The predominant religion of the land is animism or spirit worship. Only 2% are Christians; the other religions are Catholicism and Islam.



Worship The Lord

by Vernie H. Hersey



Aim: To help us give greater honor and glory to God through worship.

Scripture: Psalm 96; Luke 24:1-9

Participants: Narrator, five panelists and one or more soloists.

Preparation: Arrange chairs for panelists and soloists around a table or in a semicircle facing the congregation. Provide a stand for the narrator and hymnals for everyone, including the congregation.

NARRATOR: Easter is a special time for Christians—a time set aside to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we share this time together, we invite you to worship with us, giving God and Jesus Christ the honor and glory due them.

Seated here is a panel. (Introduce them.) They will share their thoughts on the meaning of worship and how

we can better worship God.

(*Call by name*), what is the meaning of worship and is God worthy to be worshipped?

FIRST SPEAKER: Worship is expressing reverence, respect and honor to God. It is acknowledging His worthiness, giving Him the honor and glory due Him—showing love and adoration to Him out of reverence for Who He is.

The word, worship, comes from an old English word meaning, “worth-shipped.” God is worthy to be worshipped. He is the Creator of the world, the universe and all living things. He has all authority, power and knowledge and exercises His sovereign power over all His creation. He is the giver of all good things. He is holy—in His being is the presence of everything good and the absence of everything evil. He is the only Almighty, Eternal, Living God.

Jesus is worthy to be worshipped. He is God’s Son with all the attributes of God—He is God. As our Savior He redeemed our souls and won for us eternal life.

NARRATOR: We have heard what worship is and that God is worthy to be worshipped. But, how do we worship?

We worship in every service as we pray, give, sing, praise and observe the ordinances of baptism, the Lord’s Supper and feet washing.

, will you share with us how we worship God through prayer?

THIRD SPEAKER: Prayer is an act of worship. We express reverence and honor to God when we submit our needs to Him as our Father, Provider and Sustainer of life. We honor Him when we rely on Him to provide for us according to His will,

acknowledging His power, His sovereignty and His wisdom. As we offer praise and thanksgiving, we glorify God, for in Psalm 50:23 He says, “Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth me.”

NARRATOR: , will you share with us how we worship God by giving tithes and offerings and by observing the ordinance of baptism?

FOURTH SPEAKER: Giving back to God part of what He has given is a part of worship. As we present our gifts of money, we give of ourselves; money represents our time and energy. Giving expresses our confidence in God as our Provider. By faith we give to Him first, trusting Him to provide our every need.

A baptismal service is a time of worship and brings honor to God and Christ. As we participate in this service for new believers, we profess Jesus as our resurrected Savior. It is symbolic of His death, burial and resurrection. It is a time of rejoicing and praise as we worship God for what He has done for the new believer making him a new person who can walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4)

NARRATOR: , will you tell us how we worship by partaking of the Lord’s Supper and by participating in feet washing?

FIFTH SPEAKER: The Lord’s Supper or communion is in remembrance of Christ. As we eat and drink the symbols of His broken body and shed blood, we give Him a place of honor and deity that only He is worthy to claim as our Savior who died for us, rose again and is our coming King of Kings. (Luke 22:15-20)

Feet washing is an act of worship. When we wash one another’s feet,

we do so as unto the Lord Himself, expressing our submission to Him who is worthy to be served and obeyed. It is symbolic of our love and adoration to God for His condescension from His throne in heaven as a mere man to die for our sins.

Although we are aware of one another's needs and show by this act that we willingly obligate ourselves to one another, yet our minds and hearts are upon Jesus. He deserves all honor, glory and praise for what He has done for us. (John 13:4, 5; 5:12-15)

NARRATOR: Singing hymns is one of the most rewarding ways to worship. Hymns are songs directed to God and others honoring Him for Who He is and what great things He has done.

Please turn to page in your hymnal. (soloist) will sing "Holy, Holy, Holy" as we follow along giving special attention to the words.

In this hymn we praise God for His holiness and His might, and worship Him as a Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We sing about all creation, even the angelic beings, bowing down before Him. We honor Him for His perfectness in power, in love and purity, reverencing Him as the Merciful and Mighty God.

SOLOIST:

NARRATOR: Now, turn to page will sing "Crown Him With Many Crowns" which expresses how we feel about Christ's receiving glory, telling those who hear just how great and worthy Christ is to be worshipped.

We sing of Jesus upon His throne, of His dying for us, honoring Him as

the matchless King for all eternity. We sing of crowning Him Lord of Love and of Him glorified, remembering the scars in His hands and side. We sing of crowning Him Lord of Life, of His triumph over the grave and His victorious resurrection.

We sing of crowning Jesus Lord of Heaven and worship Him as One with the Father and Holy Spirit. And, we declare to all that He died for us and should be Lord through endless days, adored and magnified.

SOLOIST:

NARRATOR: Singing gospel songs is part of worship too. These songs are primarily directed to others. Please turn to page while sings of her faith in Christ as her Living Redeemer, of His promises that never fail, of the mansion He is preparing in heaven and her assurance that He will come for her, worshipping Him again and again as her living Lord.

SOLOIST:

NARRATOR: Now, let's stand and turn to page as leads us in singing together "To God Be The Glory." Let's worship the Lord by directing our praise and adoration to Him, declaring to Him and to one another Who He is and what great things He has done.

PRAYER:

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Making Up The Hedge



Objective: To help Christian women see the imperative need of forming a strong defense against Satanic forces.

In Ezekiel 22:30, 31, God takes two familiar words and uses them in an unfamiliar way to present a spiritual truth. At the beginning of Israel's history, she was strong in the Lord and formed a solid hedge between right and wrong, sin and righteousness, God and Satan. Then one by one, here and there, this one dropped out and then that one. At first it was scarcely noticeable; there were so many. But then those in rank positions weakened and dropped out—the priests, princes, and prophets, and the situation became crucial. Sins, flagrant sins, prevailed—robbing, oppressing, profaning God's name and His house. God could tolerate it no longer and there went out a cry for someone to make up the hedge that was being weakened in some places and left totally defenseless in others.

In this passage, God is sending out His message to His people by His

man. He is doing the same today as we will see in this lesson which is in three parts—the hedge, the gap, and the challenge.

Making Up The Hedge

What do you think of when you think of a hedge? That row of bushes separating your lot from your neighbors? Webster would agree with you. He describes it, among other definitions, as a boundary line or anything which serves as a fence, barrier, restriction or a defense.

In the spiritual realm, let's think of some different aspects that go to make up a hedge. Law, word, and precept are just a few.

The law was given that we might have a knowledge of sin. It lays before us the moral standards for our relationship with God and man. They have never been cancelled. Jesus said that He "came not to destroy the law, but fulfill it." High moral standards and convictions are necessary

in forming a strong hedge against the evil and moral decay promoted by the press, television, and ungodly people in general.

The Word of God enabled Jesus to withstand Satan's evil attacks during His wilderness temptation (Matthew 4). God promises that His Word hidden in our hearts will be just as effective, for it is quick and sharp and powerful, a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. It's a worthy sword to ward off all the attacks of the enemy.

The Living Word in the believer makes a strong hedge. Christ, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And through the person of the Holy Spirit he lives within every believer. As we allow Him to live His life through us, there's nothing can conquer us for "greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world."

Precept suggests protection, authority, deliverance. Prayer is just this to the Christian. If we abide in Him and His Word abides in us, we have answered prayer. What a precious privilege we have in prayer.

The strongest hedge is one made up of Soldiers of Jesus Christ boldly clad in the full armor of God, wielding the sword of the Spirit, and praying with all prayer and supplication (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Standing In the Gap

If a hedge is the boundary line of separation between the saved and unsaved, good and evil, **fleshly and spiritual**, sheep and goats, we are the intercessors needed to protect the land, church, home, or nation from the destruction of God. Failure to do

so causes a breach, a break, an opening in the hedge—a gap.

During the wilderness journey God's people turned to sin and rebellion. God sent a plague among them which threatened to wipe out the entire nation. Moses stood in the gap for the nation as he ran into the midst—making a hedge between the dead and living—and the plague was stayed (Numbers 16:44-50).

For many years, Samuel stood in the gap as God's people turned from God and demanded a king as the heathen nations had. Then one day King Saul deliberately disobeyed God's command and God was ready to reject him utterly. Samuel interceded for him, standing between him and God, and God was merciful (1 Samuel 15).

God was bent on destroying the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their grievous sinfulness. Abraham stood in the gap; and as long as he interceded, judgment was stayed (Genesis 18, 19).

Elijah stood in the gap during the days of Ahab's sinful rule. He and his wicked wife, Jezebel, had caused a huge gap in the hedge. For three and a half years Elijah stood alone in the breach until God answered by fire and the people fell on their faces crying, "The Lord, He is God" (1 Kings 18).

Job stood in the gap for his whole family while they spent their days feasting. Each morning he rose and offered burnt offerings unto the Lord according to the number of them all just in case they had sinned. "Thus Job did continually" (Job 1:5).

In addition to intercession, we stand in the gap by living godly lives. We have become so rebellious, a

permissive people, and some have “left your first love.” We have a tendency to shrug off that which doesn’t concern us. As a result, we lose power with God even in interceding for family, friends, church, our missionaries, or the lost around the world. So little by little, the gaps become more numerous and stretch further distances.

I Sought For A Man

In Ezekiel’s day, God said of His foolish prophets, “Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge (15:3). Is God saying this to us today? The people (auxiliary members), the prophets (pastors and teachers), the priests (intercessors), and the princes (auxiliary officers) have neglected the things of God and turned aside to personal and material gains.

We see a striking parallel in those disgusting days of depravity and our present day. Disrespect for parents and unconcerned disregard for the helpless abounds. And immorality openly performed without apology. What about our TV programs today? Profanity and immorality are portrayed as the desirable way of life. Graft and corruption among the leadership and uncleanness in the pulpits. The cry for holiness isn’t less needed today than it was in Ezekiel’s day.

God is seeking a man to stand in the gap. We can do this in five ways:

1. Recognize the indwelling presence of Christ and allow Him to live His life through us.

2. Witnessing daily through the example of godly living; taking advan-

tage of the opportunities to speak for Him to those He sends our way each day.

3. Recognize that God is Master and we are His stewards. One day we will have to give an account of the way we have used that which He has entrusted to us—life, talents, possessions.

4. Purpose and meaningful prayer life.

5. We must have a world-wide vision that prompts us to give, go, and pray. The auxiliary offers opportunities to help each woman fulfill her place in getting the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

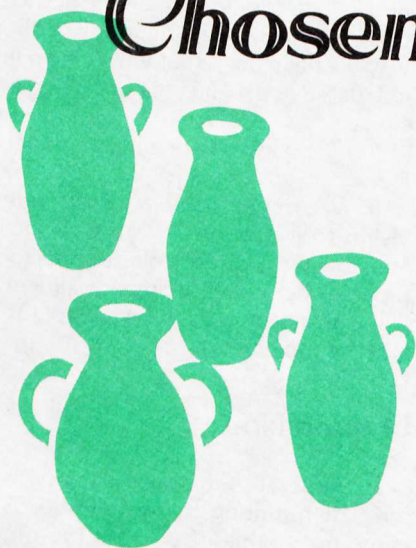
I Found None

In verse 30, God says, “I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge . . . but I found none.” What a tragic, dreadful pronouncement on God’s people. The facts: I needed someone, I had a work for someone, I sought and pleaded for someone. I had great promises and plans for someone. There was an opportunity to honor God. But “*I found none!*”

One of the most sobering thoughts in the world is our accountability to God. In Ezekiel 3:17-19, we are warned against failure to witness to those He sends our way. In that day of judgment, “his blood will be upon your hands,” says our God.

As individual believers and as an auxiliary, let’s answer God’s call to make up the hedge and stand in the gap that all men around the world would come to know Christ as Saviour and Lord. May our God be able to say triumphantly today, “I found someone!”

Chosen Vessels



Objective: To help each Christian realize that she is a chosen vessel whom God desires to use.

Just suppose we were led into a gift shop with shelves laden with all sorts of vases, pots and containers in all sizes, shapes and descriptions. Vessels of gold, silver, brass, bronze, glass, china, crystal, clay, wood, you name it. Then just suppose the proprietor walks over and offers us any that we would choose as a gift.

Whatever the reason for our choice—beauty, practicability, sentimental value, or because of its intrinsic worth—it would have a special meaning to us because we had chosen it ourselves.

We are God's chosen vessels. He chose us for Himself. Before the

foundation of the world, He looked down through time and chose me—and you—and you—for Himself (Ephesians 1:4). For one reason—"That we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." So often we are as the vessel mentioned in Jer. 22:28: "A vessel in which is no pleasure." May this lesson teach us that we are chosen vessels to bring glory and honor to Christ.

Dirty Vessels

A lady once told of how she'd been given an old crystal bud vase, one marred and ugly with age and dust. "I could never use that old thing," she thought. But later she cleaned and scrubbed and polished it until she recognized it for what it really was—a rare, expensive antique. It became more precious each time she put a rose in it.

In God's sight we are all marred and ugly as that old vase. But no matter how we try to clean and polish up the outside, He sees the inside and He declares us "Unclean." For all our righteousness are as filthy rags.

But, wonder of wonders, He chose us in precisely that condition in order to create "beauty from ashes." David's prayer of contrition, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10) brings a quick response.

He cleans us up—inside and out—and in His sight we are declared righteous, justified, just-as-if-I'd never sinned.

New Vessels

A new vessel (vase, candy dish, jar, etc.) is usually very special because it's so shiny, clean and pretty. We want to put it right where everyone can see it best; but often times, it's moved from place to place until the right place for it is determined. Does it fit here? And what about the color? No, it monopolizes there, and too small for there. After much changing and decision, just the right place is found. How thrilled we are to hear someone comment on its beauty.

Every growing church has new vessels. These new converts need special attention because they're beginning a new walk in life. The adaption from the world into God's family is a growing process. As babes in Christ, they need mature Christians to work patiently with them at all times, giving encouragement and assurance to help them grow and find their own place in the Lord's work.

New Vessels? Pure vessels? (Pots) God calls them "holiness to the Lord" (Zech. 14:21).

Broken Vessels

What do you do when one of your favorite containers gets broken? Do you throw it away or do you try to glue and repair it? Often a little dab of glue will make it as sturdy and useful as ever.

A popular Gospel song states that God did not promise that our hearts would not be broken, but that He would mend them when they are. Many women (and even Christian women are not immune) are going through difficult circumstances—teen age pregnancy, abortion, adultery, divorce, homosexuality, drug abuse and addiction—situations that tear one's hearts into pieces. Sometimes we cry out with the Psalmist, "I am like a broken vessel" (Psalms 31:12).

The message of Jeremiah 18 is that just as the potter takes the marred piece of clay and remakes it into a vessel of usefulness, God can do the same for us. He takes the smashed fragile pieces of our lives (when we offer them to Him) and fashions them into a vessel of glory and purpose and honor.

God uses auxiliary women to help our sisters put the broken pieces of their lives back together again. Cards, letters, prayers, visits and expressions of our love can help apply the warm healing glue to those mangled pieces. This is certainly no time for complaints and misjudgements. Lots of love, patience and concern from Christian friends can heal wounds impossible to heal in any other way.

Antiques

Some vases are family heirlooms; they've been in the family so long that they are cherished for their sentimental value and passed from one generation to the next. Often these are carefully wrapped in tissue and packed away in trunks or drawers. Sometimes they sit on a shelf or behind closed doors to prevent breakage. The years go by and the

vase sits idle and useless when it could have helped bring sunshine and beauty into some room.

God has no age requirements or qualifications on who can serve Him. He preserves and allows some women to live many years; thus the younger ones in the Lord's work can truly be blessed through sharing experiences that these dear ones have had.

Christian women are born into God's family to bring honor and glory to Him. This is not just for a limited time or in limited ways, but wherever and whenever God so chooses.

We have more aged people in our churches today than at any other time in history. Some are intensely lonely, shut off from friends and an active service for the Lord. The auxiliary must help them break open their shell of seclusion in order to become a more useful servant of Christ. We must bring sunshine and cheer in the lives of others who have passed their period of greatest usefulness.

Most of all, God knows when to call it quits!

Undiscovered Vessels

The most thrilling thought in the whole world is that we have been chosen by God to be His very own. The most tragic thought is that there are multitudes whom He has chosen, but they are still lying marred, chipped, and tarnished in an ash heap on some foreign soil.

God's chosen vessels are not exclusively American—there are red and yellow, black and brown ones, too. God stands with outstretched arms to receive that "vase" and clean

it up and make it acceptable for heaven. Someone must dig among that filth and contamination in order to find those chosen vessels to present to Him.

That's exactly what our missionaries are doing today. They are picking up those neglected pieces of humanity and presenting them to the One who formed them in the first place. Among them are some real treasures, special inheritances of the Lord. We praise the Lord for each one who has answered the call to serve our Lord in this way. And we must pray for them daily that they will not be weary in well doing, for God has a special reward for His faithful ones.

Conclusion

Will you be a vessel for God, my friend

For others to Him you surely must win.

What are your motives and goals in life?

To bring joy and gladness instead of strife?

Does a well of joy spring deep from within?

Or has jealousy and pride filled you with sin?

When God looks down on us from above?

Can He look straight through to a heart of love?

Chosen vessels are we, to love and to be

Serving our God so faithfully.

Inside Out!

Objective: To examine ourselves to see if our inner self as well as our outward appearance is pleasing to God.

Solomon's description of a virtuous woman in Proverbs 31:10-31 is one of the most helpful and challenging words to woman. Have you read those verses and wondered how in the world she was able to get all those things done? I can barely understand her being able to do it with all the modern conveniences we have, but when I think that she did it all without electricity, plumbing, appliances, car, grocery or department stores, or telephone, I am simply amazed. She had to be some woman!

The most stirring verse is the 26th: "... she openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law

of kindness." It is commendable that she was able to be such a good housewife, but it is challenging that her attitudes and reactions were so sweet that Solomon could describe her mouth with the word "wisdom," and her tongue with the word "kindness." Oh, if only our mouths and tongues could have such a reputation!

What did she have that we do not have? How could she be wise and kind after she had to stay up all night with the baby? Or how did she react when the neighbor's dog chewed the clothes on the line? Or how did she manage to live on a tight budget? "How would she react to all of those situations?" is a good question, but an even better question is "How do we react?" We "Little Girls" are supposed to be made of "sugar and spice and everything nice" but often our conduct hints of "sticks 'n snails and puppy dog tails!"

We would be embarrassed to wear our clothing inside out, and we would not think of leaving our closets, cabinets, and drawers open for company to see; yet, our conduct actually turns us “inside out” for the world to see. In Colossians 3, Paul admonishes us to smooth out some rough edges and straighten up some cabinets if we intend for the world to see Jesus in our lives.

Mortify (Colossians 3:1-9)

Mortify yourself! Kill “I”! Pronounce the death penalty on selfishness! Most of our problems could be solved if we could focus our attention from ourselves.

Have you played the “I” game at a party? Everyone gets three clothespins at the beginning of the party. All during the party you may take someone’s pin away if you hear him say “I”. The person with the most clothespins at the end of the party wins! It is really hard to talk without using “I”. We just naturally think and talk about ourselves.

What about right now at this meeting—are you thinking about your own problems? Did something go wrong at home before you left and you are still stewing about it? Are your thoughts turned to what you’re going to do tomorrow? What would you look like if we turned you “inside out” right now?

Self is our greatest enemy. We must mortify it and set our affection on those things which are above. It is not enough to keep bad thoughts from coming from our mouths verbally, we must kill them in our minds. This can only be done by conquering the old nature, killing and burying it,

and experiencing the reality of Galatians 2:20: “I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ . . .”

Edify (Colossians 3:12-16)

It is our responsibility as Christians to uplift and edify others; “bear ye one another’s burdens” (Galatians 6:2). If our Christian sisters hear only complaining and gossip from our lips, then how can we expect them to come to us for spiritual help?

Verse 13 instructs us to forgive one another. Are you sitting in the room with someone now that you have had a grudge against since way-back-when? Do you sit in church each Sunday with someone you can’t forgive? Do you have a hard time getting along with the pastor? Would you like to be turned “inside out” right now?

We are all members of one body and we must teach and admonish one another—in love. It was said of the early Christians, “Behold how they love one another.” We cannot edify one another if we are constantly tearing down one another. We must pray earnestly for people and visit them, show them outward deeds of mercy and kindness, with humbleness of mind, meekness and longsuffering.

Fortify (Proverbs 24:10)

Little children can build great houses with their building blocks, but they can easily knock those houses down because they are not fortified with a solid foundation. We need

reminding that “trees do not blow over because the wind was too strong, but because their roots were too shallow!” We didn’t fail because the situation was too hard, but because we were not prepared! If we haven’t prepared ourselves for adversities, our “inside” will show these rough edges.

We must fortify our spiritual lives so that the fiery darts of Satan cannot pierce our testimony. Satan is at work 24 hours a day and we need to be on the job around the clock also. Bible study is a must—not just Bible reading, but real study and memorization. The Bible can advise us on every problem we will ever have. It is our spiritual food.

Prayer is also a must. If we love someone, we enjoy being in his presence and talking with him.

Just as there are things we should do to fortify our spiritual lives, there are things we should avoid. We must be careful not to indulge ourselves in harmful habits. The wrong kind of TV programs, immodest dress, the wrong kind of books and magazines, movies, smoking, and many other things will tear down our fortification. It is time to quit saying, “Oh, there’s nothing to that; it won’t hurt me!” Anything we allow to enter our mind, we can be sure the devil will bring it to our memory. Verse 17 says, . . . “whatsoever ye do in word and deed do all to the name of the Lord Jesus . . .” If you cannot do it in the name of the Lord, don’t do it!

Magnify

All four Gospels and the book of Acts give the great commission to take the Gospel to every creature.

Psalms repeatedly tells us that those who hear His name will trust in Him. But how can they hear unless someone tells them?

Maybe you’re thinking, “Oh sure, you can say that, but I can’t magnify Christ to a lost world. I have too many responsibilities here . . . I’m too old . . . I’m too sick . . . I’m not qualified . . .” Oswald J. Smith, that great missionary statesman, says that if we can’t go, then we must send a substitute.

We “go” in a sense when we send our money, when we hold up the hands of our missionaries in prayer, when we are sensitive to needs and quick to respond. But more importantly, we can “go” to the lost around us. We can’t magnify Christ to a lost world until we begin with those next door to us.

So if Christ means anything to us at all, we’ll magnify Him in our homes, communities, our nation, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Glorify

We cannot be satisfied with just being Christians; we must strive to be the best Christians possible. We must mortify our old nature, edify others, fortify our spiritual lives, and magnify Christ to a lost world in order to glorify God. Let’s turn our lives “inside out” and smooth out the rough edges, and make sure that our actions and reactions glorify God. Remember that woman in Proverbs every day and pray that we will be the kind of woman God can use. May it also be said of us, “She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”

A WOMAN GOD HAS USED



The lady with a warm smile, joyous laugh, the firm handclasp and the listening eyes—that's what Mrs. Eunice Edwards is to a great many people.

Her Christian walk began in 1937 when a group of women from the Desloge FWB Church came to her house to pray with her. When they asked her if she wanted to be saved, she answered yes, for she was already under conviction. Later at the church she was saved, baptized, and became a member of the Desloge church.

She was first introduced to Woman's Auxiliary work when she attended a Christian Worker's Institute in Monett, MO. The teachers included Mrs. Agnes Frazier. When Mrs. Edwards mentioned that the Lord was especially speaking to her about writing, she remembers that Mrs. Frazier wept and said they had been praying for writers among Free Will Baptists.

She filled many auxiliary offices before coming to Nashville in 1956 as the first full-time executive secretary-treasurer of WNAC, where she served seven years. Those were not easy days for the struggling work, but Mrs. Edwards served through lonely hard times. She did the traveling, the bookkeeping, the mailing, even the printing sometimes. In those days, as she says, the Lord gave her the **Co-Laborer** magazine, the Memorial Student Loan Fund, and the provision closet.

Mrs. Edwards has four children, thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She now lives in Desloge, MO., where she is a clinical case worker, assignment II, for the state hospital in Farmington. She is an active member of the Parkview FWB Church.

Much in demand as a speaker at women's groups, she establishes a reputation of being a barrel of fun and a great spiritual blessing. She has a burden for women and longs to minister in that area. She has blessed a multitude of women, and her testimony is that she in turn has been blessed.

Prayer of a Missionary

Dear Lord,

I need You tonight
For I'm homesick.
It's my mom's birthday, and they're all there
Around the fire.
Brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews,
Spreading their love and gifts and news,
Laughing and teasing and funning and feasting.
Everyone.
Except me.

I want You tonight
To teach me what You meant
When You said,
"He that loveth father or mother more than me
Is not worthy of me, or
He that loveth son or daughter more than me,
Is not worthy of me, or
He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me,
Is not worthy of me."
Show me, Lord,
I want to be worthy.

I praise You tonight
For Yourself.
You've been homesick, too, so You know.
For you often longed for Your Father's house.
Make me so like You
That my desire would transcend the here and now
And rise and soar to heights above;
To sit with You
And be at peace.

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