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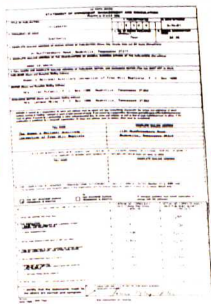
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That Old Familiar Moving Urge

Remember the story of the young man who had the weird habit of diving into bed? This continued even after he married. One thing he hadn't counted on, however; most women have an innate urge to periodically move furniture around. He discovered this one night when, as usual, he turned off the light and dived into the bed which was no longer there but was now innocently stationed on the other side of the room.

This issue of **Co-Laborer** begins a new year when we usually change the appearance of the regular features. Suddenly that old familiar moving impulse hit me. Instead of just changing the look of the various columns, why not rearrange their location as well?

Maybe you've never needed to use the index before. It may prove quite helpful in these days when you find yourself lost in your old familiar magazine. If you don't like the arrangement, just wait. You might next time. For the urge to redecorate and rearrange is almost as old as time. Sarah didn't just rearrange her tent, she moved the whole thing. Wonder why Solomon didn't include it as another item under his four things that are never satisfied—a woman with a room arrangement or an editor with a magazine layout?

There must be a spiritual application to all this, I thought, and set to find one. I stepped carefully over the passages about being unmoveable and unchangeable and paused at Phil. 3:12. Just as we never arrive spiritually in our Christian life but are constantly striving to become more and more like Christ, so with **Co-Laborer**. It will never be perfect or complete in all details, but we're trying hard to make it one which will

Enrich your spiritual life

Deepen your missionary vision

Strengthen your auxiliary

If you're looking for the January program, it's on page 7.

WNAC



Cleo Pursell



Memo From Cleo

Convention Review

The Commonwealth Convention Center, Louisville, Kentucky was the site of the 46th annual session of the WNAC. Registration was 769. Reports were received from local, district and state organizations representing 31 states.

Missionaries Wanda McClary, Omaha, Nebraska and Patrick and Susan Dickens, Ivory Coast, emphasized the convention theme, "Motive for Missions," (2 Cor. 5:14a). A drama by the Master's Players was directed by Dr. Mary R. Wisehart. Mary Neal directed the music and special numbers were given by Mary Nell Beck, Vicki and Rodney Whaley, and Freda Lewis. Linda Gilliland and Jean Lewis served as pianist and organist. Almost 700 persons heard Verla Pettit at the fellowship dinner in the



Hyatt Regency Hotel. She challenged the spellbound audience to reach out to those who are hurting in our world today.

A large group of state and district representatives met and shared enlistment efforts which resulted in a net gain in membership this year of 676. The ten states showing the largest gains were North Carolina, Missouri, Alabama, Ohio, Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Arkansas and Texas. Hats off to these dedicated workers! Special treats: Katy Pinson's devotions and Rudene Kennedy's book review, "Loving One Another."

Kentucky women, led by president Dorothy Cox, worked tirelessly behind the scenes as did registration chairman Nancy Trimble, Michigan.

Price Increases

Co-Laborer magazine subscriptions will be increased January 1982 as follows: Single subscriptions from \$2.25 per year to \$3.00. Group subscriptions of five or more from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per year.

WNAC dues (which have not been raised in seven years) will be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per member per year beginning July, 1982. Add 50¢ for district and state dues.





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MEET YOUR WRITERS

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Children: Alice Rebecca, 2
Positions: Church pianist, CTS and
Sunday school teacher, local and
district auxiliary president
Profession: Former elementary school
teacher
Hobbies: Embroidering, crocheting,
gardening

LaRue Crowson



Missionary to France
Home church: Cofer's Chapel FWB
Church, Nashville, Tn
Husband: Allan, an ordained minister
Children: Timothy, 5; Bethany 2½;
Natalie, six months
Profession: Missionary
Hobbies: Reading

The Crowsons served one term in
Ivory Coast before transferring to
France

Virginia Morgan



North Crossett FWB Church
Crossett, Arkansas
Husband: William, a Ford salesman
Children: Two grown sons, Phillip and
Dennis
Positions: Ninth grade Sunday school
teacher; auxiliary officer in both local
and district
Profession: bookkeeper
Hobbies: Cooking and quilting

Maurene Stevens



Unity FWB Church
Smithfield, NC
Husband: Larry, Unity's pastor
Children: Steve, 14 and Stefanie, 12
Positions: Program chairman, choir
member, teen girls Sunday school
teacher
Profession: Minister's wife and office
assistant at Faith Christian School
Hobbies: Walking, gardening, crocheting
and sewing



Program for January
Verla Pettit

Go And Do Thou Likewise

A condensation of the message brought by Mrs. Pettit at the Fellowship Banquet at Louisville, Kentucky on July 21, 1981.

Objective: To identify with the characters in the parable of the Good Samaritan and then reach out to a hurting world with the love of Christ.

Scripture: Luke 10:17-30

Song: "Help Somebody Today"

Introduction

In the parable of the Good Samaritan we see a cast of characters. Jesus portrays a drama before a man's eyes to demonstrate something in himself. In this drama of life we see thieves, a priest, a Levite, a lawyer, an innkeeper, a Samaritan, and a poor old beaten up man.

As these characters pass before our eyes we will see where we identify. And the way we see this man denotes what we really are. It might show some of us up to be professional Christians. There's a lot of it.

There are a lot of folks who are wounded along the way of life, people who have been wounded in a thousand different ways. The world has a

right to expect we who are in Christian work to do something.

Let's walk with Jesus through this parable. Let's stand with Him and watch these characters and listen to the intonation of His voice. We will never be the same again.

A Victim To Exploit

In our drama we see a certain man walking down the path of life tending to his own business. He is going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, already on a down grade. What did the thieves see? They saw nothing more than a victim to exploit. A means to use to an end.

We all recognize it: "Get what you want. It doesn't make any difference what, just get it. Ruin others if it takes that to build yourself up." As people of God, we should test our goals to see whether or not if in achieving these goals we hurt someone else.

The thieves saw nothing in that man but somebody to use. Have you ever felt that somebody used you? Then you have sense enough to know when you used somebody else.

Everyone of us, if we are not careful, have used people. So we are no better than the thieves—using them to get something we ourselves wanted.

A Nuisance To Avoid

What do you think the priest and the Levite saw in this man? This gets down to where a lot of us walk. Here were the spiritual leaders per se. We can't read their lips, but we can read their actions. Matter of fact, they didn't say anything. It says that when they looked and saw a man in need, they passed by on the other side. Thus we can conclude that he was nothing more than just a nuisance to avoid.

There are a lot of hurting people in the world. They don't care what you are doing; when they are hurting, they call. One of the strongest things in the life of anyone is a one-on-one hand-to-hand combat. That's the way we must meet it. It's hard. It draws from it. It drains you. But people are our business, not organization. Unless we are meeting the needs of people, we are in a very serious condition.

The priest probably looked at the man and thought, "I've tried to help him before. I tried. It's not my fault he's in that shape." Now there's every possibility that the priest looked over his shoulder and saw the Levite coming behind him. After all, the priest was much busier. He had a position. "Let the Levite do it. I'll leave it for him."

And the old Levite watching, wondering what the priest was looking at, looks, too. The priest leaves him and walks across the street. So

the Levite thinks, "Well, the priest didn't do it, why should I?" And that's the shape of our world today.

A Problem to Discuss

What the lawyer saw in this man is what's wrong with most of us. "Isn't the world in bad shape? Isn't it terrible, abortion? Isn't it terrible this and isn't it terrible that? And all we do is just discuss it.

"What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" the lawyer asked Jesus, and Jesus told him. He said, "Let's talk about love."

We've got a sick world today. All they do is talk about love. But God who is altogether love is altogether hate. God loves the world, but He is angry, angry with the sinner every day. He hates sin. And if you don't paint both pictures, you can't say, "God is love. God loves you." God loves the sinner, but unless God can come in and make a break with the sin and the sinner, there is no hope.

When you want to see God's picture of how He deals with a son who doesn't want His lifestyle, read the parable of the Prodigal Son. When the son didn't want the lifestyle of the family, the old man let him go. And it doesn't say he ever went after him, paid his fine, or did anything but stay at home and wait until a boy that was a rebellious renegade came back a broken, changed son.

We don't babysit sin. Children expect us to take our stand against sin. You kill a snake where you find it.

A Duty To Perform

What did the innkeeper see in this man? What many of us do. "It's my

job, my duty. That's what they pay me for."

Well, God help us, we shouldn't work for God because it's our job. Don't do it because it's our duty. Do it because the love of Christ constrains us.

"What is the great commandment," they asked Jesus and Jesus said, "I will tell you. Let's talk about zooming in on one person." It's one thing to talk about juvenile delinquency, but have you ever zoomed in on one little delinquent and tried to help him? It sounds so beautiful to talk about "I love the world and want to see the world saved." How about that one individual you need to zoom in on.

Love takes time, it takes patience, it takes tears, it takes late hours. But Jesus said, "Let's talk about loving one person and getting that one person to Me."

A Neighbor to Love and Help

Of all the people that we would think would have stopped to help that Jew, the Samaritan was the least. Because of prejudice. Deep inside all of us is this godless, godless prejudice which we daily ask God to give us the victory over.

Here's the Samaritan. He knew nobody would know what he was doing, no press release, no fine write-ups, he would not be on television. But he had love and concern which was manifested in four ways: he came to where he was, he made that personal contact, he had compassion on him, and he stooped to help.

Do you know what compassion is? It isn't sympathy; sympathy is a cheap thing. It's even more than

empathy. Compassion means the whole insides are turned around; it is love with risk.

The other day a thirteen-year-old boy beat up his old grandmother, both blacks. The dear old woman had taken him when his mother and father split and shared everything with him that she had. Her neighbors heard her screaming and passed her in the alley as he beat her. He stabbed her and left her dead. But nobody got involved. Nobody.

We are scared for our own hides. The Samaritan didn't care. The fact was that someone needed help and that's all there was to it. It's good to be able to live with ourselves, isn't it? To be able to go to sleep at night.

Conclusion

The hurting people today need care—not a sermon, not a tract, not our spiritual laws. Today they have needs and the meeting of the need is there. As the Samaritan left the wounded man in the innkeeper's hands, he said, "If it takes more, I will pay it." It, too, will cost us something. But when we realize what Jesus paid for us, we have to say, "Oh God, no cost is too great." If one soul is worth the whole world, it's worth our time of spending it with that person.

Jesus came where I was and "He lifted me out of the miry pit," said the psalmist. He set my feet on a rock; He established my goings and He put a song of praise on my lips. He had compassion on me. And He met my need. He paid the cost, and listen, if there is anything lacking, I don't worry. He paid it, and He will. Oh, blessed, wonderful, precious Lord Jesus!



LaRue Crowson

The Gown

She was bathed and ready to dress for bed. As had been her concern for several nights, she wanted to sleep in her "gown." That meant either a pink one made last year before we left Ivory Coast or an orange flowered store-bought one from last summer. The pink one caught her eye and became the cherished one for the night.

Her eyes lit up with excitement as she jabbered non-stop, "I show Ganma my gown, huh?" Could I tell her that surely no one would be as excited about her too short, fading and thinning gown as she was? No I couldn't. So with a wry smile and watery eyes, I consented, "Yes, you may show Grandma your gown."

The last button was barely fastened when off she bolted to find Grandma. I could hear them in the living room complimenting the pretty gown. An overwhelming urge rose within me. Oh Lord, make mine, like my daughter's, a tender heart filled with gratitude.

My two year old child had shown me something in five minutes, Lord, that You've been trying to teach me for a long time. She wasn't the least bit embarrassed to show off her too old, short or faded gown.

Lord, why can't adults be like that? Must our joy and gratitude be reserved for only the new and costly

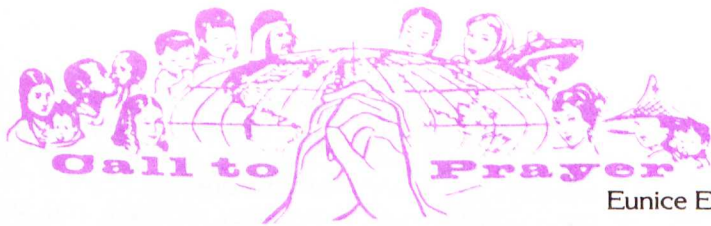
gifts You give us? How can we be thankful for our shiny, new possessions if we can't be grateful for the old, half-worn-out ones?

Our American society infers that if it's old, scratched, faded or used-looking, it's ready for the salvage store. Social pressure dictates we should be embarrassed to seat a guest in an inferior chair or invite him to a less-than-exquisite home.

My days are ordinary and my possessions plain (by American standards). My clothes are not from the most expensive stores, but it's no less a miracle I have them. Our home is barely middle-class American quality (in fact, maybe it isn't), but it is a gift to us from Your own hand.

I'm not opposed to a nicer home or clothes if those come from Your hand. But what I'm wondering, Lord, is this: How could I be grateful from a pure heart for a \$100 store-bought dress if I cannot do the same for a \$10 homemade one?

Paul said, "... I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Phil. 4:11). Contentment and gratitude. Not only do I desire an abundant supply of those two qualities, but I need them. Not only for my own spiritual development, but as a testimony to the multitudes in this world who know so little about being content and grateful.



Eunice Edwards

A great army was threatening Israel and the Word says, "And Jehoshaphat feared . . ." (2 Chron. 20:3). Today there are armies threatening God's children—do we fear them? These armies have great strengths and their tenacles reach to the deepest recesses of our beings. Let's look at three of these armies. First there is the army of inflation. This great monster not only attacks Christians, but attacks churches through us. It attacks the spread of the Gospel. What is the first item to be curtailed in your church budget when the offerings fall off. Too many times it is the missionary outreach of the church. What is the first item to be "cut back" in our personal budgets? Our tithes? Our offerings? When we face these realities honestly, the answer may be shocking.

Consider the army of popular opinion. If you haven't yet confronted this enemy, you may expect to at any moment. A popular sentiment that has grown to monstrous proportions in our national today is called humanism—"You are only human;" "You have a right to . . .;" Does it feel good?" This monster feeds on itself and finds all kinds of excuses for

refuting God's claim on your life. Watch out! This monster is approaching you.

The army of intellectualism cannot be overlooked. Degrees are fine, but if all the Christian has to offer lost sinners is a degree, we have lost the battle against sin. A Christian with training plus a heart of compassion offer the sinner God's plan for the ages. Without the compassionate heart he can only offer a turning of a leaf but not a turning to God. What a difference between the two.

Let's look at how Jehoshaphat faced the battle. He was a wise man and "feared" the Lord. He knew the battle would be greater than his strength so he "set himself to seek the Lord." Moreover, he "proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah." Have you ever wondered about the effect of a 24 hour fast upon you? Upon your auxiliary?

Whatever you do, please notice verse 15. It is the Christian's answer to whatever kind of army might be approaching or encamping about you. He plainly says, "the battle is not yours, but God's." Think upon that!

Missionary Focus

Birthdays this month: Karen Cowart, Brazil, Jan. 13
Janice Banks*, Japan, Jan. 29
Priscilla Inscocoe, Panama, Jan. 23



About a year ago I asked the Christian women at Kita Hiroshima Chapel to join me in a weekly prayer meeting to be held Thursday before

our regular Bible study. I was burdened for the lost loved ones of our Christian women and felt the need to unite our prayer efforts. Shortly after we began, I requested prayer specifically for Mrs. H's husband.

Mrs. H, a new convert, laughed and said it would be a waste of time. I was a bit shocked at her response, but I realized that as a new convert she had not been taught the principles of prayer. I opened the Word and shared examples of prayer as found in the Scriptures.

The Lord spoke to me about being

a faithful example in prayer, so week after week I requested prayer for Mr. H. Finally a few weeks later, Mrs. H. herself requested prayer for her husband. She said she had come to realize that without Christ there is no hope. Salvation is not for just a few but for all who will accept Christ. Since that time the women have become deeply burdened for their loved ones and friends. They are faithful collaborators and missionaries in their community and they need your prayers.

—Janice Banks

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the new believers on our mission fields. Pray that they will be faithful in witnessing and praying for their unsaved loved ones.

2. Pray for Don Robirds who is ministering to the missionaries in Brazil during the month of January.

3. Some of our home missionaries

are facing many harsh and demanding building codes in constructing church buildings. These especially need prayer: Sandy Adams, Lexington, KY; Richard Kennedy, Stockton, CA; Mike Lake, Elkhart, IN; Bob Shockey, Cannonsburg, KY; James Walden, Alabaster, AL; and Henry Van Kluyve, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

February

Do you long for revival? Has your commitment to God become burdensome? Do you dread the dawn of another Lord's Day? Has the joy of serving Christ lost its lustre? There is a need for revival:

When Christians become like those over whom God has no control,
When sin has become common place and communion with God burdensome,

When service to God become automatic, monotonous, dull or uninteresting,

When the ungodly are filled with false confidence,

When God's people sin and put Christ to an open shame.

Isaiah 64:1-3 outlines the way to

revival. Isaiah tells us that when our needs become so great that we want God's presence more than anything else, He will "come down." He uses some figurative language, but he expresses a real desire for a genuine spiritual experience.

Access to God became a fact when Jesus died and the veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom. Thank God for this doctrine of access because every soul's need is God. We need Him!

If revival is to come, certain conditions must be met. All our mountains of sin, selfishness and stubborn wills must be melted at the cross. Do you have a mountain of resentment toward God because you do not want to serve Him? How about your indifferent attitude toward His assignment for you—

is it as big as a mountain? Verse two says "as when the melting fire burneth." Our fleshly desires become as nothing in the face of God's melting fire.

Revival comes when our hearts burn within us, as on the Emmaus Road. Things change. So do people. Our affections become hot, not luke-

warm. Our prayers become hot, not dead and formal. Our testimony becomes hot, not listless and fruitless.

Isaiah argues that real revival causes God's name to be made known abroad. Would you like to witness revival in your life. Then listen to Isaiah.

Missionary Focus

Birthdays this month: Barbara Gibbs, Feb. 17
Sandra Payne, Feb. 10
Judy Lytle,* Feb. 21



Many times we underestimate the power of prayer. This truth came home to me two years ago in Panama.

On Easter Sunday night, Carlos, a young medical student came forward to accept Christ as his personal Saviour. His mother, Senora Mercedes, and brother, Orlando, also attended the services regularly, but made no move toward Christ. In fact, many times the mother would frankly tell my husband that she did not agree with the sermon and did not believe all the Bible to be true.

Soon after Carlos was saved, we sent a prayer letter back to our fellow

brothers and sisters in the United States: "Praise item: Carlos accepted Christ; Prayer request: The Salvation of Senora Mercedes and Orlando."

Two months later Senora Mercedes came forward with tear-stained eyes to exclaim that she was now a child of God. She had accepted Christ during the week in her home. Orlando, who lived under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, finally turned his will over to God stating, "I can't stand it any longer."

We had prayed. We had enlisted possibly hundreds of others to pray. Yet when God answered in His time and His way, I was surprised. The words of Christ rebuked me, "O ye of little faith." As I confessed my lack of faith, I asked God to help me always to trust and believe that He will do what He promises.

—Judy Lytle

Prayer Requests

1. Pray that God would send genuine revival among our missionaries and on our mission fields.

2. Pray for the Bob Breeden family as they open a new state for Free Will

Baptists in Wausau, Wisconsin.

3. The months of January, February and March can be very cold with tremendous snow for our Japan missionaries. Pray for good health for them and their church attendance during this time.

March

With all the rain we've had lately, the sign, "Bridge Out" was not too earth-shaking. Another sign, "One

Way Only" served to remind me that these signs are peculiar to mankind.

There are no such signs on the highway to heaven. Jesus went back

to His Father and of Him the Word says plainly, "... this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

There is only one Saviour! There is only one way! There is only one entrance into heaven! Jesus will return to earth in the same manner as He left this earth. In other words, this is a two-way street. No "Bridge Out" here; No "One Way Only" here. Isn't that thrilling?

Jesus knows the way to His Father's house. He has already traversed the entire length of it twice. So it is a

familiar highway to Him. In order for us to use this Way we must personally know Him Who said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

There is but one way to heaven.

Jesus also said, "... I go to prepare a place for you." Not only will our Saviour guide us over the way to His Father's house, but He will have a place prepared for us when we arrive. What more could anyone ask?

And—I am very conscious of the **personal** pronoun my Lord used—"I go to prepare a place for **you** ..." My heart sings with joy!

Missionary Focus



Birthdays this month: Brazil; Susan Moser, 26; Spain; Trena Owens, 20, and Anita Sparks, 19; France; Patty McCullough, * 26, and Janice Webb, 22; Japan: Evelyn Hersey, 2, and Olena McLain, 27; Vada Lee, 13, Ivory Coast.

As I look back over my first year in France, my greatest item of praise is for the good health I've enjoyed. Two years ago I was bothered by the symptoms of a disease that remained unknown to me. When that disease was finally labeled multiple sclerosis, our future in missionary service was uncertain. But the Lord permitted us to come to France anyway and I thank Him for the good health He has given

me since arriving. I know it is a result of the daily prayers of many Christians. When other language students were suffering from colds, flue, strep throat and other illnesses, I escaped these and was able to attend classes in good health. Please pray that the Lord would continue to bless me with good health in order that we might continue to be His ambassadors in France.

Because Tom and I are attending the university in town where there are many English-speaking students, we have an English Bible study in our home each week. Pray that many of these students will remain interested long enough to learn of Jesus' love for them and their need to make Him Lord and Saviour of their life.

—Patty McCullough

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the physical health of our missionary family.

2. Pray for the small Bible study groups which many missionaries conduct. That these may be the

openings for genuine repentance and conversions.

3. Pray for Allan and LaRue Crowson in their French language refresher course in Albertville, France. Pray for them as they make adjustments to a new culture.

I Believe in the Woman's Auxiliary because:

*Of the emphasis in the Bible placed on the ministry of women, which Christ Himself endorsed.

*Of the emphasis placed on the ministry of missions as our purpose states.

*Of the impact felt through its work when hundreds of women band together in one united effort to promote the Gospel.

*Of the varied opportunities of service offered to women with varied abilities and interests.

*Of the value of study and the courses promoted. God does not endorse ignorance. Through the studies promoted, we are enlightened and "when we know we care and when we care we share."

*It stresses the prayer life of the individual as well as the family and church.

*It offers fellowship with the Lord and with one another as we gather for our regular meetings and other special programs such as the seasons of prayer.

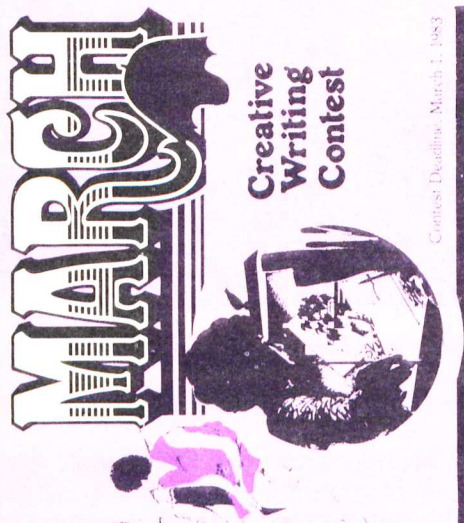
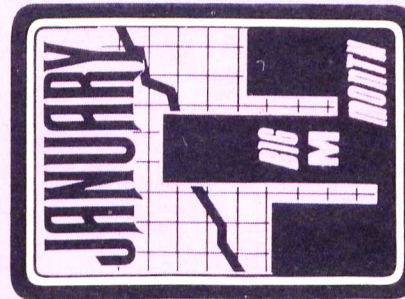
*It provides numerous opportunities of personal service and benevolence and helps not only the individual but the pastor and church as well.

*It is a real opportunity and challenge to be "laborers together with God."

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Calendar of Activities



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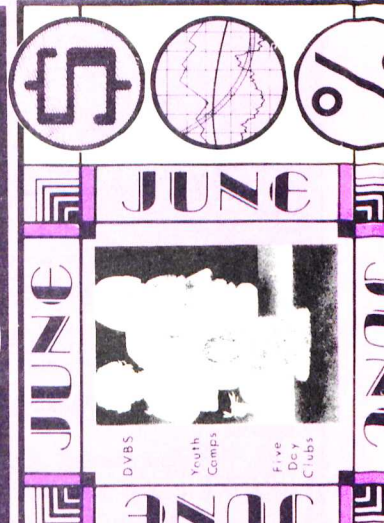
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LET'S ALL PULL
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Free Thanksgiving
Week of Prayer

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Missions

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Behold...a Child
is Born!

Pre-Christmas
Week of Prayer
December 13-17

Program for February
Diane Plymon



WOMEN WHO COUNT

Objective: To show that our true worth comes from a personal relationship with God; apart from Him, we are nothing.

Scriptures: Prov. 30:24-28; 13:7; 1 Tim. 6:7; 2 Cor. 6:10

Song: "His Way With Thee"

Introduction

In view of Biblical principles, when we are placed alongside the Almighty our true value is plainly revealed—we equal a bunch of zeros. For example, we see in Luke 12:2 that we can hide nothing from God. Other Scriptures tell us we would have nothing to eat except as God provides it. Luke 7:42 and Eph. 2:8, 9 state we can pay nothing for our salvation; it is a gift.

Our personal worth surfaces when we read Romans, Paul's wonder letter: "For all have sinned and come

short of the glory of God" (3:23). "There is none righteous, no, not one. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God" (3:10, 11).

Consequently when we look fairly and objectively at Biblical principles, we can come to no other conclusion—because we're sinners, we add up to nothing but a big fat zero.

The Zeros of Life

For comparative purposes think about the mathematical zero. This little mark invented by the Hindus more than fifteen hundred years ago is a symbol for nothing, absolutely nothing; yet without it the whole mathematical house would tumble.

God in His infinite wisdom has chosen zeros to fulfill His purposes. It is a true saying, "Little is much

when God is in it.” Jesus says, “Without me ye can do nothing” (John 15:5). Don’t despair, however, for when we add our nothingness to God, we find that one with God is a majority. Just as one alongside zero equals ten, so God alongside you will add up to power, meaning and strength never dreamed possible. And just think! The more zeros placed alongside the one, the greater the value!

A single snowflake is nothing alone, but combined with many can make a ski slope. Think of the many drops of water it takes to fill the ocean, or the rocks it takes to build a mountain, or the number of leaves to clothe a tree, or the grains of sand that line the sea side. That which is nothing alone can count for tremendous worth when combined with others and placed in the hands of the Almighty God.

A Commonplace Zero

The concept of God using little things is not new. In the Bible we find many incidents of God using the ordinary and commonplace. Our children sometimes sing the chorus:

Shamgar had an ox goad, David
had a sling;
Dorcas had a needle, Rahab
had a string;
Samson had a jaw bone, Moses
had a rod;
Mary had some ointment, but
they were all used by God.

Gideon displays a beautiful picture of humility. He confesses he belongs to the poorest family of the small tribe of Manasseh and he is the least

of his family. God chooses commonplace objects to prove that He alone is totally responsible for the victory—300 jars, 300 torches and 300 trumpets. Notice that before the victory could be won, the jars had to be empty and broken (Judges 7). Our hearts must be broken and emptied of self in order to be used by God.

Mark records a simple but beautiful story of a poor widow who offered her two mites in the treasury. Mark 12:41-44 relates of the many rich people who gave their large gifts, no doubt to impress others. Jesus voices his approval of the poor widow because she gave her all. If we want to gain approval from the Lord Jesus, we must follow the same principle.

Notice in all of the above examples that the blessing was not in the commonplace objects, but in their use as they were wholeheartedly given to the Lord.

Positive and Negative Numbers

Children sometimes play a game using dominoes. They line them up on a table and then tap the first one gently. Immediately all the others topple down. Our lives have a domino effect upon others, causing either a negative or a positive response. Let us investigate this principle.

Negatives: People would eliminate much suffering in their lives if they would only yield themselves to God. For example:

God had promised that Abraham’s seed would be as the stars without number and as the sand by the seashore. Yet as Abraham became old and Sarah past child bearing, they schemed to help God (Gen. 16). The consequences of that act are still

with us today in the Arab-Israel conflict.

Esau, a rebellious young man, produced the Edomite nation that caused Israel to worship idols in the promised land (Gen. 27, 36). It also figures prominently in prophecy as the scene of the final destruction of the Gentile world.

Lot's daughters, by their terrible sin, produced two enemy nations, the Ammonites and the Moabites (Gen. 19). They were "thorns in the flesh" to God's people.

We read of dedicated men who failed to yield their families to the Lord, thus generating negative effects throughout history:

Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas, sinned in the offering of sacrifices to the Lord (1 Samuel 2).

Samuel faithfully judged Israel all the days of his life, yet his own sons were rejected by the people because they were corrupt (Judges 8). God saw this as His own rejection for they demanded a king to reign over them.

The beloved David had many troubles because of his wicked and rebellious sons (2 Samuel).

Positives: In contrast, however, let us look at those characters who were faithful and yielded to the Lord.

Mary, a young woman with a pure life and dedicated heart was chosen to be the mother of our Savior (Luke 1).

Eunice inherited a faith from her mother Lois and so passed it on to son Timothy (2 Tim. 1). Timothy became a convert and disciple of Paul.

Jochebed sets a pattern for all mothers who have complete trust that God will watch over their children when separated from their par-

ents (Exodus 2).

Hannah is an example to all mothers. She felt that nothing higher could come to her son than to be used by the Lord (1 Samuel 1, 2).

A more modern illustration would be John and Charles Wesley's mother. John was the fifteenth of nineteen children. His mother, in addition to all her chores without modern conveniences, managed to spend at least one hour each week with each child individually for devotions. The fruits of her efforts were wonderfully manifest for God was able to use both John and Charles to bring about a revival that rocked the world.

Counting for the Lord

Our destiny and much of the destiny of others depend upon our relationship with the Lord. We have an impact upon our family, our community, our nation and our world. Will that impact be positive or negative? Just by being godly women we can change the world.

I am only a spark; make me a fire
I am only a string; make me a lyre
I am only a drop; make me a fountain
I am only an ant hill; make me a mountain
I am only a feather; make me a wing
I am only a serf; make me a king
I am only a link; make me a chain
I am only a sprinkle; make me a rain.

—*Sword of the Lord Scrapbook*

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Genny Waddell

AFTERNOON

For Women at the Heart of Life

by Jeanne Hendricks

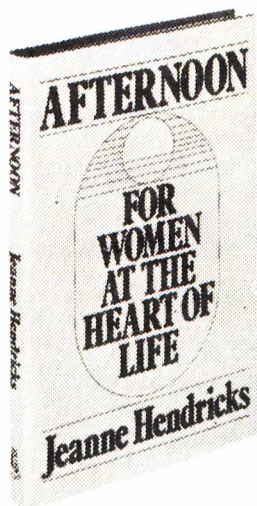
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AFTERNOON is a warm picture of life for a woman approaching or passing middle age. Mrs. Hendricks, wife of Professor Howard Hendricks of Dallas Theological Seminary, advises Christian women not to ignore or drift through middle age. If you do, she warns that "you will slide over the falls and be awash in old age—possibly dependent on agencies, and on advisors with wet ears and sticky finger."

The writer deals with submission in marriage, the single middle-aged person, the empty nest syndrome, depression, and aloneness in AFTERNOON. She suggests that "self-pity must be shoved back where it belongs—into the face of Satan" because God does not make mistakes and He cares about people who are alone.



AFTERNOON is not only warm and comprehensive, but it is also a well documented book, listing Mrs. Hendrick's extensive sources she often quotes. It is a portrait of women in our churches across America who have "topped the hill" and are heading home. It is not, however, a book that will depress you but one that is more apt to make you thank God for whatever age you are now experiencing. It is a book filled with joy that God has made me who I am and placed me where I am—**exactly now.**

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How To Run Off A Pastor

Maurene Stevens

To alter an old adage, "Behind every successful preacher there is a contented preacher's wife." Hence if you have a devoted, Bible preaching pastor that you can't get to resign or conform to your church's traditions, you might try attacking his wife. Since the pastor's family is second only to his duty to God, it shouldn't take too long to get him to leave if his wife becomes dissatisfied and unhappy.

Expectations

For best results, begin as soon as the pastoral family moves into the parsonage. Right away the president of the "Tonguewagglers" should tell the pastor's wife what a terrific person the former pastor's wife was, how she could give the most interesting auxiliary programs at a moments notice, or teach the Sunday school lesson with no notice at all. Let her know that it's her duty to entertain missionaries, evangelists and visiting speakers. If she has been to Bible college, she should be well equipped to handle any situation.

During revival, don't offer to fix the pastor's family a meal or give them money to eat out. Surely every well-organized pastor's wife

has the meals all planned, laundry done and house cleaned before the evangelist ever arrives.

She should be informed one month ahead of Daily Vacation Bible School and the Christmas program that she is expected to direct both. If she is experienced as a pastor's wife, doing so should be a breeze; if not, she needs to learn sooner or later what is expected of her. It might as well be sooner.

Expropriation

Now there's a big word for you. Webster defines it as: "To take from its owner . . . for public use." What better word defines a pastor's wife? She should be told in no uncertain terms that her husband belongs to the congregation of the church. She must therefore avoid making any personal plans for her family. She may take the children on a picnic, bowling or some other family outing, but remember the pastor is expected to be on call at all times.

It also helps to let the pastor's wife sit alone during the services. So what if she is timid or lacks self-confidence in crowds? She'll get over it. Inform her that her children are to be perfect little angels and set an example for other youngsters in the church.

By all means, don't ever call her

the first of the week and compliment her husband's sermons. To do so might leave the impression you actually enjoyed or needed them. (Let her believe their efforts are in vain.) The less she thinks they are appreciated, the most disheartened she will become and the sooner they will leave.

A "Pastor's Wife Appreciation Day or Shower" by the auxiliary or some other group is a definite no-no. Keep unloading on her your old clothes with patches, broken zippers and torn seams (they are good enough for playwear). Keep up the tradition (unannounced, of course) of taking her overripe bananas, soft strawberries, and hardened corn on the cob, all of which needs to be used and you didn't have the heart to throw away. If you really want to get the best of her, take it late on Saturday evening when she has heads to wash, baths to get, Sunday dinner to prepare, and a youth rally to attend.

Perhaps the pastoral family is now living hundreds or even thousands of miles away from their own families. They understand that you have your own families to visit and care for, so ignore them at Christmas and other special occasions. Take heed; any acts of friendliness might result in a long-time pastorate.

Expenses

If the expectations and expropriations do not get her, expenses will. Constantly remind her of what a burden the pastor's salary is on the church. Or better yet, tell her

the church would like to do more for them financially, but missions, Bible college, padded pews and fine church furniture come first. Remind her of the phrase, "The Lord meets the needs of those He calls."

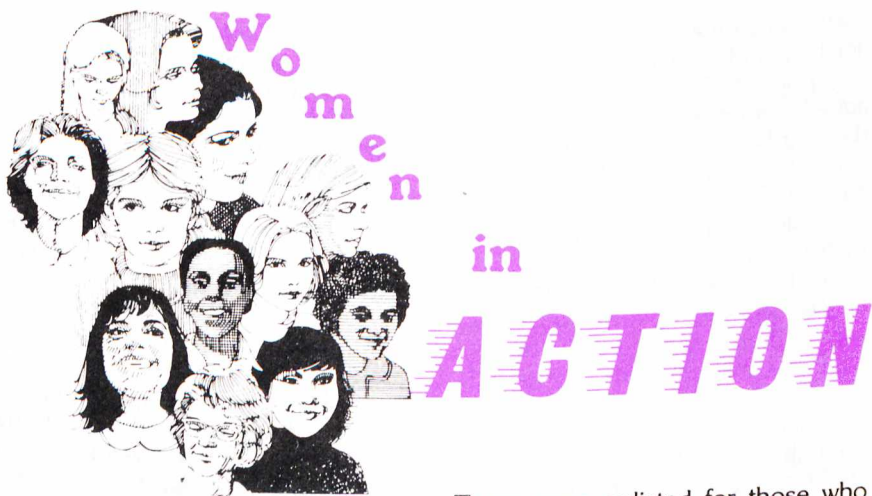
If things get too bad, notify her of a good daycare center where she can leave the children while she goes to work to help out.

When the pastor goes to a conference or out-of-town meeting, don't ever offer to pay her expenses so she can go with him. Console her with "A pastor's wife is to keep the home fires burning." And never, I repeat, never, offer to give them extra money at Christmas so they might go home to visit elderly parents and loving brothers and sisters. Such an act could possibly wipe out every other effort expended up to this point in getting them to leave.

If the parsonage needs minor repairs, like spraying for roaches, fixing leaking faucets, furnace or air conditioning repairs, tell her there isn't money for such unimportant things. She must learn to be patient.

Conclusion

If your church is in the habit of running off pastors, you are probably doing all these things correctly. If you can't seem to keep a pastor for more than a year or two, let me suggest that you try reversing the ideas mentioned above. A little love and kindness go a long way in making the pastor's wife feel like the First Lady. I have been treated and loved as such in every church my husband has pastored. I love being the wife of a minister.



Local Auxiliaries

The Woman's Auxiliary of Heritage Temple, Columbus, OH, sponsored a "This is Your Life" program for their pastor, Paul Thompson. Nearly 400 people met to honor this pastor of many years. Barbara Chaffin was mistress of ceremonies.

Members of Eastside auxiliary, Muldrow, OK, left their June meeting resolved to be more loving wives. The guest speaker spoke on the theme, "Brides of Yesterday and Today." The brides of yesterday who could still wear their their gowns modeled them.



Teens were enlisted for those who could not. The oldest dress was a 1939 handmade one with original gloves, handkerchief, jewelry and shoes. Cletus Southerland is president.

In order that the name of Mrs. Rueber Tabb shall lovingly be remembered for all time, the Macedonia Woman's Auxiliary, Colquitt, GA, was renamed to Rueber Tabb Auxiliary. Mrs. Tabb dedicated her life and all she owns to God and is a blessing to her church, her family and her friends.

The 140 year-old Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Millport, AL, has just organized their first Woman's Auxiliary. Betty Langston was installed as president and pastor's wife, Bonnie Novak as vice president.



Furloughing missionaries from Ivory Coast were honored with a personal shower. First Church, Benton, Ill, honored Lynette Miley and Antioch District showered gifts on Susan Dickens. Susan spoke on the theme "Motive for Missions" at the quarterly meeting at Oak Grove, Russellville, Ark.



The Woman's Auxiliary of First Church, Savannah, GA, hosted a kick-off banquet for their annual missionary conference which netted more than \$10,000 in cash and pledges. Norma Godwin decorated a double globe cake. Eleese Anthony is the new president.

District Conventions

Forty-three ladies from nine churches represented at the Southern district hosted by the Visalia, CA church. Special features included a talent time and displays arranged by each officer. These popular booths provided articles and information pertaining to each area of work. Susie Lee reports that the fellowship was uplifting.

South Carolina's Palmetto district is young and growing under the leadership of Geraldine Ransom of

the Coastal FWB Church, Wilmington, NC. Friendship Church, Spartanburg, hosted the annual meeting.

Woodbine auxiliary, Nashville, TN, won first place in the annual scrap book contest sponsored by the Cumberland district. These attractive books serve as a permanent record of personalities and activities during the year in the Woman's Auxiliary. Sandra Mayher is credited for the winning entry.

California's number of districts was boosted to five with the organization of the Northern district at the Olivehurst FWB Church. State field worker Phyllis Shipman and Golden Gate field worker Helen Albright organized five auxiliaries into the new district. Sue Kuykendall was elected president.

Prayer Retreats

Rudene Kennedy, Bible teacher, and Dot Cox, state president, spoke at Kentucky's fall prayer retreat at the Jenny Wiley state park near Prestonberg.

Arilla Wode, missionary to Ivory Coast, was featured at Ohio's State retreat at Big Prairie.

"Name that Tune" was one of the hilarious features at Alabama's state retreat at Camp Yampertown.



Central Association with 45 women present won the membership and percentage award at the Arkansas state retreat.



State Meetings

Steve and Judy Lytle, missionaries to Panama, were featured at the Missouri state meeting. The state reported an increase of 140 members. They voted to split their \$6000 missions project three ways: Lytles in Panama; Vergel Maness in New Jersey; and Alvin Hooks, state missionary to Blue Springs.

"From the Heart of a Woman" was developed by veteran missionary Mabel Willey at the Arkansas state convention which convened at Camp Beaverfork near Conway. Susan Dickens, missionary to Ivory Coast, brought devotions.

Neil and Sheila Gilliland along with Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson, both couples serving as missionaries to Ivory Coast, challenged the 39th annual session of the Ohio state which met at Heritage Temple, Columbus. Yvonne Wolfenbarger presided.

Women Honored

Bertha Mae Keiffer, Tulsa, OK, was honored with a plaque in recognition of her 25 years of continuous service in the Woman's Auxiliary. Elsie Staten presented this award at the First Mission district near Drumright.



Nadine Hood was elected to replace Mrs. Keiffer as president.

Mrs. Agnes Frazier, Ashland City, TN, will always be remembered for initiating the literature program in our Woman's Auxiliary. In recognition of her faithful service through the years, Mrs. Frazier was honored at the 61st annual Cumberland district convention which met at Friendship church near Ashland City. President Mary Ruth Wisehart gave a brief visual history of Mrs. Frazier's accomplishments which was followed by spontaneous testimonies.



Down Mexico Way

Sherwood Forest auxiliary, El Sobrante, CA, helped make August 2 the happiest day of 25 year-old Julie's life. On that day she became the bride of Gonzalo, pastor of the Guadalajara church. Missionary Jerry Barron performed the ceremony which followed the three-day National Convention of Free Will Baptists in Monterrey.

The Sherwood Forest auxiliary purchased all the material for Julie's dress.



JUST CHARGE IT

Our Commitment Account (Joshua 24:15)

Aim: To examine our Christian obligations and to evaluate our efforts in fulfilling them.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Songs: "Yield Not To Temptation" and "There's a Great Day Coming"

Introduction

Almost every time we make a purchase these days, we are offered the option of either paying cash or charging to an account. When we see something we want but can't afford at the time, it's so easy to produce a magical card and say, "Just charge it, please."

In doing this we have assumed a responsibility or duty for a debt. We have made ourselves liable to our creditors as we promise to repay this debt within a certain future period, at a more convenient time. The obligations to those little plastic cards have produced much frustration, manipulation, and heartbreak in many lives.

How indebted are we when we consider our spiritual accounts, our obligations to God? Do we keep His accounts paid up as we go along or are we guilty of charging and promising to pay later?

When we choose to follow Christ, we acknowledge to ourselves and to the world that we are no longer our own. We have become new creatures in Christ Jesus; we are separated from the world. If this commitment was made as a child, perhaps they did not fully comprehend what this new life required. But as they grew in God's Word, they realized they were bought with a price and if He is to direct their lives, they must acknowledge Him in all their ways.

Psalms 37:5 exhorts us to "Commit thy way unto the Lord." Have we really committed our whole life to Him or is there still a part of it we want to keep for ourselves? Things of this world we want to hold on to, friendships we're afraid we'll lose, families who won't understand the new person? Are we ready to "pay in full" or do we still want to "charge" some of the former self to this account?

Betty Stamm, Christian martyr in China, offered the ultimate commitment in her prayer: "Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes, and accept Thy will for my life. I give myself, my life, my all utterly to Thee to be Thine forever. Fill me and seal me with Thy Holy Spirit. Use me as Thou wilt, send me where Thou wilt, work out Thy whole will in my life at any cost, now and forever."

Our Faithfulness Account (1 Cor. 4:2)

Once we've made our commitment, God expects full obedience to Him in every area. One of these areas is faithfulness—faithfulness in church attendance, Bible study, prayer life, and witnessing.

When we neglect worship services, it's easy to make excuses to our pastor or fellow members. But suppose Jesus were to suddenly appear in our homes before each service to accompany us to church? Could we say to Him, "Now Jesus, You go on to church this morning. I have to go visit Aunt Mary today." Or, "Sorry, Jesus, I can't go with you tonight. There's a TV program I'm dying to see." Or, "Wednesday night is my night to bowl." Or, "That one night a month the auxiliary meets is the one night I have my art lesson."

Can we justify these excuses to Him? He has already commanded us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25). Our pastors are God's servants, our shepherds, so it must grieve them when we constantly overcharge this account.

With our busy schedules, many are guilty of charging until later those quiet times we need with God. We need these regular periods to study His Word, bring our petitions to Him, thank Him for His blessings, and often just to listen as the Holy Spirit gives direction for our lives.

Though our allotted time may be short, we must remain faithful to the end. This is an enduring account, one that must never be closed.

Our Willing Account (Matt. 16:24)

One of the true tests of discipleship is our willingness to do what God asks without question. We must love one another (John 13:35); we must be willing to love God more than the world (1 John 2:15); we must be willing to forsake all that would hinder our testimony as Christian women (Matt. 19:27-29). We must be willing to share the Gospel with others through our mission prayer, mission study, and mission action programs in the auxiliary.

Often we are asked to do things for God that we feel incapable or unworthy of doing, things we'd like to charge to someone else more talented, more dedicated than we. Other times we may be led to do insignificant acts (in our eyes), like cleaning the church, keeping the nursery, visiting the sick or elderly, helping a neighbor, or maybe even just sharing a smile or a kind word with a stranger. Whatever God asks, Matt. 25:15 tells us that He gives us the ability to perform. The willingness must come from within.

Let us honor this account by paying in advance.

Our Stewardship Account (Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:32)

All that we have belongs to God. Not only has He entrusted us with what we possess, but one day we will have to give an account of how we have used it.

In these days of inflation when every dollar must be stretched to cover the bare necessities, where does God's account fit into our budget? Do we make provisions for the

bank note, the mortgage, car payment, groceries, clothing entertainment, and everything else before we consider God's part? Mal. 3:10 gives the formula for receiving God's blessings. Are we missing out because we have robbed God by charging His portion until a more convenient time?

The principle of the law of the firstfruits is still binding upon believers today—a portion of all that God gives us should be given back to Him as an offering of praise and obligation. Not only does this refer to our wages and harvest, but also our time, abilities, possessions and families as well. As stewards, we are held accountable for *all*; but on that day of judgment when we “pass under the rod,” on *that day*, we'll be awe-stricken to discover what minute, detailed records He has kept on all that which belongs to Him.

Our Missions Account (Matt. 28:19, 20)

When the Great Commission was given, it included Free Will Baptist women. If we cannot go ourselves, then we must send.

This account is charged so often that it tends to become routine habit with many of us. The old adage “Out of sight out of mind” often applies to our missionaries. Paul says in 1 Tim. 4:16, “No man stood with me, but all forsook me.” How many times our missionary families must feel like this.

Just suppose our roles were suddenly reversed and we were forced to exchange places with one of our dedicated missionary families for a time? Would we then be so negligent

in charging our praying for them each morning, sending our special offerings and support money, providing for their needs through the provision closet, or even our notes of encouragement to let them know they are loved and appreciated?

Paul said of the ones who forsook him, “I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge (1 Tim. 4:16). May this be our prayer for ourselves as we endeavor to keep this account current at all times.

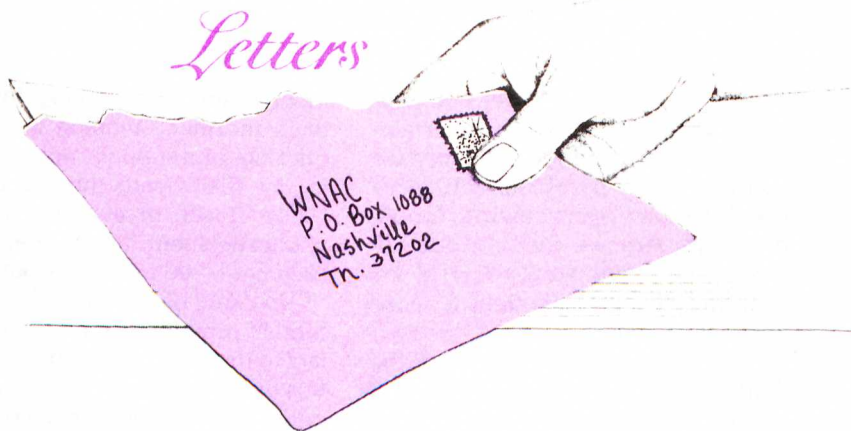
Conclusion

All ledger accounts contain three major entries: the debit column which contains the items we have charged, the credit column which shows the amounts we have paid, and the balance column which reflects the current status of our obligations. This last figure reveals whether the payments have equaled the charges; whether we are still in debt, or debt-free.

God grant that when all our ledgers are called in, when the last entries have been tabulated, and the final books are examined, we shall find each of our accounts hand stamped by our Great Auditor



Letters



Appreciates Co-Laborer

■ We have 22 members and in behalf of each one, I want to tell you we look forward each month for our **Co-Laborer books. Each lesson is a blessing to us.**

Jean Juliano
Sylacuga, Alabama

■ We of the Glenwood Woman's Auxiliary certainly enjoy the Co-Laborer magazine. I read each issue from cover to cover. Keep up the good work. It blesses our hearts to see a story or letter from a friend we knew many years ago.

Mrs. Willa Spencer
Glenwood, Arkansas

Woman God Has Used

■ Thanks for featuring two of the most special ladies God ever created. Walta Lee and Dot have given me a model from which I can understand what God had in mind in Proverbs 31. May their "tribe" increase among us.

Rudene Kennedy
Pink Hill, North Carolina

Missionary Pen Pals

■ I'm in the Woman's Auxiliary at the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. I was hoping you could help me. I have a nine year old daughter who loves to write letters. We were wondering if you could send us a list of names of girls about her age whose families are missionaries. I'm praying it would be good for them.

Vera Lammons
Comanche, Texas

Provision Closet

■ In the last quarter over 30 missionaries have received gifts from the Provision Closet. They are extremely grateful. The following letters represent the thankfulness of each one.

Judy Lytle, Panama

■ Would you express my thanks to the ladies who have contributed to the Provision Closet? What a blessing to pick up all the tupperware, sheets, towels, etc. that I'm going to need for the next several years! We certainly do appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of our women.

Sheila Gilliland, Ivory Coast

■As my husband and I finish packing the last of our barrels and time gets shorter and shorter, we become more excited about starting our ministry in the Ivory Coast. I reflect back and see that we wouldn't be ready to leave if it weren't for auxiliaries . . . We are so thankful for women who really do care about missions. It brings a unity and special love when there is a common goal. Thank the Lord for you.

Church Dinner Casserole

■Verna Puckett and Margaret Whitehead, Oak Park FWB Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, give their recipe for Broccoli and Rice Casserole in the auxiliary's cook book.

1½ c. rice

1 c. chopped celery

1 medium onion

½ stick oleo

1 large package broccoli, chopped

1 can mushroom soup

1 8 oz. jar Cheez Whiz

Cook rice. Wilt celery and onions in oleo. Place broccoli in colander over boiling water to thaw. Mix all ingredients together and bake 45 minutes at 350°. Makes 12-16 servings.

Priscilla Inscoe, Panama

■I so much appreciate the pressure cooker and towels we received. As I use the many items obtained from the Provision Closet, I thank God for women who are so diligent in keeping the closet so well supplied for us. We can never underestimate the value of the faithfulness of our ladies. To my knowledge no other mission supply

articles as Free Will Baptists do for their missionaries. We praise God for each woman . . .

Rejoice With Ohio

■Praise the Lord! A month ago all our state projects exceeded the goals. The goal was \$5000 and we were \$1600 over. At that time we had 75 new members over last year and all reports weren't in. We are sure it will reach 100! The Lord is great!

Nora McCarty
Youngstown, Ohio

Liked Emphasis Packet

■We at the New Hope FWB Woman's Auxiliary count it a joy to be included in the August Emphasis Month. We are a relatively new auxiliary, but are learning more every day. Thank you for our WNAC Emphasis package. It was very helpful to us in learning the work of the auxiliary.

Goldie Combs
Jacksonville, North Carolina

Mission Action or Just Action?

■As mission action chairman . . . I stress—Don't get social functions and missions confused in reports. Some younger ones need guidance. For example baby showers (unless for needy persons) or birthday parties aren't missions . . . In August our five churches raised \$550 for a sister church destroyed by a tornado . . . also \$41 for chairs for Ft. Collins, Colorado mission.

Lura Gebhart
Tulsa, Oklahoma



A Woman God Has Used

Although born and raised in Kentucky, Ella Griffith has been at home in Southeast Ohio for over 30 years. Her husband, Jerry, was ordained in their 14th year of marriage and pastored several rural churches before organizing his present one in McArthur 15 years ago.

Mrs. Griffith takes seriously her role as pastor's wife. She has taught every Sunday school class (except adult men), and is involved in special singing groups, children's church, visitation, and much personal counseling. She organized the Woman's Auxiliary ten years ago and has been present at every meeting.

Since her husband is secularly employed, Mrs. Griffith often represents their church at quarterly meetings. During the years when missions and Bible Colleges were not accepted, she was often the only one to speak up in support of them. She influenced missionaries, along with their families, to visit the area and reserves a special place for them in her home.

This interest was most keenly sensed in the home. Their two children graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College (where they found mates), and two of her six grandchildren are students there today. Brenda married a pastor/teacher/home mission worker and Jerry, Jr., served a short term as missionary to Panama. Both are strengthened by their mother's prayers.

Mrs. Griffith is a firm believer in keeping her priorities straight. Being a Christian, fulfilling her duties as pastor's wife and taking care of the home afford her little time for hobbies or activities outside her church. She has contributed to the spiritual maturity of the church and God has used her to touch countless others for the cause of Christ.

However Mrs. Griffith confesses to one interest beyond her home and church—one day she'd like to visit Israel, the land of the Bible.

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