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Lorene Miley



A Word on Chastening

"Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth" (Heb. 12:6) is especially meaningful to me for I had a father who not only loved me but soundly chastened me. He had designs on my character. I was to be honest, respectful, obedient, and virtuous. Anytime I violated that standard, he was obligated to set me straight. Since this was before the days of allowances and TV, he knew only one brand of punishment—spanking.

I reacted in different ways to this correction. Sometimes I'd threaten to run away and not be his little girl again. Other times I'd cry and pout and fuss. In the end, I would usually be so genuinely sorry and ashamed that I vowed never to be such a bad girl again.

Once after my dad had punished me, I found him crying by the gate. I couldn't know until years later when I had children of my own the truth of his statement, "This hurts me more than it hurts you." I had the bruised legs; he had the bruised heart.

I'm grown now with grandchildren of my own. I know my father's proud of me. And I don't remember the bruised legs. I only remember he loved me enough to suffer pain himself to help make me what I am.

When I was born into God's family, He set about to make me the person he wants me to be. He, too, has a high standard for my life—He wants to conform me to a certain image, one just like the Son He already has. This pattern is so perfect that sometimes I cry out in anger, "Let me alone. If you really loved me, You wouldn't treat me this way."

I'm still a child who requires discipline. Recently I was criticized for something I had done in the office. The criticism was just. I needed it. But what was my childish reaction? I'm going to quit. I can't do this job anyway. I'll just run away. But when I went off to pout, I found my Father crying by the gate. He allowed this to happen because he loves me. There's something He's perfecting in me.

The capstone of punishment is the "making up"—the big hug, the special attention, the sweet peace of reconciliation. Today my Father gave me a big hug when a letter of commendation arrived. He didn't have to do this, but He did. Just because He loves me.

Memo From Cleo



WNAC Retreat

Cleo Pursell

The WNAC retreat is scheduled for September 23-25, 1982 at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Please register by sending \$5.00 to WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. A registration badge will be sent along with a reservation card to be sent to the hotel for a room.

Cost per person for a quad is \$14.00 per night (plus 6% tax) or \$29.68 for the two nights. Your meals may be purchased at the hotel or at one of the nearby restaurants or coffee shops.

There will be inspiring speakers and challenging Bible studies and seminars. A booknook will be available and sessions and seminars will be taped. And of course there will be talent time! Come prepare to share with us.

Pray for us as we continue to prepare for the retreat. Pray for the speakers, seminar leaders and musicians. We are hoping for a thousand women!

Missionary Provision Closet

We need heavy towel sets, mattress covers and bedspreads (double and twin size). We can use some Tupperware: Graters, Thin-Stor crispers, large pie takers, spice containers, serving dishes (with strainer insert), and rolling pins.

Janice Banks, missionary to Japan writes: "Thank you for making the provision closet available to us. I can't walk through a room in our house without being reminded that Free Will Baptist women care."

WNAC Convention

The 47th annual session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention will convene July 19-20, 1982 at Ft. Worth, Texas. It isn't too early to begin planning to attend.

The headquarters for Woman's Auxiliary activities will be the Hilton Hotel. Youth will occupy the Americana and the executive department the Hyatt Regency.

Be Ye Transformed

Objective: To rejoice in the message of Easter as is demonstrated in the life cycle of one of God's creatures, the butterfly.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Song: "Because He Lives"



Introduction

Welcome to the world of insects. Now don't back away. We want to learn a spiritual lesson by considering one of God's most interesting creatures—the creepy, crawly caterpillar.

The caterpillar is an example of what scientists call "metamorphosis complete." The word "metamorphosis" comes from the Greek word which means "to transform" or "change." Scientists use the term to describe the rapid change in form and structure of animal life from the time of birth until that life reaches adulthood. Most baby animals resemble their adult counterparts, but in the insect world we find some creatures becoming something totally different from what they started out to be. The most striking example of this is the moth or butterfly which goes through four separate stages of growth in its life cycle.

In this program let us follow the life cycle of the caterpillar and liken it to the spiritual development of the Chris-

tian. At the same time, let us compare it to the physical life of our Lord. Finally, from His metamorphosis, let us rejoice again in the glorious message of Easter.

The Egg

The adult female butterfly lays her eggs on a plant that will serve as food for the young. A sticky substance accompanying the eggs hold them to the plant. A few days later, the larvae begins to form and grow until they reach maturity and break from the shell.

In Psalm 51:15, David declares, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." Since the moment that Adam and Eve chose to ignore God's command in the garden, all are born with a sinful nature. The sticky substance laid by the female butterfly is like the attraction of sin tying us to the world. Sin

entraps and will hold us in bondage until we cry out for God to free us.

Jesus was conceived in the womb of the virgin Mary by a supernatural act of the Holy Spirit. His conception was unique in that a human womb was impregnated by the Holy Spirit and thus became the only begotten Son of God. He was 100 per cent man and 100 per cent God. But in His fleshly body he tabernacled among men.

The Larvae

In a few days (sometimes a few months, depending upon the particular type of butterfly) the egg hatches and out crawls a caterpillar. He is found in a variety of colors, such as green, brown, gray or white. This creature is not one of the most beautiful of the insect world; in fact, he may tie for honors of being the homeliest. He has numerous legs, a jointed body, wingless, and crawls with his face in the dust. Not many folks rush to pick up and cuddle this little fellow.

Immediately the newly hatched caterpillar begins his life-long pursuit of food. He devours his own shell, the plant on which it was hatched, and then searches for more and more food. Since the caterpillar's skin does not grow, it bursts and sheds as he continues to eat. This process of eating and shedding, eating and shedding is repeated several times.

One need only watch the evening news to see that these characteristics are also found in sinful mankind. Men are constantly searching for that which will satisfy their lustful appetites and will even destroy those closest to them to get their fill. Ecclesiastes 6:7 describes our condition at this stage

of life: "All the labour of man is for his mouth and yet the appetite is not filled."

The larvae represents the earthly life of our Lord. Read Isaiah 53 for a graphic description of His physical appearance. He had nothing in the flesh which attracted people to Him or made them desire Him.

The Pupa

As the larvae stage draws to a close, the caterpillar attaches itself to the underside of a leaf or twig and shuts itself into a hard case known as chrysalis. The caterpillar exudes a silk-like thread and spins a cocoon around its body. During this pupa stage, the worm lies quietly in its shroud-like covering as a dramatic change occurs. He contributes nothing to this change but quietly submits to the natural process. During this ten to fourteen day period, a body, wings, and legs of a mature insect develop. Finally the cocoon splits open and one of God's most beautiful creatures emerges.

The pupa stage could be likened to the conversion experience of a Christian. He does nothing to produce the new birth; yea, he cannot do anything. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. Just as the work of the caterpillar is finished when it attaches itself to the twig, so the part of the individual is finished when he sees his need of God and calls out to Him. Christ alone can complete the transformation.

Christ Himself submitted to the most painful humiliation known to man. He who knew no sin became sin for us when He suffered death on Calvary. He willingly attached Himself to the cross and quietly waited for

God to finish His plan of redemption. His disciples lovingly wrapped His body and laid it in a tomb, His cocoon of death.

The Butterfly

Every child of God goes through this metamorphosis or transformation in his life. We are born with sinful natures and spend our time trying to satisfy the lusts of the flesh. Finally realizing we cannot find the answers, we cry out to God. Then and only then can God begin His transforming work. It's impossible to jump from the caterpillar to the butterfly stage. There must be that time of lying quietly in God's presence, wrapped in His life, and allowing His Spirit to teach us those things that will enable us to endure to the end.

The resurrected body of our Lord is an object lesson of the glorious message of Easter. Like a butterfly, He emerged from His cocoon (tomb) in a new and spiritual body (1 Cor. 15:44). That which was sown a natural body was raised a spiritual one. That which was clothed in mortality had now put on immortality.

And praise God, because He became the firstfruits of them that sleep, we have the promise that one day we likewise will have the same kind of body (1 John 3:2).

The resurrection proves that truth is stronger than fiction (John 8:40). The resurrection is final proof and guarantee that Truth will never be destroyed.

The resurrection is proof that good is stronger than evil (John 8:44). The forces of evil crucified Jesus but they could not prevent Him from rising from the tomb.

The resurrection proves that love is stronger than hatred (Luke 23:34). Jesus was the love of God Incarnate. Had there been no resurrection, hatred would have conquered and the devil victorious.

The resurrection proves that life is stronger than death (1 Cor. 15:22). If Jesus had not risen it would have proved that death could take a perfect, sinless life and hold it forever in the tomb.

Finally, the resurrection is the final proof that the Christian is victorious over the final death (1 Cor. 15:55-57). Death is swallowed up in victory. Because He lives, one day, we, too will live. His resurrection guarantees this! Thank God!

BE YE TRANSFORMED

"Be ye transformed"—

Now let me see.

These three little words—

What say they to me?

Transform means change—

Mr. Webster reads.

"But how?" is the question.

My lonely heart pleads.

"By accepting my gift

And living for Me,"

Comes quick the reply

As Jesus answers my plea.

Transformed by His power

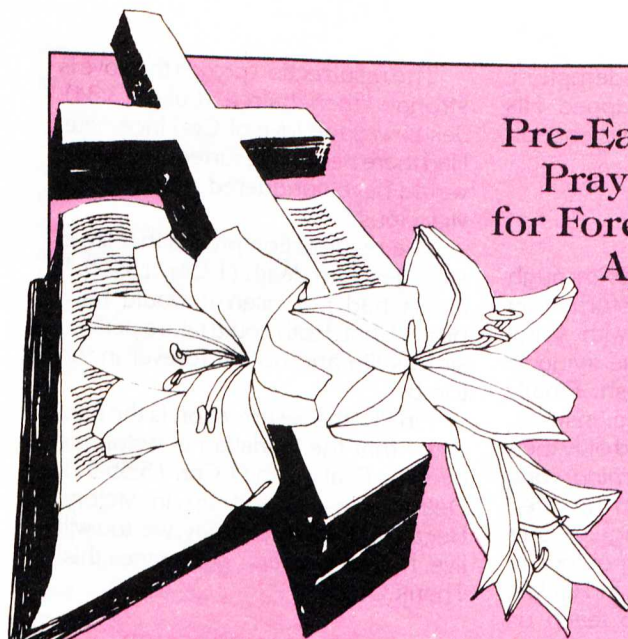
Into a new creation.

Thank God for Jesus

And His gift of salvation.

—B. Reeves

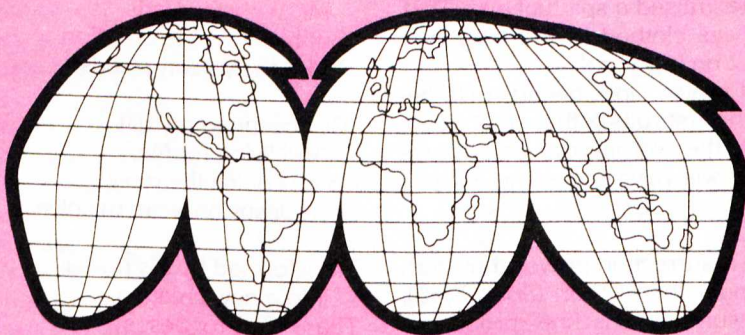
The first part of the program was written by Betty Reeves. The thoughts pertaining to our Lord and His resurrection were submitted by Loree Medley.



Pre-Easter Week of
Prayer Offering
for Foreign Missions
April 5-9

Send your sacrificial offering
in honor of
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Eunice Edwards

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

April

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for Carlisle and Marie Hanna as they make preparations to return to the states on furlough.

2. Pray for the Pete Minor family as they seek to establish a church in the difficult area of Providence, Rhode Island.

3. Pray for the summer missionaries as final plans are made for their departure to their respective fields. Fourteen promising young men and women have been assigned to five foreign fields.

A friend sent me "Daily Walk", a devotional book from the Navigators. As I began reading the assigned chapters from Acts, I was again struck by the simplicity of that group of First Church believers described in those chapters.

They prayed; God answered; and things happened to extend the kingdom of God. There were no involved, complicated remedies. They prayed with simple faith, addressed the need and God moved.

Somehow we feel God must either be coaxed, persuaded or begged to supply our needs. He will answer as He answered the First Church believers—provided we meet the conditions as did they.

Our Father is deeply concerned about His children and their needs. The goal of the First Church believers was evident in their daily lives. They wanted to reach others with the Good News, so they said so, lived like they meant it, and waited upon God to do what they couldn't do. That method remains unimpeachable. It can't be improved upon.

We concern ourselves with so many things that doesn't interest God. He is concerned with people. Are we? Or is the main thrust of our efforts (even in His kingdom work) toward things? God is not interested in **things!** His Son did not die to save **things!** He gave His precious life to save souls.

A small boy defined prayer with this statement: "Prayer is talking with God." I've yet to find a better definition. The listening-to-God part is just as important as the asking part.

Are your prayers being answered? If not, look inward. Look at your own heart, your attitude, your reason for asking. If those things are right, then wait upon God. If you are His child, He is anxious to hear your call. He has gone on record with the promise that He will answer (1 John 3:13-15 and Phil. 4:6, 7).

Someone said, "Nothing means no-thing to be anxious for. Everything means every-thing to be thankful for." Right? Right!

Birthdays this month



Marie Hanna,
India, and Ramona
Miley, France, April 9
Barbara Haas, France, 11
Charolette Tallent, France, 13
Marvis Eagleton, Brazil, 27

We have just been reminded in a letter from our son Don that the same sovereign Lord was in control when the Christians prayed for James and Peter. Yet James became a martyr while Peter was miraculously delivered. Our loving Father allowed this in our lives as well.

During our first term, a faithful co-laborer in South Carolina was awakened in the wee morning hours burdened to pray for us, which she did. A few days later she learned that at that very hour the Lord took our baby girl home to be with Him.

Then God graciously blessed our home with two sons. When Don was six and Mark almost three they were stricken with headache, high fever,

and violent diarrhea. Rains had blocked our road to the highway so there was no way to go for a doctor. Carlisle and I each had one of the boys and we would meet each other coming and going to the bathroom. By 3 A.M. it looked as if neither of the boys would live until dawn. We had already committed them to the Lord; we did so again.

We didn't know it then, but we were not alone in praying for them. A visiting Indian evangelist was in our home to attend the ordination of two of our young men the next day. He had quietly slipped outside and called the Christians together to pray. The next day the boys were so improved that all of us attended the ordination service.

Prayer has brought peace in turmoil, encouragement in service, and an outlet for simple praise and adoration. Thank you, each one, for your prayers for this work and for our family.

Marie Hanna, India

May

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the eight chaplains in the armed forces representing Free Will Baptists. They are Capt. Bishop, Lt. Caudill, Lt. Cooper, Major Cusick, Capt. Golding, Capt. Langford, LTC Mangham and Capt. Steedley.

2. Pray for the work in Uberlandia, Brazil as the Mosers return to the states for furlough. Pray for the nationals as they carry on the work.

3. Pray for WNAC and the other

departments as they finalize plans for the national convention in Ft. Worth.

"Come unto me . . . and learn of me . . ." (Matt. 11:28, 29) is an invitation that takes my breath away. Jesus is inviting me to be His student! He promises to be my teacher. I can scarcely take it in

Because of His grace, I possess the entrance requirement to His school: faith in His Son. So how does He teach? He has revealed Himself to me in His Word. So then it follows, if I'm to learn, I must read His Word.

He teaches by prayer. The lessons He has taught during prayer are astounding. Someone said, "Prayer changes things"; I've learned that prayer changes people as well, including me.

When I'm slow to learn, He has permitted circumstances to teach me. They can be a harsh teacher.

He also teaches through suffering.

These are perhaps the most profitable for through these we learn a tiny bit more of His grace, His compassion, His love.

His Word reminds me that Jesus was the Great Sufferer. Then if He is my Saviour—and He is—and I am His child—and I am—suffering is a family trait. Therefore, Lord Jesus, teach me evermore!

Missionary Focus

Birthdays this month



Elaine Allen, Ivory Coast,
May 11

Amy Robinson, Uruguay, 13
Alice Smith, Ivory Coast, 30

It couldn't have been a more miserable day. Less than 24 hours ago I was with family and friends and today I was all alone in a foreign land.

Had I had time to dwell on my situation, I would have bawled. But there was no time. I was traveling to Belgium to begin a six-month course in tropical medicine in preparation for my medical ministry in the Ivory Coast. The course would be prefaced by a week-end orientation at Zoe-en-Zee, a small resort about thirty miles from Antwerp.

The train came to a screeching halt, and with a map in hand, I descended the lonely station. I walked to an old house in the south part of Antwerp which would be home for myself and the twenty other students enrolled in the course. To my dismay, the house was virtually deserted except for the cook. The others had already gone to the resort.

As I repacked my bag for the week-

end, I found myself praying, "Lord, You know I'm in a strange land. You must help me find this place." I returned to the station and caught a train to Oostende where I was to connect with the tram for Zoe-en-Zee.

There were twelve trams leaving, but none of them indicated they were going to the resort. My futile attempts at asking questions resulted in blank stares which reminded me that not only was I in a foreign land, these people spoke neither my native English or the French I had spent a year studying.

My first inclination was to panic. Instead I selected another lady and showed her my trusty map. Through sign language communication I was directed to the right car. Being on the tram gave me a sense of security, but where would I get off? By now it was as dark outside as I felt inside. "Lord, You've brought me this far. Now show me what to do."

In God's providence, the girl sitting behind me was also going to Zoe-en-Zee. Together we left the tram and walked through the darkness to the resort. How I rejoiced at God's protection and direction (1 Pet. 3:12). Never again will I doubt Him.

Elaine Allen, Ivory Coast

June

Prayer Requests:

1. Returning to the foreign fields and coming back to the United States involves many miles of travel and many thousands of dollars. Pray for adjustment in living arrangements, for supplying of financial needs, for abundant spiritual blessings and for divine wisdom in making necessary decisions.

2. Pray for the Bill Fulcher family, home missionaries to Spanish speaking Americans. Pray for their ministry to the Cubans living in the Nashville, TN area.

3. With the required language school behind them, Neil and Sheila Gilliland should arrive this month in the country of Ivory Coast to become dorm parents at the missionary boarding school at Bouake. Be much in prayer as they undertake this new ministry.

Missionary Focus

Birthdays this month



Mabel Willey, June 13
Judy Bryan, Ivory Coast, and
Jean Deeds, Brazil, June 18

I was fearful.

A group of women from the Presbyterian church in the state's capital had heard of our women's Bible studies in Lafayette and invited me to share some of these studies at one of their one-day retreats.

Our small group was informal; could I minister to a formal group? I had never given four lectures in one day in Portuguese. And what about the cough that lingered on from my last cold? I believed God could use me, but I keenly sensed the need for prayer.

Prayer request was made on the Foreign Missions hotline. We knew people were praying although my cough persisted and off-season rains trickled down daily. Among other details we prayed for fair weather.

My voice was beginning to fail at

the end of the last session, but not once did I cough as I ministered to the eighty women who attended the retreat. God did send pleasant weather which permitted the children to be entertained out-of-doors, freeing the mothers to participate without interruption.

God held back the rains until we were on our way home.

There was no way to measure the results. The group president was so challenged that she began plans to challenge their interests to Bible studies instead of the socials and charitable meetings they had been having.

Perhaps I received the greatest blessing of all. It was thrilling to see God answer prayer and work in our midst. Suddenly the thought struck me: what a difference it would make if each time we got up to minister the Word we would be backed by prayer like that. Certainly He is able (Eph. 3:20).

Why not find out when your special missionary regularly ministers the Word so you can back her in prayer?

Jean Deeds, Brazil



Program for April
Carolyn Franks

Growing, Going, and Glowing

Objective: To remind us of our privilege and duty in serving Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:18; Acts 1:8; Matthew 5:16

Songs: "Amazing Grace," "Ready," and "This Little Light of Mine."

Growing (2 Peter 3:18)

2 Peter 3:18 says we are to grow in grace which can be defined as

God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense

Introduction

We live in a very hurried world which seems to spin faster and faster each day. Even with our multitude of time-saving, labor-saving gadgets we still moan, "I just don't have time!" We become exhausted because we get our priorities mixed up and feverishly pursue the unimportant things in life—like Martha who was "cumbered about much serving" rather than Mary who "sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His words" (Luke 19:39, 40).

We sometimes get so involved in our own little world that we lose sight of our real purpose in life—growing in Jesus that we might love and serve Him better, going for Jesus that we might win souls for Him, and glowing with Jesus that others may see our good works and glorify our Heavenly Father.

Titus 2:11-15 talks about the grace of God and its results—salvation and Christian living. Our spiritual growth can only begin when we are born as babes in Christ. It is by grace through faith we are saved (Eph. 2:8) and cleansed from sin by the blood of Christ. As members of the family of man, we have inherited the disease of sin and death both physical (Heb. 9:27) and spiritual (Rom. 6:23). God did not mitigate the penalty of physical death when Adam and Eve sinned, but in His love and mercy He did provide, through His only begotten son (John 3:16) and the work He did on the cross, a remedy for the spiritual death or separate from God and the eternal consequences of hell.

Just as Adam and Eve's aprons of fig leaves could not cover their sins nor rid them of the curse, so our man-made garments of self-righteousness and good works will not deliver

us from the eternal penalty of sin (Isa. 64:6). God, however, slew an animal (shedding innocent blood for the guilty: Christ for us on the cross) and made for Adam and Eve an acceptable covering. Salvation then is God's gift to man paid for by Jesus on the cross.

The salvation provided by Christ and His death on the cross is further illustrated in God's dealing with the children of Israel. Because they murmured against Moses and against God, God sent fiery serpents among them. When the serpents bit the people and they died, they cried unto Moses who asked God for a remedy. God told Moses to make a serpent of brass and put it on a pole in the midst of the camp so that all could freely look upon it and live.

We have all been bitten by the fiery serpent of sin and unless we look upon Christ who has been lifted up on the cross and accept Him as our substitute and allow His blood to cleanse us of our sins, we will die spiritually from the sting of sin.

According to Titus 2:12, if we as Christians are to grow in grace, we must deny "ungodliness" (that which is not for His glory) and "worldly lust" (what do we profit if we gain the whole world and lose our soul?) and we must live "soberly" (surrendered to God and controlled by the Holy Spirit), "righteously" (right living in our relationship with our fellowman), and "godly" (striving for godly perfection). As we grow in grace, we realize that God's grace is sufficient for our every need.

Not only are we to grow in grace but we are also to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18). We gain knowledge through studying, memorizing,

and meditating on the Word daily. History has been called His-story with the cross of Calvary as the central point. The thread that runs through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is Jesus Christ. He is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6)—the Lamb that was slain. We learn of Him through the Word. We also learn of Him experimentally. We grow stronger spiritually as we, through Him, overcome and experience spiritual victories in Jesus. Therefore, as we grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus, we can love and serve Him better.

Going (Acts 1:8)

As Christians we need to go for Jesus so that others may know Him. Before He ascended into heaven after His resurrection, Jesus gave His disciples a commission to "go ye into all the world" (Mark 16:15). Just as Jesus took the five loaves and two fishes and gave them to the disciples who in turn gave them to the physically hungry multitude (John 6:5-13), so it is that God uses people to carry the Gospel to the spiritually hungry multitudes. In writing to Timothy, Paul urges him to be a witness (2 Tim. 2:2). It is the duty and privilege of each generation to preserve, live by, and teach that which God has committed to it to the next generation.

Too often we think surely this is the job of the pastor, the evangelist, or the missionary. Not me. God has not called us to be foreign missionaries, but he has called us to be witnesses for Him and to be supporters of those whom He has called into full time service. So where do we begin? A good place to start is at

home (Deut. 6:7). Timothy was taught by his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice (2 Tim. 1:15). After Andrew met Jesus, he found his brother Peter and brought him to Jesus (John 1:41).

Then we can witness to our friends. The demoniac of Gadara who was made whole by Jesus was told to “go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee” (Mark 5:19). We can also witness to our neighbors and to those we come in contact with each day. The woman at the well left her waterpot and went into the city and told them about Christ (John 4:28). Because we witness by word and deed, we can have a strong Christian witness by being “an example of the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Tim. 4:12).

We as Christian women can help carry the Good News to the uttermost part of the earth by supporting financially and prayerfully those God has called as workers in His vineyard in areas where we cannot go. May we never lose our vision for missions and may we never lose sight of the “fields that are white already to harvest” in our homes, in our neighborhoods, in our place of work, in our states and in our world.

Glowing (Matt. 5:16)

As Christians we need to glow with Jesus that others may see our good works and glorify our Heavenly Father. The Christian woman should be the happiest person in the world even though life may not always be a bed of roses. If it were, there would still be the thorns to prick us. The

Christian lives in the same world as the non-Christian and faces the same temptations. The big difference, however, is that the Christian has Someone within her to walk with her through the valleys and over the mountain tops. She not only knows Psalm 23 but she also knows the Shepherd of Psalm 23.

When Moses fled from Egypt after killing the Egyptian, he tended sheep. One day while watching the flock, he noticed a bush that was burning but not consumed (Exodus 3). As Moses turned aside to behold this wonder, he discovered that this ordinary bush had become a special bush because God’s presence was in it. How long as it been since someone turned aside to see the glow in your life?

There cannot be anything between us and God. It has been said that Jesus is lord of all or He is not Lord at all. Anything we put before God is sin and sin will wreck our lives and ruin our testimonies. We become like lamps with sooty globes—the light cannot shine through as brightly. Or we are like plants that are covered with vines—we cannot grow properly and produce fruit. The darker the world gets the brighter should shine the light of the Christian.

Conclusion

May God help us to grow in Jesus, to go for Jesus, and to glow with Jesus so that the ones we meet along life’s pathway will be glad we passed by their way. And when life is over, we can hear our Lord say, “Welcome home, thou good and faithful servant.”

MEET YOUR WRITERS

Janero Stokes

Maccipine FWB
Church
Macclesfield, NC



Husband: Ed, Jr., a farmer
Children: Amy, 8; Lorrie, 5; and Mary, 3

Positions: Choir member, Sunday school teacher for young teenagers, Mission Study Chairman

Profession: Full time housewife and mother

Hobbies: Flowers, both indoors and out; reading; fishing trips with husband

Carolyn Franks

Fawn Grove FWB
Church
Mantachie, KS



Positions: Church clerk and treasurer, young adult Sunday school teacher, active auxiliary member

Profession: English teacher at Itawamba Junior College

Hobbies: Reading, painting, drawing, and needlepoint.

She writes: "One of the greatest responsibilities a Christian has is the privilege of knowing Christ and sharing Him with others."

Brenda Galloway

First FWB Church
Amory, MS



Husband: Lynn, recently called to preach

Children: Three daughters: Chasity, 5; Mandy, 3; and Leah, four months

Positions: Auxiliary and CTS secretary, choir member

Profession: Homemaker

Hobbies: Sewing.

The Galloways are anticipating a move to FWBBC in Nashville, TN

Sharon Lindley

First FWB Church
Enterprise, AL



Husband: Jimmy, employed by Alabama Power Co.

Children: Four sons: Keith, 13, Jeremy, 11; Douglas 10, and Michael 8

Positions: Assistant pianist and Sunday school secretary; serves on several committees

Profession: Medical secretary for an orthopedic surgeon

Hobbies: Reading, sewing and leather craft; planning banquets, parties and get-togethers

Loree Medley

First FWB Church
Wichita Falls, TX



Husband: Lawton, deacon and Sunday school superintendent

Children: Jacque, a married daughter with two children; David, Hillsdale graduate, who pastors Easley's Chapel in Commanche, TX

Positions: Adult Sunday school teacher, auxiliary program chairman, church pianist

Profession: Ironing, sewing and home-making

Hobbies: Creative crafts and Bible studies, writing

Rebecca Purkey

Chesterfield First
FWB Church
Chesterfield, IN



Husband: Jerry, trustee and Sunday school superintendent.

children: Steven, 20; Pamela, 18; Michael, 16; Lori, 14; Bradley, 12; and Melissa, 10.

Positions: Mission prayer chairman, choir member, Intermediate teen Sunday school teacher, Junior Church assistant

Profession: General Motors employee

Hobbies: "Although my family, church and job take most of my time, I enjoy writing stories, songs and poems.

Betty Reeves

Fellowship FWB
Church
Flat River, MO



Husband: Robert, state mine inspector, deacon

Children: Four daughters, two of whom are married; Jenny, FWBBC student and summer missionary appointee to France; Donna, 14

Positions: Mission study chairman, church secretary, Junior High Sunday school teacher

Profession: Homemaker

Hobbies: crocheting, writing, sewing

Velda Tucker

First FWB Church
Batesville, AR



Husband: Dean, Eastman Kodak, church trustee and chairman of the board of ushers

Children: Elaine, married; Wendell, 19, high school senior

Positions: Auxiliary president and state member at large; assistant high teen Sunday school teacher, member of Christian Education board

Profession: Shoe factory clerk

Hobbies: Raises and processes vegetables, pieces quilts, writing and planning programs.

A Lady With Get Up And Go



Mrs. Steward (center) helps two missionaries with their selections, LaRue Crowson, France, and Lynette Morgan, Ivory Coast.

Mrs. Lucille Steward, field worker for the Michigan State auxiliary Convention, takes seriously her duties, and director of the state's missionary provision closet project in particular. Talk about experience. Come May, she will be winding up her 19th annual provision closet shower. She has rejoiced to watch it grow from less than \$100 to more than \$15,000.

Recurrent cancer and chemotherapy treatments have not dampened her enthusiasm. She begins planning for the next one before the present one is concluded. From a list of projected needs from WNAC, she adds some of her own and assigns these to the 20-25 local auxiliaries that comprise the state convention. The women have all year to work on their projects which often include quilts, afghans, and other hand crafted items. At the convention the items are arranged for the display spectacular.

That's only the beginning. Mrs. Steward trucks the booty home, basements its, and begins packaging, labeling and classifying. Her husband is drafted to pack and chauffeur the U-Haul for the next leg of the journey to Nashville.

"There are two approaches the Woman's Auxiliary can take in fulfilling its responsibility to our missionaries," says Mrs. Steward. "One is our projects and the other is our prayers." Through the missionary provision closet, this great lady seems to find a combination of the two. And missionaries around the world rise up and call her blessed.



THE MISSING INSTRUMENTS

by Rebecca Purkey

Many years ago a tragic train accident claimed many lives and left numerous others disabled. One passenger, a doctor, stood near the wreckage with tears streaming down his cheek. His heartbreaking words were heard through the chilling night air, "If only I could find my instruments, I know I could help. Many of these lives could be saved . . . but without my instruments, nothing can be done!"

Just like the doctor, our Heavenly Father looks upon a world full of people dying in their sin. He hears their lonely cries and wonders where His instruments have gone. How grieved He must be knowing He is their only hope and seeing the lack of compassion and genuine concern from His church.

Our lack of concern is reflected in the constantly rising number of deficit accounts of our own Free Will Baptist missionaries. As of December 1981, we had 48 home missionaries with a deficit account of \$23,386.43.

At the same time, the foreign missions department reported 23 missionary accounts in the red with a deficit of \$62,030.80.

The combined total to bring both missionary accounts into the black is near \$100,000. Yet our denomination has grown to approximately 235,000 members. If each member gave only fifty cents, not only would the deficit be taken care of but



there would be a surplus of \$32,082.77.

Where are God's instruments? Must our missionaries live under constant financial pressure of wondering if the money will arrive to keep them on the field? How sad that these special people who have given their lives to spreading the Good News of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ must spend their furloughs seeking enough money to return to their field. How tragic that so many of our missionary conferences are so poorly attended. How disheartened our missionaries must be to return to the states anxious to share how the Lord has been working and find Christians who show little or no interest or concern.

We can't all go to the mission field but we can do our part. Let's support our missionaries not only with our prayers but financially as the Lord has given to us. Perhaps one day as God looks upon our denomination He will be pleased to find many "instruments" with true love and compassion for the lost, yielded and willing to help Him reach a dying world of His kingdom.



Sharon Mayo Lindley

Life Savers Forever

*Oh Victory in Jesus, My Saviour
forever*

I washed dishes and listened to my son singing his favorite song. Soon the peace was broken when his brother wanted to sing along. "Mother!" Make Michael hush. He doesn't know the words."

"I do, too!"

Michael rushed into the kitchen, crying and broken-hearted as only a three year old can be. "Mother, isn't it 'Victory in Jesus, life savers forever'?"

After drying the tears and scolding Doug, I assured him, "Yes, Michael, Jesus is a life saver, so you can sing the song that way if you want to."

Peace restored once more, I resumed my housework. But my mind dwelled on what Michael had said—"Life Savers forever." I knew he had picked that up from Life Saver commercials on TV. I thought of the ones I had seen.

Life Savers are the sweet candy with the round hole, with no beginning or end. How like the love of God having neither beginning nor end. Too, Jesus is the sweetest name I know and He's just the same as His lovely name.

A part of living. Yes, life is worth the living because of Jesus. I can raise my four sons knowing he will always be there to help me.

The great flavor has been around

for years and years. Jesus has been tried and tested. He never changes. You can count on Him both now and in the years to come.

All ages love Life Savers. All ages from a little girl sucking her thumb to an old grandfather illustrate that there is no prime age to come to Jesus; Jesus is for all ages.

One commercial shows a little boy at a wedding. When he becomes restless and begins to wiggle, a Life Saver settles him right down. Whenever I get worried or nervous or upset, a talk with Jesus settles me down.

A boy loses a ball game and his father gives him a Life Saver to cheer him up. When we lose in this game of life, Jesus is right there to cheer us up.

Finally there is the one of the dealer who had sold his last roll of Life Savers and offers the customer half of his personal pack. Had he not shared, he would have left empty handed. How many people do we meet who leave empty hearted because we have not shared Jesus with them?

Yes, Michael, go ahead and sing, "Victory in Jesus, Life Savers forever." Not only has He saved my life, but He stands by me day by day, as sweet today as yesterday and forever the same.

Victory in Jesus! Life Savers forever!

IN WAR AND PEACE

Program for May

Janero Stokes



Objective: To challenge Christian women to live lives producing the fruits of the Spirit.

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-26

Song: "Who Is On The Lord's Side?"

Introduction

The door bangs shut. In comes little shoes that leave clumps of dirt with each step taken. Mother stands at the stove preparing supper. As she turns her head, their eyes lock. Lines of combat are immediately drawn between the two. Will the guns be silent or will shots echo through the house? The battle is in her hands.

The Sound of Battle in the Land (Jer. 50:22)

As Christian women, we battle each day with the world, the flesh and the devil (Romans 7:15-25). These armies come camouflaged in a variety of shapes and sizes. A 25-pound giant of a precious little girl demands attention at an inconvenient time and the battle is on. A co-worker dumps the largest load of work on you and the battle is on. A friend makes a cutting remark after a 12-hour work day,

Mother hasn't hemmed the dress given her a week ago, or friend husband drags in an hour later for supper—and immediately the battle is on. Yes, an army can be almost everyone.

Front line combat zones may be set up most any place—in your sparkling clean kitchen (except for the little clumps of dirt on the floor), at the office, auxiliary meeting, or on the telephone. It only takes a second to release the safety catch on the battle gun.

In these skirmishes, destruction always follow. We may destroy ourselves, destroy relationships, or destroy our usefulness to God. Although we may try to justify these battles in our mind, they do not bring peace to the soul. Confusion and strife in our heart, those awful feelings deep down inside, torment and haunt us.

When you come in contact with others, do they know whose army you're in?

Tactics and Ammunition (1 Cor. 6:19, 20)

Women, have you noticed how we make our point? As commander-in-chief (of the cooking, washing and cleaning, that is) we are always right and are quick to let everyone know it. Think back to some recent battles. What was the root of these conflicts? Ten times out of ten it was self—self pride, self exaltation, self glorification, the work self must do, what self wants, self, self, self. Self always wants to win.

We who are usually clothed in sweetness and innocence can change uniforms as quickly as Wonder Woman. Do your friends have to know that Jane's idea was originally yours or that the auxiliary president failed to welcome our new member? Too often we resort to underhanded tactics of sarcasm, hitting below the belt, using people to our advantage, fussing, fuming and nagging. When we repeat something more than two or three times it becomes nagging.

Let's change our ammunition (2 Pet. 1:4-11). First, crucify self and daily see that she stays nailed to the cross. Secondly, replace all complaining and fault-finding with good, positive remarks. Thirdly, recognize the sovereignty of God. Apply Romans 8:28 in daily living. When you are given a lemon, make lemonade. You can let the rain ruin your day or you can let the sun into that rain. Through a sheer act of will you can make the best of every situation.

Fourthly, allow the love of God to permeate your being, soaking, spreading, oiling every area of your life. Gradually you will radiate Christ as the nine-fold manifestation of the fruit of the spirit is visible for all to

see.

The Christian woman should adopt as her marching orders: Your walk talks and your talk talks but your walk talks louder than your talk talks.

Of Heroes and Traitors (Heb. 11:32-40)

Why is it that a man who fights the blazing flame to rescue a little boy is labeled a hero? Because a hero puts self in the background and concentrates on another person or cause. An interesting study would be on the heroes and heroines of the Bible. As we admire their courage and achievements, they serve as examples to us in our day by day warfare with the enemy.

Esther profiled courage as she donned royal apparel and paused in the inner court of the throne room. She did not concentrate on herself as she waited for the golden scepter to be extended. She only determined to save her people (Esther 4:16; 5:1, 2).

No question about it, the little shepherd boy was the hero in the battle with the Philistine giant. His secret? "You come to me with a sword, a spear and a shield," cried David as he rushed down the mountain to encounter Goliath, "but I come in the name of the God of the armies of Israel." A true hero recognizes that his strength does not come from himself but from God (1 Sam. 17).

It was a quiet battle that waged between the widow and the unjust judge. Yet she won the battle of words without firing a single shot (Luke 18:1-8). One lesson this parable teaches us is that God fights the battle for His chosen ones.

A traitor is one who betrays his country, cause or friends. The most notorious traitor who ever lived was Judas who violated his allegiance to Jesus and embraced the enemy cause, and this with a kiss and thirty pieces of silver.

We are all too quick to condemn Judas, but does our Captain detect symptoms of treason when He examines our conduct?

Victory in the Prayer Closet (Eph. 6:18)

The battles are bigger than one might realize, but every believer knows that the enemy is alive and powerful (Eph. 6:12). When we relinquish control of ourselves, the enemy surges in like a flood. Yet God has placed in our power a weapon to stop the enemy. Prayer is this vital resource that gives us victory over the enemy.

Prayer incorporated into our daily schedule strengthens us in the Lord. It is the vital link that connects us to God. Often it is surprising to see how and when He answers. Elijah prayed and the rain was withheld for three and one half years. Again he prayed and "the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain."

Not only does prayer guarantee victory in our own lives, it often spells the difference between victory and defeat for our missionaries on the mission fields around the world. Our prayers bring souls, precious souls, to Jesus. Our prayers help open doors to the Gospel in foreign countries. Prayer brings victory in big as well as little things.

We dare not risk the consequences of neglecting a regular prayer life. Neither should we face the enemy in our own strength. We are instructed to put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:13-20). Each piece plays a strategic part in our strength and protection.

God meets our need as we spend time with Him. It provides the proper soil and climate for a healthy growth of the fruits of the Spirit.

Decorations and Medals (1 Cor. 3:14; Matt. 16:27)

Almost every nation awards decorations and medals to persons who have performed outstanding deeds of bravery or distinguished service. The Congressional Medal of Honor is the United States' highest military award, and is awarded to those who have performed the most extraordinary acts of heroism. In addition, there are medals of merit, medals of freedom, air medal, Purple Heart, Silver Star, and on and on.

Scriptures indicate God also presents medals. And as with any award, there are stiff requirements in order to qualify—"If any man's work abide," or "according to his works." So how we fight the battle determines the extent of our reward.

Almost 30 years ago five young American missionaries laid down their lives in advancing God's kingdom in the Ecuadorian jungles of South America. Before his death, one of them, Jim Elliott, wrote in his diary, "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

The rewards are many, not only in this life but for eternity.

Share-A-Book

by Genny Waddell

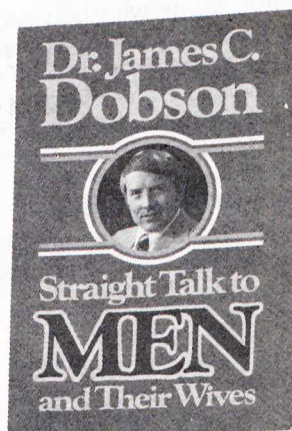
STRAIGHT TALK TO MEN AND THEIR WIVES

By Dr. James C. Dobson
Word Books. 222 pp.

STRAIGHT TALK was born in the hearts of so many women who have written to Dr. James Dobson of DARE TO DISCIPLINE fame. Their letters have been much the same. Their husbands are unaware of their families' needs. "How can I get his attention?"

STRAIGHT TALK is an attention getter! It is a "call to arms." Men are encouraged to join forces with their wives to evangelize their own families. Since men don't buy and read family-oriented materials, Dr. Dobson had to write this book to the men **through** the women who buy the bulk of today's family improvement books. Hopefully, the women who read STRAIGHT TALK will share it with their husbands who will step forward as leaders in their homes.

True masculinity. Ultimate priorities. Children. Wives. Emotions. Work. Money. God. Dr. Dobson skillfully weaves a tapestry that shows how God sees the man He created



and how that man can be what God wants him to be. Then the family will follow suit. And the nation. But the process must begin with godly men who will stake their families' futures on God's Word. At the same time, Dr. Dobson never advocates that woman is inferior to man. Rather, he paints a picture that better explains how God made each one and shows the beauty of a home in which God's ordained leader—the male—has taken his appointed place. STRAIGHT TALK, a poignant book, traces the author's own roots, especially presenting a word portrait of his late father who exemplified God's plan for male leadership in the home.

Already on its way to becoming yet another Dobson best seller, STRAIGHT TALK is a **MUST** for your family bookshelf. Put it right beside DARE TO DISCIPLINE, HIDE OR SEEK, WHAT WIVES WISH THEIR HUSBANDS KNEW ABOUT WOMEN, THE STRONG-WILLED CHILD and PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENCE.

Lightning Strikes— Beauty Shines

Velda Tucker

I sat in our back yard and watched the golden glow of the sun spread its final rays over the mountains before it bade farewell to the warm spring day. The earth was blooming with new life. The birds chirped merrily as tiny violets popped up their purple heads from their winter's resting place. I love this time of the day when all the world seems at peace.

As I drank in the beauty of the Master Artist, my attention was drawn to the old willow tree standing near the edge of the highway and beside the small stream that crosses our field. To my amazement, the old willow was covered with a mass of young tender leaves. Spreading out its tender branches like outstretched arms, it seemed to call to the whole world, "Look at me! I'm alive! I'm contributing my part to nature's masterpiece!"

You see, once the old willow was almost dead. Occasionally birds would perch on its barren branches and sing their melodies as if to cheer the dying limbs. But for the past summers it had slowly faded away.

I remembered the electrical storm one night last fall. My family and I heard this loud clap of thunder and bolt of lightning and knew that lightning had struck somewhere nearby but we saw no evidence through the darkness. However, next morning we noticed the pieces of dead wood scattered along the highway with a

large chunk on the other side of the road. Lightning had struck the old willow, completely stripping it of its dead and useless branches. Now and only now could new growth appear.

As I pondered that old willow tree, I thought of the application to our own lives. Often dead wood in our lives makes us useless in the Master's service. We have nothing to contribute, no beauty to brighten another's life. So God sends the lightning. A sudden flash or spark shocks us into seeing this dead wood in our lives. We cry out to Him to purge us of that which is hindering our growth. When the storm is over, we come forth purged, clean, full of renewed strength and vigor to serve the Lord with beauty and gladness.

This lightning may come in various ways. It may be a death, accident, sickness, change in plans, or severe testing or trial (1 Peter 1:7) Most of us have experienced these bolts of lightning in our lives. I'm glad He loves us enough to correct us (Ps. 66:10-12).

Yes, the lightning strikes, but in the flash it illuminates the beauty of Jesus in us, adorning us with a cloak of righteousness unto praise and glory at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour.

The lightning flashes but His beauty shines.

Women In Action

Our Women Retreating

"Disciplines of a Beautiful Woman" by Anne Ortlund seems to be a popular retreat book review. Lila Morgan, Tulsa, reviewed it at their Oklahoma retreat and Jane O'Donnell at the Casa Grande, Arizona retreat. Mrs. Vickie Thacker and Joe Haas, missionary to France, were also featured.

State Line district met at Lakepoint State Park, Eufaula, Alabama, for their sixth annual retreat. Cleo Pursell, Nashville, helped develop the theme "In These Times . . . The Woman."

Sixty ladies participated in Maryland's retreat at Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, Virginia. Being located in apple country, the food had a decidedly apple flavor—juice, cake, butter, etc. Karen Southwell presided with Cleo Pursell special guest speaker.

South Carolina ladies enjoyed spiritual refreshing and fellowship at the Look Up Lodge in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Gwen Hendrix, Inman, and Frances Poston, president, directed the retreat.

Joyce Dunn, Salem, Idaho, reports 38 ladies registered to hear Debe Taylor, Fresno, CA, speak on the theme, "Rainbow of Promises" at their Northwest District retreat.

The Greater St. Johns River district (FL) has recently organized a convention, are publishing a newsletter, and

have carried out their first retreat. Marcia Ellison, Uruguay, was featured at the Camp Montgomery retreat.

California's ninth annual retreat revolved around Joyce Landorf's film series, "His Stubborn Love" using the theme "Changepoints." June Rolan, president, directed the Emerald Cove Camp retreat at Bass Lake.

Cleo Pursell, Nashville, spoke on the theme, "Why, Me, Lord" at the Western women's retreat at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado. Barbara Myers, Denver, directed the retreat with 48 women participating.

Our Single Missionaries on the Move

Alice Smith thinks **Co-Laborer** should brag a bit on the women in her native West Virginia. They have flooded her with invitations to visit their churches and treated her like royalty after arriving. In a two week period she received a total cash offering of \$2,792, promise of monthly support from 13 churches, and many beautiful gifts from personal showers.

Alice, missionary to Ivory Coast, was one of the speakers at the Fall Bible Conference sponsored by the Beckley Conference Auxiliary. Agnes Bowling, Ann Ruble and Phyllis Rose were also featured.

While Alice is circulating in West Virginia, Charolette Tallent is challenging the women in her native Missouri. Charolette is raising her support to return to France. Charolette showed

slides and shared in the work in France to the 178 women who attended the Missouri retreat at the state Youth Camp.

Another missionary zigzagging alone across the states trying to scrape up enough money to return to her mission field in Arilla Wode. She captured the hearts of her Georgia listeners at their state convention.

Ohio really works at helping support our single missionaries. About 170 registered at their Big Prairie retreat to listen to Arilla and honor her with their famous "Showers of Blessing" deluge which totaled more than \$1,800 in money, clothes and cash gifts to her account.

Arilla, Ivory Coast, hails from Oklahoma.

Here and There

First Church auxiliary members, Amory, MS, wrote their own emphasis program entitled, "Excuses, Excuses, Excuses." Following the skit, the pastor gave an invitation to which several ladies responded. Mary Jo Hadaway writes their women are excited about what the Lord is accomplishing through their auxiliary.

In support of the Children's Home in Greeneville, TN, the ladies of Rittman, OH took one of the pastor's old shirts and passed it around. Each lady sewed on a patch with some money inside. When the shirt was filled with patches, the pastor wore it during the Sunday morning service. The donations netted \$24.00.

Lamont, CA, auxiliary got a head start on the Big M Enlistment Month and staged an enlistment breakfast

which boosted their membership by four, making a total of 12. Leta Sutton, president, reports the church has a new pastor, Merle Guess.



"Walk in the Spirit" was the theme for a seminar sponsored by the Pamlico district (NC). "Mom" Willey, returned missionary from Cuba and Panama, spoke



Flora Gilreath, Belk, AL, holds a check for \$330 which their auxiliary presented to the Alabaster mission to aid in purchasing auditorium furniture.



An International buffet was combined with an enlistment program at the Southside church, Paintsville, KY. Sharon Ferguson, missionary to Ivory Coast, was guest speaker.

The Sarah Crawford auxiliary and the Young Woman's circle of the Northport, AL church hosted a study course in which 37 ladies from four churches participated. Rebecca Pugh, Russellville, directed the study. Mrs. Pugh is pictured along with Clytee Pitts, Wilma Davis, Rebecca Pugh, and Hazel Wheat,



Jackie Elder, pastor's wife from Topeka, KS, reports their auxiliary has adopted a plan of focusing on a missionary family each year by sending birthday and greetings cards. Next year another family will be selected.

All over the nation, the auxiliaries were given time to present the Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer service in our churches. Fellowship church, Nashville, TN, relinquished the Wednesday night service as Kay Hampton presided. Bill Fulcher, missionary to the Spanish speaking people in America, brought a challenging message followed by a generous offering for Home Missions.

Since seating space was limited to only 200, husbands were restricted at the Oklahoma state auxiliary banquet at the Civic Center, Tulsa. Anne Worthington, Nashville, was guest speaker.

Norman Godwin's world wide missions cake not only decorated the speaker's table at their missionary banquet (First Church, Savannah, GA), but it was sent to the Foreign Missions department in Nashville for their edible enjoyment.

Conventions

Clint and Lynette Morgan, missionaries to Ivory Coast, were featured at Tennessee's state convention in Oak Ridge. Sharon Riley was reelected as president for another term.

Nancy Hughes, Brazil, and Eugene Waddell, associate director of Foreign Missions, were special speakers at the Palmer district convention, NC. The host pastor, Keith Fletcher, of Maccriline church, Macclesfield, sent a report and pictures. God bless our auxiliary-minded pastors.



Faith church, Jackson, MS, hosted the state's annual convention with Betty Shelby presiding on the theme, "Building on the Rock." Barbara Haas, France, and the Billy Tabb family singers highlighted the banquet.

Georgia reports their last convention was the best ever. Doris Grant replaces Martha Everson as field worker. Leadership roles remained with Fleda Snow and Shirley Sharpston.



Designer Made

Program for June

Brenda Galloway

Objective: To examine the formula the Great Designer used in creating His disciples; to challenge His disciples to follow these same basics in developing their own spiritual lives.

Scripture: Titus 2:11-14

Song: "Where He Leads I'll Follow"

Introduction

"A stitch in time saves nine," is a true proverb. If we do something right the first time, we save ourselves the time and energy of redoing it. A seamstress follows three basic steps: selects the right pattern and fabric, follows the instructions exactly, and keeps her eyes on the finished product for it pictures the goal she plans to achieve.

God, our Great Designer, followed this formula when He created you and me. Each is cut from the same cloth after His own image and likeness, yet the pattern for each is distinct and unique (Eph. 1:5). Second-

ly, we come equipped with a guide sheet outlining the various steps to the completion of the process (Romans 8:28, 29). And lastly, He knows what the finished product is to be for we are His inheritance (Eph. 1:18).

This same formula employed by the Great Designer can be applied to the development of our own spiritual lives. The New Birth experience starts us on the right course. We are given a pattern to follow, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He has left us a guide to follow complete with instructions concerning every detail of our lives—His Holy Word. And finally, the goal or design to achieve is a life which glorifies Him on earth and then eternal life with Him in heaven.

Let's examine these basics and liken them to the piecing together of a quilt top. We'll find several similarities.

The Pattern (Heb. 4:14, 15)

The choice of pattern is crucial to the finished product. The pieces must be tested for fit, laid out in proper sequence on the fabric, and cut to

precision. Often pattern pieces are cut from sandpaper to avoid slipping and distorting on the fabric.

Some women may be tempted to mix patterns in making a garment, but to do so in making a quilt top results in unending confusion. Stick to the pattern.

In the Lord Jesus Christ we have the visible representation of what the Father expects. No one has seen the Father except it has been revealed in the Son. In Christ dwells all the fullness of the God head bodily. In Him we see all that God requires. Nowhere else, neither in heaven or in earth, will we discover it.

Everyone agrees that He is the pattern, yet this very fact will block some minds. Surely He is Someone too high for humanity to seriously accept as a pattern for measuring. How could we ever possibly measure up?

Perhaps for this reason God so often emphasized that He had given Paul as a pattern. In Paul we see a demonstration of the power of God. No, he was not the pattern, but God gave him as a pattern of what He was able to do with a life yielded to Him (Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 1:16).

As we go through life we are constantly faced with problems and decisions to make. It may be at home, on the job, in the church, or in our daily devotions. It could be in helping others, with the family, or in personal witnessing. Whatever the situation, we can't face these situations alone. We must look to Jesus our pattern (1 Peter 2:21). Christ must be formed *in* us to the extent that He be manifested *through* us. Then others will be turned to see Christ, the real pattern.

Following the Instructions (Heb. 8:5)

Now that the pieces are all cut and laid out before you, it's time to start putting them together. This is where your instructions come in. Don't skip any steps or you'll run into real problems.

In our Christian life God has given us explicit instructions to follow. This guide is our Bible (2 Tim. 3:16). Sometimes we rush ahead thinking, "Oh, I know how this goes," without ever turning to the Bible. Then to our dismay we learn we didn't know how it went at all. God's Word is given to instruct, correct, and reprove us that we may be made perfect.

"When all else fails read the instructions," should never be applied to our spiritual life. It's true, conscience often influences decisions and the laws of the country dictates behavior, but the Bible is still our foremost guide. It alone enables us to keep a straight course (Prov. 3:5, 6). Paul urges Timothy to study the Scriptures that he might be approved (2 Tim. 2:15). The message is for us as well.

The Bible is a supernatural book which can only be understood by born again believers. It removes the veil from many questions. But the unsaved always have their question marks about the past, the future and God. There will always be things about the Bible that we do not understand, but in this wonderful book is found all that God thinks is necessary for us to know about Himself and what he would have us do.

The Holy Spirit is the teacher that interprets the instructions to our understanding. If sometimes the guidelines are hard to follow or complicated

or beyond our comprehension, the Bible offers a solution. James 1:5 promises divine wisdom that is available to all who call upon Him.

The Design to Achieve

When you selected your pattern, you had a mental picture of the finished product. So from the beginning, this is the goal you planned to achieve. As the quilt progresses, you are constantly reminded of the goal lest you become discouraged in your work.

When we are saved we realize we have a goal to reach—to glorify God on earth and finally one day enter into our eternal rest. As Paul worked for the Lord, he was ever looking forward to his final reward in heaven (2 Tim. 4:7, 8).

What do some people expect to accomplish when they begin putting together the pieces of their life? In a recent poll among college students, they were asked what they wanted most in life. The first priority was a home. Second on the list was a \$5000 bank account. Other material items followed in close succession, a college education, a new automobile and a color TV set. Their goal is success and the various pieces are cut by the pattern of self-accomplishment. The results are disastrous—in this life as well as in that one to come.

Often we as Christians get so wrapped up in our homes, jobs, or church work that we fail to keep eternity's values in view. This makes us less eager for heaven. This world is not our home; we're just passing through, says the old song. Let's keep the faith, look to, and love His appearing.

A Missionary Application

A quilt top is a beautiful piece of craftsmanship. Depending on the pattern, pieces of fabric of all sizes, shapes and colors are sewn together to form one uniform design or whole. Some of the most unlikely pieces are often those which make the quilt the most attractive.

Do you suppose God's plan for the salvation of the world is like one giant quilt top? To us it may look like a hodgepodge of patchwork, but we cannot conceive the mind of God. Eph. 2:10 declares we are His workmanship. This includes men from every tribe and nation, kindred and tongue. People of all sizes—old and young, big and little, fat and skinny, tall and short. And color! Only our God could create the races with such imagination and color. Not only the red, brown, yellow, black and whites, but all the various ranges of hues and blends. What workmanship!

God is in the process now of making up His church—piecing together His quilt. He has no hands but our hands, He has no eyes but ours. He has no feet but our feet, and those He oft requires. Raw scraps of fabric are rotting on our mission fields today because we haven't gone to piece them together into God's giant quilt top.

The Great Commission as given in Matt. 28:19, 20 promotes the three basics for putting together a prize winning creation: The pattern—"Whatever I have commanded you." The guide—"Lo, I am with you always." And the goal—"Teach all nations." As we follow Him in obedience we become part of His Designer Made specials.

Letters

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Appreciates Co-Laborer

I enjoy the **Co-Laborer** so much and get such a blessing from it. **Glenda Arich**, Laurel, MS We enjoy the **Co-Laborer** very much. It has improved our monthly programs. **Wanda Monk**, Greeneville TN . . . Our ladies appreciate the **Co-Laborer** so much and all the dear Christian ladies who contribute to it. **Jewel Roark**, Kansas City, KS . . . Sometimes we fail to let others know how much we appreciate them and their hour of toil and labor . . . the women of California do deeply appreciate the spiritual uplift we get from the WNAC materials.

Betty Watson,
Visalia, CA

Keystone District

I know our district hasn't taken much part. It isn't because we haven't wanted to, but just didn't know what we were supposed to do. It seems the more involved we get in church and district activities, the more new members we pick up. We're planning our first Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer program.

Linda Green
New Oxford, PA

The Pastor's Wife

It is my prayer that **Co-Laborer** never publish articles like those of

"How to Run Off A Pastor." . . . it shows an unloving spirit that can be created in the church. If the pastor's wife showers her love and concern for the flock, the same will be returned to her as the pastor's wife.

Thelma McNew
Nashville, TN

Provision Closet Gifts

Thanks for the lovely and useful gifts . . . they are a precious expression of your love. **Nancy Hughes**, Brazil . . . You have really spoiled us by giving us the household necessities that we have. You make our life easier and more enjoyable by your ministry. **John and Pansy Murray**, France . . . We thank you for the gifts from the provision closet. You will never know what you all mean to us. Pray for us as we go to Charleston. **William Smith, WV** . . . Only heaven will reveal the value of the support and prayers of women across our denomination. **Ernie Ross and family**, St. Paul, MN

Assaulted

Did I tell you a patient assaulted me? He put me in the hospital for two days. Since then I've had a bad throat, flu and since Friday an intestinal bug . . . My retirement is scheduled for 1/29/82.

Eunice Edwards
Desloge, MO

Condensed Bible

I'm sure you've heard of the work by Reader's Digest to condense our Bible, at least half of it being omitted. I'm suggesting all who are against this to let Reader's Digest know we will not subscribe to their magazine, books, neither will we buy a copy of their condensed Bible which is now being edited ready for sale next September.

**Mrs. Simmons
Hemmingway, SC**

Bottles and Bandages

Our auxiliary has been rolling bandages and saving empty pill bottles. Could you tell us if these are still needed?

**Ruby West
Francis, OK**

Medical supplies may be mailed "Small Packet", not exceeding two pounds, to: Mission Protestante, B.P. 20, Bouna, Ivory Coast West Africa.

Elaine Allen, Ivory Coast

Things are going well. I began a full time attempt at learning Lobi. The first week I told several ladies that I was "pretty" instead of "fine." They got a laugh and so did I.

Old Co-Laborers, Anyone?

We would like to know if there is a small church anywhere who could use the **Co-Laborer** magazines as we are finished with them. It seems such a waste to just toss them away when there is so much good reading.

**Lola Hopkins
Memphis, TN**

Minister's Wife

I just received your **Minister's Wife** and wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed it. They always seem to come when we need them most.

**Barbara Morrison,
Gray, TN**

Woman's Role

I believe I understand your explanation, but I still have to say I disagree about the article of the woman preacher . . . as long as women stay in the role God has laid out for us in the Word of God and support and pray for our men and be submissive as God has said, there will always be a man to preach the Gospel as God intended.

**Marie Terry
Blountsville, AL**

Kitchen Klatter team

In connection with the program, "On Your Mark, Get Set Go," four of our ladies formed a "Kitchen Klatter." Three used a kettle and wooden spoon, an old washboard, and two pan covers as symbols. The fourth pantomimed the suggestions given in the poem. This poem had a message for us all and added some fun along with it.

**Marion Whittaker
Monett, MO**

Emphasis Month

Enclosed is a check for \$65.55 which the Waipahu auxiliary received during our Emphasis Month program which was presented along with an international potluck dinner, **Sadako Hashimoto, Hawaii . . .**



A Woman God Has Used

"I Want to be a Worker for the Lord," could well be the theme song for the life of Lottie Horton. A native of Tennessee, Mrs. Horton and her young husband moved to Baltimore, Maryland where he was called to preach. In July, 1957, he took over his first pastorate of the Fairwood FWB Church, Fairfax Station, Virginia and has been going full steam ahead, with Lottie close by his side.

Mrs. Horton is a lady with a great burden for lost souls and the work of the Lord. Her heart echoes with a strong missions and auxiliary beat. She helped organize the first auxiliary in her area which two years later led to the organization of the Maryland State Auxiliary Convention in 1973. Serving first as president, then vice president, she is now active as field worker. Through her efforts, the state has expanded from three auxiliaries to ten locals comprising three districts. She is enthusiastic about her state's fifth prayer retreat which gets bigger and better each year.

Lottie's warm smile and country charm embraces all she meets, whether she's selling Avon, accompanying her husband on a pastoral call, teaching her adult Sunday school class, or leading the congregational music. Their only son, Danny, is married and lives in nearby Centerville.

Mrs. Horton travels many miles with her husband in revivals and conferences. They are planning their fifth trip to the Holy Land.

Several preachers have emerged from the Horton's ministry. Just as he broods over his spiritual children, Lottie encourages the preacher's wives. One of them writes, "She is the dearest Christian friend I have in this walk of life."

She goes on to conclude, "Lottie is the type of woman which words fail to fully describe her faithfulness and love for the Lord's work."



TRAIN UP A CHILD

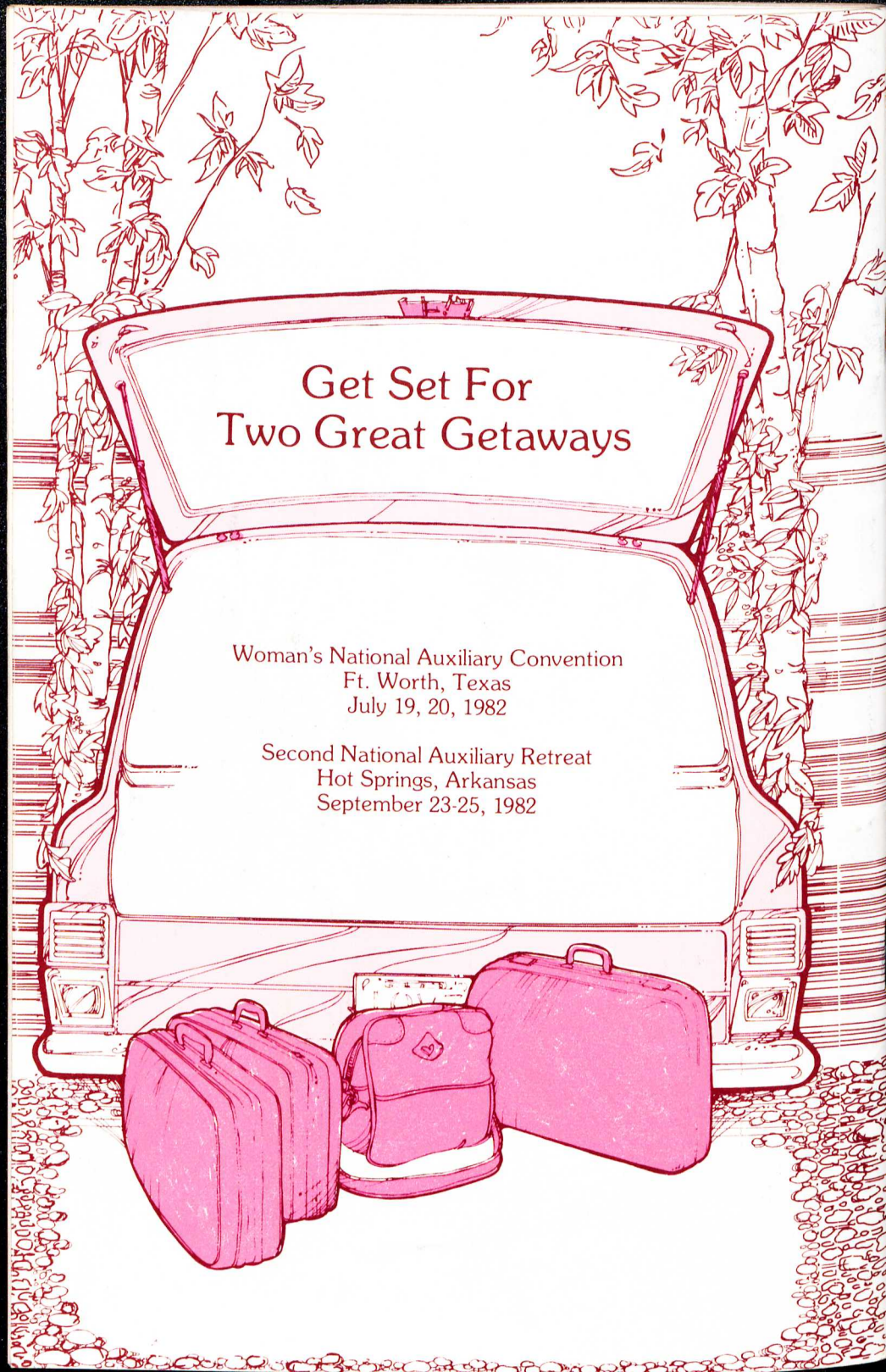
When I saw the yellow bus coming
My heart began aching and running.
I wanted to scoop him up and run away,
But I smiled and waved, "Have a good day."

Suitcases and boxes stacked all around.
He's leaving our home. He's college bound.
"Obey," I said secretly, "But not far away."
I smiled instead, "Serve the Lord every day."

The ocean stretched with no end in sight.
The barrels were packed and closed up tight.
Lord, we can never repay your loan,
Thank You for all his years in our home.

—Judy Nichols
Westerville, Ohio





Get Set For Two Great Getaways

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
Ft. Worth, Texas
July 19, 20, 1982

Second National Auxiliary Retreat
Hot Springs, Arkansas
September 23-25, 1982