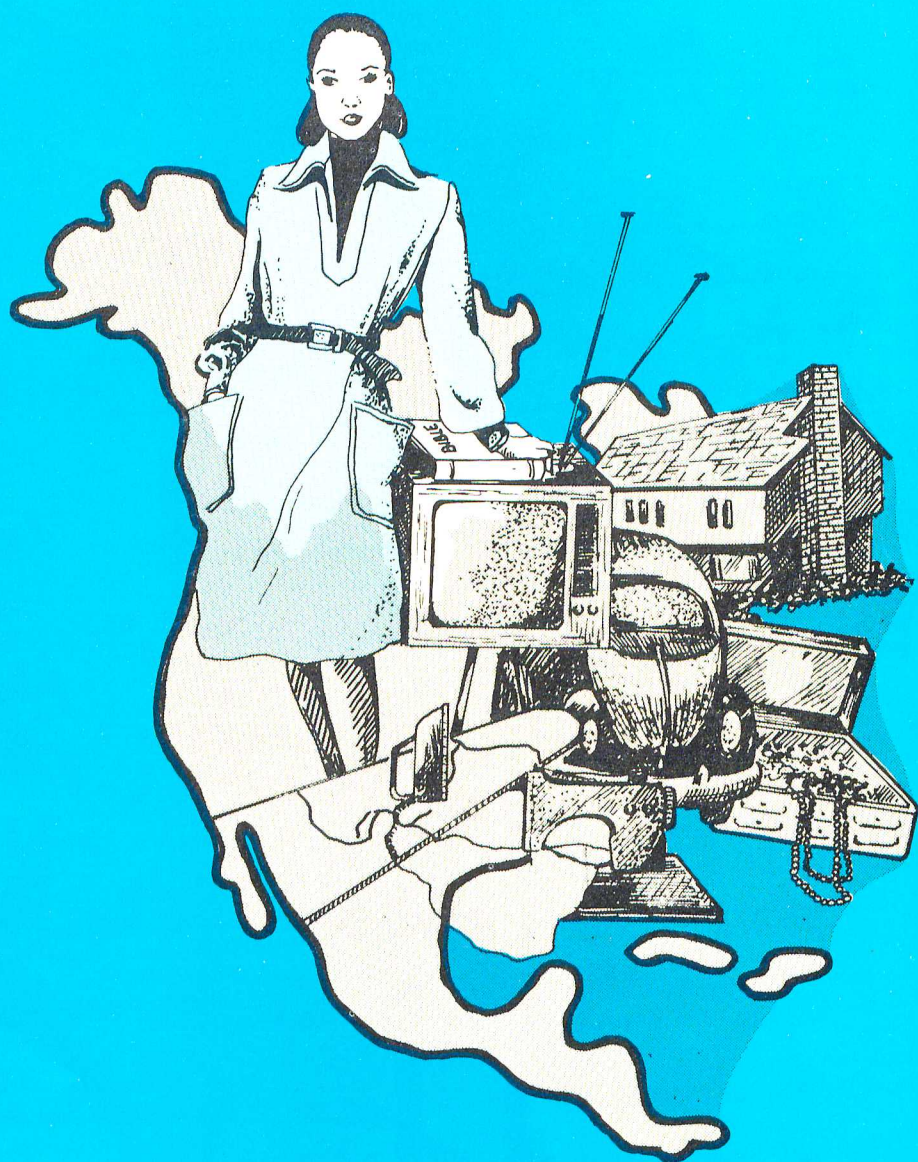


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Give Yourself Away

Margery Williams has written a delightful story for the nursery set about the Velveteen Rabbit who longed to become Real. "Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a handle that sticks out?" he asked one of his toy mates.

"Real isn't how you are made," the Skin Horse answered. "It's a thing that happens to you when a child loves you for a long, long time."

"Does it hurt?" the rabbit wondered.

"Sometimes," the Skin Horse replied, "but when you are Real you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," the Velveteen Rabbit asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges or who have to be carefully kept. Generally by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real, you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."

And, yes, the story has a happy ending as the Velveteen Rabbit becomes Real. The little boy made him so.

Jesus Christ came into the world to make God real and the Holy Spirit lives in our hearts to confirm this witness. But what about those to whom God is not real at all except as a curse word or an emergency exit? "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you," says our Lord.

As we first give ourselves to God we find ourselves filled with an overabundant supply to give away to others. Only then can we make God real to a lost world. To be sure, our testimony won't always be accepted. Neither was Christ's. There are risks in loving. But as we love with Christ's love and give ourselves as He gave, we'll find our world a better place to live and ourselves a better people to live with.

You have a lot to give—give it!

You have a lot to live—live it!

You have a lot to share—share it!



Lorene Miley

Memo From Cleo



Cleo Pursell

Convention News

Are you looking for a change of pace and real adventure? Then try doing what our new theme and watchword suggest: Give Yourself Away! "... they first gave their own selves to the Lord and unto us by the will of God" (2 Cor. 8:5b).

See the convention program elsewhere in this issue for exciting details of missionary speakers, singers, and business which await you July 19-20, at Ft. Worth, Texas. Make your reservations early for the WNAC fellowship dinner to be held on Tuesday evening. Speaker Norma Gabler has appeared on CBS 60 Minutes, ABC World News Tonight, Nightline, and the Phil Donahue Show, plus many others.

Improve Your Serve

All women, especially officers and potential leaders, are invited to attend the Leadership Conference on Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Ballroom, Ft. Worth Hilton. There will be a skit by WNAC officers. June Rolen will tell you how to "Improve Your Serve," and Dr. Mary Wisheart will wrap it up with "I Can, I Will, be the Leader God Wants Me to Be." It's all free!

Retreat

Send your \$5.00 per person registration to WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. Your confirmation, badge, hotel reservation card, information sheet and map will be mailed promptly. Speakers include Trula Cronk, Eunice Edwards, Rudene Kennedy. There will be eight seminars planned with outstanding leaders.

Bandages Needed

Sherwood Lee, missionary to Ivory Coast says: "We really need the ladies to concentrate on sending bandages for the clinic. Some have been mailed which we appreciate very much. We don't have any."
If you need directions for making and sending these bandages write WNAC for information.

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

**Tarrant County Convention Center
Ft. Worth, Texas
July 19-20, 1982**

Theme: Give Yourself
Away

Scripture: II Cor. 8:5b

Song: "Give of Your
Best to the Master"

Organist: Emma Ellis

Pianist: Mitzi Burks

Sunday
1:30 Convention Center
Registration Committee
Orientation
Ava Hellard, chairman
3:00 Registration



Pat Thomas

Monday
8:00 Ft. Worth Hilton
WNAC Executive
Committee
Breakfast and Meeting
Orleans Room
9:00 WNAC Nominating
Committee
Columbus Circle
1:30-3:00 WNAC Leadership
Conference
Heritage Ballroom



Tom Hughes

Tuesday
9:00 Convention Center
Annual Meeting
Devotions: Pat Thomas
Message: Tom Hughes
1:30 Message: Mabel Willey
5:00 WNAC Fellowship
Dinner



Mabel Willey



Norma Gabler

WNAC Representation

Secretaries! Each state convention is entitled to 15 delegates plus its president and field worker. Each local auxiliary may represent by paying \$3.00 at the booth. Where there is no organized state, a district may represent with five delegates plus local presidents. Where there is no district, a local may send three delegates. Send annual reports (whether or not you send a delegate) to: Anne Worthington, 3308 Antioch Trail, Antioch, TN 37013

Treasurers! Send treasurers reports and membership dues of \$1.50 per member to: Cleo Pursell, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

WNAC Fellowship Dinner

Mrs. Norma Gabler, Texas Merit Mother and twice nominee for Texas Mother of the Year, will be guest speaker at WNAC's annual Fellowship Dinner. For over 20 years, Mrs. Gabler and her husband, Mel, have worked to improve our school's textbooks. They have spoken to audiences coast to coast and appeared before various governmental bodies.

The Gablers have authored two books, "Textbooks on Trial," and a paperbook update, "Are Textbooks Harming Your Children?" These books may be obtained at the WNAC booth where the authors will be available to autograph copies.

All banquet seats are reserved for a certain number of people. Both men and women are invited and tickets are \$8.50, including tax and tip. No tickets will be mailed or reserved without payment. Refunds are available through July 1, 1982. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request for tickets.

We encourage our auxiliaries to see that all our missionaries on furlough attend the dinner. While you are filling in the reservation form for yourself, purchase a ticket for a missionary, too. WNAC will see that the missionary receives the ticket. Clip and mail to: WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

Date _____

I would like to reserve _____ tickets for the WNAC Fellowship Dinner, Tuesday, July 20, 1982, in the Heritage Ballroom of the Convention Center, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Enclosed is _____ (\$8.50) each. I wish to purchase tickets for the missionary indicated below:

Improve Your Serve

Capsule Conference on Leadership

Too often an auxiliary program lacks steam! It's hard to stir up interest in missionary projects or support for the national office. "Auxiliary Missionary fatigue" has set in. Why?

Possibly, just possibly, it might be because officers are not well informed about their jobs. They may be dedicated but new at the job and just don't know the best methods for getting the work done.

Would you like to stir up a maximum amount of interest in your auxiliary at a minimum of effort and expense? If the answer is "yes," then we know you will want to attend WNAC's capsule conference on leadership held in connection with the annual convention in Fort Worth.

Monday, July 19

1:30-3:00 P.M.

Heritage Ball Room of the Ft. Worth Hilton

Guaranteed Remedy for:

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- * Cliques Syndrome
- * Stagnation
- * Hardening of the Categories
- * Snoring
- * Corns, Bunions



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Program for July

SO... YOU'RE "STAYING BY THE STUFF"



Objective: To look at the excuse of "staying by the stuff" in the spirit of the Biblical text and to make the application to our own lives.

Scripture: I Samuel 30

Hymn: "Here am I, Send Me."

Introduction

There are two outstanding excuses people sometimes give for why they don't go beyond the shores of our country proclaiming the Good News of Christ's redeeming love to men who wait in jungle darkness.

Perhaps the excuse most often given is this: "But I haven't been called." And when time is taken to show them from Scripture that God is not willing that "any should perish,

but that all should come to repentance"; and the responsibility He has put upon us when He commanded, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"; they admit reluctantly they guess that is right. But certainly they don't intend to do anything about it.

The second great excuse usually set forth is, "But somebody has to 'stay by the stuff'." While that excuse might be more Biblical, it is often used to evade the real issue of giving their lives without reservation to reach men with the Gospel story.

An evangelist once said, "All excuses are lies." A reason is true; an excuse is an evasion of the truth. Since this excuse of "staying by the stuff" has been thrown out so often, it's well we look into the Scriptures where these words are found.

Biblical Background

Give a brief resume of I Samuel 30 and the background leading up to the incident.

The Percentage Was Too Great

David took his 500 men and pursued after the Amalakites to make war with them. On the way they stopped at the brook Besor where 200 stayed behind while the other 400 continued to pursue the enemy. We readily agree that the percentage of those who stayed behind was too great.

However, compared with those pressing the battle in the regions beyond, those who are staying by the stuff in this country are even more out of proportion. The ratio is even less than one missionary on the foreign field to every 1000 who are staying at home "by the stuff."

Suppose 595 of David's men stayed behind at the brook by the stuff and only five had gone with him to meet the Amalakites in the battle? I wonder if David would still have answered his disgruntled soldiers as he did in the last part of verse 24, concerning sharing the spoils alike with those who had stayed behind?

Only the Faint Qualify

David's 600 men pursued the Amalakites hard, fast, and long—so much so that when they arrived at the brook, a third of David's men were so faint that they could not cross over the brook and continue the chase.

Christians who continually use this excuse certainly don't want to admit that the reason they do not go to the regions beyond is because they are not man enough or woman enough to "take it." On the contrary, those who have physical handicaps are the first to volunteer their lives for the mission field—to live, or if need be, to die—that the Gospel might be made available to men and women who have yet to hear the name of Jesus for the first time.

Some time ago an elderly lady who was a grandmother and had an artificial limb offered her life for service in the jungles of South America. She realized that most Christians would have little or no interest in her support, and so, using what little finances she had, she trusted God for the rest rather than obligate the mission in any way.

She worked tirelessly in the Venezuelan jungles, sleeping night after night in a hammock, while she made Christ known to a lost world. Later she was desirous of making contacts with a new savage Indian tribe, stating that if they were going to kill anyone it would be better that she die than some younger person with a strong body.

Those who are most reluctant to give their lives in the regions beyond almost without exception are those who are most eligible from the physical standpoint.

Faithfully Tarrying

The remaining 400 overtook the enemy, recovered their wives and children, took flocks and herds as spoil, and started home. Finally arriving at the brook Besor, they found

the 200 who had remained by the stuff because they were so weary they could not continue. They were faithfully doing what they should—they were “tarrying by the stuff.”

When Christians who give this excuse are asked, “Are you staying by the stuff? How much praying have you done for the missionaries today, or this week, or even this month?” they must hang their heads in shame and admit they have done little or none. And when asked, “How much money have you given sacrificially to make it possible for some missionary to carry on?” they have to admit they have given little or none.

In the final analysis, they are not staying by the stuff. But by giving this excuse they feel this is sufficient reason to keep one from delving further into what they are doing with their lives for Jesus sake and the sake of lost souls.

Some Examples

The following are some concrete examples of folks who are actually staying by the stuff:

The father of two missionaries holds down two jobs—one to provide a living for him and his wife, and the other for foreign missions.

A Christian lady, deserted by her drunken husband, brought up several children and yet had time to labor in her church, entertain evangelists and missionaries, and meeting needs in many other lives. Besides she gave liberally; her missionary pledge was the largest in her church!

A southern California young couple and their son operate a chicken farm. They live sacrificially so that they might give heavily to missions. Their books show \$10,000

given in one year for missions.

A Nebraska couple are old enough to retire, yet they both work in order to support five missionaries. This same couple are anxious to give their lives somehow, some way, on the mission field if it is felt they can be of more value there than where they are.

How many Christians here in America are actually “staying by the stuff?”

Conclusion

Yes, somebody has to stay by the stuff. But if you stay by the stuff, it will mean that you must live just as sacrificially as the missionary who leaves father, mother and home and presses into these dark places while living on a meager allowance. Why shouldn't God expect the same from His children who live right here in America? God is no respecter of persons. You are no more the object of His love than the missionary who goes out in this manner.

God still wants us to give our lives; and until we do give our lives He'll never get much of our money or our prayers. But when He gets our lives He'll get both.

Paul, the apostle, speaking of the Corinthian church said, “. . . beyond their power they were willing of themselves; . . . but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God” (II Cor. 8:3-5).

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Expectant
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Eunice Edwards

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

July

Prayer Requests

1. Many missionaries have just returned from the field both physically and spiritually drained. "Give Yourself Away" to them in prayer and then be available to express it in other ways.

2. While Jerry McClary establishes a church in Omaha, Nebraska, the Russell Wright family works in Lincoln. Pray for these needy outposts.

3. Robert and Judy Bryan work in Tanda, Ivory Coast, a strategic educational and governmental center. Pray for open doors in spreading the Gospel.

The story is told of a minister who picked up a note left on his desk by an unknown: "Sir, we would see Jesus." The minister felt the impact of the simple message and looked long and lovingly in the face of his Savior. He then went from his study and preached unto them Jesus. Once more a note appeared: "Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord."

Jesus came to earth to make manifest His Father and His love. In so doing the world saw God in a depth and distinction never seen before nor since. Jesus was an exact replica of

His Father and came to show Him to a blinded world (John 17:25, 26).

The world still does not know God except as His children make His love and power known to them. When the world sees Jesus in His children, the greatest message is preached with the greatest power. There is no question about this fact!

Paul warns us of the danger of being seen ourselves instead of our lovely Lord. With the weight of the message entrusted to Paul came the realization that he could be tempted to exalt himself (II Cor. 12:7). So the treasure was in earthen vessels, "that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (II Cor. 4:7).

Neither worry nor woe can disturb me when He covers me with His hand. I am safe, secure, and when simply "hid with Christ in God" nothing can move me. But this place of refuge is only mine when I seek it. When Satan tempts me to "be seen" instead of my Lord, Satan is the victor. When I can hide myself and let Jesus be seen, the bells of heaven ring and my Lord is exalted—as it must be. I must meditate upon these truths, give myself wholly to them, and then His glory will be manifested—as it should be.

Birthdays this month:



Sharon Ferguson, July 26,
and Lynette Morgan, 27, of
Ivory Coast

Missionary Focus

One important element in prayer, and perhaps the most difficult, is waiting.

About six months before furlough, we had a great desire to see the small group of believers at Tanda stabilized in a church building of their own. Since they had been saving their offerings, there was enough money to get a good start on the building. The city officials allotted us a small, obscure lot which was soon cleared and a mason began making blocks.

Our eyes were so blinded with desire to see the building completed that we tried not see the lot had no direct access. Why not wait to begin actual construction until a better location could be acquired? Some wiser missionaries suggested. But

how could we wait? Our departure date was drawing nearer every day. What would people think at home about unanswered prayer and no slides of a completed building?

Waiting is very much a part of the African culture, so this posed no problem to the believers. But for time-conscious, goal-oriented Americans, this meant leaving an unfinished task.

After we got pride out of the way, we made the decision to wait and returned to the states on furlough.

Month after month passed while blocks waited idly on the vacant lot. News from Tanda grew steadily worse. Had waiting been the right choice? Our discouragement reached new depths.

Finally missionary Robert Bryan wrote that the church had been allotted property on the main road in Tanda. At the edge of town, it borders another village with easy access to both. And the lot is twice as large as the first one!

God answered prayer in His own time. And Psalm 37:3-5 has become a reality to us.

Sharon Ferguson, Ivory Coast

August

Prayer Requests:

1. Walter Sumerlin, working to establish a fully self-supporting church this year in Charlottesville, Virginia, has lost 74 pounds following recent surgery. Pray for full recovery and church independence.

2. Dave Franks and family are returning to Brazil. Charolette Tallent

enroute to France to work with the Mileys and Webbs in Lorient, France. Jeff and Susan Turnbough are beginning their language study in Spain. Pray for God's direction in these situations.

3. Mark Vandivort family, Flagstaff, Arizona, request land and property of their own, more people to form a congregation, and improved physical health.

Romans 8 speaks to me in a very personal way. This chapter reminds me of the redemptive power of my God. I cherish that reminder.

You see, dear ones, this is God's way of telling me that I cannot do anything. Verse 8 is an unequivocal statement of man's complete inability to please God: "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." Sometimes that statement stings! smarts! because, personally, I like to think of myself as one not completely useless in God's service. But that is exactly His reason for the statement, because "in the flesh" means to be in a state of death. Conversely, the statement also brings real joy to my heart because He is reminding us that we are no longer in a state of death, but alive! Christians have been born again! We are living "in the spirit."

Verse 9 says, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you." As the flesh stands for sinful man, the Spirit stands for the living man. To be in the spirit is to be in God, bound up in a bundle of eternal love.

When we accepted Christ as Savior, we became a "living soul." We were changed from "lost" to "saved." We were declared "justified by faith" and our names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life through the blood of the Sinless One.

He tells us plainly in I Cor. 3:16 that the Spirit of God dwells in us. Because we are sons, God has sent forth His spirit into our hearts (Gal. 4:6).

The indwelling Spirit is the secret of God's will and power. He can, and does, work through His children. So—thank You, Lord!

Missionary Focus

Birthdays this month:



Deleen Couseneau, August 1, and Susan Dickens, 27, Ivory Coast; Vicki Sturgill, 7, Brazil; Judy Smith, 18, and Sandra Bishop, 27, Japan; Linda Callaway, 29, Spain.

Romans 12 teaches us to rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, continue instant in prayer, rejoice with them who rejoice, and weep with them who weep. This chapter plainly pictures the Christian's character. To pray for a need in our own lives and see that prayer answered is a thrilling experience, like an electric shock to a Christian's faith. But to give yourself in prayer in behalf of another person . . . well, perhaps only then does the term

"brothers and sisters in Christ" take on a very special meaning.

Such was the case for the fledgling church in Spain. One of the young preacher boys was hit by a bus when he pulled out of the bicycle lane. His leg was broken and his family had to pay the medical expenses. They sued the bus company and the unsaved father expected his son to lie in order that the court might rule in his favor.

Such a struggle waged in this young man's heart. His family could not meet the expenses and if they lost the case, the courts would take all their personal belongings to pay the bills. He loved his family, but Christ and the desire to do right now had first place in his life.

Not days, nor weeks, but for months much prayer was made by the church

as a body and the Christians individually. God is faithful to those who are faithful to Him. The court miraculously ruled in the young man's favor and the bus company paid court costs and medical expenses. Better yet, faithful prayer changed the attitude of

a bitter, unsaved father.

When you are praying for your missionaries and the young Christians on each field, you never know what mountains you are helping to move.

Linda Callaway

September

Prayer Requests:

1. The Jim Sturgills are in a building program in Brazil. Pray they will complete the church building before their furlough departure.

2. The James O'Dell family have faced severe winters, lack of response from the people, and inadequate facilities in Great Falls, Montana. Pray for a breakthrough on this isolated field.

3. Urgent! The national retreat at Hot Springs, Arkansas must have the anointing of the Holy Spirit to accomplish all He desires. Pray to this end.

There are two requirements for walking with Christ: union and communion. Without a personal union with Christ it is impossible to walk with Him. Union occurs at regeneration. Through the miracle of faith, believing and receiving, the sinner becomes united with Christ and a child of God.

Communion between Christ and the believer produces fruit. It is evidence that union has occurred and evidence of a changed life. We cannot

bear fruit of ourselves, for "without me ye can do nothing," Jesus tells us. That beautiful cluster of fruit described in Galatians 5:22, 23 is produced by the work and power of the Holy Spirit. Fruitfulness makes glad the heart of Christ and the believer.

F. B. Meyer has said, "The vine-root is not enough in itself, it must have branches to carry its rich juices to the cluster, so that they may hang free of each other in the sun and air. Christ must have branches—long lines of saved souls extending down through the centuries—through which to communicate himself to man."

Christians are necessary to Christ! He has chosen us and cannot do without us. He says, "I am the vine and ye are the branches" (John 15:5).

Union and communion with Christ are requisites for fruit bearing. Union and communion are also requisites for walking with Christ. He says in Matt. 6:19-21 that where our treasure is there will our heart be also. Therefore, it would seem logical that union and communion with Christ also includes sharing our common goals and ambitions.

Missionary Focus

Birthdays this month



September 7: Mirial Gainer, Japan; Janie Aldridge, Ivory Coast, Susan Turnbough, Spain. LaRue Crowson, 27,

France. Brazil: Sue Aycock, 3; Geneva Poole, 4; Nancy Hughes, 9; Florine Coscia, 22; Pat Franks, 29.

It's Sunday evening. The motorcycle proceeds south on Avent Ferry Road. A car fails to yield the right-of-way and two drivers swerve to avoid the inevitable. The vehicles clash violently with a leg pinned between.

It happens so fast—the horror of the impact, the flip over the handlebars, the crazy roll down the highway, and wide-eyed disbelief at the sight of a leg sprawled in an unnatural position. Pain, screams, a strong hand, a kind word, sirens, TV cameras, pain, pain, pain. "Thank You, Lord, I'm alive!"

A waiting doctor sadly shakes his head and with trembling hand the 18-year-old signs the paper authorizing the amputation of his mangled leg.

Six thousand miles away, the missionaries, as usual, pray for their son. A diary entry for October 24, 1980 reads, "...relaxing evening at home, but Nancy can't sleep."

Awake now, the student drifts into reality and lacks the courage to look down. Groggy and confused, he finds the leg is still there! "Don't get your hopes up," cautions the doctor. The

leg with no detectable pulse and held together with rods and pins throbs between pain shots.

Six thousand miles away, the missionary travels a day's journey to a preaching assignment. At 8 A.M. on Monday morning she receives a call informing her of their son's accident. Praying and crying, she tries to reach her husband. Finally, nine hours later the missionary learns the news.

In December of 1981 members of Garner FWB Church marvel in thanksgiving as they watch the student with only limited ankle movement roller skate around the rink. His multiple breaks have healed and the bone has filled itself in, eliminating the need for a bone graft. Who would suspect it has been declared 40% disabled?

The missionaries now on furlough travel everywhere and thank people who tell them, "I prayed for your son."

We marvel again at the power of prayer—Tom, Jr., his dad and I.

Nancy Hughes, Brazil

August is Emphasis Month



A complimentary emphasis program packet has been sent to each auxiliary. If you missed yours, request one from:

WNAC
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202



by Trudy Haas Miles

ADVENTURERS IN PRAYER WITH A TWO-YEAR-OLD

Our little puppy, Coco, was a bundle of energy. To see Coco and our two-year-old D. J. romp in the grass would make your heart warm and bubbly. They were inseparable.

One cold, dismal Sunday morning a stranger interrupted my husband's Sunday school class. Blurt-ing out his story, he told how Coco had run right in front of his car and he couldn't avoid running over her. We ran home next door to view the battered still body heaped on the front lawn. His fragile breath rose in shallow gasps.

The stranger insisted on taking Coco to the vet. Responsibilities at church kept my husband there, so I climbed in the back seat beside Coco as we all searched for an animal hospital. It was not easy to find one open on Sunday, but at last we found one. The small pet was in shock, the vet said, but he would try to stop the internal bleeding.. He would call us that evening.

Coco was failing fast and needed emergency surgery. After quoting us the price of such surgery and the risks involved, we decided to have Coco put to sleep.

A few minutes later while putting our son to bed, we told him that Coco was going to die. Not understanding the finality of death, he had a brainstorm, "Let's pray for Coco!" My husband and I

exchanged glances over his head—why not?? We prayed for Coco to get well and kissed our little one goodnight.

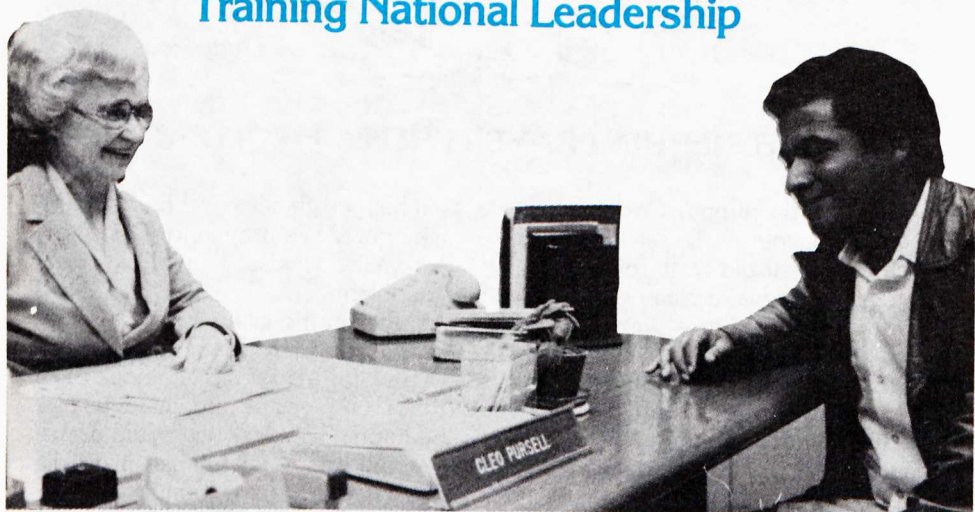
Later in the living room I asked my husband if he thought it was silly to pray for a dog? He reminded me that God loves us and wants us to be happy, so surely we could pray for our puppy. I felt a sense of loss. I missed that canine bundle of fur romping around. We went to bed with a small glimmer of hope zig-zagging across the dull sense of dread.

The vet called early the next morning. Sometime during the night, Coco had perked up and began staggering around. He suggested we wait and see if her condition stabilized. Jubilantly we told D. J. that Coco was better and that Jesus had answered our prayer. We brought her home a few days later and dropper-fed her back to health.

The little two-year-old is now five years old. Since that day Jesus has played an integral part in our son's life. He knows Jesus listens and wants to help us.

Today as Coco bounds excitedly across the room, I look at her and am reminded of the sincere prayer of a two-year-old. And how God sometimes uses little incidents to teach us all big lessons.

Training National Leadership



Raul Sanes visits with Mrs. Cleo Pursell in the WNAC office.

"How can we best help you?" a mission board executive asked a developing Third World Leader. Without hesitation, he replied, "Train us some leaders. We want to do the work ourselves, but we need trained leadership."

In the July, 1981 session of WNAC, a resolution was passed supporting the training of nationals in approved Bible schools and seminaries. The first student to benefit from this financial aid is Raul Sanes, a 26 year old Panamanian student enrolled at the Rio Grande Bible Institute, McAllen, Texas.

Raul was saved as a teenager under the ministry of Tom Willey, Jr. "It was a struggle," Raul confessed. "I felt something else inside me trying to prevent me from accepting Christ. As others around me began to stand and make their way to the front of the church, I recognized that I needed to

do what they had done—accept the Lord as my Savior. That night I received Jesus Christ."

Immediately Raul felt the desire to be useful in the Lord's work. "I realized that I had accepted Christ as my Savior, but that this was not all He wanted me to do," Raul acknowledged. "I wanted Him to use me, even though I was unworthy—like a dirty rag."

Today Raul is receiving adequate training to enable him to return to Panama to help light up his dark world. He concludes, "I thank God who has given me the privilege he did not give to angels—the privilege of preaching the message of salvation unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Material taken from an article "God Gave Him A Mountain," by Don Robirds **Heartbeat**, Jan/Feb 1979.

MEET YOUR WRITERS

Rose Mertz
Southside FWB
Church
St. Louis, MO



Husband: Jim, church pastor
Children: Matt, 3, and Angel, 7.
Positions: Children's Church director,
CTS teacher, Auxiliary president and
state member at large
Professon: Teacher at Fourth Christian
School
Hobbies: Cooking, reading

Trudy Miles
Parker's Chapel FWB
Church
Greenville, NC



Husband: Donnie, the church's assist-
ant pastor
Children: D. J., 5; Darin, 3; and Daniel,
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Positions: Choir member, assistant
pastor's assistant
Profession: Homemaker, keeps
children in home
Hobbies: Crafts and needlework,
reading

Jackie Peters
Holmes FWB Church
Ariton, AL



Husband: Bobby, church pastor
Children: Two daughters, Renae, 17,
and Robin, 15; Shawn, 9; Stephen
and Neal, both 10 and foster children
Positions: Choir director and teen
teacher
Profession: Homemaker and pastor's
wife
Hobbies: Sewing, swimming, and
reading

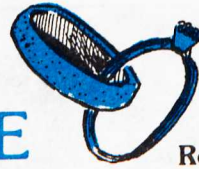
Shella Scarborough
Cofer's Chapel FWB
Church
Nashville, TN



Husband: Jim, employed by Hearth-
stone Log Homes
Children: Tiffany, 6, and Shawna, 8
Position: Sunday school secretary and
assistant librarian
Profession: Serves on several com-
mittees for handicapped children,
substitute aid and respite care
provider.
Hobbies: Art and writing

Program for August

TEAM WORK IN MARRIAGE



Rose Mertz

Objective: To review God's perfect plan for marriage

Scripture: Genesis 2:21-24

Hymn: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

Introduction

The year is 1929 and everyone is cheering his team during the intense rivalry of the Rose Bowl game. California is leading Georgia Tech 7 to 6. Suddenly Georgia Tech fumbles! Roy Reigels, an outstanding player for California, alertly grabs the ball, but in the process is spun around by the mass of players reaching for the ball. He gets pointed the wrong direction and amid the screams and shouts of the players and fans, he heads toward the wrong goal line! Thinking the fans are cheering him on, he runs as if the devil himself is after him. As the luck of the Californians would have it, Roy is tackled at the one yard line by his own teammate before scoring for the opposite team. Backed up against their own goal line, California was unable to do anything with the football. As fate would have it, the quarterback was tackled by Georgia in their end zone, giving Georgia a touch back, or two points. The game ended with Georgia winning 8-7.

Roy Reigels was a great player. He was sincere. But he was sincerely wrong. Roy and his teammates learned that day that it takes more than greatness or sincerity, and it takes more than one player to bring

home a victory. This program shows us that this same principle applies to a marriage.

Team Work in Marriage

Team work is vital to the game of football, but there is a much more important game that requires it. It is a game played for keeps and does not end until "death do us part." There is absolutely no trading or switching of team mates, there are no strikes, and certainly no retirement during life. In fact, in accordance with the rules drawn up by our Head Coach, the Lord Jesus, team work is not even optional; it is a stringent requirement.

A recent survey by a Christian magazine revealed that 39% of the 5000 couples interviewed expressed that they would not select the same life partner if they had the choice over again. Satan is out to destroy the Christian home, thus bringing about the consequence that Jesus talked about when He said, "a house divided against itself cannot stand."

Marriage had a glorious, Divine beginning, but today the forecast is very gloomy. Just a casual glance at society today leads one to the incapable question of whether or not there will be such a thing as marriage and the home in the future generations of mankind.

God's Ideal Plan For the Perfect Team

In a football game, both teams are allowed several "time outs." This

allows time for rest and gives the coach an opportunity to go over the game plan with his players. It's time for all Christians to take a "time out" with the Lord Jesus, a time out to rest before Him and let Him advise us on His wonderful game plan of Christian marriage.

God introduced us to the first quarterback in marriage in the book of Genesis. God created the world; looked at it and pronounced that "it was good." After he created man, He noticed an incompleteness in Adam: "it was not good for man to be alone." He created Eve to solve this problem. Whether or not husbands like to admit it, one thing is clear: Adam in his perfect environment had only one problem, so God created Eve to solve all of man's problems!

Why did Adam need Eve? He certainly did not need someone to sew on buttons, because he had none. He did not need a cook; his food was already perfect. He did not even need a maid to clean house or wash windows. Adam simply needed someone to complete him, to make him a total person. The woman was created to fulfill man physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. She was to be a "help-meet." Adam needed someone to listen to his dreams, laugh at his jokes, rub his back, brag on his feats and good looks.

God's plan for the perfect team has not failed; only the team has failed.

God's Game Plan

The plan of God is simple. To the husbands He says, "love," and to the wives He says, "submit." Actually

God is saying that the perfect combination is "mutual submission."

God did not assign the place of submission as a punishment, but for the fulfillment of the women and the glory of His name. Women love to be treated like queens, but only those who treat their husband like a king can claim those blessings of domestic royalty. Crown your husband king with the crown of respect and understanding and you shall wear the crown of his love and tenderness.

Submission is not the admission of inferiority, but the Scriptural acknowledgement of God's Game Plan. For a moment, let's take a brief "time out" and review the meaning of submission. The dictionary defines submission as "the surrender of a person or power to the control of another." It's a matter of the will and not of disposition. The devil knew that if he could entice Eve to sin this would separate the marriage and cause Adam to fall. The power unit of the first family was weakened by independence and individuality. Satan also knew that Adam and Eve together, as a team, were more than his equal. United they stood, divided they fell.

The Opponent's Game Plan

In order to be better prepared for the upcoming football game, the coach and players review films taken recently of the opponent's games. This way they can best determine the opponent's game plan and plan their strategy accordingly. Satan has a plan to attack and destroy marriages. In the garden of Eden, he lured Eve from her husband. This resulted in a breakdown of authority. Eve communicated to the devil instead of referring him to her husband. The

decision to eat of that fruit was made independently from her husband and worse yet, independently from her God.

Also in the devil's plan, one sees selfishness and pride. His philosophy is to live with one woman or man until you are tired of him/her or someone better comes along. Our enemy encourages divorce as the easiest and only way to solve problems. He is a ruthless enemy and fights against all decent rules and regulations of godliness.

It's interesting to note that some quarterbacks do not call their own plays. They look to the sidelines to the head coach who gives him signals from which he calls his plays. The only way to guarantee victory in marriage is to look to the Head Coach, Jesus Christ, who knows the enemy better than we and has already defeated Him. The writer of Hebrews admonishes us to be "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

Completer or Crippler

Commentators have pointed out that the Hebrew word translated in English "help meet" literally means "one who completes." Women are to be completers, not cripples as some have become.

Because of their preoccupation with cooking, cleaning and children, many women have forgotten their original purpose: that of completing her husband. Perhaps another "time out" with the Head Coach would be appropriate to rediscover this priority. The New Testament teaches, especially in Titus 2:5, that wives are to be "keepers of the home" and act in a good, sensible way in obedience to their husbands. Disobedience in

this area, Paul says, will bring blasphemy to the Word of God.

God made man and woman to live, decide, love and worship Him together. The circle of the ecstasy of highest human joy and fulfillment is completed by the wife. She is the help-meet and God's choice to complete what is incomplete in man, not to compete with him.

Conclusion

What is God's plan for the winning combination? First of all, acknowledge the Lordship of Christ. Right family relationships fall in line when our relationship with God is close and unbroken.

Next accept submission as a gift of God as well as a gift of liberty. A serious reading of Ephesians five will be beneficial in the understanding and acceptance of God's role for the wife. It is His game plan. It cannot be improved upon.

Last but not least, remember when hands were joined at the altar as a symbol that "whatsoever God hath joined together, let not man put asunder?" Joining hands again symbolically and spiritually to become the completer of God. There are men who could be great workers for God in soul winning, bus ministry, or teaching. However, they are restrained by the petticoat restrictions of a jealous wife, jealous of the calling of God on their husband's lives and the time it demands.

Marriage and children were made to create a strong team, a spiritually invincible force for good in spreading and propogating the work of God and the Word of God. Be a completer. Pray and work together as a team, for God has already promised we are on the victory side.

Share-A-Book

by Genny Wadell

TRY GIVING YOURSELF AWAY

By David Dunn

Prentice-Hall, INC. 145 pp.

"When is someone going to do something for **ME?**" Do you ever ask that question? Christians often do because we, too, find ourselves worshipping at the world's shrine of selfishness.

If you find yourself wanting to "be done unto" instead of "doing unto others," **TRY GIVING YOURSELF AWAY** is just the medicine you need. It is not a religious book, but David Dunn has captured the outward essence of true Christianity: service to others. Once a person accepts Christ as Savior, being a blessing to others ought to follow. James put it like this. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." (James 2:17)

This author has successfully written about the **LITTLE** ways a person can show others genuine concern and love. He says, "The world needs the healing influence of a great surge of simple **thoughtfulness** and **kindheartedness.**" One example of thoughtfulness is the sharing of our surplus goods with people who could use them now, instead of always going the garage-sale route. He also encourages people to offer sincere words of appreciation via a letter or telephone

Try Giving Yourself Away

A cheerful, heartening book which sets forth a hundred simple things that you can do to make your life much happier...And to make the world around you a better place to live...Starting right away!

David Dunn

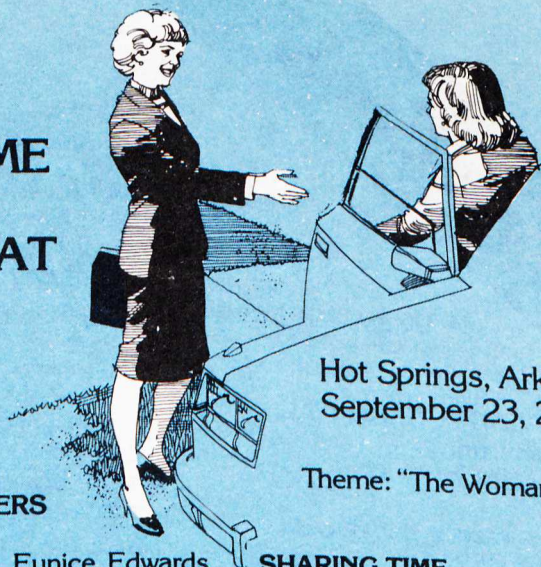
call to those who have been of help.

Sometimes the writer even admonishes us to thank strangers who do such simple things as wait on our table or plant flowers beside the street for everyone to enjoy. In a most interesting fashion he challenges people to "give away one's retirement."

What about you, Retired Church Member? Even Christians sometimes feel helpless when they retire from their life-long occupations. Have you considered what so-called retirees can offer the Lord for the rest of their lives? Service! A retired painter? What a blessing to a church that needs a face lift? A retired cook? How many lonely people need hot meals? A retired teacher? Now you have time to read to blind people in your area? A retired homemaker? No one has a greater opportunity than you to telephone the shut-in members?

Regardless of your age or occupation, **TRY GIVING YOURSELF AWAY** will remind you constantly of Jesus' attitude in Matthew 20:28. "Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

MEET ME at the RETREAT



Hot Springs, Arkansas
September 23, 25, 1982

Theme: "The Woman God Sees"

SPECIAL SPEAKERS

Our Very Own
Rudene Kennedy, Eunice Edwards,
and Trula Cronk

MISSIONARIES

Most of the furloughing missionary
wives will be participating plus a
Missions Musicale, "Go Tell Your
World"

FELLOWSHIP

Room Devotions
Coffee Breaks
Sight Seeing Trips
Testimonies
Browsing book and
missionary display

SHARING TIME

Talent Time directed by Bonita Hill
Interested participants may contact
her at: P.O. Box 242, Atkins, AR 72823
"Parade of Pious Personalities", a skit
given by Butterfield auxiliary (IL)

CHALLENGING SEMINARS

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God Sees Us! Is He Pleased!
Take Your Vitamins—Perk Up!
Living Above Your Frustrations
Creative Hospitality
Me! Organized?
You Can Forgive
Witnessing Women

Mail to: WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY RETREAT, P.O. Box 1088,
Nashville, TN 37202.

Please register me for the retreat. I am listing the names of the others in
my group. I have enclosed \$5.00 per person

Name _____
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Just Like You

I saw that look. It was a look of pity. Why do they all look at me that way? I am just like you. Maybe not on the outside, but inside I am. I wish I could tell you how I feel inside.

I love television and think Dukes of Hazard is tops. I get hungry and when I fall down, the pain is the same as yours.

The other day at the park the sun got so hot that I got a little sick and after the sun went down, the mosquitoes liked my skin, too.

Asking for a drink of water is impossible for me, but I know how it feels to be thirsty.

Boy, do I remember the first day of school! Mom said as she got me ready, "Shawna, you go to school this morning. You're such a big girl now." But inside I knew she was crying and I would never see the tears.

I was scared. I hated to leave the security of home, and the sick feeling inside of me when Mother walked off the school bus was very real. My eyes went back and forth from the bus driver to Mother going back into the house, seeking a way out but knowing there was none.

And when my sister Tiffany takes me out to play and the neighborhood children look at me and say, "Look at her! She walks funny," Tiffany begins to cry and takes me back home to Mother. Mother's eyes are wet with tears as she smiles and holds us both for a time talking softly. We soon forget the things the other children said.

I still love some of my toys from babyhood and find my dog Katy comforting to snuggle against.

One of my most favorite things to do is to go to the top of my slide and when my breath returns find myself at the bottom. My smiles tells my sister I want to go again.

It is enjoyable to be treated like a baby, but I do more for myself when everyone treats me as a big girl. I don't want anyone to feel sorry for me. I just want to be able to be me.

I know I am slow and there are many things I will never be able to do, things that you take for granted. But I can do so much that people stand in amazement at times. Like the time I pedaled my sister's Big Wheel for the first time. It had taken me three months to learn, but Mom, Dad, and Tiffany were so proud when that Big Wheel moved forward a fraction of an inch. I was proud, too. And also the time the instructor let me go in the pool and I came back to the top of my own strength.

Even though some things are hard for me to understand, the love and security I get from my sister when I climb into her bed some nights is enough.

If I can learn at my own speed and still be accepted, maybe I can fit into this world that has to look twice.

Although I am retarded, I still love, hurt, and find joy and happiness in very simple things. I may need to be directed and encouraged, but do not forget, I am just like you.

Smile and say hello to me. I am Shawna.

Women In Action

Laura Belle Barnard, GA, former missionary to India and missions department head at Free Will Baptist Bible College, led a two night missions seminar at Colquitt and Mt. Gilead.

If you've never had a women's prayer breakfast, the auxiliary of First Church, Morehead City, NC, testifies, "It's an experience you will never regret and a blessing you will never forget." Mary Ellen Rice, former missionary to Brazil, is president.

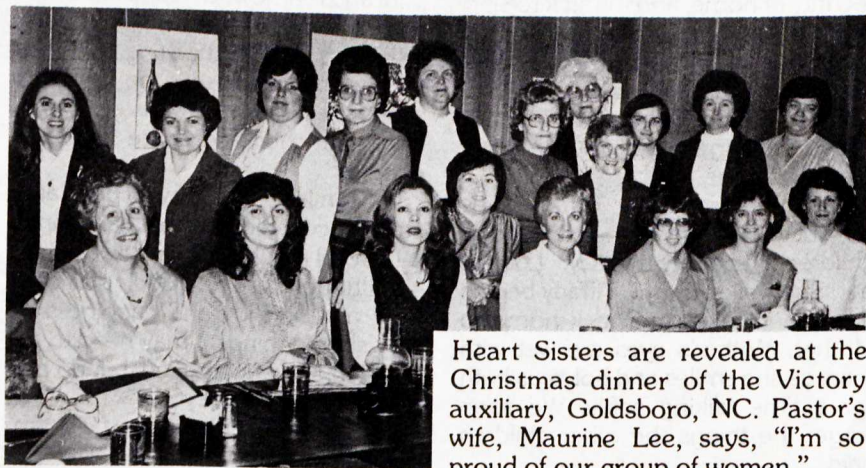
Special music "With my Hands" given in sign language by Patsy Mercer of Friendship was interpreted by Jayne Hannah at the New Hope district meeting, AR.



Horse Branch auxiliary, Timmons-ville, SC, honors their outgoing president Mae Sheehan with a bracelet in honor of her 13 years of service.



Dot Reeves, Sandy Hall, Selby Hall and Betty Stanley, Soul's Harbor, Vinemont, AL, in a walk-a-thon and nets \$106 for missions.



Heart Sisters are revealed at the Christmas dinner of the Victory auxiliary, Goldsboro, NC. Pastor's wife, Maurine Lee, says, "I'm so proud of our group of women."



Bear Point auxiliary, Sesser, IL, meets for their Christmas party. Ollie Sulcer, front row middle, is president.

Wewoka auxiliary, OK, hosts a baby shower for Brooke Cousineau, baby daughter of Mike and Deleen, missionaries in Ivory Coast.



The enlistment dinner of the Kaw Valley auxiliary, Kansas City, KS, increases their membership from four to ten.



A money tree for state missions is featured at the Richland auxiliary, Nashville, TN, JoAnn Littrell is president.



Officers of the home mission church in Lexington, KY, pose with their president, Shirley Fields, second from the right.



Attendance almost doubles at the enlistment dinner at the Oak Park auxiliary, Pine Bluff, AR with 21 ladies present.



Florine Coscia circle, Rocky Mount, NC, prepares "Happiness Baskets" for shut-ins under the leadership of Dale Hill.



Helen Taylor, *far right*, president-elect of the newly organized East Elkhorn, KY, auxiliary.



Soul's Harbor, Vinemont, AL, honors their special ladies with a luncheon.



Organizational meeting of First auxiliary, Clinton, OK. Carol Hudson is elected president with Connie Thomas as vice president.

A Bank With No Inflation

Jackie Peters

Purpose: To explore the glorious wealth which has been put in reserve for Christians in the great bank of Heaven.

Scripture: Ephesians 1

Song: "I'm a Child of the King"

Introduction

Every now and then we hear of someone dying like a pauper only to discover him to be a person of unmeasured wealth.

We're quick to condemn, but do we not act in the same manner? God the heavenly Father has made a vast deposit of riches in our name in the bank of heaven. These resources are more than ample to cover all past debts, meet all present liabilities, and to provide for all future needs. The method of withdrawal is so simple that all we need do is request them. Yet so often we choose to live as spiritual paupers, totally ignoring all that He has made available to us.

Let's examine this wealth at our disposal and the method we can go about claiming it as our very own.

Open the Account (I Cor. 6:20)

A signature is one of the first requirements to open an account in your city bank. As we pen our names on the ID card we claim the right to use all the resources deposited in our name.

Likewise God demands a signature on His heavenly deposit. And this Christ did when He shed His blood

on Calvary (Col. 1:14). When we accept Him as our personal Saviour from sin through faith in His atoning blood, we become eligible to receive the wealth He has bequeathed to us

Our account is opened in the oldest bank in existence, dating way back before BW—before the world was. Founded by the triune God, this bank is unshakeable and steadfast, as solid as the rock of Gibraltar. It is more than an institution as compared to our earthly banks erected of brick and mortar. One not made with hands, it is made available through Christ for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

The unsaved person cannot qualify to open an account. The master key to heaven's treasury is found in the two words which Paul uses so often in his letters: "In Christ." Ruth Paxton in her book, *The Wealth, Walk, and Warfare of the Christian*, defines it this way:

IN CHRIST

Denotes our Position
Where He is, we are

Defines our Privileges
What He is, we are

Describes our Possessions
What He has, we share

Determines our Practice
What He does, we do

Sometimes our accounts don't last long on this earth, but praise God for this never ending account.

Deposit (I Cor. 3:12-15)

After our account has been officially opened, we become eligible to deposit money in the bank and use the convenience of its facilities.

The passage in I Corinthians teaches us that our ministry here on earth is a form of depositing treasure in the bank of heaven. We either minister in the flesh (wood, hay and stubble which will be burned) or in the spirit (gold, silver and precious stones which cannot be destroyed).

Jesus admonishes us to lay up treasures in heaven and not on earth (Matt. 6:19). Moth and rust devaluates that which we bury and thieves break through and steal that which we deposit in banks, but that which we deposit in our heavenly account is there forever. Daniel likens this to stars in the soul winners crown (Dan. 12:3).

Humans often make errors on our deposit slips. Even computers are not infallible. But God never makes a mistake; His records are always correct (I Pet. 1:4).

Withdrawal

When we need money, we go to the bank and make a withdrawal from our account. The more checks we write, the smaller becomes our account. Not so our heavenly account. Our withdrawals are from an inexhaustible supply from the storehouses of heaven.

This heavenly bank offers 24 hour round-the-clock service and its doors

are never closed, not even for Christmas and holidays. Matter of fact, nothing pleases the heavenly Father more than for His depositors to demand His treasures on a moment by moment basis. You never have to line up for service. He is always available.

Our prayers are instruments whereby God answers our requests. Paul reminds us to pray without ceasing. Our attitude should always reflect a prayer in our hearts. With each answer God multiplies our account just as he did the loaves and fishes. The more we ask the more He makes available to us.

God has put in our possession His own promises given in the name of the Saviour. We claim them any time, any day, any place, on a no-limit basis simply through an act of appropriating faith.

Paul says we have been blessed with "every spiritual blessing." This phrase describes the elasticity of God's grace stretched full length to the uttermost of our need. If God has bequeathed us all this treasure, then surely He must have given us the capacity to receive and enjoy these blessings. Yet most of us have the Laodician attitude of being "rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing." So we are content to live as beggars in the midst of plenty.

Borrow (Luke 12:42-48)

Occasionally we need to borrow money from the bank. The bank then draws up an agreement figuring payments and the percentage of interest we must pay. So we repay the loan plus interest on that which we have borrowed.

God does not do business this way. God lavishly bestows upon us not only the things we need, but often those which we desire as well (Ps. 37:4). He loans each of us 24 hours and the ability to work and perform useful activities.

Although salvation is free it costs us all that we possess. Ownership to material possessions, family, even our very breath were all relinquished to Him at the moment we accepted Christ as our Saviour. Then He in turn says to us, "Take them back, they're yours to use, but remember they're mine. Handle them lightly; don't become too attached to them. Be ready to give them up at a moment's notice."

God never adds interest charges on the contract He makes with us, but he does require regular accountings. And to whom much is given, of him much will be required (Luke 11:48).

Savings (Matt. 10:39)

In order to attain some material goal, we are often required to save a substantial amount of money. So we go to the bank and place money in a savings account where it can draw interest. But if we ever hope to reach our goal, we must keep adding to the account.

I Timothy 1:12 expresses confidence in Him who is able to keep that which we have committed to Him. We commit our souls to Him and are assured of eternal life with Him in heaven. We commit our children and loved ones to Him and are confident that He will bring them to Himself.

It seem paradoxical, but that which we keep is that which we give away. Men everywhere are hurting and searching for peace of mind and heart. God has placed in our hands that which we can give them in the form of savings in our heavenly account. It's called giving ourselves away. Each of us has her own assortment of gifts, as surplus mental or physical energy; a special art, skill or talent; ideas, imagination, the ability to organize; the gift of leadership. All of us can give appreciation, kindness, interest, loyalty, understanding, encouragement and tolerance—small portions of ourselves.

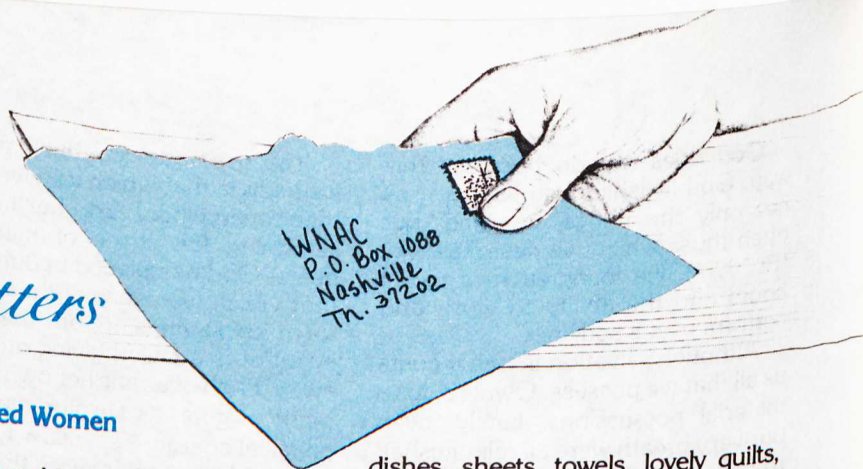
Norman S. Scholl says, "Everything we have is really loaned to us; we can't take anything with us when we depart. If we have no use for a thing, we should pass it on to someone else who can use it—now."

Conclusion

A bank must periodically issue a statement of its capital, surplus and reserves. During a depression, banks sometimes close because of lack of reserves. God's great bank has an abundance of reserves: the fullness of God, the fullness of Christ and the fullness of the Spirit. What need we more!

As we go deeper in Christ and He goes deeper in us, we realize anew how fantastically rich we are. When was the last time you drew upon His resources?

Letters



Dedicated Women

Enclosed in our once-a-year offering for the national. Three of our officers attended the national in Louisville and were greatly impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm shown by women bound together with but one goal—to serve our Lord

LaVon Conley
Jenkins, KY

The Lord is really working again this year in our auxiliary. Already we have added three new ladies. Two of them are elderly and have been such a blessing to us already.

Joyce Taylor
Brunswick, GA

We enjoy the **Co-Laborer**, and it means even more because it's written by our own Free Will Baptist ladies. We have some great talents among our own . . . Last year our auxiliary contributed over \$2880 to missionary projects. God can use a few women if they are willing to work toward seeing souls saved.

Carolyn Redfeam
Modesto, CA

Provision Closet

A few days ago I looked around our house and thought of all the things which were provided by WNAC—our

dishes, sheets, towels, lovely quilts, and, of course, tupperware. Our home would be quite bare if all these were removed. Thank you for all you do for us.

Sandra Bishop,
Japan . . .

Thanks for the nice things I received from the Provision Closet. I helped send many things to the closet when I attended Gateway, Virginia Beach, but I never thought I would receive items myself; but of course, I never thought I would be a missionary wife either.

Katy Minor,
Rhode Island . . .

Ron and I would appreciate it if you would express our gratefulness to the ladies who have such loving and understanding hearts. We have benefited many times.

Linda Callaway,
Spain . . .

Recently I was getting low on Melmac plates (they really break when they hit Brazilian tile floors) and found some in the cheapest store that has such luxuries. I paid just a little over \$3.50 per plate (U.S. dollars). That is not per place setting but for one round plate.

Vicki Sturgill,
Brazil

Cosmetics

Enclosed is \$10.00 to buy cosmetics to send back to Africa to share with the other missionaries, knowing how hot and drying your skin can get over there.

**Joan Jones
Duncan, OK**

Picnic Cookies

Did you miss our recipe last issue? This one from the Cross Timbers auxiliary cookbook, Nashville, TN makes up for it: **Katherine McDonald** says, "This is the easiest cookie to make that I have ever found: "Any **Duncan Hines** cake mix, 1 egg, and ½ cup oil. Mix together, drop by teaspoons on greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes. Raisins, chocolate chips or nuts may be added.

Wonderful Young People

I'm sending a poem inspired by a sermon a young man preached in our church last month. We do have some wonderful young people left in this world no matter what people may say.

**Kathryn Christy
Ashland City, TN**

Home Missionaries

Please continue to pray that I use the patience God has given so far. I'm a bit afraid to pray for more since I have discovered how it comes!

**Vergil Maness,
New Jersey**

In the letters section, I'm always excited to hear what the ladies from the different states are doing. It makes me remember anew that although

financially times are rough, God has given us much greater riches in the friendship of the wonderful women in our auxiliaries.

**Ginger Lake
Elkhart, IN**

MS or KS?

Thank you for the card informing me of my recent "move" to Kansas. If it's any warmer in Kansas than it's been in Mississippi this winter, thank whoever put me there.

**Carolyn Franks
Mantachie, MS**

Last issue of Co-Laborer mistakenly put Miss Franks, a program writer, in Kansas.

Missionary Involvement

The auxiliary of White Oaks is excited about the new year God has so kindly given us. We are looking forward to learning more about the needs of our missionaries and becoming more involved with them.

**Cathy Herron
Macon, GA**

Each member of our auxiliary takes turns each month in presenting to our church a missionary family. We are much in need of some up-to-date materials.

**Chris Johnson
Greensboro, NC**

Our auxiliary is really growing. I thank God for it as our ladies really needed something they could get involved in for the Lord. It's interesting to read about different auxiliaries around the world. Thank you for caring.

**Prayer Chairman
Huntsville, AL**



A Woman God Has Used

When Jane Etheridge was ten months old, her skin condition was diagnosed as pigmatosin, or skin cancer, and she was given about five years to live. That was 25 years ago.

Jane is the youngest of five children and has always resided in Andrews, South Carolina. Except for a bit of pampering on the side, Jane is accepted as a normal member of her warm and loving family.

Doctors predicted her condition would progressively worsen and she has been hospitalized more than 15 times for surgical removal of skin cancers. In addition, surgery has been performed repeatedly on an outpatient basis. God has used her to touch many lives through her ability to accept her pain and disease without ever complaining.

In her early teens, Jane gave her heart and life to the Lord and since then has been trying to faithfully serve Him. She participates in the choir and helps in the nursery. She supports the Woman's Auxiliary, loves our missionaries, and encourages them with her prayers and offerings channeled through the auxiliary.

In order to earn spending money, Jane babysits. She enjoys cross-stitching—and does it quite well!—as well as listening to the Bible on cassette and sleeping late on Saturday mornings.

Jane's outstanding characteristics are faithfulness and helpfulness. She participates in all church activities, witnesses to the unsaved, and helps out in times of sickness or death in the community.

Yes, when you look at Jane for the first time you **do** see the disease. But in a short while you only see one of God's chosen vessels filled to the brim with His sweetness and goodness.

Jane says, "If it weren't for the Lord, I wouldn't have made it this far. I totally depend on the Lord for He never makes a mistake.



CALLING

Creative Writing Contest Winners

The following are past winners in the ten years of creative writing contests. They are asked to be on the platform by 9:00 A.M., Tuesday morning, at the Convention Center, Fort Worth.

Alabama: Rhetta Butler, Sandra Casey, Pearl Mitchell, Polly Roberson

Arkansas: Martha Berry, Lorene Brooks, Connie Burks, Anita Haney, Carolyn Hayes, Virginia Morgan, Frances Owens, Robin Richardson, Velda Tucker, Loretta Williams

California: Connie Bomar, Gertrude Cantrell, Clara Cronon, Barbara Otwell, Sharon Ross, Norma White

Florida: Phyllis Bass, Cindy Stephens

Georgia: Brenda Evans, Martha Everson, Shirley Kimbrel

Illinois: Rosemary Blackburn

Kansas: Connie Norwood Stilson

Michigan: Bonnie Shellnut, Darlene Wilmoth

Maryland: Louise Wampler

Missouri: Geraldine Davidson, Jo Hastings, Wilma Allene King, Helen McAllister, Goldie Mertz, Carol Oglesby, Mary Ann Owens, Betty Reeves, Sandra Smith, Jean Williams

Mississippi: Carolyn Franks, Martha Warren

Ohio: Ruby Hutchinson, Donna Little, Dorothy Pressnell

North Carolina: Kathy Barnes, Elizabeth Dean, Joan Gardner, Frances Heath, Janero Stokes, Diane Mitchell Thomas, Ida Wooten Tripp

Oklahoma: Karon Anderson, Debbie Cavitt, Emma Hickman, Joyce Johnson, Rose Marie Laffoon, Wanda Powell, Judy Puckett, Joan Harrison Ross

South Carolina: Glenda Devine, Gayle Hughes, Mildred Hutchinson

Tennessee: Susan Burgess, Elizabeth Cameron, Cora Christian, Kathryn Christy, Mildred Daniels, Carolyn Dwyer, Vernie Hersey, Agnes Hurt, Paula McClure, Carol Reid, Anne Worthington

Texas: Loree Medley, Olive Sargent, Norma June Teague, Bev Welker

Virginia: Zylphia Bondeson, Shelia Carter, Dorothy Ireland, Nancy Meade, Patricia Mullins, Magaline Statzer, Sheila Wilson

West Virginia: Mary Perry, Ann Ruble



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