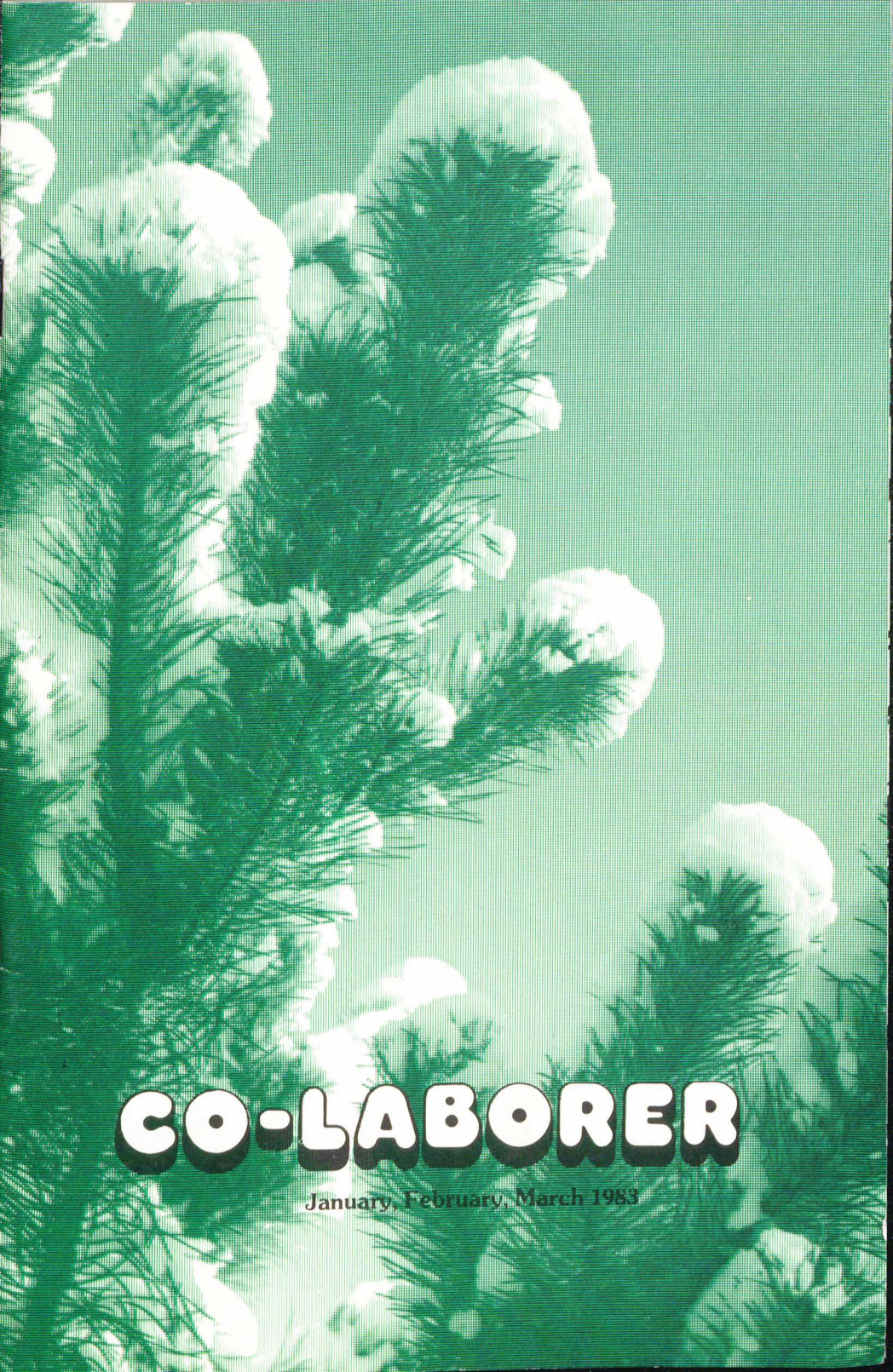




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Editorially

When I was growing up, my church had little or nothing to say about fasting. No one I knew ever testified of this experience.

I don't remember any explicit teaching about fasting, but somehow I got the impression that fasting was something that happened when you were so burdened with a problem that you prayed continuously through meal time, unaware that you were skipping meals.

Since I didn't know anyone who ever fasted, I supposed it was something very private that only happened to the very spiritual.

If we examine the teachings of Jesus, we learn that fasting isn't an option; it's something that's expected of every believer. He who created us knows our physical make-up and He knows our spiritual senses are quickened when our physical desires are suppressed. Since He communes with us through the spirit, the purest communication is enjoyed during periods of prayer coupled with fasting.

Fasting may not be one of the foundational truths of the Gospel, it's not one of the church ordinances, neither a gimmick to obtain God's favor. Fasting is something God chooses for us (Isa. 58:1-7).

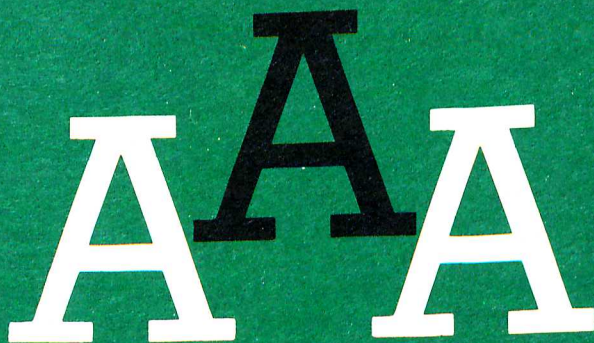
When the spirit of God initiates this desire in our hearts, we should honor Him by setting aside a specified time, usually one day. A fast may be chosen to:

- sharpen our awareness of God's presence,
- enlightenment on a particular problem or decision,
- to loosen Satan's bonds of those in our homeland and on the mission field,

or many nutritionists advocate a day of fasting to purify our body systems.

Let's be challenged in 1983 to experience the blessings accompanying fasting.

Lorene Wiley



TRIPLE "A" AUXILIARY

Debbie Cavitt

When dining out it is not unusual to find a questionnaire either on the table or near the counter asking for your evaluation of their services. The management is interested in your opinion for he knows a satisfied customer will probably come again.

Suppose we were asked to rate the spiritual quality of our auxiliary. Could we honestly mark excellent or good to each area? Did the meeting start promptly? Was the business conducted orderly? Were the reports prepared and given with enthusiasm? Was the song service organized? Was the program interestingly presented? Was missions emphasized?

Do you belong to a Triple "A" Auxiliary? Is it **Alive, Authentic, Active?**

Alive. Our auxiliary will only be as vibrant and alive as are the members. Are we eager, enthusiastic, dependable members or the weak, frail, "maybe-I-will, maybe-I-won't" anemic type? It's been said that faith is to the Christian what a mainspring is to a watch. If our faith is alive and active, then reaching out through prayer, commitment and service will be a natural response as we work together through the auxiliary.

Perhaps the real beauty of faith is

the ability to rise above all our doubts and disappointments and let it spill over into all the other areas of our lives. Soon all who come in contact with us are exposed to our faith. Great epidemics of infectious faith have been spread by a single carrier. That carrier could be you!

Authentic. Do you feel each auxiliary meeting is a carbon copy of the previous month? Are the meetings too predictable? There is nothing sacred about being regimented into a certain routine for years and years. If attendance is dropping and enthusiasm vanishing, perhaps you need a change. However never change merely for the sake of change. But when change and variety are needed, "Dare to be Different"—at least sometimes!

Vary your meetings. Do you usually meet at church? Try meeting in homes occasionally or vice-versa. Is your program usually divided into parts and given by several ladies? Or a speaker present the entire program? Vary your program. (The Program Help Packet gives suggestions for a variety of programs.) Do you sing familiar choruses? For a change, pass out the hymnal and learn a new song?

Plan special meetings with a specific goal in mind. Do you observe the seasonal weeks of prayer? Emphasis program? Participate in the enlistment program. These can be beneficial to the whole church.

Encourage and teach. Does your auxiliary have a problem enlisting officers? Why not have a "turn-around" meeting? Encourage interested members who have never (or not recently) held an office to participate in this program. After reviewing the responsibilities of each office, each officer chooses a different member to assume her office for the next month. Throughout the month the original officer helps, encourages and oversees her protegee.

Is your auxiliary authentic? Yes! Yes! Yes! Your ideas, goals and talents all contribute to the distinct personality of your auxiliary to make it one-of-a-kind.

Active. Time is precious. So much to do in sharing the Good News and so little time to do it. "It's impossible!" we sigh and shrug our shoulders in defeat. When we find ourselves bogged down in too many activities, we must arrange our priorities. Only then are we able to rule out the trivial and focus on the worthwhile.

Be active—participate in the monthly programs.

Be active—support the monthly project.

Be active—hold an office.

The Woman's Auxiliary is an organization worthy of our time and energy. Regardless of our special and varied interests, we are united in a common cause—to lift up Jesus to a lost and dying world. One of the best and most effective ways of doing this is through the auxiliary.

Be Active! Participate!

I went into a restaurant
And gazed at all the food.
I ordered all my favorite things,
My everything looked good.

I smacked my lips and waited
As the waiter brought my plate.
My everything smelled yummy;
It would sure be worth the wait.

As the plate was set before me
With the food superbly cooked,
I placed a napkin in my lap
And thought how good it looked.

I sat and ached with hunger,
Looking at my dinner plate.
Then I asked to see the main chef
To echo my complaint.

"I came here, sir, for dinner
And expected to have my fill.
I've sat here now for quite sometime
And yet I'm hungry still."

"I've done my job. I've cooked the food,"

Replied the flustered cook.
"You have to do your part, you see,
And eat—not merely look."

—Debbie Cavitt

Debbie Cavitt, Airport FWB Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a valuable contributor to WNAC. She is married to a deacon and they have three children.





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National Convention

"Give Yourself Away," (2 Cor. 8:5b) was the theme of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention which convened July 19-20, in the Tarrant County Convention Center, Ft. Worth, Texas. Rocky Mountain Colorado District was welcomed as a new member.

Speakers included missionary Tom Hughes, Brazil; Mabel Willey, veteran missionary to South America, and Pat Thomas with the Home Missions Department. Norma Gabler, textbook analyst from Texas, spoke to 600 people at the fellowship dinner on Tuesday night. Texas women did a "Texas-size" job of working behind the scenes throughout the convention.

Nineteen winners were awarded prizes for their entries in WNAC's tenth creative writing contest.

The ten states honored for the largest membership increases were:

Oklahoma, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Kansas, California, Florida, Virginia, and Northwest District.

The highest percentage increases: Kansas, Northwest, Kentucky, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Florida, Missouri, California, and Virginia.

We had a record year financially. Cash and non-cash gifts to missions and Bible Colleges (including \$34,000 in gifts to the missionary provision closet), were \$284,780, an increase over last year of almost \$40,000.

WNAC Retreat

Watch for a report of our second national retreat in the next issue of **Co-Laborer**. At this writing (September) we have more than a thousand registered from 22 states and several foreign countries.

Provision Closet Needs

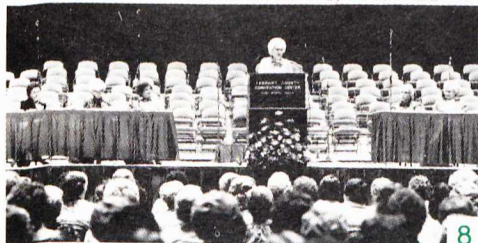
Mattress covers, double sheet sets, bed spreads (all sizes), pressure cookers, hand mixers, Corelle Ware and Melmac.



WNAC CONVENTION

Ft. Worth, Texas, July 19, 20, 1982





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1. Mabel Willey, afternoon speaker
2. Genelle Scott, president
3. Listeners
4. Pat Thomas, devotional speaker
5. Geneva Walker, state president
6. Lucy Lima, soloist
7. Fellowship dinner
8. WNAC banner and Mabel Willey
9. Evelyn Jones and booth
10. Carole Carner, center, song director with Oklahoma trio

11. Tommy Hughes, missionary to Brazil, morning speaker
12. Norma Gabler, dinner speaker
13. WNAC executive committee in skit at the Leadership Conference
14. Nominating committee
15. Creative Writing Contest Winners, past and present (with proxies)



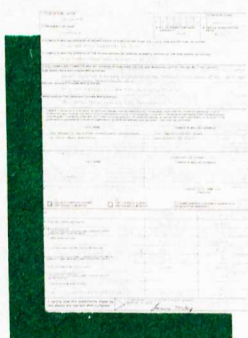
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A Three-Dimensional Christian in 1983

Purpose: That our lives be balanced by God's love in spirit, mind and body in order to grow toward a more victorious Christian life.

Scripture: Col. 2:9, 10; Prov. 4:18

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Introduction

We sing, "I Want To Be More Like Jesus," but how many of us have stopped to consider what that really means? As a human, Jesus was spiritually alive, physically disciplined and intellectually alert. We can be like Him in these respects, but as this program points out, it will take some effort on our part.

The classic, *Pilgrim's Progress*, dramatically illustrates that the Christian walk is not a stroll through a rose garden but a constant battle (spiritual warfare) and we must be spiritually, physically and intellectually fit if we are to have productive, victorious lives.

Spiritually Alive (Gal. 2:20; I Cor. 2:14, 15)

We become spiritually alive when we yield our lives completely to the Lord. He then makes it clear to us in order to stay spiritually healthy we must be fed, just as to stay physically healthy we must eat a proper diet.

As young Christians we are often fed by preachers, teachers, etc., but

the time comes when we must learn to feed ourselves. It is necessary to spend time daily with Him through personal Bible reading, study and devotion (which includes much prayer and sometimes even fasting). In his book, *My Utmost For His Highest*, Oswald Chambers points out that "lack of prayer causes the life of the Son of God in us to suffer for it is nourished by prayer."

The acrostic used to teach youngsters about spiritual growth applies to us as well:

G - Go to Church (every time the doors are open and that includes auxiliary).

R - Read God's Word Daily (an adult Christian should read the Bible once each year).

O - Obey God's Word (He didn't call them the Ten Suggestions).

W - Witness (tell others what He has and is doing in your life).

Another important facet of spirituality is memorization. "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee" (Ps. 119:11). In our battle with Satan, He cannot bring verses to mind if we don't know them. When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, He didn't whip out His scroll and look up words He needed. He knew them by heart. So should we.

If we are not availing ourselves of God's power by nourishing His spirit in us, we may be guilty of starving Him out.

Physically Disciplined (I Cor. 9:27)

With He gets us headed in the right direction spiritually, He can start with us in the physical realm. Good health is a gift from God and we are abusing His trust in us when we mistreat our bodies. We have a responsibility for our health and doing things injurious to it is sin. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:19, 20).

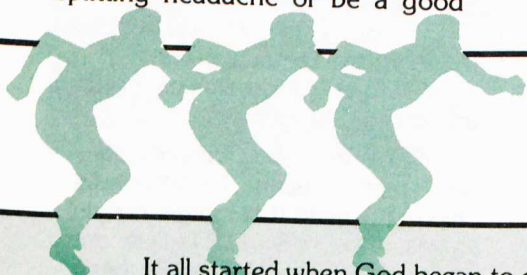
These marvelous bodies contain 639 muscles. God does not make mistakes. Since He gave us that many muscles He must have intended for us to use them. It takes very little effort to drive a power-steering, power-braked, automatic transmission car, push a button for the elevator, or run the vacuum and other appliances we use in this modern society.

Without proper diet, sleep and exercise (yes, all 639 muscles) we can become lazy, irritable and depressed. This kind of Christian brings little glory to God. It is almost impossible to project the love of Jesus if we have a splitting headache or be a good

hostess if we are too fatigued to keep our homes neat and tidy. Neither can we get full benefit from reading the Scriptures if we are so tired we fall asleep.

It is also a poor testimony for a professed Christian to be five, ten, twenty, fifty and even more pounds overweight; and some are dependent (and even addicted) to prescription and over-the-counter drugs. How can they say "the joy of the Lord is my strength" (Neh. 8:10)? This author was once that kind of physical wreck and can join her spiritual sisters in crying with Isaiah 6:5, "Woe is me for I am undone."

How often do we gorge ourselves at church socials? Proverbs 23 deals harshly with gluttony. We need to be aware that our excesses in eating are no less sin than the use of alcohol, etc. The testimonies of many Christians are damaged by over-indulgence. Jesus is not satisfied with less than complete surrender (Rom. 12:1).



JOGGING

It all started when God began to direct our family's eating habits. We eliminated refined sugar and flour, caffeine, carbonated drinks, etc., and we began to feel like new people. Our skin changed texture, we had more energy and patience and were more sensitive to God's voice.

As we began to feel better He showed us the need for more exercise. As I began to use those unused muscles there were some tender moments. I was forty years old and had neglected—no, abused—my mind and body for many years that at first the best I could do was jog about fifty paces then walk fifty paces. It took several months to work up to a mile of non-stop jogging.

Intellectually Alert (Prov. 16:16)

Now that we have explored the spiritual and physical needs, let's look to the intellectual realm. As we begin to grow spiritually and feel good physically, He will give us a desire to increase our knowledge.

Many women complain that they don't have time for daily Bible study, prayer, physical exercise, and certainly not for classes. But we must make time to do that which is important and let the Lord work out our schedules.

One Christian economist made the statement that "during these times of high inflation, education is one of the best investments we can make." It is possible for women to make time to enrich their lives in this area. Children who help out because Mom is in school often grow more responsible. Also they have more in common as they spend time together doing homework or the necessary household jobs.

However, it may not be more education to you, but just some stimulation of the brain (it also needs

exercise). Instead of watching TV, read a good book or engage in some real conversation with family and friends. The most important thing is to turn off the TV. There is little of value on TV and if you feed your mind junk you cannot expect to stay healthy, "for as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

God has sent His Holy Spirit according to the Scriptures. He has given us bodies and brains that no mortal man will ever be able to completely understand or duplicate. Let us use these extraordinary gifts to the fullest of our abilities that we might truly grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. By doing this we will be spiritually alive, physically disciplined and intellectually alert in order to be the complete person Jesus would have us be.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (III John 2).

FOR JESUS

Margaret Speer

After three years of training, the Lord enabled me to complete a 26.1 marathon in 4 hrs., 46 min. The shirt I wore had "Jogging for Jesus" stamped on the back so I had opportunity to witness along the way.

The training time, usually three to four miles a day, was used for Bible memorization. The Bible Memorization International method was used to hide over 200 verses in two years.

Besides the benefits of the verses, the jogging relieves stress and tension. But more important, it helps me use my gifts to the fullest in order to be complete in Him.



Listen . . .

Listen! Is that the sound of weeping I hear, blowing in on the breeze?

With so much pain and misery occurring world-wide, it is surprising that the cries of agony and torment are not carried upon the wind as a soul-stirring, mind-awakening, heart-rending moan of accusation.

On each gentle breeze should be heard the whimpering sobs of the children, homeless . . . hungry . . . cold.

On each gust of wind should be carried the groanings of those suffering . . . neglected . . . alone.

On each stormy gale should be shouted the hapless cries of the tormented and abused . . . the sounds of despair and helplessness as souls lost, without Christ, go out into eternity, into darkness with no hope . . . lost forevermore . . . because no one cared enough to share with them the light of Jesus!

"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in Him? (1 John 3:17).

—Gertrude Cantrell

I've lived more than 90 years and for the last 50 or so, I've been a member of Woman's Auxiliary. I've always enjoyed auxiliary, from the first meeting I ever attended.

My first knowledge of this "Woman's Work" was at the Rock Springs FWB Church. Our local doctor (a deacon in the church I attended) and his wife were from the Rock Springs area and when they learned the meeting would be held there, they insisted I go with them. Our women had heard of this new work and wanted to know more.

Well, we left home before daylight in the doctor's horse and buggy. It was a twenty-mile, long, hard trip, but we got to the meeting on time. When we crossed the river on that ferry boat, I don't know who was the most frightened—the horse or me.

In those days the meetings were held for two days, so we stayed overnight. When we left we had learned how to organize a "Ladies Aid Society" and we were excited. One thing we learned early—it would take money for literature and materials. Nobody

Mima

had money but most did have chickens. The trouble was we had to catch them and they run pretty fast.

Somehow when our church needed money, they called on me to go and collect. My two daughters and I walked the six mile round trip to my mother's every week. Once each month, Mother would have us catch her finest hen for her offering. Two miles down the road was the country store and we must have looked a little

strange struggling with that hen. Kinda wonder if folks would do that in these times.

Our dues were ten cents monthly and a good hen would bring about seventy-five cents so we were able to survive financially.

The program books were planned for a year. The program chairman would assign parts and I remember how aggravated I'd be when a woman would read her part with no comments. It was strange—that same woman could talk for hours about almost anything except the Lord's work. We'd take dinner and hold all day meetings each month. We'd talk awhile, pray awhile, cry over each other's problems and even sometimes, gossip a little. Oddly enough, even in planting and harvest time, the members came. Nobody was ever too busy nor was the weather too bad. Those were good, caring times.

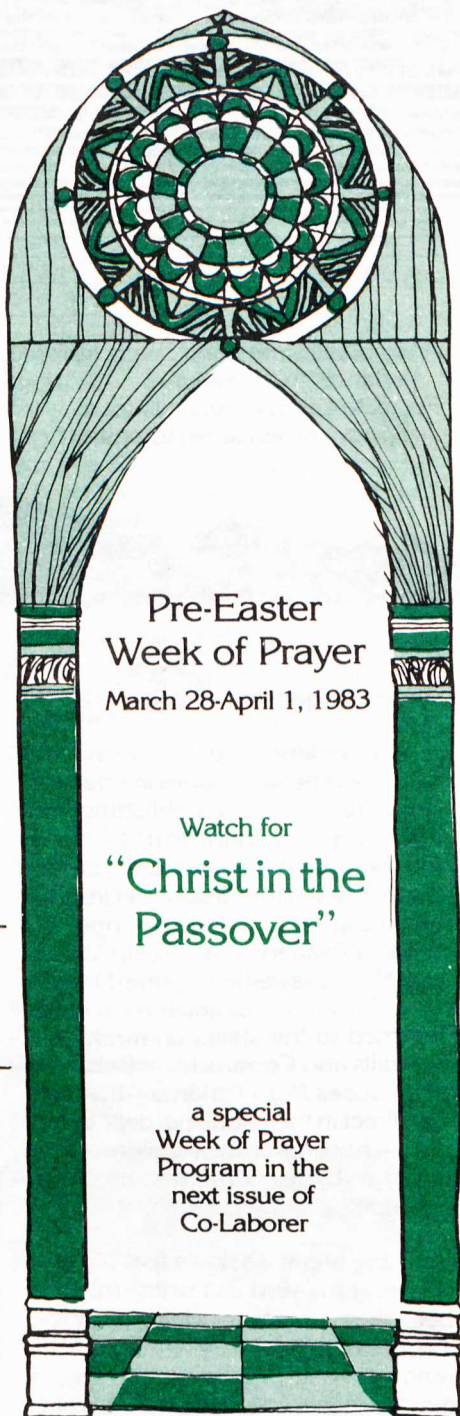
Then the Ladies Aid became the Woman's Auxiliary. Agnes Frazier wrote another set of rules and regulations and we were on our way. The Woman's Work "ain't what it used to

Remembers

Nannie Williams

be"—it's better. The tireless work of many dedicated women who love the Lord have labored together to make it so. Every woman ought to be a member of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Williams, now living in the Cheatham Health Care Center, is the mother of Avis Sublette and Christine Boyd, Nashville, Tennessee.



Pre-Easter Week of Prayer

March 28-April 1, 1983

Watch for
"Christ in the
Passover"

a special
Week of Prayer
Program in the
next issue of
Co-Laborer

Call to Prayer

Eunice
Edwards

A life transformed and health restored
In lands so far away;
For Satan's fiery darts fall dead
When women kneel to pray.

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

Prayer Requests



1. Knocking on doors, distributing tracts and personal one-on-one visitation are vital to establishing new churches. Pray for those missionaries involved in these activities, among them: the Walter Ellisons in Uruguay, Bob Lewis in Colorado Springs, CO, William Reagan in Montreal, Canada, and Mike Criswell in Eugene, Oregon.

2. Pray for missionaries recently returned to the states on furlough—Sturgills and Cowarts from Brazil and the Inscoes from Panama—that God will direct in their housing, deputation, and schooling of their children. Pray for the Lytles who are alone in Panama.

There are at least two feet of snow covering my yard as I write. This has been the most severe winter of my life. Temperatures fell way below normal; roads covered with snow and ice so that traveling was extremely hazard-

ous, if not impassable. And yet, when I went to my mailbox this morning, I saw the first promise of spring. Right in the midst of coolness, there peeped three tulip spikes from the ground. It served to remind me that there will come a day of harvesting.

Seeds that are buried in the ground will not always remain hidden. They will come forth! In God's time and purpose they will be "known as they are known."

Another joyful thought is that God's harvest is never in proportion to the little I've sown. He gives good measure, pressed down, heaped up and running over. With God, little is much.

Seeds kept in a jar will never sprout or grow. Oh, you can save the seed, but if the seeds are expected to bear fruit they must be put into the ground. They must be sown (John 12:24). What He is really encouraging is that a

fruitful life comes through death.

Gal. 2:20 is Paul's testimony of His constant identification with His crucified Savior. It was the basis for his final triumphant testimony: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (II Tim. 4:6, 7).

Paul not only sowed, he harvested.

Remember our MK's

Birthdays in January:

- 3 Joseph Bryan, Ivory Coast, age 3
- 9 Benjamin Gibbs, on furlough from France, age 3
- 13 Debora Inscoe, age 10, on furlough from Panama
- 23 Justin Banks, on furlough from Japan, age 9
- 20 David Webb, France, age 5

Prayer Requests



1. Joe and Barbara Haas have returned to France and are cooperating with the First Church in establishing a second church in Rennes, France. Pray also for Steve and Laura Cannon who are establishing a second church in Richmond, Virginia.

2. Demonism and spiritism dominate Uberaba, Brazil where Louis and Florine Coscia minister. Pray for divine guidance as they lead these people to the truth.

Do you ever find it difficult to pray?
Are there ever times when it is easier

to pray than at other times? Do you notice that sometimes it's easier to pay attention to the doorbell, telephone, or to what the children are doing than to the task at hand—praying? Then we have something in common.

Someone said, "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees." I'm not sure about that, but I do know my dear Lord said, "And this is the confidence we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he heareth us" (I John 5:14, 15).

This matter of effectual prayer and my attitude toward it has been bothering me, so with these two verses as my guide, I decided to do something constructive about it. Perhaps the following steps will help you also:

1. Set aside a definite time for prayer and not let anything short of a disaster keep me from my daily appointment with my Heavenly Father.

2. Prepare my heart for this prayer time by first reading a portion of God's Word. God's Word teaches us what to pray for and how we can help answer our own prayers. To read and not pray is to be presumptuous, so the two must go together.

3. Keep a prayer diary of names, dates, requests and answers.

4. Praise God for His help with my prayer life.

Remember our MK's

Birthdays in February:

- 8 Bethany Crowson, France, age 4

10 Michelle Miley, France, age 12
 12 Gene Richards, on furlough
 from Ivory Coast, age 16
 13 Kevin Bishop, Japan, age 2
 26 Jonathan Owen, Spain, age 4
 27 Malinda Ellison, Uruguay, age
 16

Prayer Requests



1. The Jerry Banks family hopes to return to Japan in early summer. Janice still needs prayer for her health. Eddie Payne on furlough from Ivory Coast requests prayer for his health problem.

2. Pray for the Jim Nason family who have gone to pastor this historical church in New Durham, NH, the church established by Benjamin Randall.

3. Pray for the summer missionaries as they raise funds and work on their papers for departure.

After the most dreadful winter of my life, spring finally arrived. It was so good to see the patches of green, the brave crocuses poking their heads defiantly through the remains of the last snow storm, and then finally the budding of the trees. It was all so welcome.

Then one morning I arose to a not-so-welcome sight—the biggest crop of dandelions and henbit I had ever seen!! I discovered there was little lawn left. The grass had been crowded out by the weeds.

I surveyed the situation for two days and decided something more than wishing must be done. so I bought the recommended poison, doused the weeds, and waited. After a

week of waiting, sure enough, the dandelions were killed, but the ugly weed was still there.

Therefore armed with a knife and a leaf bag I assayed to move that ugliness from my yard. Within an hour the Holy Spirit began reminding me of some precious truths:

1. Be careful with that knife! The good part can be dug up with the bad.

2. Be patient with this task. Digging weeds can be exhausting and there is much ground yet to be covered.

3. The hole where the weed was must be filled with something good.

4. You can save your back some aching by working on your knees.

Several days and leaf bags later, I bowed my head and thanked God for these and other lessons He taught me through the weeds.

Remember our MK's

Birthdays in March:

3 Heather Moser, age 2, and Christopher Moser, age 7, on furlough from Brazil

4 Vicki Lynn Sturgill, on furlough from Brazil, age 15

8 Michael Lytle, Panama, age 8

A woman in Iowa has pictures of her missionaries on the window over her sink. She prays for each of them while she washes the dishes each day. "Now dishes are something I look forward to, not a drudge," she says.

A REFRESHING BREEZE

Sue Aycock

The Lord placed a unique stone in His spiritual building the night Wanda gave her heart to Him. Her daughter had previously been saved and attended our church in Barbacena, Brazil. The transformation resulting in their lives made her husband curious to know just what was happening at the church.

From the beginning Wanda was impressed with the joy and genuineness of the Christians. Soon she began bringing her husband and their other children. One by one, the family of eight, along with her mother, were converted to Christ.

Years before her conversion Wanda began keeping a notebook with memos of growth and important events in the lives of her children. In this manner she charts their progress in the Christian life. Often these notes extends outside her family. When a woman, youth or child makes a decision for Christ, she marks it in her notebook. Then she carefully disciples these new Christians in their first months and years of spiritual growth.

The importance of personal and family devotions was often stressed in our women's meetings. Wanda perceived the need for a family altar and began praying her husband would accept his responsibility as the family's spiritual leader in this matter. Her prayer turned to praise when her husband began to daily call the family together for family devotions.

Her burden for the lost and her love for Christ and His Word have led her into avenues of service in the church. She regularly teaches in Daily Vacation Bible School and even directed the last one at Barbacena. She teaches the Junior Sunday school class, decorates the church with flowers, and walks miles to witness to a friend.

Wanda's influence goes over not like a big splash but a calm, refreshing breeze upon the heart of the needy, whether it is witnessing, teaching or discipling a new Christian; comforting the sick, weak or discouraged; or fulfilling her role as wife and mother. The thought of Wanda is a warm memory.



Former missionary to Brazil, Sue Aycock is employed as secretary at Free Will Baptist Bible College where her husband teaches missions. They have three grown children.

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Missionaries supported by both Foreign and Home Missions Departments are listed by their birthdates. Detach this sheet and keep it in your Bible as a reminder to pray.

* National Home Missionary

** State Missionary (joint project), associate or deputational

January

- 1-Florine Coscia (Brazil)
- ** 7-Ron Wallace (GA)
- 11-Walter Ellison (Uruguay)
- 13-Karen Cowart (Brazil)
- ** 13-Rhonda Thomas (CO)
- 18-Jimmy Aldridge (IC)
- 23-Priscilla Inscoe (Panama)
- 24-Jerry Pinkerton (IC)
- 26-Cathy Crawford
- 29-Janice Banks (Japan)

February

- 2-Jim Cowart (Brazil)
- * 5-Bill Reagan (Quebec)
- 10-Sandra Payne (IC)
- ** 10-John Hollis (IL)
- ** 13-Billie Sexton (TN)
- 17-Barbara Gibbs (France)
- 18-Howard Filkins (IC)
- 21-Judy Lytle (Panama)
- ** 23-Delilah Scott (WV)
- ** 26-Curtis Linton (OK)
- * 28-Henry VanKlyve (VI)

March

- 2-Evelyn Hersey (Japan)
- ** 3-Janice Wallace (GA)
- 7-Patty McCullough (France)
- ** 10-David Reece (VA)
- 13-Vada Lee (IC)
- 14-Allan Crowson (France)
- * 14-Peggy Adkisson (NM)
- 17-Patrick Dickens (IC)
- * 17-Jean Helms (IN)
- 19-Anita Sparks (Spain)
- 20-Trina Owen (Spain)
- 22-Janice Webb (France)
- 26-Susan Moser (Brazil)
- 27-Olena McLain (Japan)
- ** 28-Verna Williams (KY)
- * 29-Lois Reagan (Quebec)
- ** 29-William Smith (WV)

April

- * 1-Mike Lake (IN)
- 6-Joe Haas (France)
- * 8-Bob Breeden (WS)
- ** 8-Ron Scott (WV)
- ** 8-Steve Stidham (OH)
- 9-Marie Hanna (India)
- 9-Ramona Miley (France)
- 11-Ledgel Ferguson (IC)
- ** 11-Wayne Williams (KY)
- 11-Barbara Haas (France)
- 13-Charolette Tallent (France)
- ** 15-Vernon Long (TN)
- * 18-Miquel Vera, (Puerto Rico)
- * 21-Joyce Dunn, (ID)
- * 23-Virginia VanKlyve (VI)
- 27-Marvis Eagleton (Brazil)
- ** 27-Vina Walden (AL)
- * 27-Mike Criswell (OR)
- 28-Neil Gilliland (IC)
- ** 30-Debbie Jude (CA)

May

- ** 2-J. D. Norris (FL)
- * 6-Bill Fulcher (TX)
- * 6-James O'Dell (MN)
- ** 10-Ada Long (TN)
- 11-Elaine Allen (IC)
- ** 12-Betty Shockley (KY)
- 13-Amy Robinson (Uruguay)
- * 14-Brenda Lewis (CO)
- 16-Dale Bishop (Japan)
- ** 26-Phyllis Adams (KY)
- * 29-Jerry Barren (MX)
- 30-Alice Smith (IC)

June

- 2-Jean Deeds (Brazil)
- 3-Dock Caton (Japan)
- 12-Jim Moser (Brazil)
- ** 12-Janet Stidham (OH)
- ** 13-Mabel Willey (FL)
- 14-Save Lytle (Panama)
- 14-Jerry Webb (France)
- ** 17-Teresa Sumerlin (VA)
- 20-Paul Robinson (Uruguay)
- * 22-Zalene Breeden (WS)
- ** 23-Mickey Kirkland (AL)
- 24-Jim McLain (Japan)
- ** 27-Bob Jude (CA)
- ** 27-James Walden (AL)
- ** 29-Terra Smith (WV)
- ** 30-Walter Sumerlin (VA)

July

- 1-Ken Eagleton (Brazil)
- * 3-Bill Adkisson (NM)
- ** 3-Mark Vandivort (AZ)
- ** 6-Vickie Hollis (IL)
- * 7-Wanda McClary (NB)
- ** 9-Don Sexton (TN)
- ** 11-Gary Thomas (OK)
- ** 19-Norris Hawkins (SC)
- ** 20-Paul Thompson (AZ)
- 20-Robert Bryan (IC)
- 20-Fred Hersey (Japan)
- ** 25-Beverly Norris (FL)
- 26-Sharon Ferguson (IC)
- ** 26-Cathy Kirkland (AL)
- 27-Eddie Payne (IC)
- 27-Lynette Morgan (IC)
- 27-Ron Callaway (Spain)

August

- * 1-Alyne Maness (NJ)
- 1-Deleen Cousineau (IC)
- 2-Judy Bryan (IC)
- * 2-Marilyn Thompson (AZ)
- ** 3-Rodney Outlaw (AL)
- * 3-Carlisle Hanna (India)
- 3-Jerry Banks (Japan)
- 5-Dennis Owen (Spain)
- 7-Vicki Sturgill (Brazil)
- ** 7-Laura Cannon (VA)
- * 12-Pat Nason (NH)
- ** 13-Karen Linton (OK)
- ** 17-Ralph Hester (MS)
- 17-Janie Aldridge (IC)
- 17-Jim Sturgill (Brazil)
- 18-Judy Smith (Brazil)
- 26-Larry Inscow (Panama)
- 27-Sandra Bishop (Japan)
- 27-Susan Dickens (IC)
- 29-Linda Callaway (Spain)

September

- ** 2-Steve Cannon (VA)
- 7-Susan Turnbough (Spain)
- ** 7-Sylvia Hawkins (SC)
- ** 7-Mirial Gainer (Japan)
- 8-Jeff Turnbough (Spain)
- * 8-Jerry McClary (NB)
- 9-Nancy Hughes (Brazil)
- 16-Sherwood Lee (IC)
- * 16-Julie Barron (MX)
- ** 16-Bob Shockey (KY)
- * 17-Gail Criswell (OR)
- * 23-Bob Lewis (CO)
- * 25-Kathy Wright (NB)
- 27-LaRue Crowson
- * 29-Jesse Dunn (ID)
- 29-Pat Franks (Brazil)
- 30-Norman Richards (IC)

October

- * 3-Adelaida Vera (PR)
- 5-Dave Franks (Brazil)
- 6-Carol Pinkerton (IC)
- * 7-Ginger Lake (IN)
- 8-Clint Morgan (IC)
- 13-John Murray (France)
- 13-Jerry Gibbs (France)
- 17-Geneva Poole (Brazil)
- * 18-Bob Thomas (CO)
- 23-Mike Cousineau (IC)
- ** 23-Louise Vandivort (AZ)
- 25-Sheila Gilliland (IC)
- 28-Lynn Miley (France)
- ** 29-Brenda Outlaw (AL)
- 31-Ernie Deeds (Brazil)



November

- * 4-Glenda Fulcher (TX)
- * 7-Sharon O'Dell (MN)
- 7-Joan Filkins (IC)
- * 10-Gracie Lowe (ID)
- ** 10-Sandy Adams (KY)
- 12-Norma Caton (Spain)
- ** 13-Marian Reece (VA)
- 14-Patsy Vanhook (France)
- 14-Marcie Ellison (Uruguay)
- ** 16-Dolores Hester (MS)
- * 21-Russell Lowe (ID)
- * 22-Jim Nason (NH)
- * 25-Robert Helms (IN)
- 27-Bessie Richards (IC)
- 28-Bobby Poole (Brazil)
- ** Albert Rollins (FL)
- ** 30-Harold Teague (TX)

December

- 3-Pansy Murray (France)
- * 6-Vergel Maness (NJ)
- * 7-Russell Wright (NB)
- ** 10-Irene Rollins (FL)
- * 10-Katy Minor (RI)
- ** 13-Norma Teague (TX)
- 14-Lonnie Sparks (Spain)
- * 14-Rosa Lee Thomas (CO)
- 18-Tom Hughes (Brazil)
- 19-Molly Barker (Uruguay)
- 22-Tom McCullough (France)
- * 22-Pete Minor (RI)
- 24-Louis Coscia (Brazil)
- 30-Arilla Wode (IC)

The Women Who Wrote Our Programs



Elizabeth Cameron (Mrs. Gene), West Greene FWB Church, Mosheim, TN, is a choir member and soloist, mission study chairman and the church librarian's assistant. She and her husband, a self-employed photographer, have one son, Ronald, a college student. Mrs. Cameron is employed by an electronics firm and reads, writes, sews and embroiders for relaxation.

Ellamae Hiltibidal (Mrs. John), Pleasant View FWB Church, Walnut Hill, IL, is married to a retired minister and they have three married daughters and a son who is a nursing student. A former state president, Mrs. Hiltibidal now serves as district field worker and local mission action chairman. Her hobbies include sewing, handcrafts and oil painting.



Carol Reid (Mrs. Garnett), Cross Timbers FWB Church, Nashville, TN, is church organist, teaches private piano to eleven students and writes programs for CTS. Her husband is on the faculty of Free Will Baptist Bible College and directs the Christian Service department. They have two sons, Hugh, 3, and Seth, 1. She reads and sews when she can find time.

Margaret Speer and her husband Jack team-teach an adult class at the Bethany FWB Church, Tulsa, OK. They have a married daughter (one granddaughter, Melissa) and an unmarried son. Mrs. Speer, her son, and husband (who is in construction) are all college students. She is employed as secretary at ORU School of Medicine and enjoys competitive running, Scripture memorization, reading and writing.



Martha's Ministry



Purpose: To examine the character of Martha and see how closely we can identify with her personality.

Background Scripture: Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-44; John 12:1, 2

Hymn: "I Want to be a Worker"

Introduction

When the story of Martha is presented, most of the time she comes off as a villain. But many women can readily identify with Martha's personality.

On a scale of one to ten, if Mary is one and Martha is ten, where would you put yourself? How do you see yourself—as tending to the every day needs of the household or sitting at the feet of Jesus?

If you put yourself at the upper part of the scale, take heart that you are not alone. Is there a place in God's work for your personality? Let's look closer at Martha's life for an answer.

Martha was probably the kind of woman whose house was always clean and whose toaster was never full of crumbs. She was the flower chairman at the temple, never failed to check on the absentees, and always volunteered to wash dishes after a fellowship dinner. Any visiting ministers were invited into her home. No wonder the Lord Jesus arrived there for supper that evening He was in the village of Bethany.

A lot can be learned about Martha's background from the few short passages in which she is mentioned in Scripture. From Luke 10:38, it is obvious that Martha was a good manager. She was a home-owner. She responsibly cared for the needs of her household. She, of necessity, was careful in managing her money and time. She was a meticulous planner and gave great concern to details.

Martha was also hospitable. She was involved with community affairs. This instance in Luke 10 is not the only case where Martha opened her home. John 12 tells of the supper in Bethany for the

IN DEFENSE OF MARTHA

resurrected Lazarus, Jesus and His twelve disciples. (How would **you** like to fry chicken for fourteen hungry men?)

Martha, too, was evidently a believer. She and Mary knew to turn to Jesus when their brother grew seriously ill. Her faith was clearly revealed in 11:21, 22: "You could have healed my brother." She, knew, too, of the resurrection in the last day. She must have studied the prophets and been a regular at the synagogue services.

She had settled in her own mind that Jesus was the Messiah. "Yea, Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God" (John 11:27). As she called Jesus "Lord," Martha also confirmed her submis-

sion to Him and later acknowledged Him as "Master" as well. Doubtless her faith in Christ was part of the reason Lazarus was raised from the dead.

Another fact about Martha is obvious from Scripture. She was a practical woman. She examined facts and drew reasonable conclusions. Her feet were firmly planted and she didn't allow much time for daydreaming. Notice Martha's response in John 11:39 when Jesus asked that the stone be rolled away from the tomb: "Lord, by this time he stinketh!" Yes, practical Martha was the kind of woman you'd like to have on your committee or in charge of an important project. Her clear-thinking practicality was a valuable asset.

Martha's Motive

The word of God also gives us an insight into Martha's motives. She looked to the needs of others. She really enjoyed her ministry of service. The Scripture always shows Martha "tending" to things. She delighted in planning and preparing and being busily involved in whatever might be going on.

Martha made others comfortable in her home. The Lord was able to relax and converse when He shared Martha's hospitality. As a gracious, considerate hostess, Martha saw to it that He felt welcome and at home, but at the same time was honored and treated as royalty.

Characteristic of this type of hostess, one is willing to lay aside personal comfort for the well-being of others. Generally Martha was unselfish but her old nature shone through when she pleaded with Jesus to make Mary get to the kitchen to help her. Surely

her concern was understandable. Being left alone to finish the work for the probably-elaborate meal, Martha was more than a little upset with Mary. But remember, her motive—to provide for her guests—was a good one.

Again in John 12, Martha is serving the needs of others. She encouraged Lazarus to sit at the table with Jesus and His disciples. She left Mary free to show her adoration. Where Mary's offering of perfume evidence her worship and Lazarus's fellowship demonstrated His love for the Lord, Martha demonstrated her love and worship in her willing service. Willing to stay in the background, she assumed a servant's role, asking no reward or notice.

Martha also plays another part: encourager. Take note of her in John 11. Martha hurried to meet Jesus the minute she heard he was coming. But Mary remained in the house, perhaps still overcome with grief at her brother's death, perhaps resentful that Christ had not come sooner. It took the tactful word of encouragement from Martha to bring Mary to her senses. The younger sister then hurried to Jesus, the only One who could offer her strength and peace in her time of trouble. Martha was that kind of person—the type who sent others to Jesus. She ministered through an encouraging word, a pat on the back, a point in the right direction. It is again obvious that Martha saw the needs of others and did all she could to see them met.

Martha's Mistake

"So far, so good," you say. "Martha sounds a lot like me!" Practical, hospitable, considerate, busy . . . characteristic of many Christian

women; in fact, Free Will Baptists might be better off for more like her. Many of her traits you would want to make your own. But beware that you do not make Martha's mistake.

Oh, the kind words of the Lord Jesus, gently answering the ruffled, demanding hostess: "Martha, Martha." Aren't you glad He called her by name? In fact, He said it twice, perhaps as a mother calming her fretful child, personally calling her attention with authority, and yet, kindness.

Luke 10:38-42 tells the familiar story. It climaxes with Martha's mistake. She was "cumbered." Oh, you've felt that way too—pulled in so many different directions. The kids are sick, the boss is grumpy, the bills are high, your husband misses his promotion, and the washing machine breaks down. Or it's Saturday and you must go to the grocery, clean the house, take a cake to a sick neighbor, go to ladies' visitation to make new contacts for your Sunday school class, visit a dear saint in the nursing home, and take the kids to choir practice. You just didn't have time for Bible study that morning.

Jesus spoke right to the problem. "You're weighed down with so many details that you've neglected what is most important."

Martha's priorities were out of order. She was more concerned with fixing supper than feasting on the Bread of Life.

Have you heard the loving voice of Christ calling your name lately? Would He tell you, as He did Martha, that you have chosen the wrong priorities? Are the things of this world crowding out His presence in your life? Then you, like Martha, need to hear the words of Jesus. You need to give Him the cumbersome burdens of your life and allow Him to arrange your priorities.

Yes, Martha's mistake, and perhaps yours, is a grave one. But things were different after she met with the Master.

A word of encouragement to you Marthas: God gave you your personality, your gifts. Martha's sin was not in serving but in being too caught up in serving. God's work desperately needs responsible women who will take upon themselves the ministry of meeting needs, great and small, of others.

And remember, "Jesus loved Martha" (John 11:5). Jesus, the Model Servant and Master whom Martha neglected, loved her—the busy, demanding, sometimes-selfish hostess. He must have seen her motives and understood her dilemma. He lovingly set her priorities in order.

And, cumbered friend, He loves you too.

**Martha in the kitchen, serving with her hands;
Occupied for Jesus with her pots and pans.
Loving him, yet fevered, burdened to the brim,
Careful, troubled Martha occupied for Him.**

—Lois Reynolds Carpenter



SHARE-A-BOOK

by Genny Waddell

The Time Minder

by Ruth W. Miller

Christian Herald Publishers

Chappaqua, New York

72 pages \$3.95

"I don't have *time* to read a book on time management!" This is the alarming wail of God's woman *most* in need of this short, readable book. The first chapter alone makes this book a timely investment as Ruth Miller devastates several of the more common excuse-making fallacies. For example, she insists that every individual has exactly the same amount of time every day. Astonishing! And the writer's approach to setting priorities and goals is both scriptural and realistic. She reminds us that:

God created time.

Time belongs to God.

God will give us all the time we need.

God expects us to use our time wisely.

We will be asked to account for how we spend our time.

Unlike many "get-your-life-together" books, this one really offers practical managerial suggestions for the working mother, the stay-at-home wife, and the single person. Her cleaning, cooking, organizational and time-saving advice makes sense whether you need a little help or a complete overhaul. You may select your personal time entree from a smorgasbord of simple or complex schedules.

But, even if you do not need any new how-to-ideas, you do need the biblical admonitions regarding giving your time to the Lord. You will also appreciate the emphasis on *not* feeling guilty when you rightfully say "no" to yet another time-consuming project. A large portion of this book, however, does emphasize every co-laborer's responsibility to use her time to evangelize and influence her family, neighbors, and others for Christ.

Take time to read *The Time Minder*. Ponder on your attitude towards time stewardship and ask the Holy Spirit to help you gain new insights as you read and think.



White Oaks auxiliary, Macon, GA with tupperware for the Missionary Provision Closet.

WOMEN IN *ACTION*

Joann Sizemore presided at Ohio's convention at Heritage Temple with 138 registered. Cathy Crawford and the Gene Waddells (Nashville) brought messages.

Unity auxiliary, Sylacauga, AL, sponsored a "Missions for Christ, Soaring High," a balloon ascension that netted \$1109 for missionary Dave Franks. More than 1400 helium filled balloons were released, each one carrying tags of the seller and buyer with instructions to the finder. Not only did this event gain money for missions, it gave opportunity to witness in the community.

Vicky Mutchler decorated for Arkansas' state meeting at Camp

Beaverfork with Linda Harvey presiding. African and Brazilian dolls stuffed with bills amounting to \$512 each were given to missionaries Bessie Richards (IC) and Jean Deeds (Brazil).

In 1976, Bud and Doris Arnold organized the Hartville, MO auxiliary. Three quilts for the Missionary Provision closet, a missionary pen pal program, and transportation for senior citizens are some of their recent projects.

More than 60 women attended the enlargement campaign program at Heritage Temple, Columbus, OH directed by Barbara Chaffin, president. A play, "The Dreamers" was presented.



1. Three-D auxiliary members from Earlimart, CA keep in shape with their daily bike rides.



2. Fredrickstown, VA mission auxiliary officers on their five acres: Marion Reece, Judy Meade, Geraldine Datson and Karen Christiansen.



3. President Nadine Hood, First Mission district, Tulsa, OK, with guest speaker, Ivan Lopes, Brazil.



4. Lassie Bryant is crowned mother of the year by the Heritage Temple auxiliary, Columbus, OH.



5. A tablecloth embroidered with the names of auxiliary members is given to Francis Hayes by Marie Miller, Holdenville, OK in recognition for 20 years of perfect auxiliary attendance.



6. The Tommy Hughes family, missionaries to Brazil, prepare a Brazilian meal at the missionary conference in Garner, NC.



7. Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Lambert are guests at the Tupperware party sponsored by the Lambert auxiliary, Jasper, AL. Gifts are for the Missionary Provision Closet.



8. Pastor's wife, Reba Ritter, Pleasant Grove, AL, is crowned Mother of the Church Family at their annual Mother-Daughter banquet.



9. Ola Mae Winters, auxiliary president, Albuquerque, NM, hosts an old fashioned farm party in her home.



10. Damaris Gonzales, Panamanian student sponsored by the National Student Fund.

Introduction

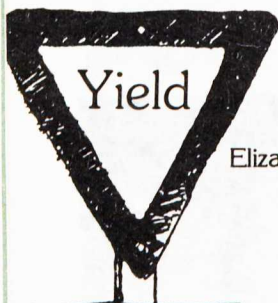
Objective: To cause us to be mindful of God's directional signs

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5, 6

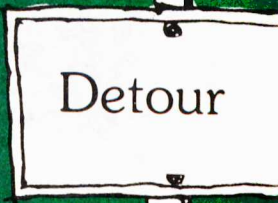
Hymn: "Trust and Obey"

In this modern age of jet travel and super highways, we are a people on the move. Safety on our highways has become a major concern. To insure our safety, many signs of caution have been placed along the way to signal approaching danger. If we choose to disregard their warnings,

GOD'S DIRECTIONAL SIGNS



Elizabeth Cameron and
Ellamae Hiltibidal



our lives may be jeopardized.

When we were born into God's family, He set us on a spiritual journey. This spiritual highway is full of danger spots. But God has assured us of a safe journey as we heed the directional signals given us through His Holy Word (II Tim. 3:16, 17).

In this program we want to examine some of these caution signs and see how they relate to our journey to heaven.

Flashing Lights (Isa. 30:21)

Every driver pays attention to flashing lights on the way. A red light means to stop. Anyone who disobeys this rule is in grave danger of personal damage or loss of life, either to himself or to other people. Any act or sin or even any thought of sin sends the red light of God's Word flashing across our path (Rom. 12:2).

When the road ahead is treacherous or unknown or in repair, the yellow light of caution flashes to warn us. There are areas in our travel that are likewise questionable. God's yellow caution light warns us to proceed slowly until with prayer and study we have determined the exact route. Heeding these signs avoids a lot of hardships and heartaches.

Did you ever sit at an intersection through a green light? You would most likely be honked at, complained at, or very possibly even be bumped from behind. When the light flashes green, it's time to go.

The Great Commission is God's signal to action. The route to heaven is not a small route; it encompasses the world and touches many lives. God's signal is still flashing green and millions are still waiting for the Gospel. The bump from behind may be the nudge of the Holy Spirit to give or pray, or even to go.

Bridge Out (Isa. 59:1, 2)

While traveling down a road, if you should come upon a sign "Bridge Out," what would be your response? Would you continue down that same road or choose an alternate route? Of course, you would turn around and head in another direction. Often God flashes the spiritual sign, "Bridge Out," across our lives and yet we

continue down the same path.

Most of us have experienced a time in our lives when it seemed our spiritual bridge to God was out and we could not cross over. Many things can cut off this communication, but most often it is sin (Isa. 59:2). Our problem is not abstaining from the more apparent sins, but what of the little hidden sins? Song of Solomon 2:15 warns us of the "little foxes that spoil the vines."

If we are not careful, we can allow pride, jealousy, resentment or bitterness to slip into our lives. Or we may be guilty of a bad temper, impatience, a critical attitude, or perhaps an unforgiving spirit. We should heed Paul's admonition in Ephesians 4:32 and remember the words of Jesus: "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:15).

If we are to keep our spiritual bridge to God in good repair, we must see that our attitudes and actions toward others are rooted and grounded in love.

Quiet Zone (Psalm 37:7; 46:10)

If there is one lesson our generation needs to learn it is how to relax and enjoy life. People are in a hurry today, even in our worship services. Some sit as if they thought the pew might fall. They fret if there is any time lost during the service. They want it to be short and snappy and the minute the last "Amen" is said they bolt toward the door as if the church were on fire.

Perhaps that is why so many of us lack the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and His presence in our church services. We refuse to slow down long enough for God to catch up with us. God spoke to Elijah in a "still small voice" (1 Kings 19:12). If we'd listen,

we might find He still speaks in the same way today.

Jesus was a tremendously busy person. He had His job to do and only three short years to do. But He was never in a hurry. He took time to help individuals in need, study the flowers in bloom and watch the birds in flight. He knew the importance of rest and often took a day or two off to meditate and pray in the mountains. Just before His ascension, He talked to His disciples about the almost impossible task of conquering the world in His name. But He told them: “**Tarry** ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49).

We are not conquerors in our spiritual life because we do not wait upon God to strengthen us (Isa. 40:31). We need to heed the words of the song: “Teach us Lord to wait down on our knees, ‘til in Your own good time You answer our pleas.”

Detour (James 1:3, 4)

God places detour signs in our spiritual path to steer us around some impending danger ahead; or perhaps it may be some lesson He wants us to learn. When God delivered His people from Egyptian bondage, He detoured them from at least three direct caravan routes and allowed them to wander in the wilderness. There were many great lessons God had in store for them to learn and it took forty years before they learned them.

The same is true of us today. God could very easily remove any or all obstacles in our path. But through these He may be emphasizing a needy lesson. The apostle Paul besought the Lord three times to remove his “thorn in the flesh” (I Cor. 12:7-9), but God chose for Paul to detour around it. Later Paul could proclaim: “For I have

learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content.”

When we come upon obstacles in our spiritual life, instead of praying for God to remove them, let’s be willing pupils.

Yield (Rom. 12:1, 2)

Yield is the sign of common courtesy. God created man with a free will, a will to choose God or disobey Him. He never forces Himself upon us but greatly reminds us He wants to be invited in (Rev. 3:20). Only to the extent we are willing to yield the right of way in our lives to Christ can we expect to see any real spiritual fruit in our lives.

All too often God only gets that part of our lives which is convenient for us. He only gets our left over time and possessions. But when we put Him first, not only does He promise to supply our material needs (Matt. 6:33), but Paul tells us that we can’t even begin to comprehend all that God has prepared for those who love him (I Cor. 2:9).

If we are yielded to God, then we have no trouble yielding to our fellow travelers on the way. We cannot go merrily on our way to heaven without being sensitive to the needs and hurts of those beside us. Teenage suicide is on the rise. Mental institutions are bulging. Depression and oppression are widespread, even among church members. If we look and listen carefully, we will observe these cries for help. If we ignore them, not only will it result in disaster for them, but we will miss some of God’s choicest blessings.

Yielding means we heed our Lord’s command to “love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . . and thy neighbor as thyself” (Mark 12:30, 31).

Co-Laborers Write



Creative Arts Contest

The WNAC writing contest has been a blessing to me. Although I never expect to be a winner (in the contest), all the ladies who write by the movement of the Spirit are winners in Christ.

Bobby Sue Allen
Paintsville, KY

I am delighted by the third place prize in poetry (**Better To Get Wisdom** by Diane Worthington). It means more to me than the cash did last year.

Connie Stilson
Topeka, KS

I wish I could adequately express my appreciation to you people at WNAC for... the opportunity to share in the work in this part of God's vineyard. The \$25 will be put in our auxiliary and used in our projects.

Carolyn Franks
Mantachie, MS

It was a thrill to get your letter, but the greatest thrill was when Jesus came into my heart. I looked for 40 some odd years and in a moment I found the true love I had searched for—Jesus!

Lois Maynard
Lenore, WV

The day your letter arrived announcing my skit as one of the winners was very exciting When the last issue of **Co-Laborer** (my favorite magazine) arrived it had been "one of those days." I let the kettle sing and the telephone ring while I took a minute to read . . .

Judy Nichols
Westerville, OH

Oops

As I was addressing birthday cards for September, I found three errors . . . marriage dates were picked up instead of birth dates. We appreciate very much your listing these missionaries by month.

Barbara Whitaker
O'Fallon, MO

Ed. note. Perhaps Janie, Geneva and Florine will be reminded that life had its beginning when they were married. And remind everyone of how much your editors need your prayers.

They're Giving Themselves Away

The Northeast MO district has decided to send \$10 a quarter for postage on Sunday school literature to Alice Smith (Ivory Coast).

Jayne Riley
Kirksville, MO

The past year the auxiliary has been involved in...helping supply the needed items for church camp and a harvest banquet when everyone brought items for the Children's Home.

Bonnie Jeter
Cookeville, TN

The Judy Bryan auxiliary (Bethel FWB Church), is planning an International banquet to promote the auxiliary in our church and enlist new members.

Carol Morgan
Hampton, VA

One of our new members, a little elderly lady in her 70's, became our mission action chairman. She is a retired school teacher and teaches the ladies to quilt and do other things with their hands. She is practicing giving herself away to others.

Joyce Taylor
Brunswick, GA

Missionaries Here and Afar

The Lord supplied our basic necessities but we still lack so many things here at the Institute. We need: funds, mimeograph or small offset press, filing cabinets, textbooks and desks for students, dishes and cooking utensils, dorm furniture and bedding. Since these items cannot be taken across the border without much difficulty, cash gifts to purchase these items may be sent to WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN and designated for the Mexico Institute. **Sr. Chuy de la Rosa, director**

My two summer missionaries have been with me a week now. We've already been out searching for where

the French have hidden their letter boxes—behind the gate and in the bushes! **Patsy Vanhook, France**

On behalf of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Panama and Damaris Gonzalez, I would like to express our appreciation to our ladies in the WNAC. Damaris is a dedicated young lady and I believe she will be an excellent student. Without the financial help of WNAC, she could not have gone to the institute this year. **Judy Lytle, Panama**

We're renting a furnished house from my sister, close to my mom and another sister. Because of their sharing and the Provision Closet, we have all we need. **Carol Pinkerton, Ivory Coast, now on furlough**

What can I say but thank you for all the wonderful things in the Provision Closet. There were so many things we needed and you provided them. **Susan Tumbough, Spain.**

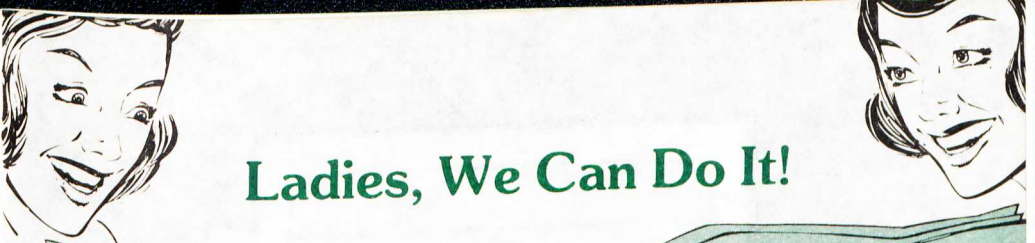
Enjoys Blessings

This was a tremendous Emphasis Program. Our pastor followed it up with a short message on the loving arms of God. There were about 15 at the altar when the invitation was given. We thank God for our women who have this great gift from God to write.

Carolyn Redfeam
Modesto, CA

Oklahoma as a whole is enjoying blessings. Our people seem to have a greater outreach. Our local auxiliary received five new members lately.

Lura Gebhart
Tulsa, OK



Ladies, We Can Do It!

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Recently I was moved by the soul-searching, thought-provoking article by Rebecca Purkey; stirred sufficiently until I want to do all I can, and try to get as many others involved as possible, to help eliminate the need.

It's a known fact that an avalanche—be it rock, snow, mud or dirt—can cover or sweep away entire towns or mountainsides. Yet I'm told it takes only one little sound or movement to set it in motion. A forest fire can wreck havoc in lives and property, yet it takes only one little spark to get the flame started. A snowball started downhill can become large enough to destroy trees, houses or anything in its path, yet some one or some thing had to start it rolling.

I'd like to be a part of that beginning and I'd like for our women (and our churches) to be the avalanche to wipe out the deficit accounts of our missionaries. It was humbling to realize the amount of the deficit and to know the solution was so simple.

It was startling, as Mrs. Purkey stated, to realize that if every member of the Free Will Baptist denomination made a gift of only 50¢, the entire deficit account would be erased and over \$30,000 left over to begin new endeavors! Doesn't that stir you? It does me.

Be there a member in the denomination who cannot raise 50¢ above his tithes and offerings for a one-time gift to missions? If indeed there should be such a one, think of all those who can pay many times over to far exceed the goal. Think of the 50¢ left as tips on desserts we didn't need in the first place. Think of the snacks the doctors and dentists (and our scales) say we don't need at all. Friends, there are those who make a living from such discards; therefore could there not be some way each member could at least pay 50¢ to wipe out such a blot on our denomination?

Come on ladies, be that spark. Be that snowball. Be that sound which starts the avalanche. Alone we are one, yet it takes only one to get something started. Together we are many "ones." Let's get going. This is one way we can obey the command to "Go ye."

Sincerely,
Gertrude Cantrell



A Woman God Has Used

Peggy Hutto has the gift of hospitality. Her modest home in Auburndale, Florida is a haven for visiting missionaries, evangelists and Christian workers. She entertains easily and comfortably and makes each guest feel he's special.

For more than 22 years Peggy has been married to her complement. James Hutto, a factory supervisor, is indispensable to the First Free Will Baptist church, serving as Sunday school superintendent, CTS director and church clerk. He encourages his wife in her activities as Junior Sunday school teacher, church typist and auxiliary secretary-treasurer. For more than 20 years she has directed the youth activities of her church. Professionally Mrs. Hutto is employed as a secretary/receptionist.

Peggy's main interest lies in the auxiliary and here her state has elected her as president, an office she has held for nine years. Her field worker, Marlene Mikell, shares in promoting missions throughout the state.

Peggy is a faithful choir member and substitutes as pianist on occasion, but she doesn't claim any great talent in this area.

The Hutto's hopes and dreams are wrapped up in their two daughters, Lynn, 14, and Teresa, 11, who have already been enlisted in the service of the King. Who knows? Perhaps the missionary seed planted in these young hearts will one day bring forth fruit on the mission field.

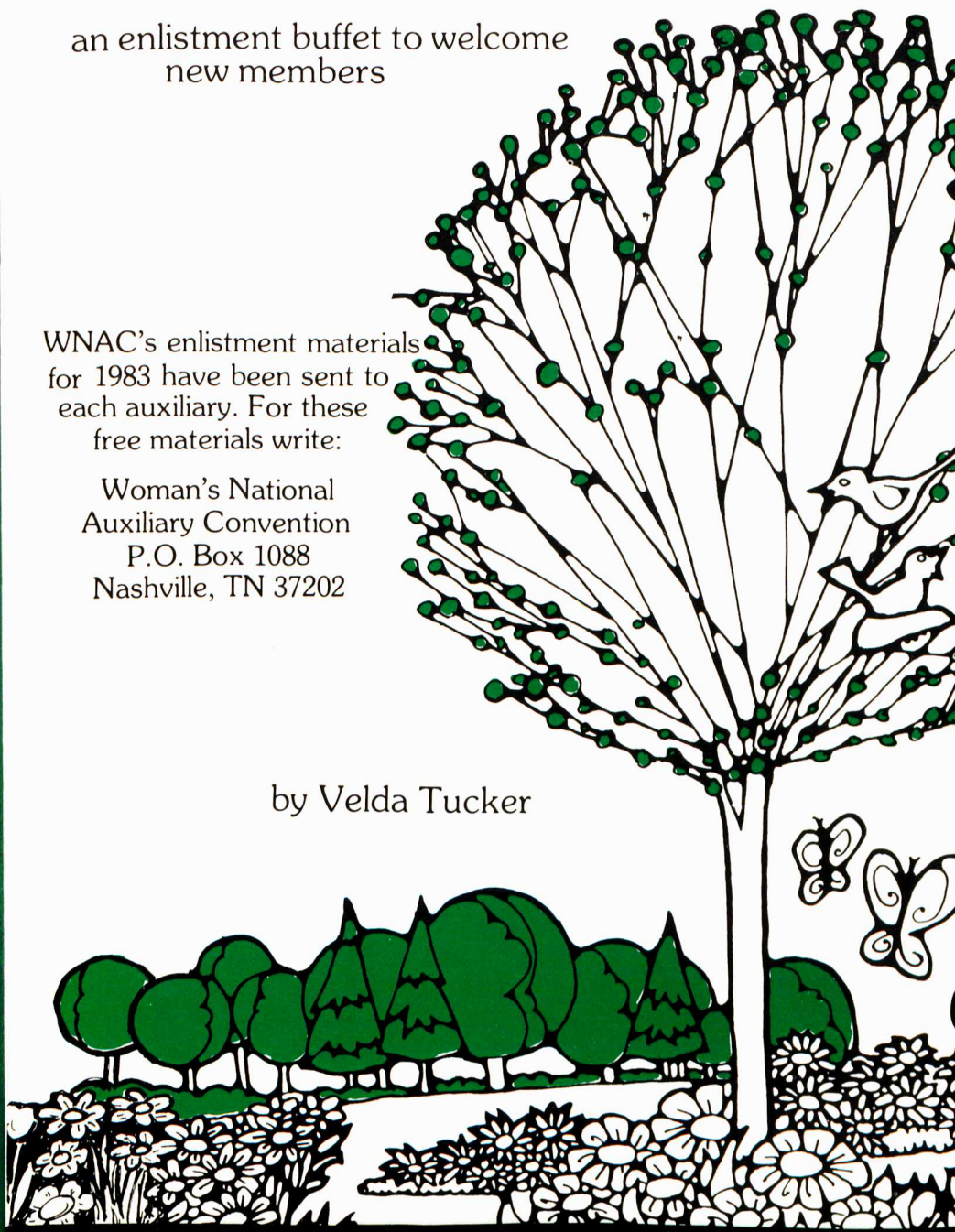
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