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*"And other sheep I have,
that are not of this fold;
them also I must bring."
(John 10:16)*

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Editorial

In the space of one week, I helped bury two very good friends.

Paul Jack Ketteyman was raised a few miles from our home, and for a brief time his dad pastored our church. When Paul Jack completed his course at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, he saw a floundering 17 year-old and promptly recruited me for his alma mater. And to be sure I got there, he personally accompanied me on the train (and city bus) and delivered me to its doors. I always felt Paul Jack recognized some potential in me and I wanted to live up to his expectations.

Thirty-seven years ago, Agnes Smith and I sat under the shade trees and fanned away at Northeast Missouri's sweltering July heat as we awaited the near-simultaneous delivery of our second-born (both daughters, it turned out). Brother Rolla pastored LaVerne's home church. We boarded at LaVerne's folks, living in pause between seminary and a teaching position at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

There was something special about Agnes. She made me feel I was better than I was and I found myself trying to measure up.

Some day—should the Lord delay His coming—someone will bury me. What kind of impression am I leaving behind? Will someone be a better person for having crossed my path?

Another friend, Billy Morris, also recently went to be with the Lord. I wasn't there, but they told me that his urologist gave his testimony at the funeral. Billy had led him to the Lord during his illness.

How many will be in heaven because I have personally led them to the Lord? How many will be there because I have prayed them into the kingdom? How many from the remote corners of the earth will enjoy eternal life because my money helped bring them the gospel?

Oh God, help me live with eternity's values in view.

Anna Baird

In my early years, religion was seldom mentioned in our home. Our life styles indicated we did not even consider Christ a reality. However, at the age of 25, I met a girl who knew, in fact, that He was. Nonie was instrumental in pointing me to the Savior.

Prior to this time, Jesus was only a mysterious somebody who had been hanged on a cross. Now He was real, not an abstract being. He released me from the guilt of my past and was helping me to overcome loneliness, insecurity, worry, stress, and best of all, sin. Jesus became my source

of joy and peace and contentment, even when things were not ideal.

In time, a longing to see my mother saved welled up within me. I had always loved my mother, but God gave me an even greater love for her. I attempted to make Christ known and demonstrate this love by the way I lived. She loved to chat; I became an avid listener. I helped with the housework. Our relationship deepened as I demonstrated in practical ways that I truly cared.

However, Scripture warns that light and darkness cannot exist together. Mom's form of religion consisted of irregular church attendance at a liberal church and reciting the Lord's prayer at bedtime. She regarded my commitment to Christ as fanatical. Our

different viewpoints led to some definite clashes.

Mom hated to talk on the phone unless she was in the mood. "Say I'm not here," Mom would whisper those times she wasn't in the mood. I had never minded telling this white lie before.

"I can't say that—it's a lie," now I whispered. She became enraged.

Undoubtedly Mom's greatest fault was gossip. She rarely had a kind word for anyone. Now when her talebearing began, I'd say, "I've done so many wrong things in my life that I have no room to talk about anyone else."

This stopped her in her tracks. These words, spoken with no animosity, had a convicting effect upon her and caused her to

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God's Special Delivery



DECAYED MANKIND

by Jan Taylor

Aim: To compare sin with dental decay and periodontal disease.

Scripture: Hebrews 8:12, 13

Hymn: "The Great Physician"

DECAY (1 John 1:9; Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:9, 10)

A decayed tooth can be likened to a person who has sin in his life. It's natural for a child to do bad things, for he is naturally sinful, but good habits must be acquired. God detects even the sin in our hearts which may not always be visible to others, but our actions as a result of that sin are clearly visible to all.

At first the decay is so tiny it can only be detected under magnification. If allowed to grow undetected, it could result in the death and loss of the tooth. Sugar speeds up the decaying process.

Sugar + Plaque = Acids

Acids + Tooth Enamel = Decay

Cokes, candy, gum, etc. feed this decay until it fills the inside and the tooth crumbles. In order to save the tooth, the dentist removes the decay and refills it with an impregnable substance.

Introduction

There is more to getting our children ready for a new school year than outfitting them with new clothes and providing them with school supplies. It usually includes a check-up at the dentist as well. Because we are born in sin, our physical bodies are in a constant state of decay. Even with extreme care and caution, man's years are a mere "three score and ten." The Scriptures affirm that the penalty of sin is death (Romans 3:10, 23; 2 Cor. 5:21).

This program likens sin to dental decay and periodontal disease.

Suggestion

Invite a dental hygienist to give this program. If this is not possible, perhaps your dentist could provide materials for distribution, or loan you some visuals.

Spiritually our lives crumble when we continuously fill them with worldly sweets that God abhors. One indulgence in worldly things may not necessarily result in death; however, the more often we feed ourselves these "sugars," the more rapid the decay. Once our lives crumble, we cannot be used by God without being cleansed.

God removes decay from our lives and fills us with His Holy Spirit as we take the A-B-C steps to a cleansed life: Acknowledge Jesus as the Lord of your life; Believe Him and trust His cleansing power; and finally, Commit your life to Him and begin to experience the crucified life.

PERIODONTAL DISEASE

(1 Cor. 10:13; 1 John 2:15; James 5:16; 2 Tim. 2:15; Ps. 119:105)

Daily prayer and Bible study are the floss we use to keep our lives clean for Jesus.

Periodontal disease is a condition that destroys gum tissue and the supporting bone around the teeth. This condition often occurs when too much stress is applied, as from gritting or clenching the teeth, sometimes while sleeping. With this condition, some teeth hit sooner than others, causing tooth or jaw pain.

The main cause of periodontal disease, however, is an unclean environment. Brushing alone does not remove the plaque from under the gum where it can hide and feed on bacteria. These bacteria produce acids that destroy precious bone and gum that hold our teeth in place.

Once these tissues are destroyed, they cannot be restored. But dentists can prevent further destruction through treatment. Flossing is one periodontal aid that cleans deep under gums and between teeth where we cannot see plaque hiding. This plaque must be removed on a daily basis before the damage is done.

Daily stress on our lives, such as peer pressure, jobs, recreation, etc. may cause separation between God and Christians. Daily prayer and Bible study are the floss we use to keep our lives clean for Jesus. Sin must not be allowed to destroy our love and witness for Him.

Periodontal disease represents the environmental influences the devil uses to weaken us spiritually.

DENTAL PROCEDURES

(John 14:16, 26)

The Holy Spirit enters our heart and removes the infection of sin.

Sometimes the dentist crowns a tooth in order to completely seal it, making it stronger and less likely to crack under pressure. God's Word crowns our lives in the same way. God gave His Holy Spirit to indwell us constantly and to distinguish good from evil. He speaks to us in His still small voice and convicts us when we have sinned.

Root canals are procedures where the nerve is removed from a tooth that is dying and filled with a medication to stop the infection. The tooth may no longer function as a vital or live tooth, but it can be used for chewing. Root canals also serve as a support to prevent other teeth from drifting. Often the root canal tooth is crowned at the end of the procedure to prevent the tooth from splitting or cracking.

At the moment of the new birth, the Holy Spirit enters our heart and removes the infection of sin the devil has planted in our lives. He fills us with His Holy Spirit so that we can be used by Him as a witness to others.

REGULAR CLEANING AND CHECK-UPS

(1 Cor. 4:2; Ex. 20:8; Heb. 10:25; Prov. 28:14; Isa. 52:6).

Preventive dentistry is the best practice.

Dentists recommend a prophylaxis or cleaning on a regular basis by a dental hygienist. Plaque and calculus are scaled from the teeth and stains are polished and removed. If left uncleaned, these hard deposits will destroy bone and gum tissue around the teeth and may result in loss of teeth.

Man's heart becomes hardened to the point it will no longer heed God's call to be saved. This could be a result of ignoring God's Holy Spirit during church invitations or any time God's Holy Spirit might be dealing with you. A persistent hardened heart could result in eternal death.

Preventive dentistry is the best practice. At the time our teeth are cleaned, X-rays are usually made to check for hidden decay, bone loss or infection. God recommends that we go to Him daily in prayer and Bible study for our check-ups. Reading and studying God's Word X-rays us and reveals hidden sins in our lives.

CONCLUSION (Heb. 11:6; 1 John 5:13)

As you trust your dentist to care for your dental needs, trust the Great Physician to attend to your sin problem.

Regular visits to the dentist and daily cleaning the teeth along with a good diet result in healthy teeth and gums. Our teeth should last us our lifetime. Dental problems are not inherited.

Recognizing God as the Physician who can heal our sins, studying His Word and praying daily for His will results in a healthy Christian life. We do not inherit salvation, each must ask for it. As you trust your dentist to care for your dental needs, trust the Great Physician to attend to your sin problem. 

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Program for October

Program Aim:

To create a prayer burden among our auxiliary family for our missionaries.

Scripture:

Ephesians 3:14-21

Hymn:

"The Family of God"

by Willie Gage

PRAYER: THE KEY TO



Introduction

As Christians, we are members of the family of God. By choice, we are members of the Free Will Baptist family. In this family we have brothers and sisters, sons and daughters who have answered a call to go into all the world.

These family members have gone through years of preparation to reach their field of labor. They face difficulties we can only imagine while just living on a foreign field. There is open opposition to their work, and the lost are slow to respond to the Word.

When letters come from the field there is always one common need. Prayer.

How can we pray effectively for these, our mission family? There is one method we can easily remember. We can pray for our mission family as we do our own immediate family here at home.

DAILY NEEDS

The Lord taught his disciples to pray for their daily bread. As we go about our busy lives here at home we often breathe a prayer for our

own family's daily needs. Someone may need a particular item of clothing, or the groceries are running low and we pray as we go about our chores for those physical needs.

The missionary wife is faced with more complex problems. If her children need an item of clothing, it may not be available at all. Some grocery items are only available in the large cities. She may shop in an open market where the meat is tough and unappetizing and convenience foods are rare. Dinner is usually from scratch every day. We need to remember to pray that their daily needs will be supplied.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

When one of our little ones runs a fever, we begin to pray immediately for his rapid recovery. Many of our missionary family members live in areas where the water is unsafe. Their children have to be carefully taught what to drink and what not to drink, what is permissible to eat and what to avoid. In third world countries some of the food eaten by the national Christians could make an American ill. . . turning down food served by

one of these Christian brethren would be an insult.

Some of our missionaries live in areas where snakes and scorpions pose a constant threat to their safety. They sleep with a flashlight handy in order to avoid stepping on something should they have to get up in the night. Many are far away from adequate medical facilities.

We need to remember to pray daily that our mission family will be protected from illness and danger.

HELP

Each day we throw a load of laundry in the machine and a load in the dryer. We unload the dish washer and fill it again. We slip something from the freezer to the microwave oven and race around the house behind a powerful vacuum cleaner. Some of our mission family live in primitive areas where conveniences are few and treasured. Beside daily marketing, they may be teaching correspondence courses to their children.

It takes time to boil and filter water, properly clean and soak fruit and vegetables so they will be safe

MISSIONS



to eat, prepare meals and care for the laundry. One returning missionary said "It just takes a long time to live over there."

With only 24 hours in a day there is little time left to teach a Bible class, visit with new believers, or contact new prospects.

Missionary wives need reliable, honest help. They need someone they can trust to be left alone in the house, someone who will love and help look after their small children, someone who learns quickly and is not afraid to work hard.

Often our missionary families are learning tribal languages. To be most effective the Word of God must be presented in the language of the people. They must find reliable, dedicated translators.

We need to pray for our mission family to find and be able to keep the helpers they need.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Here at home on main street U.S.A. with our church on the next block and our family at the other end of the phone we are all occasionally subject to the blues. Somehow the blues are much bluer when you live on the other side of

the world. The mail comes once a week, there is no phone, and your husband is the only adult American you have to talk to.

The stress of a difficult life, loneliness and depression can slowly mount up until they are overwhelming. The missionary is then defeated. They need daily prayer for emotional health.

The needs the missionaries see are so great. Their time and energy can be consumed in hurrying from one place to another to teach salvation to a lost world. In their busy lives they need time for daily personal devotions. They need guidance from the Lord for their own spiritual growth, direction for their own families, wisdom to deal with problems that arise among believers, encouragement that what they are doing counts, and the presence of the Holy Spirit every day to keep loneliness at bay.

TEMPTATION

When our little children first tell a lie we are so shocked. When they go off to school, and then as they grow up and advance in school we are so aware of the problems they face day after day. We pray as they

skip out the door that the Lord will strengthen them to be able to face the temptations they encounter and remain faithful to Him.

Our missionaries are not immune to temptation. They are faced with it daily just as we are tempted to sin in thought and deed every day. Our missionary families are not super-duper, all powerful Satan beaters. They are ordinary people doing what God wants them to do. They need prayer for strength to resist temptation every day.

UNBORN CHILDREN

When one of our number is pregnant we are all concerned and pray for the wee one. We pray for its proper growth and development and its safe entry into the world. In order for our missionaries to see fruit for their labor, nationals must be born again. We need to be praying for the unborn. We need to pray for them to have receptive hearts, for the missionaries to present the Word of God clearly, for the lost to understand and, for the Holy Spirit to convict and bring to birth those who hear.

In 1 Samuel 1:9-18 Hannah

prayed for a son. We need to be as faithful in our prayers for a new child to be added to the family of God as Hannah was for her son in the flesh.

CONCLUSION

Now is the time the Christian needs to be praying without ceasing. Satan loses ground when one lost soul comes to Christ. He has lost a witness; therefore, he will send his representatives, and their name is still "legion" (Mark 5:9). He will do all in his power to put discouragement or other stumbling blocks in the way of the new child of God.

Christ was talking personally to each one of us when he said, "Say not ye, There are four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

We can have a part in the harvest of Africa, India, Japan, France, the South American countries, and our Home Missions. Our place is out of sight, our posture is on our knees, our tool is prayer.

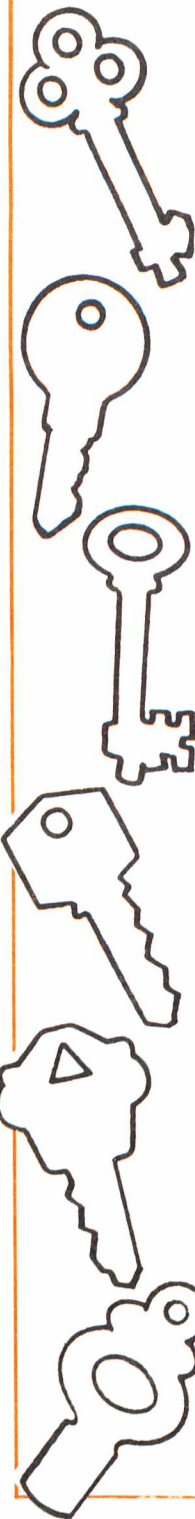
It would be so good if we would say with Samuel, Hannah's son, "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you . . ." — our missionaries (I Samuel 12:23a).

Keys to Help in Your Presentation

Make various sizes and shapes of keys from construction paper or poster board. Hang these in prominent places in the room. In addition, carry the key theme through the invitations (see pattern). Cut keys from some sturdy material. Print announcements on construction paper. Fasten the two together with a split plastic ring.

Prepare these keys in such a way to divide into two teams—two colors of split rings, announcement cards or keys; or two shapes of keys; two sizes, etc. Ask the women to bring their key with them to the auxiliary meeting.

Have prepared a board for hanging the keys as they arrive—one team on one side and the other



team's keys on the opposite side. Recognize the group with the most attending.

Enlarge the pattern given for the keys, as skeleton key, mailbox key, housekey, car key, etc., and prepare one for each one on the program. On one side of each key print the word "PRAYER." On the other side, print the following words:

Programs

Bible Study

I Peter (Chapter 1) Lesson 1

Please read this entire chapter in the Bible before reading any of the following material. Then refer to these scriptures to fill in the blanks as you go along.

Background

Writer: Simon Peter, one of the twelve apostles.

Addressed to: Believers, both Jew and Gentile, scattered throughout Asia Minor because of persecution.

Time of Writing: Approximately A.D. 65, about 36 years following Jesus' resurrection.

Place of Writing: The new city of Babylon in Assyria (see I Peter 5:13).

Purpose of Writing: To encourage the believers who were experiencing suffering, persecution and fiery trials.

Called To Suffer

1:1 — Peter has become a more mature, tender-hearted, thoughtful and considerate person than the rough fisherman who was outspoken, belligerent, impulsive and unstable. Experience is a hard taskmaster.

1:2 — Peter wrote to the "elect" or chosen. These were not only chosen to receive full and free pardon of sin through heart belief in the Savior, but, also chosen to obey, to serve, to learn, to suffer, and to die daily spiritually. Many would be called on to literally die a martyr's death.

DAILY NEEDS
HEALTH AND SAFETY
HELP
EMOTIONAL HEALTH
TEMPTATION
UNBORN CHILDREN.

Prayer is the key that unlocks the needs in a missionary's life. Distribute these keys to those who give the program and ask them to hold it during their presentation. ✠

Cross out one of the bracketed words as you take this personal exam:

I (am, am not) becoming more obedient to the demands of Christ on my daily life.

I (am, am not) more willing to put my personal preferences and comfort second to His service.

I (am, am not) making steady progress in discovering what God's Word says to me.

I (am, am not) willing to suffer uncomplainingly, when and how God wills, leaning heavily on Him.

1:3, 4 — God not only saves sinners by His Son, but He also rewards the faithful with an inheritance which is:

1. Incorruptible, as to its substance. Find and write a good definition of this word. _____

2. Undefined, as to its purity. Name a few temporal possessions that are flawed. _____

3. Unfading, as to its beauty. Name some beauty that eventually fades. _____

1:5 — We are kept, secure, by the p_____ of God through f_____ unto s_____. A Free Will Baptist is as secure in Christ as any other believer whose faith is anchored to the Rock and who refuses to remove himself from His side.

1:6, 7 — We are to "greatly rejoice, though now for a s_____ (period of time) you are in h_____ through (because of) manifold t_____ (testings or trials). If allowed to do so, adversities even when "t_____ with f_____" will lead to praise, honor and glory at the appearance of Christ for His saints.

1:8, 9 — Loving Christ and believing in His wisdom, care and promises means that we can (right now) "r_____ with joy u_____ and full of g_____." The end is in sight! This too shall pass away!

1:10-12 — The Old Testament prophets wrote of the "s_____ of Christ and the g_____ that should follow." They told of things that even a_____ do not understand or can they experience, yet they can see the effect that the Holy Spirit has on genuine believers.

The Believer's Responsibility (1:13-22)

1. Gird up (keep a tight rein on) the l_____ of your m_____, or keep your thought life pure, carefully screening what you allow in through the eye and ear gates. Guard your family, too!

2. Be O_____ children. All women know the grief and chaos caused by persistently disobedient children. We also bring grief to God (Gen. 6:6) by disobedience to His Word and invite chaos into our own lives by failing to obey our Father.

3. Be h_____ in all m_____ of life. This is not "sinless perfection," but a deliberate decision on the part of a believer to become progressively more like Jesus, confessing and working on our "weak areas" rather than "excusing" them.

4. Always remember, even as you pray, the tremendous price paid for your salvation. It was not s_____ and g_____, but the p_____ blood of Christ, the one and only perfect and acceptable sacrifice for the sins of mankind.

5. Keep your f_____ and h_____ in God. This will purify your s_____ as well as your service. We should serve in cooperation with other believers, having an u_____ love of the brethren. (The *sistern* may need it even more, ladies!) Later on, Peter tells us that "love covereth a multitude of sins." It also makes allowances for the opinions, idiosyncrasies and downright contrariness of weaker believers.

The Believer's Life (1:23-25)

1. Truly b _____ a _____ by the w _____ of God.

2. Remembering the temporary nature of life. Like g _____, it will wither and beauty f _____.

3. Hold on to, and progressively grow in the w _____ of the L _____, for it e _____ forever. Follow Peter's advice in 2 Peter 3:18. Make it a deliberate choice for your life and set an example in your family.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you believe that Peter was young, middle-aged or elderly at the time of writing? Why?
2. How had Peter changed and mellowed from his early disciple years?
3. When did Peter learn for a certainty that "God is no respecter of persons?"
4. What attitude will help a true believer facing severe trials?
5. What do you think it means to "die daily?"
6. Since the command (not suggestion) of 1 Peter 1:16 is "Be ye holy," what does it mean in everyday life?
7. How is holiness acquired? How is it demonstrated to those about us?

With this issue, Mildred Daniel, Bible teacher from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, begins an in-depth study of 1 Peter. You are encouraged to use this in your auxiliary or as a personal Bible study. Watch for chapter 2 in the next *Co-Laborer*.



PERSONAL NOTE

Dear Co-Laborers.

As you have probably heard by now, in February, I had surgery for a malignant tumor. It required a modified radical mastectomy. The prognosis is good, but the doctors recommended chemotherapy to prevent recurrence. They suggested a total of six treatments. By the end of July, I should be finished with them.

Many of you have prayed, and God has wonderfully blessed. I spent five days in the hospital and about nine days recuperating at home. During that time I was able to dictate, proofread and write. By the third week I was spending a few hours each day in the office. At the end of that week I began driving.

In March I was traveling with only one restriction — "Don't carry your luggage."

I want to express appreciation to a wonderful staff here. They did the work well. They helped and encouraged me.

I want to thank all of you, too, for your cards, calls, concern and prayers. You helped and encouraged me.

On May 21, the doctor said, "you can carry your luggage." I'm back to normal. Praise God for all His blessings and benefits to me.

In Christ,

Mary R. Wischart



for Success, Auxiliary Style

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10

Dressing for success is a matter of coordinating the right colors, blends, textures and accessories to achieve a pleasing effect. Each accessory or finishing touch serves an important function and is vital to that total look.

In like manner, each auxiliary officer is a necessary element to the total success of the auxiliary. An effective auxiliary is one that puts God first in everything, from selecting the officers to setting the goals for the year. If we follow our Lord's advice in Matthew 6:33 and seek God's kingdom first, provision will be made for all our auxiliary needs.

Our successful look begins with the basic outfit. This determines which accessories are appropriate since each has its own personality and reflects a specific mood. Accessories accentuate and complete the mood set by the outfit. Each auxiliary has its own personality and the accessories—its officers—reflect and enhance its color and style as they perform their specific function.

Let's begin with the **mission action chairman**. Shoes are basic to the successful look and best fit this office of a woman on the go. The mission action chairman must be versatile, creative

and resourceful as she seeks to involve every woman in the church in some type of mission action. Trying new ideas, innovative attention-getters and using her imagination all help the women in their missions-awareness.

The **mission study chairman** is a subtle office because most of the time her job is behind the lines. The accessory that best describes this office is make-up. Applied subtly, it can approve the total look 100%. Applied incorrectly or omitted entirely, it detracts from an otherwise successful appearance. The mission study chairman encourages the women to study God's Word and books related to missions. Subtlety is her key word as she balances the primary purpose of her office (study) with the purpose of the auxiliary (missions).

The office of **mission prayer chairman** compliments the other two mission chairman, just as jewelry compliments an outfit. Jewelry accentuates an outfit as it brings out the strong points or adds a splash of color and excitement to the wardrobe. The mission prayer chairman is the catalyst to add that extra dimension to the auxiliary. Not

An Installation of Officers by Annette Dake

Since many auxiliaries install their officers in September at the beginning of the church year, an installation program is given in this issue. This one is suggested for a humorous presentation. The more outlandish the accessories, the more effective the response. Humor is often capable of enforcing truths more vividly than with other methods.

If you prefer a more serious installation, see "Elected to Minister," based on John 13, and found in the 4th volume of WNAC's Collection of Plays and Skits. Each of the other three volumes also contains an installation. Volume #1 contains "Take Up Thy Cross;" Volume #2, "Aprons of Service," and Volume #3 suggests using flowers in four different ways.

only does she encourage the women to pray for our missionaries, but shows how to enrich their own private prayer life as well.

The office of **secretary-treasurer** is best described with one accessory—a purse or bag. Not a woman alive can do without a purse. It is the most functional of accessories. The shape and size may vary, but essentially the basic elements are inside—a bill-fold or coin purse, checkbook, pen and notepad, and a comb.

Likewise the secretary-treasurer performs functions as an accessory to the successful auxiliary. As she keeps accurate accounts of meetings and all moneys received and disbursed, she is documenting a history of her particular auxiliary.

The **vice-president** is the window dressing for the auxiliary. The accessory that provides a window dressing for the basic outfit is a belt and perhaps a scarf, often in contrasting color and fabric. The vice president uses her creativity as she prepares posters, invitations, announcements and other methods of publicity. She makes a good appearance as she enlists new members and keeps interest among the regulars.

The auxiliary **president** is the most visible of the officers as she presides over the meetings and serves as the spokesperson for

the auxiliary. Her accessory counterpart is a hat (*or hair-do/wig, if you prefer*). A hat can either make or break a successfully put-together outfit. Selecting the wrong style or color can detract from the outfit and undermine all efforts for that coordinated look.

As the president accepts her leadership role and delegates authority to her fellow officers, she is developing a productive auxiliary that the Lord can use for His honor and glory.

Each accessory has a specific place and function in a wardrobe. No one alone is all-purpose. Each, properly and strategically used, works together to accomplish its goal—a successful outfit.

Each officer in the woman's auxiliary has a specific place and function. If we are willing to be used where God needs us, even the least outstanding accessory will be a blessing, not only to ourselves, but to our auxiliaries and ultimately to the mission He has commissioned us to do.

Prayer of dedication! ✠



Annette Dake, Newcastle, OK. In spite of being a busy church worker, wife and mother of three, Annette is a true co-laborer with her contributions to our creative arts contest.

Over My Coffee Cup



Eunice Edwards

Job asks the great question: "Whence then cometh wisdom? And where is the place of understanding?" (Job 28:20). He gives the great answer in verse 23: "God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof." He further declares: "Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepareth it, yea, and searcheth it out" (V.27). If we substitute "Him", meaning Jesus, instead of it, we begin to see the wisdom, faith, and hope of this sanctified saint.

Verse 3 chapter 29 gives us the real secret of this man's triumph over circumstances. Look on Job, if you can. His body is covered with sores, itching, hurting, burning sores. His so-called friends are tormenting him with questions about his integrity. His wife scorns even his wise answers. Consider all these circumstances and we marvel that he could speak a single word.

But listen to him now: "... by his light I walked through darkness" (29:3b).

The first time the light guided me through the darkness was the darkness of sin to conversion (John 1:4). Some people turn that verse around and claim light when they do not have life. There will never be light in our lives until we have life through the Savior. Without His life there is no light—through the interminable, impenetrable darkness of sin.

Are you in hard circumstances? In a hard place? In Stygian darkness? Get acquainted with God through His Son and He will guide you by his light through the darkness. Not around, or over, or by it, but through.

The priceless wisdom of Job can be yours in Christ. You, too, can triumph over circumstances! God justified Job's faith and faithfulness. He will also justify yours.



Creative Arts Contest 1986-87

123 women from 25 states and 2 foreign countries submitted 295 entries.

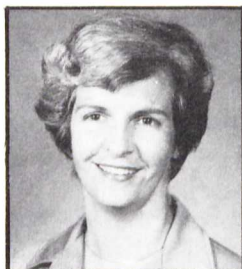
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"Laborers Together With God"
Beverly Riggs
Pleasant View, TN

Articles

1st



"Co-Laborers In Africa"
Carol Pinkerton
Ivory Coast, West Africa

2nd



"Breadbasket—In The Bathroom?"
Diane Mitchell Thomas
Grifton, NC

3rd



"Why Can't I Have A Child?"
Marilyn Jones
Fenton, MO

4th



"Moving Day At The Parsonage"
Odessa Ledlow
Sylacauga, AL

Plays/Skits

1st



"Auxiliary For Sale"
Annette Dake
Newcastle, OK

2nd



"The Season Without The Reason"
Margie Stone
Houston, TX

3rd



"There's A Skelton In My Closet"
Linda Coffman
River Rouge, MI

4th



"A Girl Named Lily"
Darlene Wilson
Clarksville, TN

Programs

1st



"Abigail: A Woman For All Seasons"
Cheryl Akers
Jacksonville, FL

2nd



"Decayed Mankind"
Jan Taylor
Dothan, AL

3rd



"Will You Wash My Dishes?"
Ruth Bivens
Pryor, OK

4th



"Prepare For The Storms"
Gladys Hodgson
Fredericksburg, VA

Poetry

1st



"Garden of Friendship"
Pamela Hackett
Spartanburg, SC

2nd



"The Gift of Life"
Elizabeth Stember
Houston, TX

3rd



"From The Cradle To The Cross"
Stella Shields
Magadore, OH

4th

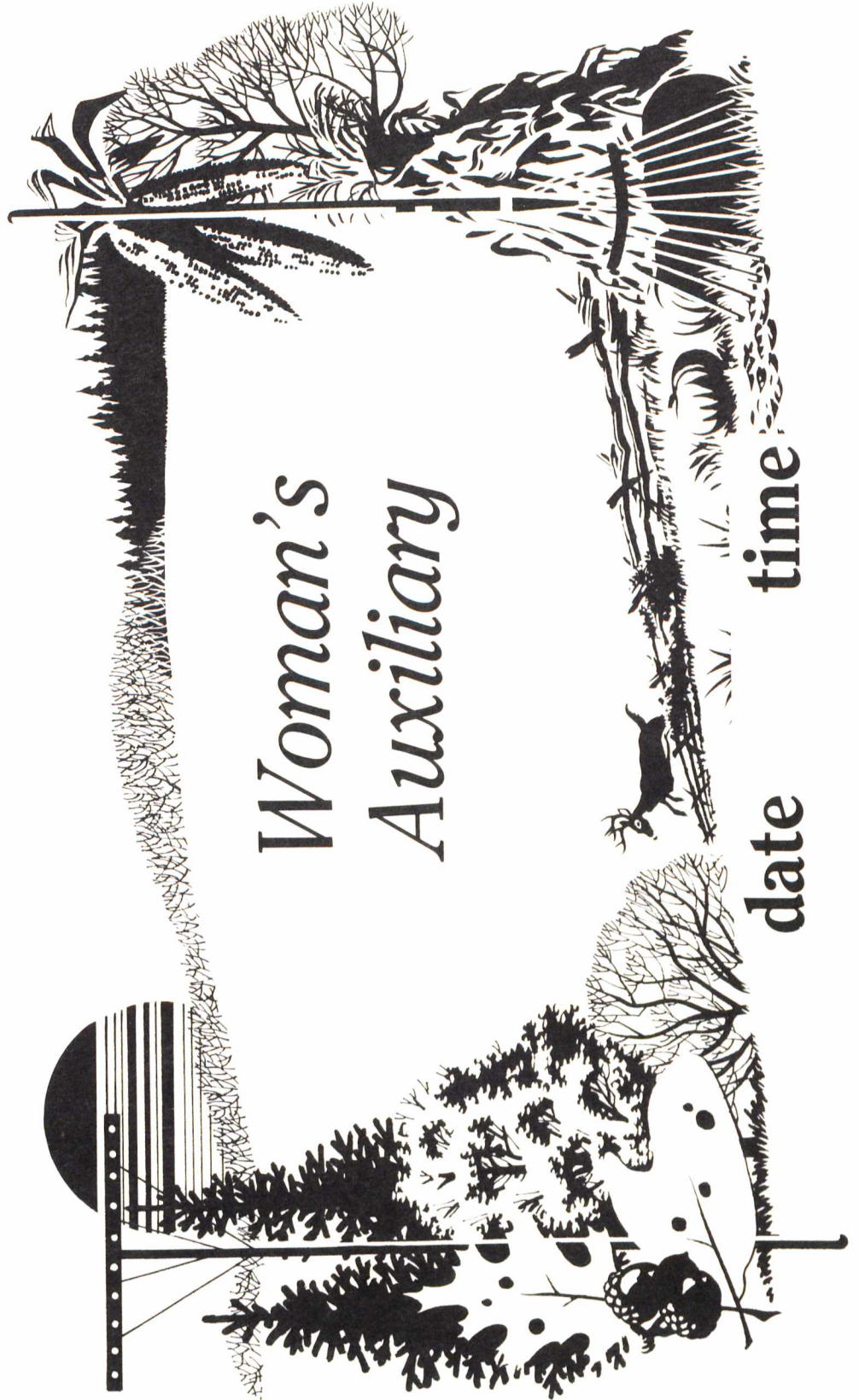


"Gifts Like These"
Rubenia Dobbs
New Bern, NC

Fall Round-Up

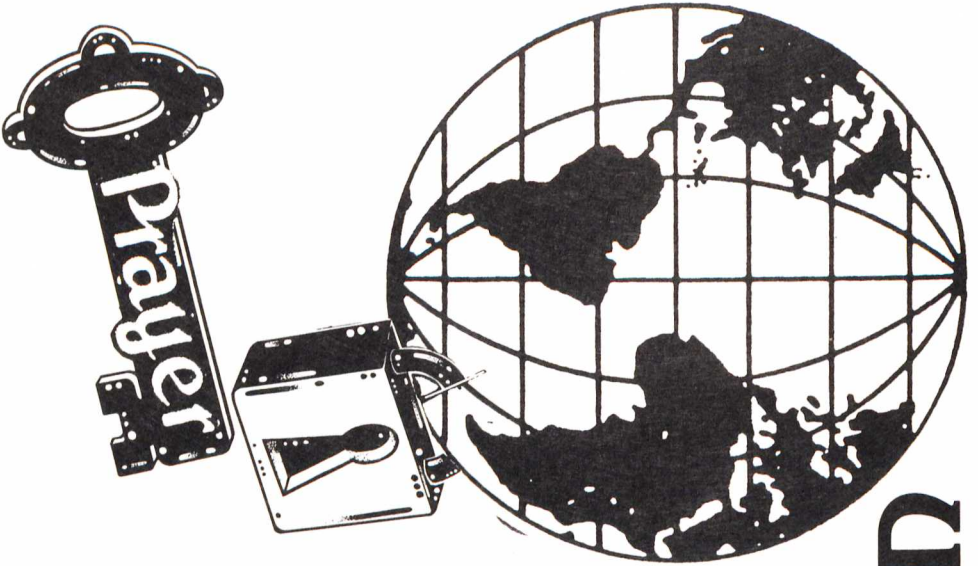
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Helps For Leaders

September/October, 1987

President/Vice President

Manual Study

A study of the Manual is best planned as soon after the election of officers as possible. Not only are new officers eager to learn about their responsibilities, but it provides an opportunity to challenge the whole Auxiliary to enter a new year by putting first things first. A Manual study helps get the Auxiliary off on the right foot.

Time for Everything helps you do just that. This packet contains a Leader's Guide for the study of the Manual as well as 12 visuals which can be used in a variety of ways.

1. They may be used as **flash cards**. Add a dash of color and mount each one on a sturdy backing. Use these to illustrate the various sections in the Manual. Display in a special holder (see pattern and instructions).
2. Use the visuals as **transparency masters** and project on the overhead projector.
3. Prepare a huge **collage** of these visuals on a bulletin board.
4. Punch the sheets with a three-hole punch, encase in a plastic cover and insert in a **looseleaf notebook**. Use as an illustrated booklet during the presentation.
5. Color each page and insert in a plastic cover. Distribute these visuals among your women before your study begins. Ask each woman to display her visual at the appropriate time in the study.
6. Make a **game** of the visuals. If you have access to a copier, make a duplicate set of the visuals (or order another set from WNAC). Encase all 24 in plastic covers (for protection and durability) and distribute among the women, face down so they will be unseen by all. Ask two women to come to the front. They are to see who can collect the most pairs of cards by calling from the women. They'll begin with the card they hold, and continue calling as long as they receive what they ask for.

For example, Number #1 will hold up her card and ask, "Mary, do you have President, as this one?" If she does, then she matches it with hers and calls for another at random. If she misses, the turn goes to #2 and continues until all matches are made.

(Order Time for Everything packets from WNAC, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. Packets are \$1.50 plus 55¢ for postage and handling.)

Enlargement Campaign

Cathy Guffey, Inman, South Carolina reports on an enlistment idea they used which doubled their attendance.

The president gave out two advance tickets to all regulars, one for her and another to give to an unenlisted woman. If you came to the meeting unaccompanied, you had to pay a consequence. Most came with a guest. "They all knew Patti and were afraid of any consequence she might have up her sleeve."

"We always try to make our programs interesting, but for our enlargement campaign, we put forth extra effort," writes Mrs. Guffey.

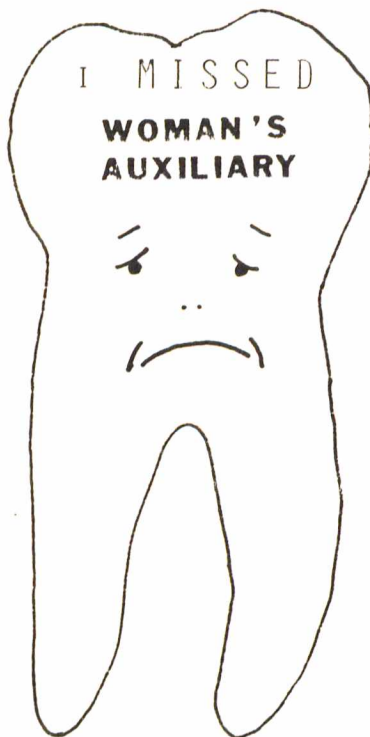
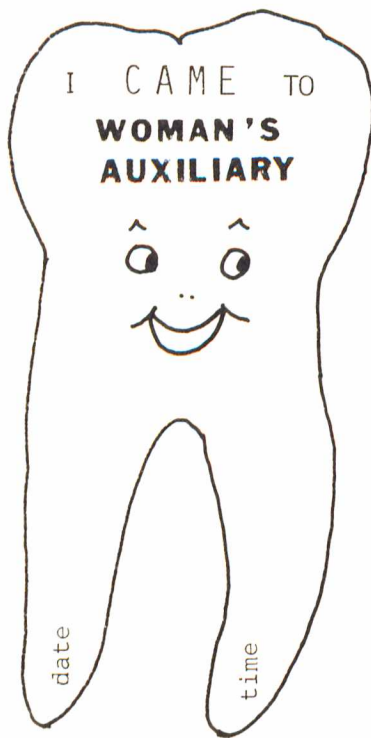
Secret Sisters For A Month

Each month auxiliary women of the First Church, Inman, South Carolina reveal specific prayer requests. Names are then drawn and a whole month is devoted to special prayer for the request.

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Easel

Cut from heavy cardboard or poster board.



Invitations and Enlistment Ideas

For September, make smiling and sad teeth and distribute the Sunday before your meeting.

Make posters from materials available from your dentist. Use the poster given in *Co-Laborer*. Or use a tooth fairy.

For October, the world is Keys. See suggestions on page 8.

If you're in a quandary how to enlist more women, refer to the two sources available from WNAC.

Enlistment Packet, by Donna Carr, with patterns, poster and suggestions for an Enlistment Brunch.

Enlistment Challenge, by Cleo Pursell, with basic helps to enlist and keep women in Auxiliary.

Both the packet and booklet are 75¢ each plus 35¢ for postage and handling.

Mission Prayer Chairman

Prayer reminders for September



You don't have to brush and floss all your teeth—
Just the ones you want to keep.

You don't have to pray and give to all our missionaries—
Just the ones you want God to bless.



Cut these reminders on the fold and write missionary requests inside. Or write requests on the back side.

Answers to Missionaricrypto

In this puzzle, the alphabet is in reverse. On a sheet of paper, write the letters a, b, c, d, etc. in a line. When you are finished with z, draw a line under the letters and then write them in reverse underneath the line. Now look at the missionaricrypto. Each time you see one of the lower letters, copy the letter you have printed just above it on your sheet of paper. 1. Cowart (These Brazilian missionaries have resigned to go into missionary aviation.) 2. Turnbough 3. Bowling 4. Franks 5. Hanna 6. Cousineau 7. Bailey 8. Pinkerton 9. Reeves 10. McDonald 11. Vanhook 12. Bryan 13. McCullough 14. Lytle.

Mission Study Chairman

The mission study chairman promotes the church library.

How? you ask. Try these suggestions:

1. **Encourage the use of the library.** Schedule committee meetings in the library—there are tables and chairs, aren't there? Your mission study group could meet here.

2. **Add to the collection.** Ask each member to bring at least one book to your auxiliary meeting. Award a book to the one donating the most books. Dividing your women into two teams and making a contest out of it adds interest.

3. **Keep alert to garage sales and flea markets.** Occasionally some choice books are sandwiched between the objectionable ones. Familiarize yourself with reputable religious publishers: Baker, Zondervan, Word, Fleming H. Revell, etc.

4. **Book exchange table.** Check with the librarian and see if there are some books she would be willing to part with, perhaps duplicates, etc. Place these on a table and let the women bring their own and swap for others they'd like to own.

5. **Sponsor a reading contest,** say for six months. Award a book to the one reading the most books during that period. Talk with the pastor. Perhaps he'd be willing to give the auxiliary 10-15 minutes for a reading thrust.

6. **Involve the youth.** The auxiliary could sponsor an essay contest entitled "A Christian Book I've Read This Year." Award a subscription to A Christian youth publication as TQ (*TeenQuest* by Back to the Bible) to the best entry.

Mission Action Chairman

It's fall round-up for the mission action chairman. Reorganize your action groups. Switch some who profess interest in another group. Replace those who have moved away, or dropped out. Enlist those who have just joined. Every woman in the church should be active in some type of group. Besides Bible study and prayer groups, consider:

Nursing Home or Hospital Visitation

Crafts

Music

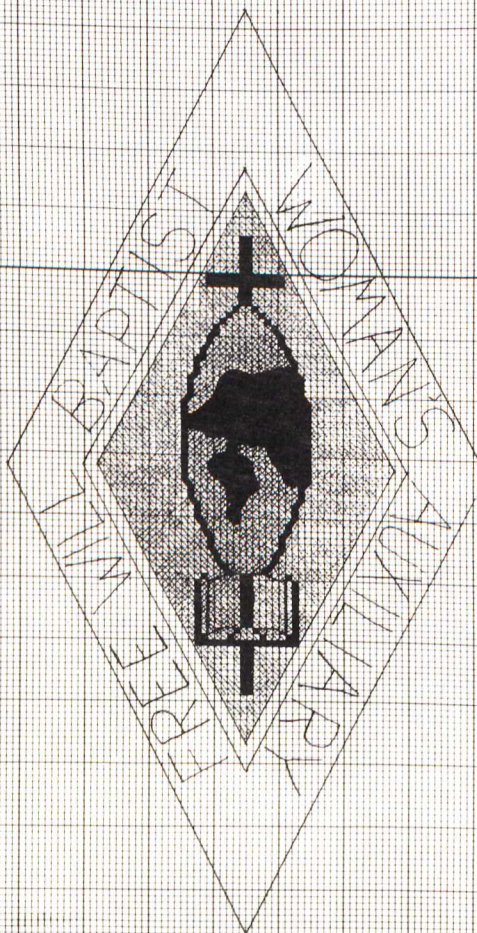
Actionettes

Youth Ministry (Juvenile Home, Detention Home, etc.)

Collectors (collecting, processing and sending coupons, stamps, books, cards, glasses, etc.)

Craft Project: Beverly Riggs, Pleasant View, TN, cross-stitched the WNAC logo and submitted it in the creative arts contest where it was awarded first place. It now hangs in the WNAC office. Here are Bev's directions for making one of your own (next page).

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD



For we are laborers
together with God:
ye are God's husbandry,
ye are God's building.

1 COR. 3:9

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Backstitch Lettering and
Diamond Shape Outlines
with Purple

Backstitch Around Bible
Pages with White

Approx. Design Size —
10 x 18½
(stitched on Aida 14)

Women in Action



State Line District women make menu covers for the WNAC Fellowship Dinner in Birmingham.

Shady Grove Auxiliary, Whitesburg, TN, organized October, 1986, with 25 members, quilting for the Missionary Provision Closet. (Left to right) Maude Justice, Virgie Hipshire, Mary Fawbush, Gail (with Darren) Fender (pastor's wife and Auxiliary president), Mildred Talley, Beulah Hightower, and Sue Long.



Faye Hanna was reelected as president of the Central District in Lake City, South Carolina. **Patricia Powell** installed the officers which also included **Joyce Hyman, Linda Herndon, Alene Stone, Dorothy Inman, Edna Coker, Betty Smith, Tiny Powell, Emmie Brown** and **Donna Hucks.**

Genny Waddell, Nashville, addressed Alabama's state retreat in Yampertown.

Judy Delong, Nippa, Kentucky, presented the lesson "Wanted Dead or Alive" at the Tom's Creek pre-Easter Week of Prayer service. Christians are to be Justified, Sanctified, Mortified and Vivified, she said.



First Bible Auxiliary, New Castle, IN, observe their Pre-Easter Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions at the home of Pearl Ritchie.

Women in Action

(continued)

Of the seven auxiliaries representing the Social Band district, First in Pocahontas has the distinction of being organized the longest (1950). **Shirley Smith** of Sutton is president.

West Virginia's first annual youth retreat, sponsored by the state Auxiliary convention, met at Beckley with 185 in attendance. The chock-full program with the theme, "Man on Your Mind" (Eccl. 12:1), included a campfire service, group discussions, missionary speakers, crafts, Bible charades, talent time and much, much more.

Shady Grove Auxiliary, Whitesburg, Tennessee, sponsored their first Mother-Daughter banquet with 76 in attendance. **Nancy Harris** directed a skit "Her Children Rise Up And Call Her Blessed" which featured **Kim Hayes, Debbie Ely, Michelle Fender** and **Cornie Talley**. The president, **Gail Fender**, introduced **Lorene Miley**, Nashville, as guest speaker.

Grace Davis, Booneville, Arkansas, reports their auxiliary observed their Pre-Easter Week of Prayer on Friday with Rev. **Fred Warner**, Foreign Missions Office in Nashville, as guest speaker.

The South Carolina district received two new auxiliaries into their fellowship—Immanuel in Santee and the Free Will Baptist Bible Church in Florence. **Carolyn Riddick** is president.

Vernon district (Alabama) reported giving over \$1800 to missions last year.

The state auxiliary workshop in Ansted, West Virginia, featured furloughing missionary **Alice Smith**, Ivory Coast, who gave missionary information and challenge. **Glenna Murphy**, state president, directed the auxiliary mechanics.

Beaver Creek district, South Carolina, awarded the Foreign

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Some of the officers of the Rocky Mountain Colorado District: Patty Powell, Barbara Meyers, Brenda Lewis, Lori Meyers, Rosa Lee Thomas and Nadine Hood.



East Alabama district women let their lights shine for the Lord.

Tammy and Stephanie Griffin, Lewisburg, TN, pose before the cross used in their Pre-Easter Week of Prayer observance. Rev. Ed Gragg pastors this church which gave their first missionary offering of \$122.18.



Missions plaque to Hearon Circle. The Home Missions award went to Chester. These plaques are based on amount of contributions.

Nine districts reported to the Alabama state convention in Vernon with 139 in attendance. They adopted the Richard Hendrix mission in Huntsville as a project and reelected **Pat Pless** as president.

West Virginia's state retreat at Camp Virgil Tate near Charleston was a winner with Bible teacher, **Rudene Kennedy**.

Friendship Cake

Auxiliary ladies in the Roanoke, Virginia area have reached out to their community with their special friendship cake. Here's how it works:

Someone gives you one cup of batter. On that first day you pour it into a large bowl and stir. Cover and leave on counter. Do not refrigerate.

On days two, three, and four, you merely stir the contents.

The fifth day, you add one cup of sugar, milk and flour. Stir well.

The next four days, day six, seven, eight and nine, you stir as you did on days two, three and four.

On the tenth day, you bake the cake. First you add the same ingredients as you did on day five—one cup each of sugar, milk and flour. Take out three cups of this base and give one cup to three friends with a copy of the directions.

To the remaining batter add:

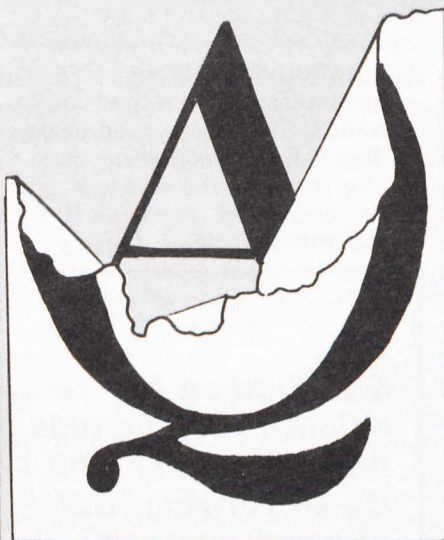
2/3 cup oil
1 cup sugar
1/2 t. salt
3 eggs
1-1/2 t. cinnamon
1-1/2 t. baking soda
2 cups flour
2 t. baking powder
2 t. vanilla

Beat the mixture until smooth. Add one or all of the following:

1 to 2 cups sliced apples or
3/4 cup applesauce
1/2 cup nuts
1/2 cup raisins.

Bake in a greased tube pan at 350— for 50 minutes. Best served hot from the oven.

by **Daryl Ellis**, guest columnist
pastor of **Cross Timbers Free Will Baptist Church**
Nashville, Tennessee



**Your questions
answered on:**

Woman's Auxiliary

**How should the Woman's
Auxiliary relate its programs,
projects and plans to the local
church and pastor?**

Church work involves a complexity of relationships. There are stresses from time to time; as a result, misunderstandings occur and feelings are hurt. This does not have to be the case. Some simple steps go a long way to foster healthy relationships between the Woman's Auxiliary and the local church.

The first step is **UNDERSTANDING**. It begins with ourselves. What is the purpose of a Woman's Auxiliary? All programs and projects should come out of this understanding. It is very tempting to venture into new areas simply because "someone needs to do this." However, a church is most effective

when several groups are doing their specific task.

What about the pastor? His attitudes have been shaped by previous experiences, some of which may have been bad. Therefore, talk with your pastor. Ask him how he feels about Auxiliary. Listen to him and feel compassionately for his perspective.

The second step is **ATTITUDE**. It is hard to escape feelings of superiority when you are diligently working for the Lord. Yet that attitude is not Christlike. People resent the idea that they must belong to your group to be O.K. It is possible to enjoy a group and support it without insisting that others be in it, too.

Also, what is your sacrifice quotient? Are you willing to give up prestige, power and position? The church consists of several good groups. Problems can occur when one small group neglects the whole. The right attitude promotes the concerns of the larger group.

Is your Auxiliary willing to cooperate with the church body?

The third step is **APPROACH**. Let's be agreeable! Sometimes you cannot get a whole loaf, so joyfully, take half! If a disagreement does occur with your pastor, do not advertise it. As a leader, take the challenge and prayerfully work it out.

Timing and words make a difference. Ladies, if you think you have a tough nut to crack in the pastor's study, be resourceful. Getting the pastor's support may begin with you. Take this approach: "Pastor, how may we help you and support your program for the church?" Believe me, pastors love to hear that.

Through my experience as a pastor, the Woman's Auxiliary has taught me how working together can be a blessing and encouragement. We pastors need all the help we can get.

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reflect on her own misdeeds.

In order to ease her own conscience, occasionally she'd bring up things from my past. "You're right, Mom," I told her. "I was guilty of all those things, but God forgave me when I gave my life to Christ. I'm not guilty of any of it anymore." Again she was confounded.

One thing that angered Mom more than anything else was the way I gave tracts to her neighbors. It embarrassed her. I ordered gospel booklets in quantity and they arrived in rather large boxes. One day I noticed the tracts seemed to be disappearing more quickly than I was passing them out. Then I discovered why. The garbage can in the backyard contained whole handfuls of them!

Eventually Mom learned to live with my new "religion." She recognized the apparent benefits I experienced—an abiding peace and a renewed enthusiasm for life. She witnessed answered prayer. Gradually a change began to develop in her life as she began attending church regularly and tried to live right.

Meanwhile I met a wonderful man, an ordained minister. Art and I were married and moved nearby while we waited for our first pastorate.

A few months later, I visited Mom. She lay in bed, terribly depressed. As we talked, she revealed her bitterness toward a person in her past who had dreadfully wronged her. Mom said she could no longer pray. As she came to "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," she felt such great condemnation, she was unable even to finish the prayer. She sensed her receiving forgiveness hinged on her ability to forgive, but she neither had that ability nor knew how to obtain it.

"I related my dilemma to one of the leaders at my church," she confessed. "He had no solution. He simply told me that I *must* forgive." Frustrated, she sighed, "I just don't know how!"

"Mom, the reason you can't forgive is because you're not a Christian." This had always upset her before, but now it was different. "Until a person becomes a Christian, he doesn't have the capacity to forgive. That only comes from God."

Her interest encouraged me to continue. "What you need to do is, first tell the Lord Jesus that you're sorry for the sins that *you* have committed. Then ask Him to come into your heart. Once you

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decide to live for Christ, He'll give you His power to forgive. God will judge that other person; leave that to Him."

She slowly nodded her head in agreement. She'd do it! I could hardly believe this was happening!

I asked if she'd repeat after me as I led her in prayer. She would.

Dear God,

Dear God,

I know I'm a sinner and need forgiveness,

I know I'm a sinner and need forgiveness,

I believe Jesus died for my sins,

I believe Jesus died for my sins,

I repent of my old way of life,

I repent of my old way of life,

Please forgive me and come into my heart,

Please forgive me and come into my heart,

And help me to live for you,

And help me to live for You,

In Jesus name, amen.

In Jesus Name, amen.

For the next few days, I was on

cloud nine as I witnessed a distinct change in Mom's life.

About a month later, Art accepted a pastorate fifty miles away. I packed with mixed emotions. While I was anxious to begin working in the church with my husband, I was distressed at leaving my baby-Christian Mom.

The next Mother's Day we planned to spend the entire weekend with Mom. I anticipated hearing her tell of her faith in Christ and what He was doing for her. I knew her tongue had been tamed for she no longer gossiped when I phoned her. And once she asked me to pray about a problem.

But on Thursday before we left on Friday, the paralyzing phone call came. Mom was dead from a heart attack.

So instead of a satisfying visit, we were thrust into the complicated details of funeral preparations and arrangements. "I know I'm going to miss Mom terribly," I told Art, "but if I had some way of knowing for sure that she was now in heaven, I wouldn't feel nearly as bad."

Then the Lord sent His special delivery. As Art and I walked from the funeral home, we noticed a postman delivering mail. I had vaguely known Mr. Matthews as a child. He spotted us and approached with hand extended. "You must be the preacher!" he greeted joyfully.

Art, puzzled, nodded his head. He continued, "You don't know me, but I know all about you. Your mother-in-law told me how proud she was to have a preacher in the family. We had some sweet talks recently. In fact, the day before she died, she told me how happy she was in the Lord and what a difference Christ was making in her life."

Looking at both of us, his face beaming, he said, "You can be sure she's in heaven right now."

I felt a tear come to my eye as a sense of relief flooded my heart. Oh, thank You, Lord, for Your special message delivered by a postman. 📬

The Minister's Wife

Compiled by Cleo Pursell

Ten Commandments for Staying Sane in the Parsonage

Dr. James Turnbull, A Britisher who was trained as a psychiatrist in England and is now head of psychiatry at the Quillen-Dishner School of Medicine at East Tennessee State University, gives a lecture in which he incorporates ten commandments for staying sane.

In summary they are:

1. Trusting in God is one of the greatest assets.
2. Take care of friends. Forgive them and keep in touch with them. Have at least two special people in your life with whom to share and accept and who also accept you.
3. Plan for retirement.
4. Take care of your physical body. Never allow your weight to get more than ten percent above the actuarial standards for your height and age. Eat three nutritionally sound meals a day. Exercise at least three times a week and get away systematically.
5. Talk about problems of sex. Fifty percent of the people who have problems with sex never feel free to face the problems or even to talk about them.
6. Keep a sense of the ridiculous and learn to laugh easily.
7. Keep a sense of curiosity about life. You do not always get the right answer the first time.
8. Learn to be assertive, not aggressive. Learn to see yourself as a person of worth and stand up for yourself.
9. Believe that you can change.
10. Go for help if you need it. Never, however, choose a counselor from the yellow pages. It will help to go to someone who has helped someone else you know.

— Nell W. Mohnsey
Pulpit Helps

Job Description: Minister's Wife

by Wanda Powell

Dear Journal,
Help!

I have married a preacher boy. Now what do I do? If there's a job description in the Bible, I can't find it. Proverbs 31 applies to all wives, not just preachers' wives. Besides only one person could qualify, and that's Wonder Woman!

Did your journal begin like mine when you first married your preacher boy? It seems our Bible colleges, universities and trade schools provide training for every possible field except that of a minister's wife. All I could do was look at my past role models of pastors' wives and dis-

sect their performances. I came up with the following talents and traits:

MUSICALLY TALENTED.
The minister's wife should be able to play the piano/organ and sing beautifully.

Oh, dear Lord, I'm already disqualified. I only play the radio, but I do listen to the Christian stations when I can find them.

God knows our limitations. In every church my husband has pastored, He has provided those with angel fingers. These talented brothers and sisters have blessed our hearts and drawn us into the spirit of worship. Somehow the folks have all endured my "joyful noise voice" as well.

APPEARANCE. The minister's wife should be attractive, but not too attractive. Should wear nice clothes, but not too nice. Should have a nice basic hair-do, but not too nice.

I think I can manage this one, Lord.

HOME ECONOMICS MAJOR. She must be able to cook, sew and maintain an orderly home. Guest room prepared at all times. She joyfully entertains guests, missionaries and evangelists without advance warning.

But, Lord, you know my gravy is always stiff before I can get it

What we are is God's gift to us and what we become is our gift to God.

to the table and we don't even have a guest room!

What sweet fellowship we've enjoyed through the years and what wonderful friends we've made by having these dear ones in our home. They've done far more to encourage and lift us up than the trouble it's been to entertain. So here I go, Bible in one hand and casserole in the other!

LAUNDRY EXPERT. She must be able to starch and iron white cotton shirts (This was 25 years ago, but cotton seems to be replacing polyester today.), enough for your husband to have at least two daily, with maybe three on Sundays if he has to baptize, visit a hospital or conduct a funeral or wedding.

Well, Lord, You know I hate ironing. But how proud I am when I see how good he looks up in that pulpit. Probably those well-ironed shirts have helped his preaching, too.

SPECIALIST IN CHILD CARE. She must be able to keep the children tidy and controlled at all times since any member of the congregation could spot them at any moment. The children must be perfectly behaved in church even if you don't have anyone to help hold them.

I'll really need help with this one, Lord. Maybe they can sit with the deacon's kids.

BIBLE SCHOLAR. The minister's wife must be prepared to teach any age class on a moment's notice.

Should be intelligent, but not too intelligent; educated, but not too educated.

Help me, Lord, to teach Your Word by my daily living.

Remember the illustration of the turtle on the fencepost? We all know he couldn't possibly have gotten there by himself. Someone had to put him there. There's no way I could have gotten this job unless God put me here. And God never makes a mistake. There's no way I can qualify except God be with me. Psalm 32:8 says, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." What we are is God's gift to us and what we become is our gift to God.

Let's look at a few Bible women (wives) who were placed in their positions by God for His service:

Ruth, a foreigner, achieved an honored place among the Israelites because she set compassion and family loyalty above ties to her homeland. Brides today often quote her words: "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried . . ." (Ruth 1:16, 17).

Wanda Powell is married to Larry who has just accepted the pastorate of Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville, TN.



The Powells, former missionaries to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, have pastored in McAllen, TX for 11 years. They have two grown sons and a teenage daughter, Paige.

Esther, a beautiful little Jewish maiden, became queen and used her position to save her family and entire nation from death. Mordecai challenged her in Esther 4:14, "who knowest whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

Mary, when told by the angel that she had been chosen of God to be the mother of the Savior, immediately responded, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord, be it according to thy word." Because she was willing for God's will in her life, she was given the awesome privilege of bearing and rearing the Son of God, our Savior.

The Lord of creation has entrusted us with the privilege of being the helpmeet and companion of a man He has called to preach the gospel. What a blessed privilege! "... But a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:30).

Thank you Lord. I qualify.

A tribute to Wanda Powell from one of her admirers, Virginia Mann.

What do I remember when I think of Preacher's Wife? Her smile and gentle laughter, The way she lives her life. Her calls when I am troubled, Her energy which abounds; The way she shares her talents, Her faith, deep and profound. The love she has for others, And the way she loves the Lord; She is His humble servant And lives to praise His Word. ♦



CROSSWINDS

How can I be concerned about the pagan in Africa when my world is falling apart around me? In other words, how can I find a balance between my place in the Great Commission and peace and harmony in my home?

This column addresses everyday problems that often bring defeat and discouragement in our walk with the Lord.

Designed for Leadership

by Hedy Caldwell

I pulled rank on my teenagers today. "I want you to clear the table—now!" I told my teenagers as I prepared to leave the table.

"Aren't you going to clear your place?" David asked.

"No, I want you and Lisa to clear."

The two teens began between them what we call "back-and-forthin'." Back-and-forthin' is more tolerable than bickering, although similar. Lest this appears as a slight insurrection and lack of respect for parents by teens, let me explain.

Years ago when our teens were mere tots, we decided—and the tots agreed—that individual responsibility and its acceptance were important. They began by clearing table. They cleared their place and we cleared ours. Of course, we saw that dishes, pitchers and glasses were appropriate to the occasion and size of the people using them. Each learned to pour milk and serve the food neatly and politely.

Before they were tall enough to reach, they used a stool to wash dishes. As they became stronger, they pushed the vacuum cleaner. As their logic developed, they learned to sort and wash clothes. We punctuated all these activities with detailed explanations of why and how we did them.

This plan of individual responsibility served two purposes. First of all, it kept them busy doing what they liked best to do—imitate grown-ups. Second, it took a portion of the work off their parents. As an added bonus, these chores developed independence and self-dependence. Only as they have become outspoken teens have I realized that it also developed their bargaining capacity.

The idea of leadership is very important to us as individuals, families and even churches. In the scripture, we read of several leaders, both men and women. Respected Joseph of Arimathea could never have requested the body of Christ for burial had he not been a leader of his family and nation. Esther, the Queen of Persia, dared to approach King Ahasuerus because she had the problem-solving ability and bargaining capacity of leadership. She would have had neither the right nor the knowledge without the wisdom of her people and Mordecai's counsel.

As parents, are we preparing our children for leadership of families, businesses, churches and our government? As a denomination, do we teach our youth the problem-solving skills which King David, King Solomon, Deborah and Christ used? Many public and private educational programs teach our youth to be followers. They are educated to remain in one spot, learn common facts, act and speak in similar fashion, or not at all. In some areas, the public schools do a better job of training our children for

leadership than do our churches.

Scripturally, are we teaching our children to think as Christ thought, act as He acted, and feel as He felt? As young people are taught the love of Christ, how He grew strong in what He said, how He acted around others, His wisdom, these young people, in turn, grow strong spiritually, physically, intellectually, socially and emotionally.

Now back to that dinner table scene. Within the space of two sentences of my teens "back-and-forthin'," I had changed clothes for the next task. My husband had been called in to advocate for my son against women. My daughter had done likewise.

In a melodramatic voice, my husband contributed, "After all your mother has done for you all these years! She's blown your nose, cleaned up after you, and . . ." and on and on for about two minutes. By this time, we are all laughing and someone remarked about being passive-aggressive. No need to rebel now because we had aired our feelings. We had resolved the conflict and were ready to handle whatever came next.

Bargaining, talking-out feelings and successful conflict resolution assist a family to become strong as a unit and as individuals. However, a key point to remember is "with all due respect" and a positive regard for one another.



BOOK

Bible Study Helps

Highlights

Genny Waddell

Do you like supermarkets? Most of us spend a lot of time scanning prices and searching shelves for our favorite brands and bargains. This month I want to share with you a garden variety of Bible study books, each with a different label, emphasis, and special ingredient.

Bible Study Series

by Mildred Daniel
Route 12, Washington Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Our very own Mildred Daniel has put together a very usable set of Bible study notes on eight different subjects:

**Bible Background
Bible Synopsis
Romans
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
James
Revelation**

Each set comes with an outline and review questions, designed to teach, stimulate your thinking, and involve you in going to the Bible for your answers. One of the best features about this Bible study set is its usefulness for either an individual or a group of any size. This study would work as well around a kitchen table as it would in a Bible study classroom setting.

All lessons are 3-hole punched and come with a set of review questions. The cost is \$1.25 per set, plus 70¢ postage, and may be ordered directly from Mrs. Daniel.

I Corinthians: Jensen's Inductive Bible Study Series

by Irving Jensen
Here's Life Publishers, Inc.
San Bernardino, California

Irving Jensen's series is a hundred pages packed full of information and study notes sandwiched between an attractive cover. Each book, like the one on I Corinthians, is designed to be a workbook. I especially like the notebook-paper

A Woman God Has Used

According to Velda Tucker, Batesville, Arkansas, she's "just plain ole me." But not so with God. Velda Tucker is a VIP, God's special creation, who is willing for God to live and work out His life through her.

Mrs. Tucker is a homebody sort of person who delights in raising her own vegetables, canning and freezing them, piecing quilts and making a house a home for her husband, Dean. Their two children, Elaine and Wendell, married and left the home nest, but haven't yet allowed her to experience the joys of grandmotherhood.

The Tuckers are pillars in the First church where they fill a variety of positions. Velda has been an auxiliary worker from way back, having served all offices in the local and district

convention, as well as serving on the state executive committee. She's a great planner and organizer and attends to the most minute details. She's one of those rare individuals who has common sense to see what needs to be done and pitches in there and does it with no thought of recognition or reward.



From its beginning, Velda has contributed to the creative arts contest with articles, programs and plays/skits, especially plays/skits. If poetry flows through her veins, she hasn't contributed any to the contest.

Unselfish and thoughtful, Mrs. Tucker loves our missionaries and lets them know it in countless ways.

For over 20 years she was employed by a local shoe factory until its closing when she took an early retirement. Now she takes pleasure in baking pies, cookies, and cakes and taking them to shut-ins or to neighbors who have loved ones in the hospital.

Although Velda Tucker lives a just-plain-ole-me life, one day she expects to hear her Lord say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

size of Jensen's study series and the author's ability to lead you from one passage in the Bible to another without losing the chain of thought you are pursuing regarding a particular verse. You will be very pleased with Jensen's series!

Jensen's older complete Bible study series is still used by many.

Two books from the Navigators' NavPress ought to be high on your Bible study shopping list:

Explore the Bible Yourself by Rick Yohn

Yohn's books are always readable and practical. He gives some interesting bibliographical references in this book for those who want to explore the Bible even further. A newborn believer or a mature one, an individual or a group, would profit from owning any of Yohn's ten study books. This one is a general one, especially designed to encourage a Christian to become personally involved in Bible study.

A NavPress Bible Study on the Book of Ephesians edited by Karen Hinckley

Fisherman Bible Studyguides Harold Shaw Publishers Wheaton, Illinois

This inductive series contains 28 different study guides from Genesis to Revelation. Each guide contains 8 to 24 lessons and is recommended for neighborhood, student and church groups.

WNAC does not stock these books. Please order them from your state bookstore, or from Randall House, 319C Harding Place, Nashville, TN 37217.

The POET'S CORNER



I was not saved until my 18th year even though I grew up in a home where we attended church regularly. My salvation came about as a result of the radio preaching of Charles E. Fuller on the Old Fashioned Revival Hour and the faithful testimony of my older sister.

Soon after my conversion, my eyes began hemorrhaging. The ophthalmologist predicted I would be blind within the month and recommended an institution for the blind. But the Lord had other plans. The hemorrhaging stopped miraculously and I was able to attend Bible College. Two years later, I married a fine Christian man and we have enjoyed 45 happy, productive years together in the Lord. We have four children, two boys and two girls.

When my husband graduated from Bible College, he began pastoring a church in Berkeley, California, where we started a Christian Day School. I taught kindergarten, kept the school's records, and played the piano. This school is still in operation and has been a source of rich spiritual blessing to many over the years.

During the past ten years my husband has worked as a psychologist and writer for the Narramore Christian Foundation. In addition to baking hundreds of dozens of cookies for their receptions, I have also had some

poems and other items published.

Three years ago, the Lord packed us up and moved us from California to Clarksville, Tennessee where we have found a wonderful church home in the Pardue Memorial FWB Church.

My God and I

There's a place I go at close of day,
A place of blest retreat;
Where I can meet the Savior
And hold communion sweet.
I ask Him for forgiveness,
He hears my fervent cry—
And in that place midst lofty trees,
We talk, my God and I.

I feel His presence all around
And hear His gentle voice,
He calls me from a world of care
And makes my heart rejoice;
I long to serve Him better here,
To see Him by and by—
So in that place midst lofty trees,
We talk, my God and I.

My soul finds peace and comfort
There at closing of the day,
But I can go at any time
To listen or to pray;
I know He'll always hear me,
He'll never pass me by—
So in that place midst lofty trees,
We talk, my God and I.



Virginia Weber

Coming in your next issue of *Co-Laborer*:

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Appointed to Pray

Be a Prayer Missionary

Coming from a traditionally Catholic family, I fervently practiced Catholicism. I helped in festive occasions and sang in the church choir each Sunday at mass.

One day a group of "crentes" (Protestant Christians) began gathering in front of my house. The hymns they sang floated throughout the whole area. I was not permitted to attend or be seen with them, but their music attracted me and I listened to their services while hidden behind the high wall of my house. Besides the music, I also heard the preaching of the Bible.

As the Word of God worked in my heart, I started missing mass in order to listen to those services the "crentes" were having.

After three months of secret listening behind my wall-fence, I accepted Jesus Christ, at age 52, as my only sufficient Lord and

My Secret Encounter With Jesus

A personal testimony from a 75 year old Brazilian Christian as told to her granddaughter, Renata, wife of John Poole. Translated.

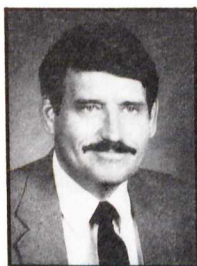
Savior. After that, I attended the services and a year later I was baptized in the river.

Enjoying a new life, I freed myself of images and impurities, giving place only to Christ. In spite of persecutions from friends, the Lord strengthened me and continues to strengthen me each day.

Right now, at age 75, I am very happy to serve Him and I will continue to worship Him until He calls me home. I have within myself the same vibration of my first secret encounter with Jesus.

Missionary Hotline

Personality Profile



Ron and Linda Callaway
Missionaries to Spain

and interned in Michigan.

Food preferences: Vegetables. Any kind. Coming from a country where corn is considered "pig's food," Rachel, 10, soon discovered the wonder of this American dish (prepared any way.)

The Callaways are beginning their third term as church planters in Mosteles, Spain. Ron preaches and Linda teaches.

Ron, Texas, and Linda, North Carolina, met in Virginia, attended Bible college in Tennessee

Ron collects elephants and Linda collects cups. Rachel boasts several collections but



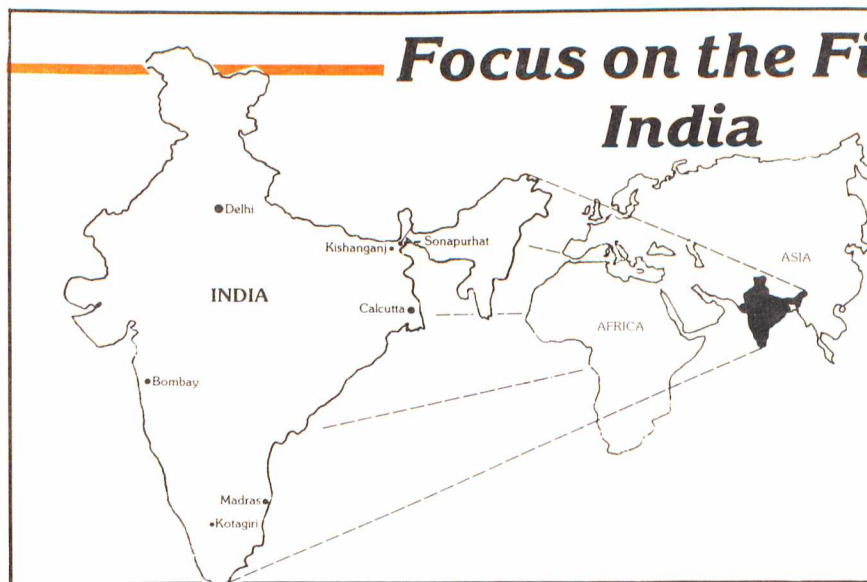
hasn't yet narrowed her interests down to just one.

Ron drives like a hot-headed Spaniard and laughs just as easily. Linda enjoys needlework, reading and just being a missionary.



Focus on the Field

India



Area: 1,229,919 square miles

Population: 700,000,000

Capital: New Delhi

Main Religions: Hinduism and Islam

Languages: Officially, Hindi; plus 800 different languages and dialects among seven major religions and every kind of racial mixture imaginable.

Monetary Unit: Rupee

Missionaries: Carlisle and Marie Hanna

Churches: Eight churches with national pastors in North India. Four churches and two Christian day schools in South India.

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Missionaries supported by both Foreign and Home Missions departments are listed by their birthdates. Brighten their day with your prayers and cards.

September

- * 1 — Grady Runyon (VI)
- ** 1 — Grace Williams (MO)
- ** 2 — Steve Cannon (VA)
- ** 2 — Glenn Poston (TN)
- 2 — Ken Bailey (Japan)
- 7 — Susan Turnbough (Spain)
- ** 7 — Sylvia Hawkins (SC)
- ** 7 — Mirial Gainer (Japan)
- 8 — Jeff Turnbough (Spain)
- * 8 — Jerry McClary (NB)
- 9 — David Filkins (IC)
- 9 — Nancy Hughes (Brazil)
- ** 10 — Cliff Donoho (IL)
- 14 — Carol Teague (France)
- 16 — Sherwood Lee (IC)
- * 16 — Steve Trail (LA)
- * 17 — Gail Criswell (OR)
- ** 20 — Carolyn Hendrix (AL)
- * 23 — Bob Lewis (CO)
- 27 — LaRue Crowson (France)
- 28 — Brenda Bunch (Panama)
- 29 — Pat Franks (Brazil)
- 29 — Ruth McDonald (Japan)
- 30 — Norman Richard (IC)
- ** 30 — Earl Hanna (SC)

October

- ** 1 — Paula Roach (OH)
- * 1 — Mike Mutchler (OR)
- 3 — Dawn Sweeney (France)
- * 3 — Adelaida Vera (PR)
- ** 4 — Sara Poston (TN)
- 5 — Dave Franks (Brazil)
- 6 — Carol Pinkerton (IC)
- * 7 — Ginger Lake (IN)
- 8 — Clint Morgan (IC)
- ** 13 — Vivian Waller (Japan)
- * 13 — Kathy Coats (SD)
- 13 — Jerry Gibbs (France)
- 13 — John Murray (France)
- ** 14 — James Mertz (MO)
- ** 16 — Gladys Turnbough (FL)
- ** 16 — Jim Williams (MO)
- 17 — Geneva Poole (Brazil)
- ** 17 — Deanna White (KY)
- * 18 — Bob Thomas (CO)
- 18 — Jalayn Martens (IC)
- 18 — Becky Riggs (France)
- 23 — Mike Cousineau (IC)
- 23 — Lila Nichols (IC)
- 23 — Robert West (IC)
- * 23 — Judy Trail (LA)
- ** 23 — Louise Vandivort
- 25 — Sheila Gilliland (IC)
- 31 — Earnie Deeds, (Brazil)

* Home missionary or church extension pioneer.

** Joint project worker or deputation missionary.

Please pray for:

- ☐ Louie Nix, appointee to Hawaii, as he recovers from brain surgery.
- ☐ Missionary candidates on deputation, Dwain and Debbie Crosby to Japan, Ron and Linda Moore to Ivory Coast; also Jalayn Martens and Glennda Leatherbury to Ivory Coast.
- ☐ Pastor Kawasaki, Kito Hiroshima, who suffers from a kidney ailment.
- ☐ Steve Cannon in the construction of their building in Richmond, Virginia.
- ☐ Bill Fulcher and family as they leave Houston to establish a Spanish-speaking church in the Phoenix, Arizona area.
- ☐ Mark Daniels and Darryl Nichols as they study the tribal language in Ivory Coast, especially Mark in translation of the scriptures.
- ☐ Tom Hunt in the Tri-Cities of Washington. Washington state has fewer people attending church than any other state.
- ☐ Central Bible Institute (Brazil) with Jim Combs, director.
- ☐ New appointees Leon Gibsons who replace the Mosleys in Michigan and the Tim Trimbles to Alabaster, Alabama, replacing the Waldens.
- ☐ Jimmy Aldridge who goes to Panama in October for a field retreat with the missionaries.
- ☐ The 50,000 Haitians refugees living in the United States.

ACTIONETTES

WNAC's missionary program for the youth of our churches.

Actionettes is the youth program designed to promote a world-wide missionary spirit and interest among our youth.

Any girl between the ages of 12-18 may be an Actionette. Boys may be included, if desired. Some Actionette auxiliaries

even allow 9-year-olds to attend.

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Letters

Missionary

Three little boys stood like frozen statues in front of the reading room. "Our teacher said that God does not exist. Does he?" they asked. They looked so pitiful. Yes, God does exist! We went inside to talk and look at scriptures. They left with renewed faith and a handful of tracts for the teacher.

Carol Pinkerton, Ivory Coast

We thank the Lord for you every day because so many things remind us of you. We eat with spoons and forks you gave us. My family stays warm and dry in the winter because you handmade quilts for our beds. We sit on afghans made by your hands. We guard our food against insects with the Tupperware . . . and I could go on and on. If it had not been for you, I do not know what these Bowlings would have done.

Linda Bowling, Uruguay

We have been able to have a lot of company and to share meals with both saved and unsaved people. The Tupperware and other things have helped out so much in our entertaining. My husband has already led a young man to the Lord at our dinner table.

Patsy Gwartney, Arizona

I need to start packing for Africa so I can get through my bedroom. My Christian sisters have been showering goodies upon me—clothing, cosmetics, teaching materials and generous amounts of Jello and Kool-Aid mixed in. One district had a stork shower for me. Let me explain before you start those rumors rolling. These baby clothes were given for me to give as gifts to my African sisters who have babies. Now to get these things packed so I can find my bed.

Alice Smith, Ivory Coast

We want to thank you kindly for the things my husband brought from the storage department for missionaries . . . with much trouble I was saving money to buy something for our boys for Christmas. But one of our buses broke down so there was a great need

for money for repairs. I decided to give my Christmas money for the bus repairs, saying to myself the Lord shall give something to my kids for Christmas.

So Christmas came and I had no money to buy them even a little something. Then my husband, Manuel, went to Nashville . . . believe me, the Lord gave us more than I had given Him for the bus repairs. We didn't have a toaster, blender, and mixer (in these alone my Christmas money was less), and the Lord gave me more besides, towels and sheet sets, toys for the boys, and even baby things for the new baby that is due the last of June!

Thanks to all of you who contribute to people on the fields working for the Lord. I have no words to thank you. I'm speechless.

Manuel and Loren, Mexico

Writers

I have always enjoyed writing, but have never submitted anything until this contest. My children are now looking at me through different (I think they are stunned) eyes. Children don't often think their parents are capable of creating anything except dinner!

Cathy Guffey

Inman, South Carolina

Reaction to the new Co-Laborer

The new Co-Laborer has so much good stuff in it that we can't use it all!

Nora McCarty

Ontario, California

We love the new format of Co-Laborer. "How Blue is Your Sky?" really spoke to our hearts because living out here on the prairie leaves a lot to the imagination.

Walt and Lena Golding

Clovis, New Mexico

We are very dissatisfied with the new Co-Laborer. The layout is very difficult to follow and the size of the magazine is not necessary.

First FWB Auxiliary

Fredericktown, Missouri

Thank you so much for the beautiful Co-Laborers. Yes, like other people, we see faults with the magazine, but I prefer to look at the good points. There are far more good ones than bad.

Helen Cooper

Lampoc, California

Words For Women

Mary R. Wischart



A SPECIAL PAUSE

It was Friday, February 13, and I was scheduled for outpatient surgery. Just a biopsy. I'd experienced a few before. Nothing to create a scene about. No hospital room necessary.

I awakened in recovery with a great deal of pain. "Don't do that," the nurse said. "Don't put pressure on that arm." I was gripping the bedrail with my right hand.

Someone gave me a pain shot. The pain subsided and I could see the clock. 4:05. That could mean only one thing — I had more than a biopsy; I needed a room.

A special pause in my work, in my life. Time to consider.

"If you need me, I'll be there." Consider my dear sisters and their families. Always there and always caring. One sister came to the hospital with a copy of DEPTH, Free Will Baptist devotional book, edited by a brother-in-law. On February 13, he had listed my name as a special object of prayer.

Consider all my beautiful, thoughtful friends. They prayed, they called, they came, they sent cards and flowers.

One came by with a newspaper and "goody bag" each day.

Some came to share their experiences. Others just prayed and loved. And some came to cry and laugh with me.

Consider all the little touches of love. A ceramic squirrel from a long time friend who remembered, special bears and Maurice the Amorousape. Special things in my colors — peach and mauve. All special touches of love.

Consider a good doctor: "I don't think I'm God or have a special wire up to Him. But I do believe that God has given me a part in the healing process," he said.

Dedicated nurses, like Karen, Inger, and others. A hospital where my needs were met.

Consider all those lovely flowers. My staff even took the trouble to find roses — on Valentine's Day no less! Pink anthuriums, lavender mums, and white daisies. Beautiful!

Consider the fragility of life on this earth. Consider the important things in this life and how to get on with them.

God orders the special pauses as well as the steps.

Eunice Edwards Loan Fund



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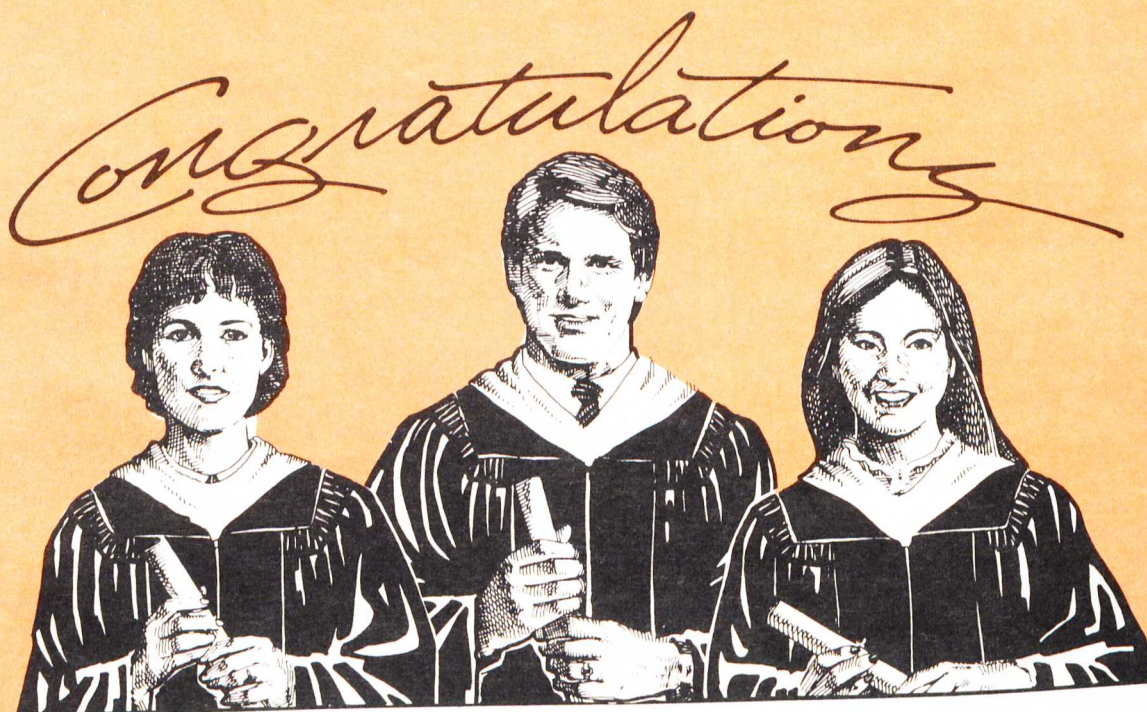
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Help them hear



September Emphasis: Memorial Student Loan Fund

In 1957 Helen Sanders, then serving as youth chairman, brought a recommendation to the executive committee to establish a loan fund for students at Free Will Baptist Bible College. This fund would serve as a memorial and honor the women, "who worked so faithfully in the early days . . . to get our National body organized."

A committee — Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Agnes Frazier and Mrs. Rachel Crawford — drew up rules and regulations for the fund.

In July, 1957, the Convention approved the plan and the Memorial Student Loan Fund began.

Over the years this fund has made it possible for ministers, missionaries and other Christian workers to finish their training at FWBBC.

Students may borrow the money at 7% interest. As long as they are in college, they make only an annual interest payment. After they graduate or leave college, they began making monthly payments on the principal.

December 31, 1986, WNAC had \$40,211.06 in an interest-bearing account available for loans.

You can help contribute to the training of a minister, missionary, or other Christian worker by giving to the Memorial Student Loan Fund in September.