

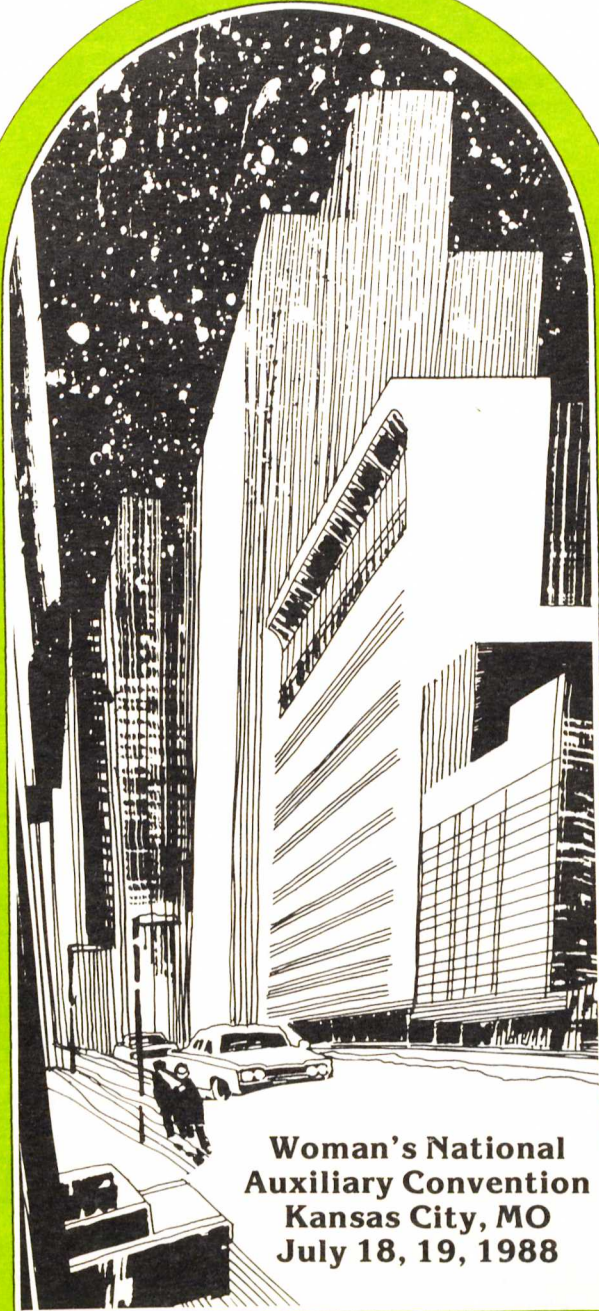
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Editorial

"I'll be glad to come," I responded when asked to come to another city and install officers in a women's group of a sister denomination. It's always refreshing to see a comparable group of women from another perspective.

"Could you prepare something on the theme, Rise Up And Build Upon This Rock?" they asked.

Sure. No problem.

I meditated on this theme. I chewed on it as a cow chews its cud. Day and night, night and day. Nothing. I cried out to God day and night, night and day. God remained silent. As D-day approached, I fair near panicked. "Please God, help!"

Suddenly across my memory flashed a past program in CO-LABORER on building. I remembered because the poster suggested portrayed a man on a scaffolding with hammer and nails.

Thank God our CO-LABORERS are neatly filed together, so I flipped through past issues and there it was! Exactly what I needed, even the outline. In 1981, Virginia Morgan from Crossett, Arkansas wrote a program "Building? Follow Your Blueprint." Little did she know what a help it would be six years later.

If you're asked to give a program ... devotional...installation...or whatever, and need special help, check back issues of CO-LABORER. You may find the very help you need to turn a crisis into victory.

Have you wished the CO-LABORERS were indexed so you could find items more easily? An index for the 1987 issues is prepared and free upon request. This also includes a list of the 48 contributors.

— Lorene Miley

Plan to visit the WNAC booth in Kansas City and stock up on all your Auxiliary supplies. Emphasis materials will also be available.

“**T**rain up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” As a child I was trained in the way I should go, but when I grew up and married, I moved away from home and from God’s will for my life.

Somehow, no matter how far I went, I could never completely get away from the things I was taught. After seven years my marriage failed. I later married a man who had three children. I harbored bitterness toward God for not giving me children, but for medical reasons, the doctor said I would never be able to have children. So I gave up the idea of a baby of my own and settled into trying to be a good stepmother.

And then we discovered I was pregnant! All of us, including the doctors, were amazed. We named our healthy, beautiful baby girl Tracy Elizabeth. We had no idea that God had a purpose in giving her to us.

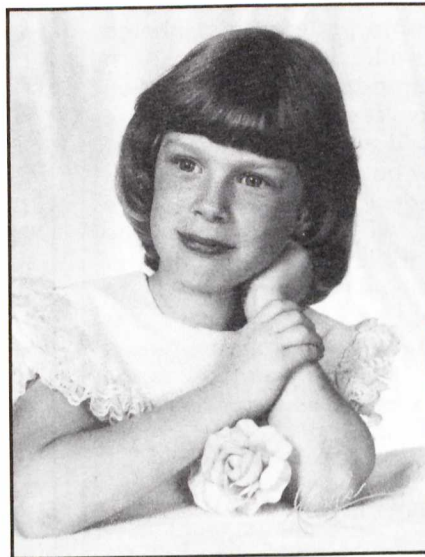
For a time we got back in church, although not on a regular basis. Deep down inside of me was the gnawing feeling that I had to give Tracy back to God to use as He saw fit. I never expected that He would use her to get me back where I should be. When she was two, I put her in the day care at our church. At age four, she attended kindergarten.

Her kindergarten teacher genuinely cared for her students and their parents. Tracy never ceased to amaze me with all the Bible verses and songs about God

Them also I Must Bring....

Children

***Her teacher did
what I should
have done and
led her to
Jesus.***



**Tracy Elizabeth Nesbitt
God’s Gift to a Prodigal**

that she learned. Shortly before her fifth birthday, she told her teacher she wanted Jesus to come into her heart. So her teacher did what I should have done and led her to Jesus.

Some time later, she and I were talking and she asked, “Mommy, if you died, would you go to heaven with me?” I knew the real answer, but at the same time, I knew what she needed to hear. “Tracy, there’s no way you’re gonna get to heaven without me,” I told her.

That very night I prayed and asked God to forgive me and help me get back where I should be. The next Sunday Tracy and I started attending church. Her daddy was saved the next week during a revival service. Several Sundays later, her 17-year-old stepbrother was saved.

I don’t know why God chose to give Tracy to me. Perhaps she was His way of showing His wonderful mercy and grace.

I cannot help wondering how many families could be brought back to God through the simple testimony of a child. Our children have so much to give if we only take the time to listen. ♦

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As The Twig Is Bent

By Linda Nesbitt

Pattern For Living

by Margaret Larson and Clara Cobb

Aim: Using familiar sewing notions, women are challenged to follow specific guidelines in their walk with the Lord.

Scripture: Titus 2:7

Hymn: "Make Me A Blessing"

Introduction

As Christian women, we wear a dress or garment that the world around us observes. They either admire it or are repelled by it. What kind of dress are we wearing?

All fashion begins with a design. Designers with names synonymous with fashion often dictate the styles we wear. Our Master Designer is the Lord Jesus Christ. He has designed the life that brings us into the presence of God, fully clothed and acceptable.

Size is most important in looking for a pattern. Some patterns are labeled "One size fits all." Jesus is our pattern which accommodates any size. When we attend His "sewing classes" we are assured we will always be in style and dressed in the best taste.

After the design and pattern have been chosen, we need to choose the fabric compatible with our character and personality. This fabric, unique to us, represents our chosen career, as teacher, nurse, secretary, homemaker, or whatever. Let's examine some guidelines to follow as we construct a garment that will glorify God.

As we sew the garment, we often refer to our pattern. Is it dependable? In the Genesis account of the flood, God promised to never again destroy the world with a flood. (Gen. 9:15; Deut. 7:9).

Rest assured, His word stands.

Are we dependable? Is our yes, yes and our no, no? We depend on the car to start and the appliances to work. We are stewards of Christ and it is required that we be faithful in the place He has assigned us (1 Cor. 4:1,2).

Thread Your Life With Dependability
(1 Cor. 4:1,2).

The children of Israel met discouraging times in Egypt. They took their complaints to Moses and Moses, in turn, brought the complaints to God. When they finally left Egypt, life brought more discouragements—no water, or food or fresh meat. Before they reached the Promised Land, Moses died; but God prepared another leader, Joshua, who reminded them of His promises (Josh. 1:5,6,13).

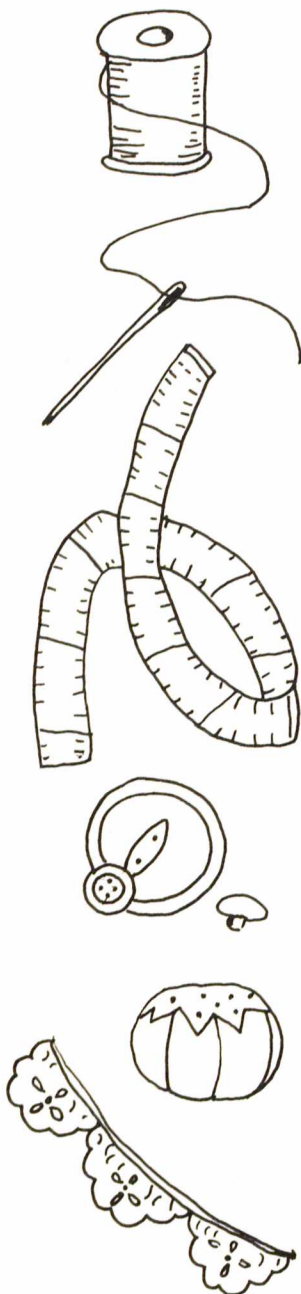
Guard Against Sharp Points of Discouragement
(1 Cor. 15:58).

Do we face discouragements? Illness, loss of job, loss of loved ones or disappointments can lay us low. Christ helps us overcome these. The same God who led the children of Israel to victory is the same God today (1 Cor. 15:58). If God seems far away, who moved?

The Pharisees found fault with Jesus for eating with Publicans and sinners and "gossiped" to the disciples about it. They found fault with other activities, as picking corn on the Sabbath and eating with unwashed hands. Jesus had an answer. It wasn't what went into the mouth that defiled or made clean, but rather what comes out (Matt. 15:18-20).

Button Your Lip to Prevent Gossip and Faultfinding
(Matt. 7:1)

We need to heed the old Indian proverb: "Don't judge another until you have walked a mile in his moccasins."



A snap holds a small area of a garment together, a collar lapel, or a bit of trimming in non-stress areas. Sequins add to the attractiveness of a garment by catching small rays of light and sparkling. A smile, an invitation to lunch or dinner, a ride, a phone call, a card in the mail, maybe a hug, a quality of voice that says you are glad to see someone, these all shine like sequins along the road of life. Light up your life and the life of another.

Put Lots of Snap and Sparkle Into Your Life (Neh. 8:10).

Thread would be useless without a needle. Thread is to a needle what love is to a life. Love is the giving of ourselves, our talents, and our energies to help make this world a better place to live.

Sew Your Hours Together With Love, Study and Understanding (Prov. 3:5,6).

Study is necessary before we can master a skill and be prepared to perform a task (2 Tim. 2:15). Let's aspire to be workmen who have mastered their relationship with Christ and are not ashamed to share with others what He has done for us.

Individually we have chosen a pattern and with God's help, a fabric (career) for our lives. Now we must live that life to our fullest potential. God has given to each gifts and abilities and we are accountable to God for using wisely these gifts and abilities.

Measure up to Your Covenants and Calling (1 Cor. 8:11,12).

The Auxiliary should be helping our churches teach and support missions. How well are we living up to this commitment? We must become familiar with our missionaries and their families, develop a burden of prayer for them, and finally demonstrate that missionary concern by supporting them with our gifts.

Say what you mean and mean what you say. The book of James gives some strong teaching on the subject of convictions. We must ask God for wisdom and, then with a clear conscience, stick to that direction. Billy Sunday was called the ball player evangelist. When he became a Christian he did not lose his love for playing ball, but he would never again play ball on Sunday. Sunday belonged to God.

Stick to your Convictions (James 1:6).

The outside trimming of a garment catches the world's attention. To Roy Rogers is attributed the saying, "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day. I'd rather one would walk with me than merely show the way."

Use Your Priceless Testimony as Trimming for Your Entire Life (1 Peter 3:15).

Jesus taught His disciples to pray and live, but not how to preach. Later the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to preach, but a testimony of a changed life preceded the spoken word.

Paul commands us to walk circumspectly (Eph. 5:15). We cannot see how the garment looks from the backside, but others can.

Conclusion

There is nothing so gratifying to a seamstress as being able to wear with pride the finished product. The scripture tells us to "put on" the Lord Jesus Christ; "from whom the whole body, fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part" (Eph. 4:15b-16). As we follow these guidelines, we are assured of a perfect, comfortable fit that will attract those around us. The style is everlasting and is recommended for the fashion that counts through eternity.

Program Helps

When Mrs. Larson presented this program, she prepared a copy for each one present (see folder p. 19). She used an 8x10 pastel lightweight cardboard for each folder. A hot glue gun helped secure the various items to the cardboard. On the front cover she used art of a woman wearing an attractive dress.

For added effect, insert the folder in an actual pattern folder.

This lesson could also be given as a flash card or flannelgraph presentation.

Lori's Call

Characters: Ada and Lori, her teenage daughter
Auxiliary women—Peggy, Jane, Louise, Pam and Polly
Setting: Ada's living room

Scene I

(Scene opens with Lori, sad and depressed, sitting on the couch. She wipes away a tear as her mother enters the room.)

ADA: Why, Lori, you're crying! What's wrong?

LORI: Oh, Mom, I miss Jeanie so much. She was my best friend and now she's gone. I wish she hadn't gotten on that plane to go back to Africa. I may never see her again.

ADA: Sure, you will, Sweetheart. *(She sits beside Lori and puts her arm around her.)* She'll be back in a couple of years for college. Besides you knew all along she would go back with her parents to their mission field.

LORI: I know, but I'm going to miss her. We went everywhere together.

ADA: That you did. And I miss her, too. We had almost adopted her as our second daughter.

LORI: I promised to write her all the news about school and our young people's activities at church.

ADA: Good! That'll make you both feel better. *(She stands and begins straightening the room.)*

LORI: *(Brightly)* Jeanie was like my own sister. For a minute, I wished I could have gotten on that plane and gone with her.

ADA: You are sisters in Christ.

LORI: *(Standing and moving toward her mother.)* Jeanie talked so much about going back home to Africa. Whenever she got a letter

from one of her friends, she'd translate it for me and they became my friends, too.

ADA: Jeanie grew up there. It's natural she would consider it home. *(Moves about the room, dusting, straightening.)*

LORI: We'd pray together about the work, the people. *(Lori follows her about the room.)*

ADA: Having Jeanie in our church really made missions come alive for you, didn't it?

LORI: It did. Ever since I was a little girl and we had missionary conferences, I wanted to be a missionary. Then when the conference was over, I'd forget about it. But now I can't seem to get it off my mind.

ADA: *(Turning and looking hard at Lori.)* That's because the Patricks

lived so close and we were involved in their lives. We're all like that, Lori. We are stirred by missionaries and evangelists who come, but after they leave, our life returns to normal. It will pass for you, too. Now, Sweetheart, you get on with your junior year in high school and concentrate on having a good time. You know you have always planned to get your nursing degree. Don't let this emotion you feel for Jeanie and Africa get in the way of that goal. *(Turns her back to Lori and resumes her busyness.)*

LORI: Mother, when Jeanie finishes college, she plans to go right back to Africa as a missionary just like her folks.

ADA: Jeanie is from a mission family and already knows the customs and language of the people. She'll make a good missionary. It's wonderful for her.

LORI: For her? But not for me?

ADA: I didn't mean that, Lori. If Jeanie is sure this is what God wants her to do, she should obey that leading. A person is never happy unless he is doing what God wants him to do.

LORI: And what if God is directing me that way, too? What if that is why I can't get it off my mind?

ADA: Oh Lori, you're so young. How could you know what God wants you to do? You're just upset because Jeanie is gone. Please wait before making any rash decisions. Let's pray about it, shall we? *(She pushes Lori away.)*

LORI: But Mom, Jeanie and I are the same age. In fact, I'm older. My birthday is three weeks before hers. Don't you think God could speak to me, too?

ADA: *(With a deep sigh.)* I guess that's something only you can answer. It's just that we had always planned for you to be a nurse and work right here at Community Hospital. *(She picks up a book, sits down and opens it.)*

LORI: Mom, I could be a missionary nurse. I heard Brother Patrick say how much they need nurses and how the hospital ministry reaches people who might never hear otherwise.

ADA: Lori, I would never try to stop you from becoming a missionary. I just want you to be absolutely

certain. You're my only child. Just talking this way makes me miss you already.

LORI: Oh Mom, it will be years before I go anywhere! *(Runs to her and hugs her.)*

ADA: Right! Well, you'll have to be patient with me—and pray for me. I don't feel called to be a missionary's mother yet.

LORI: I will, Mom! *(Glances at her watch.)* Oh, wow, look at the time. If I don't tend to my studies I won't have a chance to worry about being a nurse. *(Kisses her mother on the cheek and rushes out.)*

ADA: Oh Lori! If you only knew how it would hurt to see you board a plane for Africa. But if that's what the Lord wants you to do ... Oh Lord, help me to let her go.

Scene 2

(An Auxiliary meeting in the same living room. The meeting has ended and the women are fellowshiping over refreshments.)

JANE: Oh, I forgot to mention it during the meeting, but we heard from the Patricks. They had a good trip back to Africa and are already in the swing of things.

PEGGY: I guess they're glad to be back. That's all they talked about when they were home.

JANE: That's the truth! Rob took Brother Patrick fishing one afternoon and he talked nonstop about the work there.

POLLY: Well, it must have paid off. I think it's just wonderful that so many of our Bible college students have answered the call to missions.

PAM: You do? *(Puzzled)* But those are our finest couples, the cream of the crop. We need them here. Why should they waste themselves over there? What if it were your Susan who had answered the call to the mission field thousands of miles away. How would you feel? It wouldn't be so wonderful then, would it?

POLLY: I would say it was an answer to prayer.

PAM: I'm willing to give a little to missions—well, most of the time. But I don't think I'd be willing to give my Brenda.

LOUISE: I agree on the giving part. If we all gave only a \$1 a week

to missions, the program would be amply supported and our missionaries wouldn't have to run all over the country begging for money. But I'm with Pam. I honestly don't know if I could willingly allow my children to go off to Brazil or Japan. They'd be gone so long and there's no way we could afford to go see them.

(Several agree as Ada, silent, stares into her cup.)

JANE: And what about you, Ada? You haven't said a word all evening. Could you give your daughter to missions?

ADA: Well, since you asked *(she looks up then pauses before answering)* I must tell you that Lori has talked with us about missions. I am afraid the Lord is dealing with her about being a missionary nurse.

(The women respond with comments as "Really? Lori," and "Oh my, a missionary nurse?")

PAM: Oh, Ada, I had no idea. I didn't mean to make you feel bad.

LOUISE: I'm so ashamed of myself.

ADA: We can be selfish with our children, but I am certain it would be dangerous to stand in her way. I would far rather know Lori was on the other side of the world serving God than right here under my nose living in sin. All her life we taught her about missions and to listen to the Lord's direction for her life. Right now I wonder if I really meant it. But if the Lord wants her to go as a missionary, we will encourage her all we know how.

PAM: This is a difficult decision for Lori. I think we should all pray for her. And all those others who are preparing to serve the Lord on the far away corners of the earth.

ADA: And pray for the parents, too. I never before thought to pray for those who stay behind.

PEGGY: Thanks for sharing this with us, Ada. Now let's all join hands right now and pray for Ada and her family. Let's thank the Lord, too, that He has called someone from our midst to be a missionary.

(They join hands and bow their heads as the curtain closes.) ♦

A BIGAIL

Woman for all Seasons

Introduction

The prophet Samuel was dead. David camped in the wilderness of Paran as he awaited God's timing to set up the promised kingdom. But trouble arose when the rich Nabal refused to repay David's men for their help in keeping the land safe. Who appeared upon the scene to help? A woman. Abigail was the wife of the "churlish" Nabal. Up to this time, she was obscure, but came to be remembered as an outstanding woman of the Old Testament. Let's consider some of her remarkable traits of character.

A BIGAIL

Woman of Action

Isn't it refreshing to hear of a woman who responds courageously in the face of adversity? The old saying, "Don't live under your circumstances, live above them" could easily be applied to Abigail. As soon as she heard of Nabal's unkind remarks about David ("Who is David?" (v. 10), implying that David was only a lowly servant) she went into action.

Immediately she had food prepared for 600 ravenous men—not only the basics, like bread and meat, but the extras, as fig cakes, jugs of wine, and 200 clusters of raisins. Since this was sheepshearing season, much of this food was readily available; but amounts had to be decided upon, packed and readied.

It is easy to believe that this woman would have fed a hungry neighbor, clothed one in need, or given of her time to listen to a problem. In I Samuel 25, there is no account of her sorrowing over the situation or wasting her time. In fact, verse 18 states that she "made haste." A woman of action.

Action is the logical step up from study. Knowing is only part of the job; action is the rest. Just as real faith moves one to act, so learning about missions means more than studying; it produces action. We must give of our finances, time and talents. God gives every believer some area of ministry. As we pray about how to be obedient to God's commands, He shows us areas in which we can be effective doers.

Discussion: What are some of these areas in which we can be effective doers? In our homes? Church? Community? Around the world?

A BIGAIL

Woman of Peace

Although Abigail was "of a beautiful countenance" (I Samuel 25:3),

could a beautiful face make peace simply by appearing to David? Indeed peace is realized if both parties want it, but Abigail made the first generous step. It was not really her problem; the problem existed between Nabal and David. Who could have blamed her had she sat back and blamed both parties for their hot heads? Yet she was God-centered, not self-centered. She knew that something had to be done to prevent bloodshed. Therefore, she took the bountiful provisions to David's men to soften their anger (Prov. 21:14).

Abigail bowed to the ground when she met David and called herself his handmaid. Because of her kind and wise words, David's anger was abated and trouble averted between the house of Nabal and David. Abigail faced David's anger with character and courage, and received a reward in many ways; for example, immediate peace, a new husband, and eventually a son.

Discussion: In what other ways was Abigail rewarded?

It is easy to think of situations where a breach of peace might occur—in a busy home, a church business meeting, in Auxiliary, at work, among missionaries, with friends. Yet can we be called the peacemakers (Matt. 5:9)? Peace on the home front is sorely needed, with broken homes abounding. Can we spare a few moments of time for counseling? Can we pray for peace in our everchanging world? Can we witness to others so they, too, can experience peace in their hearts? The opportunities are endless. It's up to us.

Aim: To learn of Abigail's godly attitudes and to challenge Auxiliary women to put these attitudes into practice.

Scripture: I Samuel 25:1-42

Hymn: Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Program Helps

Arrange the chairs in a circle and conduct the program as a Bible study. At the end of each topic, allow time for discussion.

A BIGAIL Woman of Humility

No one wants to be a doormat, to be used and abused; but humility does not demand a walk-all-over-me attitude. Humility does require a willing attitude, a giving spirit, a "Yes, Lord, I'll go" response.

As a wealthy woman, Abigail certainly did not have to give David anything to be within her rights. Yet she chose to forego her rights on this occasion, identified herself with her foolish husband (how long had she endured this marriage without complaining?) and asked David to forgive her. Evidently she had a remarkable insight into God's workings as she assured David of his security in the Lord. She prevented him from shedding blood by reminding him that vengeance belongs to God. Leave it to Him. Abigail acted as her brother's keeper and kept a dark spot from David's conscience.

Notice that Abigail and Nabal had no children. What a possible cause for grief to any woman; yet in her humility she trusted God, and some years later, as David's wife, she gave birth to a son (2 Samuel 3:2,3).

Finally, her humility was not an attitude of the moment. It reflected a way of life. Otherwise how could it be explained that she was willing to take the advice of a mere servant? The servant's place is to serve, but Abigail recognized the need of serving. Because of her humility, God was able to work through her.

Through it all, Abigail gave God the glory and acknowledged herself as only a vessel in His mighty hands. Are we willing to be used by God even in the less-than-glamor-

ous circumstances? Abigail had no idea that this day's events would ever be recorded, but she did what she did in obedience to God.

Discussion: Are we willing to give up our own glory in order to help others?

A BIGAIL Woman of Organization

Perhaps not her greatest attribute, but a noteworthy one, was Abigail's great sense of organization. She did not run hither and yon grabbing what food was available. Even in her haste, her thoughts were orderly. Evidently she planned her words and actions as she rode the distance to where David's men were encamped, for neither indicated hesitation.

Organization is often overlooked in church work, but the Bible indicates things should be done "decently and in order." What church can operate smoothly if responsibilities are not clearly assigned? How can there be harmony in a home with no organization? How can we effectively study the Bible with a hit-or-miss attitude? Everything needs a plan of action, flexible perhaps, but a basic idea of what is to happen and how.

In Auxiliary, the regular projects, programs, and missionary emphasis should not be overlooked. Even though it does take work—and time, as well—the Pre-Easter and Pre-Thanksgiving programs should be included in every Auxiliary calendar in order that we can have a full view of ourselves in missions.

Discussion: How important is time management and right priorities in a woman's life?

A BIGAIL Woman of Wisdom

Abigail's wisdom came from God. While deprived of a Christian home and a Christian husband, her knowledge of God had doubtless begun long before this incident occurred. It is interesting to note that her servants must have trusted her as much as they served her, for not one hesitated (vv. 14-17) to relate Nabal's angry response to David's request.

Abigail wisely counseled David, wisely brought the asked-for provisions, and wisely dealt with Nabal in waiting until morning to explain her encounter with David.

Wisdom is from above, yet do we ask for it? Do we regularly read His letter to us? Do we trust Him in all areas of our lives, or is there a closed door somewhere? Proverbs is recommended as a great commentary on wisdom and should be read daily. Read. Study. Pray.

Discussion: Share an experience of asking for wisdom and how God supplied.

Conclusion

The Lord Jehovah sustained Abigail. She refused to let circumstances control her life; instead she acted wisely in all she did in order to glorify God, to bring about His peace and ultimately His will. Her quiet strength, though obscured for a time, revealed God's will for her life.

May we today be sustained by Him who loves us so. May we see needs as did Abigail, may we act wisely, and finally, may we keep our hearts and minds on things above.

Rock-A-Bye Baby

Beverly Yost
Houston, Texas

Several years ago our friends had a baby girl who became very special to us. One day as we wiggled her cute little toes and chanted the old familiar piggy rhyme, suddenly it struck me—why the market? Why not the church? I don't like to go to the store, but I do enjoy going to church. So "my" piggy would go to church instead.

Continuing with the story, the next little piggy stayed home. So like many of our church members. Yet some are sick or just can't make it. Even so, that little piggy was given a pat and softly rebuked.

The next piggy, rather than having roast beef, said a prayer. Maybe he said a prayer of thanksgiving before he ate. The next piggy had none. Maybe he was fasting—something of which we need to hear more teaching. But mine sang a song. Of course the last little piggy did not weee-weee all the way home. He sang "Praise the Lord" even at home. Not just on Sunday morning, but all week long.

Her family moved from our church and we had no regular contact with the child. But one day we visited them and the child happened to be barefoot. I started the story, "This little piggy ..." as she continued, "went to the

market." Then she began to recall "our" piggy story and concluded in this manner.

Big toe—This little piggy went to church.

Next—This little piggy stayed home (bad piggy!)

Next—This little piggy said a prayer and

Next—This little piggy sang a song.

Little toe—This little piggy said "Praise the Lord!" (even at home).

Trials and Rewards of Parenthood

Barbara South
Leighton, Alabama

The year of 1986 was a hard one for our younger son, David, and his family. The loss of his job early in the year, short term and low paying jobs with no medical insurance took its toll.

One afternoon early in December, Sarah, our daughter-in-law visited us. She mentioned David had met a former school acquaintance who told him about an opening in the distributing company where he worked. "Would you get me an application?" he asked with great eagerness.

When he received the application, he realized the distributor was a beer distributor. He worried

around with the application for several days, making no effort to turn it in. Finally he blurted out, "I can't! I just can't! This goes against everything my mom and dad taught me. I just can't deliver beer and haul it into a place of business."

"God may be testing David," I told Sarah. "God may have something better for him." When I related this to his father, he agreed.

The next day, Sarah called, "Remember what you said yesterday?"

"About what?"

"About God testing us? That He may have something better for him?" She paused, then continued, "Well, he goes for a job interview this morning."

A local plant with a reasonable rate of pay and good employee insurance hired him and he began work the first of the year.

Sometimes we as parents wonder if what we try to teach our children makes any impact on them at all. Then an incident like this makes us know that all is not in vain.

God or My Bed?

Sandra Atwood
New Castle, DE

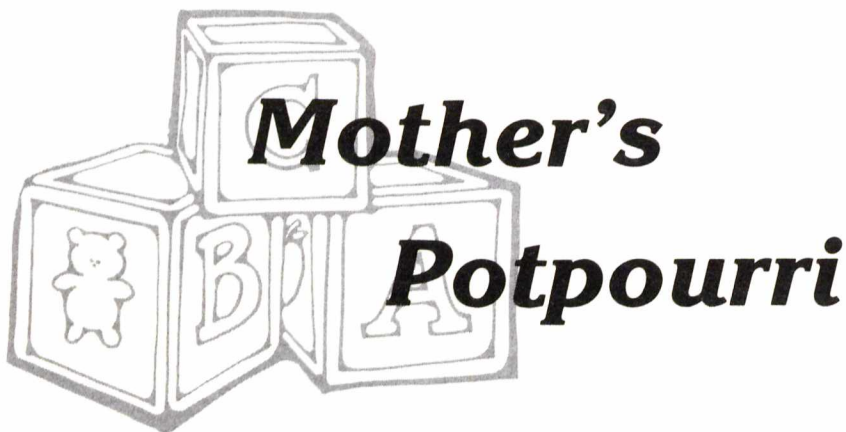
Frustration swept over me as Justin, our nine month old, crawled over my Bible and tugged at me as I tried to pray. A verse from my reading in James leaped out at me, "... purify your hearts, ye double-minded."

I thought back to earlier that morning—6:15.

"Surely it isn't time to get up," I told myself, closing both eyes. I knew I should get up for my quiet time with God before the boys



A sampling from some articles in WNAC's Creative Arts Contest



woke up. "But I'm so tired," I rationalized. "I'll sleep only a few more minutes."

"You'll be sorry!" the Voice of Experience spoke up.

"Then I'll just lie here and say my prayers," I argued.

The rattling of the crib awakened me. A quick glance at the clock read 7:00. Why does morning come so early? My body felt made of lead.

I looked down to the notes at the bottom of the page. They defined double-minded as "having divided allegiance." Divided allegiance? Not me! I love God with all my heart—or so I said. Could it mean a divided allegiance between God and my bed? Which did I love most—spending time with God or spending those few extra minutes in bed? These were not easy questions and the answers were even harder.

David said, "When thou saidst, Seek my face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek" (Ps. 27:8). No questions, no excuses, and no wishing for a few more minutes of indulgence—just obedience.

I quietly bowed my head and asked forgiveness. I resolved to be single-minded, committing my full allegiance to Him who sacrificed so much for me.



For almost 20 years Craig and Edith Porter have been the backbone of Northern Lights FWB Church in Fairbanks, Alaska. Had it not been for their steadfastness, the church would probably have closed long ago.

Native Pennsylvanians, the Porters migrated to Fairbanks in 1967 when Craig's engineering job transferred him to this remote outpost. They began attending the small church next door. The church has grown and they now meet in a log building and the Porter's son-in-law pastors the church.

Edie's poems reflect a nostalgia of days gone by and her love for her Savior. She excels in longer story poems which she often reads during the church services.

The POET'S CORNER



The Joys of Motherhood

Here I am, I survived! Well, don't look so surprised!
I was certain I would all the time;
Though there were times I wondered, when I faltered and blundered
And everything seemed to go wrong.

Then I'd look at the baby and think that just maybe
It was all going to work out just fine;
I must remember, I know, just to take things slow
And to tackle one day at a time.

Room mother, den mother, this, that and the other,
How did I get involved in all this?
When I promised, "I do," I had no preview
Of such wonderful heavenly bliss.

But my partner in life helped through all the strife
With all the support that he had.
I couldn't have made it if he hadn't paid it,
Thank God for their wonderful dad.

Teacher, cook, laundress, taxi, nurse, seamstress,
I performed all my duties just so.
We lived on a shoe string as I held to the purse strings
To see how far the money would go.



Should I give in a little, be less non-committal
When they wanted that special treat?
How could you say no with those eyes begging so?
Me neither! I'd make the ends meet.

The meal is about ready and I think that I maybe
Might have a few moments alone;
When a call from upstairs, "Mother, please comb my hair,"
And, "Does he have to tie up the phone?"

The telephone is ringing and the timer is singing
And a salesman knocks at the door;
Someone's hurt and he's crying; could it be he is dying?
And WHAT is that MESS on the floor?

The energy is found from somewhere deep down as
I muster all the strength that I'm able;
Wounds treated, tears kissed and the salesman has skipped
And we finally sit down at the table.

Oh yes, I survived—once my strength had revived
With five kids depending on me;
At the end of the day when I knelt down to pray
I thanked God for my family.

Now so many years later, my brood has grown greater
I'm ever so proud, you might guess,
Of the part I contrived in molding these lives—
There's no greater reward or success.

"We'll work 'til Jesus comes; we'll work ..." In the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, July 19, the voices of women rising in this song, will open the 53rd national convention of WNAC.

In Georgia, California, Florida, Nebraska, Maryland, Texas—wherever you are, women, arise and join together for the 1988 session.

CONVENTION PERSONALITIES:

Music Coordinator:
Janice Moore
Pianist: Debbie Cotter
Organist: Joann Thomas
Registration Chairman:
Rosalind Harrington
Missionary Speaker:
James Munsey, Mexico
Devotional Speaker:
Marvis Eagleton, Brazil
Dinner Speaker:
Laura C. Thigpen



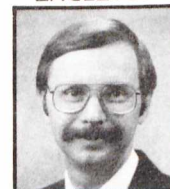
THIGPEN



EAGLETON



NEAL



MUNSEY

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS IN THE ALLIS PLAZA HOTEL

Monday, July 18
WNAC Executive Committee Breakfast and Meeting
8:00 a.m.
Big Joe Turner A

WNAC Nominating Committee
9:00 a.m.
Mary Lou Williams B

New members will meet to organize with vice president, Maurine Lee. Proxies must be ratified by a state officer.

WNAC Seminar
1:30-2:30
Count Basie Ballroom C "Building for Eternity"
Open to all women.

State Presidents and Field Workers
3:00-4:00
Julia Lee A and B
"Building in Your Auxiliary"

WE'RE BUILDING IN MEXICO

James Munsey, director of Mexican Missions, is the speaker for the 11:10 missionary service, open to all convention goers. The Mexican quartet will be singing at that service.

WINNERS, ARISE

Lorene Miley presents awards to creative arts contestants in all categories, right after the devotion on Tuesday morning. Winners should be seated on the platform before the 9:00 a.m. session begins.

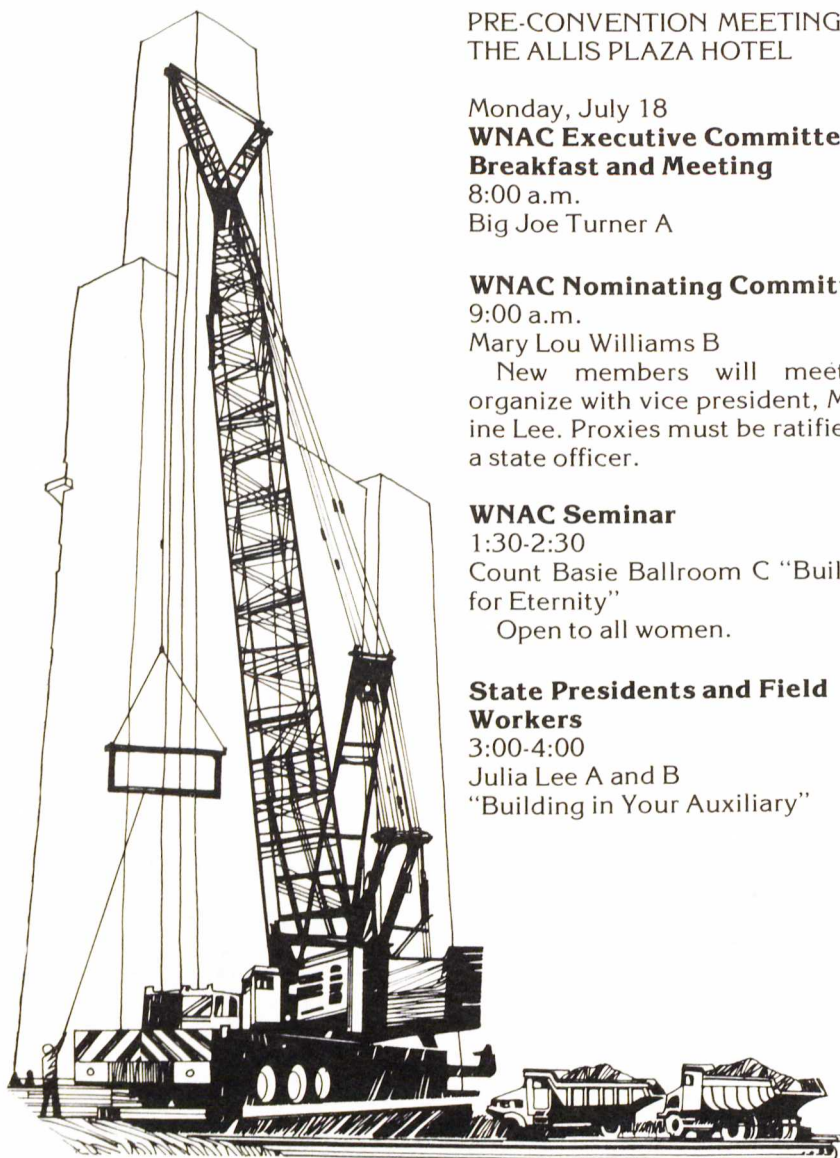
BUILDING THE EUNICE EDWARDS FUND

At 1:30 on Tuesday, Barbara Fletcher is directing a special emphasis on the The Eunice Edwards Loan Fund for Churches Abroad. Presently the fund is \$10,371.85. It should have at least \$20,000 by December 31, 1988.

LAURA C. THIGPEN FEATURED

Laura Coker Thigpen of the English and Speech Department, Free Will Baptist Bible College, will present a dramatic challenge at the Fellowship Dinner in the Allis Plaza Hotel Ballroom.

Tickets are available and should be purchased early. (See next page.)



DELEGATES, RISE TO VOTE

Delegates from state, district, and local Auxiliaries will be seated for voting on the resolutions presented to the convention and other committee reports. Last year 305 delegates registered. WNAC could have 1500 delegates if all states, districts and local Auxiliaries sent their full number of representatives.

EARLY ARRIVALS

WNAC plans pre-Convention meetings for women who arrive early. These are mini-seminars and state president and field worker meetings.

Also the new nominating committee will be organizing on Monday, July 18, under the direction of Maurine Lee, WNAC's vice president. Members of the nominating committee are elected by the state convention and will organize this year and present their report in 1989.

BUILD FOR ETERNITY

Helen Sanders, Wanda McClary, and Jane Bailey speak on building in your personal life, in your home, and in the Auxiliary at the seminars, meeting Monday at 1:30 p.m.

BUILDING AT THE STATE LEVEL

National officers meet Monday at 3:00 p.m. with state presidents and field workers. Speakers Maurine Lee, Marguerite Kern, and Delois Loveless challenge the women to build the work through enlisting and involving women, winning women to Christ, and starting new Auxiliaries.

STATE SECRETARIES

Secretaries should send annual reports to Peggy Outland, Route 1, Box 500, Sesser, Illinois 62884.

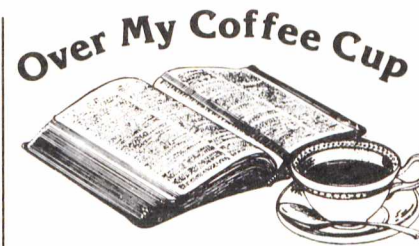
Reports should include the names of 15 delegates and the person elected to serve on the nominating committee. Also the national office needs the names and addresses of state officers and district officers in each state.

STATE TREASURER

Treasurers should send annual reports to Mary R. Wisheart, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

PROVISION CLOSET NEEDS

All sizes sheet sets
Twinsize bedspreads (preferably ribcord)
Electric can openers



By Eunice Edwards

Recently someone gave me a bird-feeder especially for finches. It attaches to the window so one on the inside of the house can observe the birds as they eat. The feeder has two feeding places with holes designed to fit the unusually small bills of these tiny finches.

Watching these birds has become a delightful pastime. And along the way God has taught me some lessons regarding His provision and care for all His creatures.

A variety of birds gather to eat, but only the finches can be accommodated at this feeder. Our Lord has reserved special feeding places for His children. Like the finches, only His children can meet the criteria set forth — "In Jesus' name." Only as He reigns in our hearts can we, first, claim His promises and second, feed on these promises. A quarreling blue jay has repeatedly tried to feed, but with no success. Its bill is too large!

I fear that Christians try to feed from God's table and claim His blessings when their conduct is less than acceptable with Him. They just don't fit!

When we abide in God's will and walk obediently, His Word is truly "sweeter than honey in the comb." And His loving provisions are more than adequate for our needs.

Eunice Edwards Loan Fund

Amount Received
\$10,438.10
For Churches Abroad

Refunds available through July 1. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request.

_____ Number tickets requested

\$_____ Amount enclosed

☐ I wish to purchase a ticket for the following missionary:

Send tickets to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Yes!

I want to attend the WNAC Fellowship dinner, Tuesday, July 19, 1988, at 5 p.m. in the Allis Plaza Hotel, Count Basie Ballroom. I understand each ticket is \$13, including tax and tip.

Mail to:
WNAC Tickets
P. O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

BIBLE STUDY

by Mildred Daniel

For personal Bible study or
those auxiliary groups who
"just want to use the Bible."

Mini-review: See earlier issues for the background of this book as well as studies on chapters 1 and 2. In I Peter 3:1-12 (*Jan/Feb '88*), Peter enjoins each marriage partner to godly living—in the home and in the church. In verses 13-22 (*March/April '88*), Peter emphasizes the fact that nothing is beyond the all-seeing eye and control of God. Jesus is our supreme example of godly living before the world. We should strive to emulate His nature, becoming a "magnet Christian," drawing the attention of those we come in contact with daily by the noticeable change that has taken place in our attitudes, aims and responses.

INTRODUCTION TO CHAPTER 4

Chapter 4 is a continuation of the subject matter of chapter 3, verses 16-22. Looking backward, Peter reminds us that Jesus suffered greatly for us, both physically and emotionally. He was beaten, mocked and unjustly accused prior to being stripped and ignominiously nailed to a Roman cross. However, He bore it all without lashing out in retaliation or in His own defense.

SUFFERING SAINTS (4:1,2)

Verse 1. In view of what Jesus "suffered for us in the _____," we are admonished to "_____ ourselves "with the same _____" or literally, to endeavor to think, feel and react as Christ did in His unjust suffering and persecution. Jesus' motivation was to do the will of God, regardless of the personal pain and emotional drain that might be involved. Settling this matter within will break the dominion of sin (or unholy habits) in a believer's life (compare Romans 6:11-18).

Verse 2. A true believer, tested by unjust suffering, loses his desire to "live the _____ of his time in the _____" and in the "_____ of men" (in self-gratification). Instead, he chooses to live in the "_____ of God." There are lessons learned and strength gained by passing through the fire, that puts determination in the soul, strength in our backbone and sets our priorities in order.

IN TIMES PAST (4:3)

Peter lists six terms in the verse, descriptive of "the time _____ of our _____." List each of these terms, using a dictionary to "fine tune" the meaning of each one:

- (1) _____

- (2) _____

- (3) _____

- (4) _____

- (5) _____

- (6) _____

STRANGE? (4:4-6)

When an unbeliever observes a dedicated believer's lifestyle, he marks you down as "_____ and may speak "_____ of you," misjudging your motives or making light of serious matters. Peter warns us to expect to be misunderstood and wrongly judged. According to the world's concepts and standards, the Christian is "strange" and "out of step" with the prevailing standards.

However, all must eventually "give _____" to the only true Judge. The Gospel is the basis of His judgment, both for "the _____ and the _____." Those who accept God's Son as Savior will escape the Great White Throne judgment and eternal doom of the lost. Therefore, though the way is often difficult, keeping eternity in view, we should follow Peter's advice to "_____ according to God in the _____."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does 4:1 mean when it says that we should have the "same mind" as Christ in times of suffering?
2. When should a believer give serious thought to what her reaction to sudden severe testing will be?
3. Comparing Paul's admonition of Romans 6:12 with Peter's, explain the phrase "Let not sin, therefore, reign in your mortal body."
4. How can passing through severe trials aid one in setting priorities?
5. Which of the six descriptive terms in verse 3 do you feel is the most damaging to our society?
6. What traits make a Christian's lifestyle seem "strange" to an unbeliever?

If you profited from this mini Bible study and wish to have additional studies for personal or group use, the following are now available in more detail: Bible Background, Bible Survey, Romans, Ephesians, Philipppians, Colossians, James and Revelation. All are 3-fold punched with a set of review questions. Send \$1.25 for each set plus 70¢ postage to M.M. Daniel, Route 12, Washington Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

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Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination

President/Vice President

Agenda for May

Are you planning a Mother-Daughter banquet? Many Auxiliaries do. Let's think about it.

Will it be at the church, a home, restaurant, or somewhere else? Will it be catered, potluck, or each pay her own?

Will it replace your regular Auxiliary meeting or supplement it?

Will you have a guest speaker or a special program? The skit, "Lori's Call" is recommended for a Mother-Daughter banquet. Or you may choose to use "Pattern for Living." Prepare illustrated folders (as suggested on page 4) and give to each one attending. Other information may be slipped inside the pattern envelope; for example, the Mother's Word Search puzzle (p. 18), menu, Auxiliary officers; a list of church mothers and daughters, including honorary mothers-daughters; the missionary prayer reminder, a poem for Mother's Day, and other interesting materials.

Publicity: Display the poster and make others as needed for classrooms and restrooms. Tape various pattern pieces to the bulletin board. Cut out letters from cloth announcing the meeting: **Pattern for Living at Woman's Auxiliary.**

Invitations: Divide the Auxiliary into two teams and give each a pattern (any kind of style). Separate

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Mother's Word Search
Heart Magnets

the pieces, number them, and slip each piece in an envelope. Distribute these before your meeting and ask them to bring their piece to the next meeting. The team that completes the most pieces of her pattern earns special recognition.

Or write invitations on construction paper pattern pieces.

Mission Action Chairman — Make a Mother's Magnet (see pattern on page 18) and give to each mother attending your May meeting.

Mission Study Chairman — Give a brief review of the book *And With the Gift Came Laughter* by Ann Kiemel Anderson (or some other book on parenting). This heartwarming story relates how Ann and her husband, past childbearing years, adopt two boys 11 months apart. Award a copy to a special mother present.

Mission Prayer Chairman — Pray especially for missionary mothers and their daughters-in-law. Prepare a prayer reminder for each one attending.

Agenda for June

How about planning an Auxiliary picnic this month and inviting the church family? Is there someone in the church with a large yard that could accommodate all of you? While the men play ball, horse shoes, or simply chit-chat, the women could congregate in the living room for a brief meeting.

An alternate meeting could be a home study from MISSIONS USA.

Publicity: Duplicate the poster in this magazine to use in other areas of the church. Paste one to a larger piece of cardboard and make a border of flowers and leaves (real or artificial).

Mission Action Chairman — Encourage the women to help in Daily Vacation Bible School, Youth Camp, Good News Clubs, and other summer evangelistic efforts. Some of these could even be arranged if none are available in your area.

Mission Prayer Chairman — Pray for the Student Missionary program and the four students and one associate sent to three of our mission fields.

Distribute prayer reminders.

This marks the 9th issue of the new-look CO-LABORER. The enlarged format allows the *Leader's Helps*, formerly a set of mimeographed pages, to be included in the low subscription price. A few have expressed they prefer only the officers have access to the helps, not the entire Auxiliary. What do you think?

Reader Survey

We value your opinion about "Helps For Leaders." In order to help us make CO-LABORER the magazine for every Free Will Baptist woman, please detach and mail the opinion survey:

- ☐ I like it "as is." Please continue to include this centerfold "Helps For Leaders" in the regular edition of CO-LABORER.
- ☐ I would prefer "Helps" (with the posters) be in a separate "Leader's Edition." I understand this would involve a separate subscription list with a slight increase in price.

Clip and mail to:
WNAAC
P. O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

Mission Study Chairman



MISSIONS USA by Earl Parvin
Lesson 3

This lesson continues a study begun in the last issue of CO-LABORER. **MISSIONS USA**, a 380 page paperback, may be ordered from WNAC. The cost is \$14.95 and please add \$1.25 for postage and handling.

Religious Groups

The constitution of the United States guarantees religious freedom which means any citizen can practice any religious conviction without government interference. Good Housekeeping reports there are more than 1,200 different religions in the United States, including 56 Buddhist groups, 31 Catholics, 46 Hindus, 20 Islamic, 34 Jewish, 18 Mormons, 19 "pagan", 26 witchcraft and 54 unclassified New Age groups.

Objective of this Study: 1) To understand the implications of the constitution which guarantees religious freedom, 2) to recognize the religious groups that exist in our country, and 3) to examine the avenues of opportunity for reaching the very religious who have yet to experience the saving truth of Jesus Christ.

Teaching Techniques

This study is divided into three divisions: American Jews, Non-Christian Religions and Cults.

I. The American Jew

1. Describe the influx of the Jewish population to this country.

2. How has the economic/geographic status influenced the Jewish religion?

3. Highlight the Mission activity among the Jewish peoples.

II. Non-Christian Groups

1. List the four leading non-Christian groups in America. Locate them geographically.

2. Gandhi, a Hindu, once said, "I would be a Christian were it not for Christians." What did he mean?

3. What efforts are being used to reach these non-Christian groups?

III. Cults

1. Define a cult.

2. List the common characteristics of a cult.

3. Every major cult began in an evangelical church or with a leader from an evangelical background. What warning should we heed from this fact?

The book lists names and addresses of 23 services and materials available for ministering to the cults. Many are free upon request. Addresses are also given for agencies working with both Jewish and non-Christian groups. Write ahead of time for these materials to enrich your study. You may want to prepare packets for each of your women.

Assignment:

Divide your women into interest groups to research the distinguishing marks of a cult. Choose those cults your women would most likely come in contact with, as Jehovah's Witnesses, World Church of Tomorrow, Mormons, Seventh Day Adventists, New Age, etc. Give each group the following guidelines to follow:

1. Do any of their doctrines reject one of the cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith?
2. Do they claim to have received extra-Biblical revelation?
3. Do they claim to have the only correct interpretation of Scripture?
4. Do they follow a latter-day prophet who claims equality with Jesus Christ?
5. Do they practice closed membership or conduct secret meetings open only to the initiated?
6. Do they overemphasize a minor or obscure doctrine?
7. Do they require members to submit totally to the dictates of their leadership?

Please include additional suggestions for improving CO-LABORER.

Mission Prayer Chairman

Prayer Reminders for May

Using the pattern, prepare a prayer reminder for each one expected.

Pray for
Missionary Mothers
and
Daughters-in-Law



Pat Franks (Brazil) and Rebecca

Print one of these combinations on each prayer reminder:

Jean Deeds (Brazil) and Kimberly
Marvis Eagleton (Brazil) and Rejane, Jaime,
Carolyn, Lisa
Pat Franks (Brazil) and Rebecca
Nancy Hughes (Brazil) and Jan
Geneva Poole (Brazil) and Cheri and Renata
Pansy Murray (France) and Crystal
Marie Hanna (India) and Milly
Vada Lee (Ivory Coast) and Catherine
Carol Pinkerton (Ivory Coast) and Melody
Evelyn Teague (Ivory Coast) and Shannan
Evelyn Hersey (Japan) and Susan and Zoe
Olena McLain (Japan) and Brenda
Marcia Ellison (Uruguay) and Vivian and Marisol
Amy Robinson (Uruguay) and Theresa

Prayer Reminders for June

Prepare a prayer reminder for each one expected. On the back list the prayer requests. Or cut on the fold and print inside.

Pray that our summer missionaries will have:

- Good health
- Genuine love for the people
- Good rapport with the missionaries
- A mind to work, along with
- Common sense to see what needs to be done and
- wisdom to do it without being told
- An openness to God's leading

Pray for Student Missionaries



Ivory Coast:

**Michael Gragg
Barbara Warner
Joan Warner**

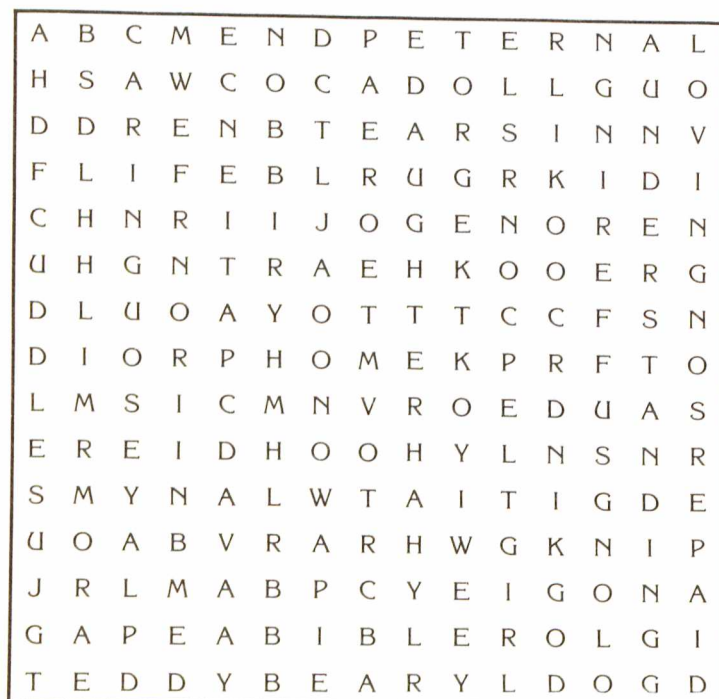
Panama: Lavenia Childress

Spain: Noel Sparks, Associate Missionary

Mission Action Chairman

Mother's Word Search

Donelson auxiliary, Nashville, TN, honored their mothers and daughters at a salad brunch. Their program booklets (in the shape of a hat) and a "Hats Off To Mom" theme, included this puzzle.



Dirty	Dear
Mend	Sin
Iron	Grandmother
No	Yes
Bath	Baby
Girl	Ribbon
Mama	Diapers
Home	Mold
Play	Song
Pink	Praise
Understanding	Tears
Longsuffering	Aid
Church	Godly
Mother	Eternal
Daughter	Life
Child	Prayer
Love	Teddybear
Work	Doll
Joy	Bible
Patience	Cuddle
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Rock	Toy
Loving	Reap
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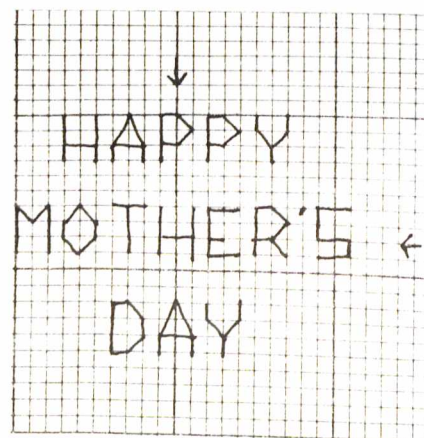
Mother's Heart Magnets

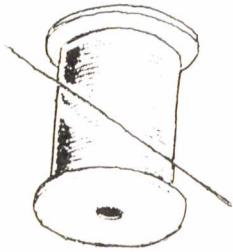
Give all your mothers a special gift this month. These heart magnets are quick, easy and inexpensive to make.

Materials Needed: 4" square of 14" Aidi cloth
heart shaped magnet frame
dark rose floss

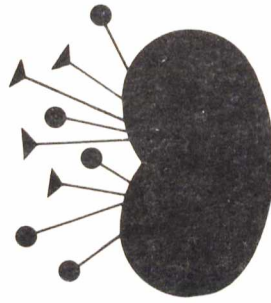
Instructions: Using two strands floss, stitch lettering in backstitch. Other decorative touches could be added.

Using back of frame as a guide, trim the cloth to fit. Secure cloth to backing with a strip of two-faced tape. Snap into frame.

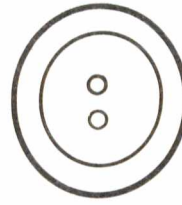




Thread your life with Dependability!



Guard Against Sharp Points of Discouragement!



Know when to Button your Lip
to Prevent Gossip and Faultfinding!



Put Lots of Snap and Sparkle into your Life!

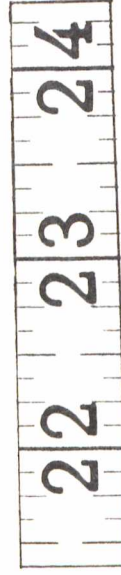


Sew your Hours together
with Love, Study and Understanding!



(Velcro)

Stick to your Convictions!

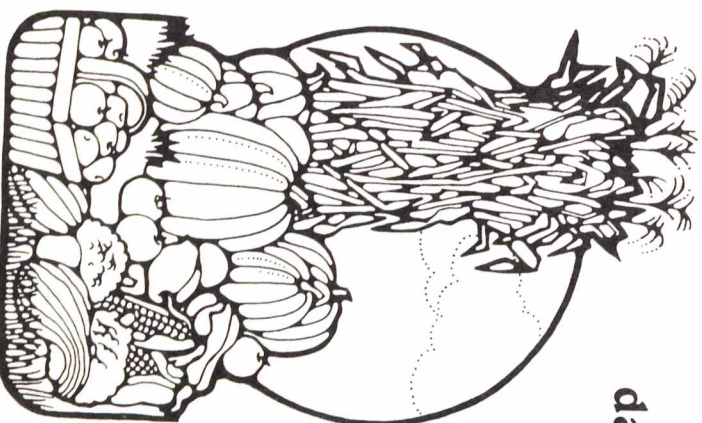
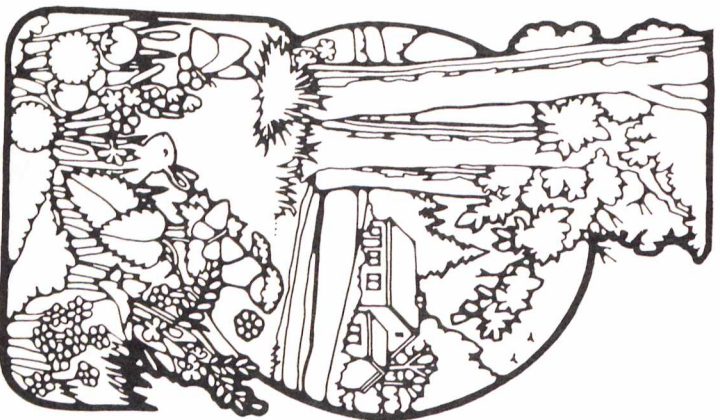


Measure up to your Covenants and Calling!



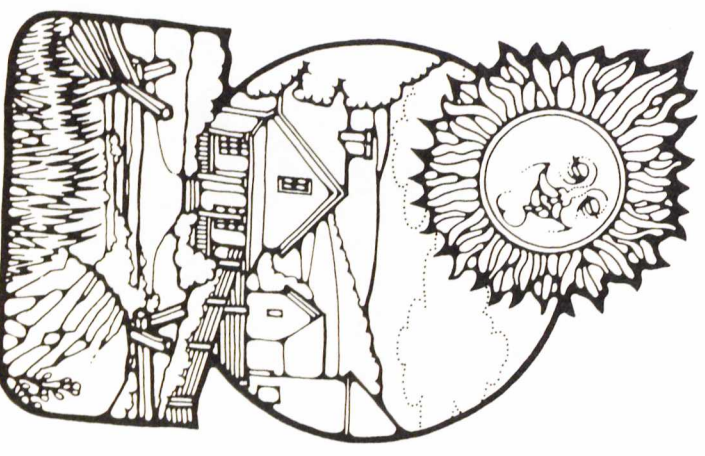
Use your Priceless Testimony
as Trimming for your Entire Life!

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



date

time



A BIGAIL
Woman for all Seasons

WOMEN IN ACTION

New Home Auxiliary meets in the home of Elsie Staires for their Christmas meeting. A large candle in the center of the table represents Jesus, the Light of the World. Members hold smaller candles representing our mission fields. Following Christmas greetings from our missionaries in these countries, each was remembered in prayer. Instead of exchanging gifts, each brought a gift for the Missionary Provision Closet.



Blue Point Auxiliary, Cisne, IL, sponsored a book fair. **Mary Maynard** of Successful Living and Bethel Auxiliary, S. Roxana, presented a wide assortment of Christian literature to the women present.

South Carolina promoted their state's 11 foreign missionaries during their state retreat in Look-Up Lodge. The women were challenged to identify these missionaries from various clues presented, as from a reading of the profile sheets and those dressed in native costume.

President **Frances Poston**, Florence, received a plaque honoring her "nine years of dedicated service to our South Carolina Woman's Auxiliary."

More and more of our Auxiliaries are circulating a monthly newsletter. Nothing unites the Auxiliary women or informs the unenlisted as much as this outreach.

The Violet Voice, a publication of the Faith Auxiliary, Kannapolis, NC, edited by **Sherry Connell** and **LaCrecia McFaddin**, features Auxiliary highlights, poems, recipes and prayer requests. Another looked-for column is "The Golden Years." Each issue honors one of their senior citizens in a brief biographical profile. In addition, the Auxiliary members take a basket of goodies to this "Senior Saint of the Month."

Sue Larson, president of Fellowship Auxiliary, Nashville, TN,

edits their monthly newsletter. One issue contained an editorial entitled "Every Day:"

A few years ago, a product advertised on television caught my attention. It was for "Crispy Cookin' French Fries." Now my kids love crispy french fries, but I don't like for them to eat too many fried foods.

Anyway I thought the crispy fries from the oven sounded good. So I prepared my grocery list and even found a 25 cents-off coupon to use on my purchase.

I had been convinced by the ad to buy the product, I planned to purchase the product and even prepared to do so. But do you know what happened? When I found the item in the store, I decided not to buy it! Why? Because the price was too high.

Have you ever been convinced of something by the Holy Spirit through reading in the Bible, the witness of a friend, or a sermon from the pulpit? You plan to follow through, you even prepare to act. But when you are actually faced with an opportunity to obey God's leading, you decide the cost is too high.

Let's work on putting our intentions into action. I want to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only. How about you?



Four members of the Colorado Rocky Mountain District—Nancy Harris, Rosa Lee Thomas, Barbara Myer and Nadine Hood.

An enlistment brunch at the First FWB Church, Walnut Ridge, AR, nets three new members. This enlistment endeavor with the theme, "For Sale: Woman's Auxiliary," attracted more than 30 women.



Elaine Wall, Ahoskie, NC, with her Auxiliary's gifts to the Children's Home in Greeneville, TN.



Central Quarterly District (East Tennessee) stocks the Missionary Provision Closet with goodies, including four microwave ovens. Pictured are Marcia Ellison, missionary to Uruguay; Debbie Mitchell, district president; Jane Bailey, state president; and Gail Fender, president of the host Auxiliary.

THE MINISTER'S WIFE

Compiled by Cleo Pursell

For many years I have wished to write a "Thank-You" note to all those dear people whose lives have touched mine. You have blessed my life in many ways.

Recently while hospitalized, I received many calls, cards, visitors and flowers.

"You must work for a large company," one nurse remarked.

"No," I answered, "but my husband pastors a great church." (This is our 17th year in this parsonage. What is the secret? Loving, forgiving, and working at the job.) The story is told of a little boy who wanted more than anything else to have a part in the Christmas play. When the parts were given out, the teacher noted his disappointment in not receiving one. "Oh yes," she added, "One more—Jimmy has been chosen to clap and cheer." An encourager—what a ministry! Some of you have clapped and cheered.

Thank you for allowing me to be myself. I could never change to please others—would you really want me to? My convictions and standards were settled a long time ago. You understood that I cannot play the piano or sing as the former pastors' wives, but you encouraged my gifts of teaching and speaking.

You encouraged my gift of speaking by praying for me as I speak at various women's functions. You have allowed me to teach your children. You encouraged my gift of organization as we set up our Church Library and Resource Center.

You accepted our children. They really are flesh and blood. You shared their hurts and rejoiced in their accomplishments. From your closets and pockets you provided for their needs, especially money for youth camps and college tuitions. As they now establish their own homes and raise their children, they watch and learn from you.

An Open Letter From A Minister's Wife **Lila Faye Morgan**

Discover Ways to Help the Parsonage Family



Mrs. J. C. Morgan, mistress of the manse at Lawnwood FWB Church, Tulsa, OK, has enjoyed 36 years as a pastor's wife. They have four married children.

You have loved my husband, learned from him and respected him as the man of God he is. You not only provided his travel expense to conventions, you cared for our children so I could attend. You'll never know how this time away from the church refreshed our lives.

You provided insurance, days-off, and vacations for our family. You remembered birthdays, anniversaries and Pastor Appreciation Day, which also include the pastor's wife. When the pastor was away, you checked on our needs. During times of illness, you cleaned our home, provided meals, ironed the preacher's shirts and cared for the children. You provided meals for the evangelists and missionaries visiting in our home. You did not expect me to accompany my husband on all his visits. You allowed me to take my turn in providing meals as necessary instead of expecting me to help with all of them.

I cherish the rich fellowship we enjoyed in your homes as you invited us for meals, not to discuss church problems or business, but just to be ourselves. We learned many lessons from you.

I hope many of you see yourselves in my bouquet of friends gathered over many years. Talented, creative, patient, gentle, meek, compassionate and giving, you have added color and fragrance to my life. Some of you are young, some middle-aged, some old, and some have already been gathered for the Master's bouquet. You made my life special and I love you for it.

What will you remember about the Pastor's wife? She loved her Lord, husband and family? She lived in her husband's shadow doing the small things? She used her spiritual gifts for God's glory? I hope so, but most of all I pray you can say, "She lived to please her Lord." ♦

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.

I Was A Diet Pill Addict

Jeannie Cool

"This can't be happening to me!" I protested, glaring accusingly at the doctor poised at the end of my hospital bed.

"But it is happening to you," my doctor countered. "Your blood pressure and temperature are abnormally low, poor body circulation, you're anemic, physically exhausted and 20 pounds underweight." I flopped back to the pillow in exasperation.

"Jeannie, is there something you're not telling me?" he prodded. Tears began to form in my eyes and threatened to spill over as his eyes penetrated mine. I quickly turned my head to avoid his gaze.

I didn't want to admit that for over five years I had been a diet pill addict. It began when a friend gave me some diet pills to help me lose a few extra pounds. Then I discovered a local physician who prescribed "black beauties", a narcotic diet pill, upon request. During this period I abused seven types of prescription diet pills, four kinds of diuretics and numerous off-the-shelf diet pills.

My dependence on diet pills grew. Often I would go for two or three days without food, then double up on the diet pills to keep me going. When my husband threatened to dispose of the pills, I hid them and forced myself

to eat in front of him. I kept busy so I could not eat with him.

One day my teenage son pleaded with me to quit taking "uppers" and I became very angry. I heatedly told him that I was taking a prescribed medication under the care of a qualified physician and that "uppers" were abused by drug addicts and teens, in particular. A Christian mother of four children was not a drug addict!

These words from the past echoed through my mind and I could no longer prevent the hot scalding tears from flowing. In faltering voice I admitted to my doctor what I had become.

He stared at me for a moment, then shook his head. "You should have told me this before surgery," he harshly lectured. "Your addiction has contributed to your poor health." He paused then continued, "You have two choices. Continue with the drugs until you eventually collapse physically. It could mean death. You could even become mentally unstable and have to be institutionalized."

"The second choice is harder," he continued. "You can give up the drugs and suffer the consequences of 'drying up,' but you can live to enjoy a healthy life with your family." He looked at me for a brief moment and I thought I caught a flicker of pity.

"The choice is yours."

"Jeannie, are you a Christian?" he asked suddenly. I nodded, unable to speak.

"If I were you, I'd pray." He turned and left the room.

As the door closed behind him, I tossed restlessly on the hospital bed, weak, lonely, depressed ... and scared. I knew I should quit the drugs, but I felt incapable of coping without them. At that moment, a Voice penetrated my struggling thoughts. "Your body is not your own for it is bought with a price." As a crack in a fortified dam weakens and bursts, I Corinthians 6:19,20 penetrated the deepest chambers of my mind. My body was not my own, for Christ had purchased it with his blood. My body was the temple where God dwelled. And I had defiled that temple with sin.

I pulled open the drawer of the nightstand by my bed and reached for the Bible. Many questions plagued me as I leafed through the thin, worn pages. I entreated God for answers and He led me to specific scriptures.

Lord, how can I quit taking these drugs? The verses of Matthew 11:28-30 leaped out at me: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you ... and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Lord, how can I resist them once I quit? I thumbed through the thin pages and my fingers rested on I Corinthians 10:13: "... God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Tell me, Lord, where to find the strength and courage to quit taking these drugs. As I turned the pages, Philippians 4:13 spoke

to me: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

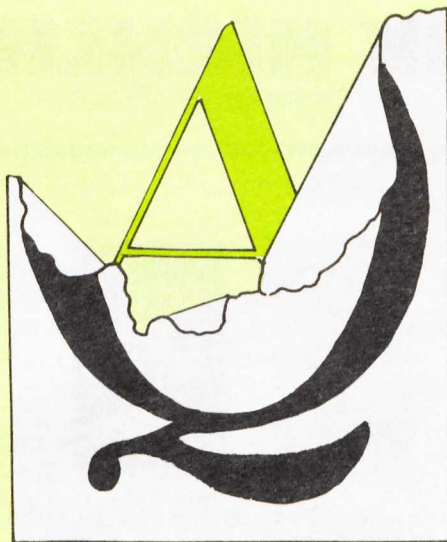
Tears streamed down my face as I pondered these scriptures. Through His words, Christ assured me I could be delivered from my addiction simply by trusting in Him. He would carry my burden, give me strength to endure, and help me resist the temptation. My blinded eyes opened as I saw what I had been doing to myself and my family. I had forced God to take a back seat while I attempted to drive my life down the road to destruction. But God set up a roadblock that saved my life before it was too late. I prayed that night until I became drowsy and a feeling of peaceful contentment settled over me.

The next morning brought a new awakening. As soon as I was released from the hospital, I gathered up all the diet pills I had hoarded and flushed them down the commode.

Over the next few weeks, I experienced days of hallucinations, disorientation and shakes along with fervent regrets that I had flushed those pills away. Once I went to the drugstore and bought an off-the-shelf brand of pills. When I returned home, I ripped open the package and dropped a pill into the palm of my hand. As I stared at that little pill, it suddenly represented five years of willful sin. I thrust those pills down the kitchen sink and ran water until they disappeared.

Thank God He gave me a second chance. He made me see that if I didn't care for my health and body, I couldn't care for the family He gave me. My life is now more fulfilling and rewarding than I dreamed possible.

I'd like to warn unsuspecting persons seeking to lose weight quickly through diet pills—there are dangerous risks. I know. I was a diet pill addict. ♦



Your questions answered on:

Woman's Auxiliary

**by Mary Neal
WNAC President**

How can our Auxiliary give a true picture of all we do? We evaluate our gifts to the Provision Closet, but how can we get proper credit for sponsoring food for sick and bereaved families, fruit baskets, wedding and baby showers, services at retirement homes, etc.?

You are right. How can one begin to put a price tag on such deeds of love and kindness? They are like cups of cold water Jesus told us to give in His name, tangible proofs of our love for Him to those around us in our own little Jerusalem. God notes and records these acts done "in secret." He rewards in His time.

However, CO-LABORER is interested in printing a pictorial account of all these projects. This encourages, challenges and gives ideas to other Auxiliaries. Perhaps these ideas could be worked into a program or article and entered in WNAC's annual Creative Arts Contest. Give it a try!

Our Auxiliary is small and we do not have enough members to divide into the three mission groups. Can we all work together?

Yes! Some Auxiliaries prefer to do this, even if they have plenty of women. We have two prayer groups in our church that meet monthly. Don't worry about the number of women coming to pray. Just pray and keep on praying!

A group could meet regularly for study. Again, don't be concerned about the number of women coming. Just study and learn to feast on His Word.

Mission Action groups are the best method for enlisting all women in the church into the Auxiliary. Enlist these women to service, not just to join the Auxiliary (although, of course, we hope they will!)

Mission Action groups reach out to those who are hurting, suffering, or simply longing for what we can give them through Christ. The best cure for depression is to reach out and help others. Mission Action groups provide this outlet.

For the millionth time—how does a local send money to a missionary if he is not a district or state project? Can we get credit if we send it to him personally?

All local offerings, regardless of whether or not it is a local project, should be sent to the district treasurer who compiles the offerings and sends them to the state treasurer. She, in turn, sends them to the national office where they are disbursed exactly as indicated by the treasurer. The *Digest of Reports* lists how much each state has given through WNAC.

Money sent directly to a missionary cannot be credited at any of these levels. Sending monies through the proper channels helps WNAC keep better records of what women are giving.

BOOK HIGHLIGHTS

Aids to Spiritual Growth

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

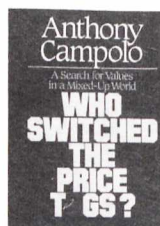
by L. E. Maxwell

Victor Books, Wheaton, IL,
c. 1987, \$5.95

Just what is a woman's place in ministry? If you have ever pondered this question, then you will be intrigued by L. E. Maxwell's book.

"These studies," he wrote, "have been prepared with the single desire to bring blessing and encouragement to women, young and old, and direction to the Christian public."

Maxwell begins with the Bible and traces the status of women in the Old Testament, New Testament, early church, and into the Twentieth Century. As a founder of Prairie Bible Institute in Canada, he was acquainted with many admirable women in various ministries. He mentions such women as Amy Carmichael, Henrietta Mears,



Corrie Ten Boom, Catherine Booth-Clibborn. Perhaps his personal appreciation of co-workers prompted him to write, "Little do we realize how much of our Christian heritage springs from women's ministry!"

Maxwell insists that woman's complete equality with man is evident throughout the Bible. He is also convinced that "God the Holy

Spirit does at times use women in a public ministry; and since the Holy Spirit is the author of Scripture, such ministry must be in full accord with inspired scripture."

This writer gets right into the "difficult" passages in I Corinthians 11, 14 and I Timothy 2. Of Paul's plea in Philippians 4:3 for those women who labored with him in the gospel, Maxwell says, "It is difficult to believe that their labor was meant to consist only of sandwiches and silence."

Maxwell includes a chapter on the home, submission and headship. He writes, "She would be a strange wife indeed who would not respect a husband who loves her as Christ loves His Church!" (A male friend exclaimed, "The man is talking idealism here!")

Although he insists that Christ brings woman true liberty, he recognizes that liberty demands responsibility. "Woman's true liberty

A WOMAN God Has Used

Deloris Moore, Sylacauga, Alabama, hasn't folded up her hands and quit yet, but she has admitted to taking a back seat.

In her younger years, she never thought of missing a service, Auxiliary meeting, visitation, retreat, convention or quarterly meeting. Never was the weather so bitter cold or sweltering hot that it kept her away. Now she's left mostly with memories. Age and poor health are taking their toll.

But memories have a way of leaping up and warming the heart. She remembers sharing a Bible study at a friend's kitchen table. "Then we'd kneel at her couch and weep and pray over our lost loved ones."

Once she visited an invalid and shared the Auxiliary program with her. "Wash her feet," the Lord seemed to speak to her heart, And she did! "The Holy Spirit blessed us



as we cried and shouted and praised God," she remembers.

Mrs. Moore's church, Unity, has raised up four young preacher boys and sent them forth as pastors. When reports come in of how the churches are growing and that souls have been saved, she shares in the rejoicing. She had a part in it.

Mrs. Moore may have slowed down, but God isn't finished with her yet. She can still get down on her knees. Her pastor, church members, friends and missionaries all benefit from her faithful intercession.

She can't be in crowds as she once was, but she phones hurting people who need an encouraging word. She runs errands for the elderly. She uses her pen to write special messages and to correspond with a young prison inmate. "Many just need someone to listen," she explains.

Deloris Moore encourages all young people to use their strength in God's service. She almost envies the young ones who replace her on Wednesday morning visitation. "The rewards are great," she assures them, and "later on, you'll have precious memories to warm you."

allows her to be what God meant her to be and to do what God wills her to do."

If you feel restricted in service by tradition, prejudice, or pressure, read Maxwell's book. You may not agree with all his interpretations and conclusions. You may smile now and then at glimmers of his own personal biases.

His prayer was, however, that the book will be of "practical value in the lives of godly women who long to be free from bondage and fruitful in service." That's enough to encourage you in service for Christ.

— Mary Ruth Wisheart

WHO SWITCHED THE PRICE TAGS?

by Anthony Campolo

Word Books, 1986, hardback

"Where ya goin', Abe?"

"Don't know," Abe responds.

"What're ya gonna be doin', Abe?"

"Don't know that either," he calls back.

"Then why are you leavin', Abe?"

"Because God gave me a vision," he declares.

This sampling from the book on risk taking helps us focus on those things that are important. Whether you are a homemaker or work outside the home, this book has something for you.

The book is fast paced and overflows with everyday stories to make you laugh, some to make you cry and others just to make you think. The author spans life from small children to an interview with people in their 80's and 90's.

Missions dominates the book and some thought-provoking ways to win the world to Christ are discussed.

When I finished reading this book, some price tags in my life changed value. — Gladys Gragg

GOD & One Redhead

Mary Slessor of Calabar

by Carol Christian and Gladys Plummer

Too often the best books become out of print. If you come across GOD AND ONE REDHEAD in a yard sale, latch on to it. You're in for a treat. The book chronicles the story of Mary Slessor, the Scottish lass who sailed away to Africa and a country what today is known as Biafra.

Many doctrines and customs taken to Africa have been altered or even destroyed; but not so with certain remarkable missionaries. Their legend lives on. They gave up homeland and years passed without hearing their native tongue or news from their country. No one recognized their true value or spread their fame. Yet their impact is astonishing.

Such a one was fiery, red-haired Mary Slessor, the second of seven brothers and sisters. Her alcoholic father drank away the family earnings and brought their family to desperate financial straits. Mrs. Slessor became the mainstay of the family and kept the family fed, clothed and respectable. She remained faithful to her church and followed with lively interest its pioneering missionary work overseas. She set the dreams of her children on faraway countries where the need for the love of God was even greater than in their own streets around her.

Thus it was no surprise that at the age of 28, in 1876, Mary Slessor left her home and the linen factories where she had worked since she was 11, to join the Calabar Mission in West Africa.

The character of Miss Slessor comes alive through quotations and descriptions taken from a biography written soon after her death. She worked with fervor and longed to go inland to the fierce, neglected tribes. Twelve years after her embarkment when most

of her immediate family were dead and thus no one to be anxious for her welfare, she ventured forth to realize her dream.

Here in this isolated bush village, she was besieged on every hand with witchcraft, threats and even burning of her house. Yet no one laid a hand on her. Before she went to Africa, in the margin of her Bible against the verse, "I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people," she had written, "God and one are always a majority." She proved it many times. With God, the odds were always in her favor in spite of how they seemingly were stacked against her. She and God were a majority.

Mary Slessor came to be known as the White Queen, the Lady of Calabar, or the white Ma who lived alone. She became the first woman magistrate in the British Empire. She believed strongly in the magnetism of personal touch and example.

The White Queen of Calabar lived a full 67 years before a fever claimed her life and she was buried in her beloved Africa.

She being dead, yet speaks. She begged young women not to grow up as nervous old maids, but to gird themselves for battle and keep their hearts young. "Do, lassie, do?" she asks. "You've not got to do, you've just got to be, and the doing will follow."

And then her testimony: "I'm a witness to the perfect joy and satisfaction of a single life—with a tail of human tag-rag hanging on. It is rare! It is as exhilarating as an aeroplane or a dirigible or whatever they are that are always trying to get up and are always coming down!"

Mary Slessor's sense of fun, confidence in God and love for the African are contagious through the lines of this delightful book. —Sheila Scarborough

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

A PPOINTED TO PRA Y

Be a Prayer Missionary

An African Funeral

Mark Daniel

Missionary among the Koulangos in Ivory Coast, West Africa

At the sound of the approaching Mobyette, I hurried to the door. It was just past noon. Philippe seemed in a hurry, even a little nervous. He related that Kobena and Ama's infant son had just died in a village about five miles away. Kobena and Ama

were Christians from our village, so I asked if I could help.

"It'd be nice if you could transport some of the church folks to the funeral," he said.

"When will the funeral be held?" I asked.

"In about 30 minutes," he said, and then added, "Oh yes, be prepared to bring a brief Bible message."

We transported three car loads of people to Seene only to learn the funeral had been delayed.



Some of Ama's unsaved relatives had dug the baby's grave right behind her house. "That way," they explained, "the child can find its way back to his mother more quickly in order to be reborn." This was unacceptable to the church leaders. In an effort to demonstrate our disbelief in reincarnation, they had gone to the village cemetery to dig another grave.

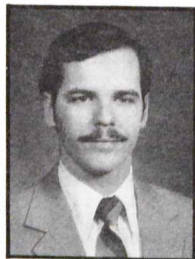
After the child's body had been bathed and perfumed, he was dressed in what appeared to be a new outfit. Then they rolled the baby in a new white cloth which was in turn rolled up into the newly woven grass mat. When the preparations were completed, the village assembled with the body placed in the middle of the crowd. I began to share from God's Word.

I pointed out that the boy, being only an infant, had ceased to suffer and was now in the immediate presence of God (2 Sam. 12:15-23). Even though the child could no longer return to us, it is possible for us to go to him. I finished by showing that, dead or alive, when Christ returns, all those who trust Him completely will live with Him forever (1 Thess. 4:13-18).

This concluded the brief ceremony after which the body was carefully, however quickly, buried. Knowing that non-Christian funerals are accompanied by drinking a good quantity of palm wine, we had brought a case of cold soft drinks. Philippe explained that it was not our practice to drink intoxicating beverages. Therefore, after sharing a coke with the village elders, we returned to our village.

Pray that God will use this contact to open this village to the effective preaching of the gospel. ♦

Personality Profile



Mark and Donna Daniel
Ivory Coast

lated in the Koulango language. His sense of humor, keen intelligence and love for the people make him a popular missionary.

Donna, "down home country," also studied the language, encouraged Mark and mothered Amy, 6, and Alison, 2½, often in poor health.



The new missionary's identification with the African lifestyle resulted in a slight nutritional deficiency, but don't try to fatten them up too much now that they're back in the States.

Kentucky claims a priority on their own (and they claim the Daniels), but try to meet these 1st term missionaries, now home on their first furlough. Mark, adept in linguistics, preached and trans-

Uruguay Adventure

We packed three large duffel bags of good used clothing which the women of our church had collected. I wish each one going to Uruguay would keep an ongoing project of filling duffel bags with good clean used clothing. We Americans place little value on out-of-style clothing. Our women attend yard sales and many of the jeans we took, some practically new, cost about 50 cents a pair. Blue jeans in Uruguay are usually bought on the installment plan. Yet I noticed the people were very neat and clean, none of the "rags" which are popular here.

Amy and I unpacked the duffel bags in a small room and sorted the clothing (children, women's, men's) into piles on the floor. When classes were over and we went to eat, they were invited to take what they could use. When we returned, the room looked like a tornado had swept it clean. "They dived in," reported the lady who oversees the girls, "and were like kids at Christmas, so excited to receive such good clothing."

Mildred Daniel
Murfreesboro, TN



Other Sheep

Cultists

Other sheep have I which are not of this fold: them also I must bring.

The Cultists? Do they qualify as "Other Sheep?" Are they not renegade sheep instead?

A cult is a group teaching a message contrary to the Biblical Scriptures. Many cultists were brought up in a denominational church but had never known a growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Thus, doctrinally insecure, they proved ready bait for the taking.

An ABC-TV special a decade ago declared 6 million Americans were involved in a thousand cults. A Gallop poll a year later estimated that 54% of the total popu-

lation followed some cult. The most common ones are the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Armstrong, Moonies, and the newest derivative from the Eastern religions—the New Age Movement.

Cultists can be saved and are being won to the church. Prevention, however, is the best cure. Churches must awaken from their apathy, stock their libraries with information on the cults, sponsor seminars, schedule films, and exert every means to alert their people, especially the youth, to the dangers lurking in these non-Christian religions.

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.

May

- ** 1 — Pam Hackett (IN)
- 4 — Ron Moore (IC)
- ** 6 — Rose Haggard (OK)
- * 6 — Bill Fulcher (AZ)
- * 7 — Alvis Paul (AZ)
- ** 10 — Delores Burns (GA)
- 11 — Elaine Holland (IC)
- 13 — Amy Robinson (Uruguay)
- * 14 — Brenda Lewis (CO)
- 16 — Dale Bishop (Japan)
- ** 16 — Elaine Parker (TX)
- ** 17 — Ora Booth (OH)
- 17 — Steve Reeves (Spain)
- * 18 — Judy Runyon (VI)
- 21 — Ernest Holland (IC)
- 25 — Lynn Midgett (Spain)
- 26 — Kenneth Eagleton (IC)
- 30 — Alice Smith (IC)

* Home missionary or church extension pioneer.

** Joint project worker or deputation missionary.

June

- ** 2 — Tim Trimble (AL)
- 2 — Jean Deeds (Brazil)
- 6 — Stan Bunch (Panama)
- ** 7 — Bobbie Hensley (CA)
- ** 11 — Kathy Donoho (IL)
- ** 13 — Mabel Willey (TX)
- 14 — Steve Lytle (Panama)
- ** 19 — Tim Hackett (IN)
- 20 — Paul Robinson (UR)
- ** 22 — Paula McClure (Mexico)
- ** 22 — Bernice Hanna (SC)
- 24 — Jim McLain (Japan)
- ** 27 — Bobby Jude (WV)
- ** 28 — Ron Parker (TX)
- 29 — Steve Riggs (France)

Please pray for:

- ☐ Two more couples to complete the Target City project in the Phoenix, Arizona Valley.
- ☐ The drought areas in India and Ivory Coast which threaten a food shortage.
- ☐ Missionary accounts severely in the red. Missionaries whose accounts dip below \$8000 are subject to recall from the field.
- ☐ Louie Nix planting a new church on the island of Kauai in Hawaii.
- ☐ Bill Johnson planting a church in western Kentucky.
- ☐ Don and Billie Sexton as they continue their deputation ministry in spite of health problems.
- ☐ Home Mission traveling team as they minister in revival meetings and church growth seminars.
- ☐ Mexican Bible Institute and its needs for furnishings and equipment.
- ☐ The ten students enrolled in the Ivory Coast Bible Institute; that God will raise up "Student-Aid Partners" for these who attend full time and need financial assistance to support themselves and their families.
- ☐ A strong missionary emphasis in our Youth Camps and DVBS.

Auxiliary Supplies

— MANUALS —

- ☐ **Woman's Auxiliary Manual.**
Picirilli & Wisheart—The official guide book for organizing and operating a local Woman's Auxiliary.
32pp \$1.00
- ☐ **Time For Everything.**
Mary Ruth Wisheart—A Leader's Guide to the auxiliary manual. Makes learning enjoyable in a classroom atmosphere. Includes twelve 8½ x 11 visuals which may be used as posters, transparency masters, or as a flip chart.
12 visuals with 29 page guide \$1.50
- ☐ **Associational Manual.**
Picirilli, Wisheart & Pursell—Explains the purpose and work of a district, state or national organization.
32pp \$1.00

— ENLISTMENT AIDS —

- ☐ **Enlistment Challenge.**
Cleo Pursell—Basic helps to enlist and keep every woman involved in a Woman's Auxiliary.
75¢
- ☐ **Enlistment Leaflet.**
This two-color leaflet briefly states the aims and purposes of the Woman's Auxiliary.
12/75¢
- ☐ **Invitation Cards.**
Two-Color postcard to publicize meetings and invite new members to the auxiliary.
12/75¢

— JEWELRY —

Pin—Features the emblem of the Woman's Auxiliary. Clutch fastener only.

- ☐ sterling silver ☐ gold tone \$7.50

Gavel Guard—Attaches to the pin with a chain and worn by the auxiliary president. Choice of sterling silver or gold tone.

- ☐ gold tone ☐ silver \$4.50

Girl's 7" gold plated charm bracelet with three charms—GTA emblem, world and open Bible.

- ☐ gold plated \$1.00

— OFFICERS' GUIDE BOOKS —

- ☐ **The President and Vice-President's Guide**
20pp/\$1.00
- ☐ **The Mission Prayer Chairman's Guide**
20pp/\$1.00
- ☐ **The Mission Action Chairman's Guide**
20pp/\$1.00
- ☐ **The Mission Study Chairman's Guide**
20pp/\$1.00
- ☐ **The Secretary-Treasurer's Guide**
24-28pp/75¢
- ☐ **Field Worker's Packet**—Gives ideas on organizing and promoting auxiliary work in the district and state.
75¢

— RECORDS AND REPORTS —

- ☐ **Secretary's Record and Report Book**—Space for membership roll and auxiliary minutes. Includes annual report blank in duplicate.
\$1.00
- ☐ **Secretary's annual report blanks**
12/\$1.00
- ☐ **Treasurer's Record and Report Book**—Provides space to record receipts and disbursements for a year. Includes annual report blank in duplicate.
\$1.00
- ☐ **Treasurer's annual report blanks**
12/\$1.00
- ☐ **Officer's Plan Book**—Each officer needs one as plans are charted in the officer's planning meeting.
35¢
- ☐ **Membership Cards**—These billfoldsize cards identify members of a Woman's Auxiliary.
12/70¢

— MISCELLANEOUS —

Seals

These white and lavender seals are designed with the auxiliary emblem and come in two sizes:

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Missionary News

Thank you for the lovely things we selected from the Provision Closet. Each item represents the love and support our ladies have for their missionaries.

*Priscilla Inscoe,
Panama*

When I worked in the executive office several years ago, I often gave visitors a tour of the facilities. A favorite part of the tour, for both the visitors and myself, was the Provision Closet. Thus it was a fulfillment of a dream when our family, as newly appointed home missionaries, was allowed to glean and gather among the harvest of linens and Tupperware. How generously the Auxiliaries have gathered into the storehouse for grateful missionaries to enjoy!

*Susan Burgess,
Bloomington, IL*

Thanks for the many Christmas and birthday cards we received during the holidays.

*Brenda Williams,
Martinez, GA*

We appreciate each Auxiliary that sent us Christmas cards. It means so much to know you care about us and are praying for us.

*Laura McFall,
Brazil*

Paul, our oldest, is now engaged to Jill Prater. He will graduate from Grace Seminary this spring. Noel has been accepted as an associate missionary and will come to Spain to help with the school and youth as soon as he can raise the necessary funds.

*Lonnie and Anita Sparks,
Spain*

This weekend we had a family day and put up our Christmas tree. Elaine and I did most of the work as Joshua ate the popcorn and Leah tore up the construction paper.

*Ernest and Elaine Holland,
Ivory Coast*

We're thankful that God is going to bless us with our first child in early June.

*Donnie and Ruth McDonald,
Japan*

Challenge from India

I have 23 boys and three girls in my 7th grade class. Recently I acquired a young man from India, turban and all. He is not a Christian and knows nothing about the Bible. I gave him a Bible and it is a real challenge to work with him.

*Nadine Hood,
Denver, CO*

The New Co-Laborer

We are thoroughly enjoying the new CO-LABORER. There are so many interesting articles to read.

*Willia Bullard Auxiliary
Myrtle Beach, SC*

Some like the new CO-LABORER, some don't (I do). I think we will learn to like them better as we get used to them.

*Velma Reynolds,
Bixby, OK*

It was a snowy afternoon here today, so I spent some leisure time by the fire looking back through my "old" CO-LABORERS. (You've come a long way, Baby!) The new format really minimized my filing. I had so many Leader Packets from years past that the "new look" certainly helped me to be more organized, at least in this area.

*Judy Nichols,
Westerville, OH*

We're Growing!

Our church organized our Auxiliary with five ladies. We have now grown to eight. Last month we sent \$15 to missions and this month we were blessed to send \$105. That seems to prove that God can use a few to do a great work for Him.

*Mary A. McKim,
Moore Hill, IN*

Our Auxiliary is growing, praise the Lord! We request three more CO-LABORERS.

*Mrs. Pike McLain,
Lyons, GA*

Words For Women

Mary R. Wischart



Do you have a dish garden? You know, those attractive collections of plants which look great on the coffee table—when they first arrive. Before you know it, one plant seems to be getting too much water, one not enough and another is spilling over the side demanding more room.

"If only," said a friend, "they would just stay as they are and not grow." But they insist on changing. Growing things are like that. If they don't change, they're dead.

Suppose your child did not grow and change? Oh, I know, like my friend you may sometimes sigh, "If only he'd stay a tiny baby I can hold in my arms." But you'd panic if he didn't grow and change.

Change is just a natural, normal part of our world. The aging process brings changes. Some we welcome; others we fear and dread. We can't stop them. "But," says my doctor, "better this than the alternative."

Organizations, like living organisms, also change. People pass off the scene; new people appear. Change is inevitable. And so it is with WNAC.

What would those women who organized in 1935 think of us today? I believe those who are now in the presence of the Lord would rejoice at every step of progress and growth. They might be a little sad that some changes have not come sooner, that we have not grown faster. I believe they expected Free Will Baptist women to accomplish things for God. They had visions and dreams. I believe they would be cheering us on toward the goal. Yet, I believe they would say with us, though change is inevitable, some things must remain the same.

Perhaps they would say to us today, "Keep your purpose and goals clearly in focus." Woman's Auxiliary is defined as a missionary service of the church. Her purpose is to help each woman among us fulfill her place in the Great Commission.

Those early women emphasized sharing, prayer, stewardship, education and training—principles of Christian living that help us toward the goal. They were not afraid to step out on the promises of the God of the impossible. They dared to believe that God would help them accomplish great things.

Our watchword is "Laborers together with God." Our prayer is "God, help us to be women dedicated to living out the principles of the word. Women who focus on the goal. Women who believe you and who dare to change, but who hold fast the things which should remain."

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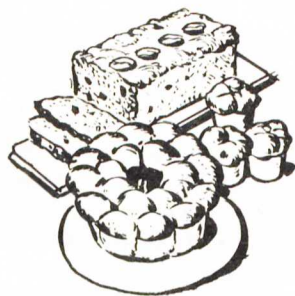
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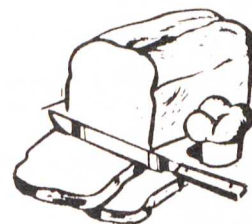
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Prayer for Daily Bread

by Lois Hoadley Dick



Give us this day our daily bread,
We, of all nations, overfed . . .



Biscuits baked in nourishing glops,
Served with gravy to wipe up the drops.
French toast and crouton for thick-creamed soup,
Raisin bread and pastry twisted in a loop.
Rye bread and pumpernickel, diet and wheat.
Bread sticks to go with the savory meat.
Corn bread and date bread, muffins and rolls,
Shortbread and gingerbread in porcelain bowls.

How to feed the world seems to pose a question . . .
Give us this day some indigestion.



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