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WE
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TO
RIDGECREST



Arise and Build

Words and Music by
ODESSA LEDLOW
Arranged by Odessa Ledlow

1. Ex - cept the Lord — build the house they la - bor in vain that
2. A - rise ye saints, a - rise and build with walls — of faith and

build it, Je - sus Christ, the cor - ner Stone, that's
cour - age, Build on Christ, the sol - id Rock, A

CHORUS

how the Fa - ther willed it. A - rise, A - rise.
life of faith - ful serv - ice.

Build on the firm — foun - da - tion, Build with prayer and

pu - ri - ty, — A heart filled with ad - o - ra - tion.

For we are labourers together with God.
(1 Cor. 3:9)

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(Neh. 2:20)

Hymn: "We'll Work 'til Jesus Comes"



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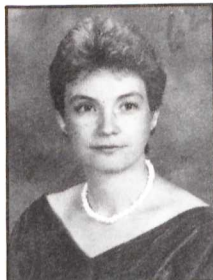
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by Judy Puckett

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You'll enjoy using Judy Puckett's enlistment program entitled "I Have Decided." We hope it will result in every woman in your church deciding in favor of the Woman's Auxiliary.

A brand new writer, Amanda Kilgore, a pastor's wife of Franklin, TN, wrote February's program. We welcome other fledglings. Would you consider using the theme "Arise and Build" when you write this year?

We hope you enjoy the Auxiliary President's Paraphrase of 1 Cor. 13. Watch for a different version in each issue.

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An Auxiliary President's Paraphrase

Though I may have a lot of natural ability and give heed to my personal appearance and conduct, if my life does not bear witness to a life transformed by the power of Christ, I am nothing.

And though I am familiar with both the *Manual* and the *President and Vice President's Guide*, and though I make extensive preparations for the Auxiliary meetings, and even brush up on *Robert's Rules of Order*, if our meetings do not reflect the living Christ, they profit nothing.

Though I read CO-LABORER regularly, as well as *Mission-Grams* and *Heartbeat*, and though I attend the missionary conferences, prayer retreats and conventions, and yet do not impart a missionary flavor in our Auxiliary, I have failed in my responsibility.

Missions quickens and brings life to an Auxiliary. It focuses on the last command of our Lord, teaches obedience, lifts us beyond ourselves, burdens us to pray, challenges us to serve.

Missions is the Auxiliary's heartbeat. Though business sessions are important, long drawn-out ones are a weariness to the bones. Social concerns, though crucial, are a heaviness to the spirit. Refreshments, however tastefully prepared, increases one's caloric intake.

Missions, refreshments and business—usually an Auxiliary will have all three, but the greatest of these is missions—missions in study, missions in prayer and missions in action.

— Lorene Miley

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I Have Decided

By Judy Puckett

Scripture: Phil. 1:9-11

Chorus: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

CHARACTERS:

Deborah, dressed in robe-type costume with a headband around the forehead. Make a sash to go across the upper body, from the left side across the right shoulder and back down to the left side on the back. This can be pinned together or tucked into a belt. She should be carrying a sword which can be made of cardboard, or you may find a suitable one in a toy store.

Hannah wears a robe-type costume with a head covering. She carries a doll wrapped in a blanket.

Esther. Choose an attractive, young woman to represent a queen known for her beauty. She wears an ornate robe, either purple or red. She may wear jewelry, but not overdone. Braid some greenery branches together for a crown, or use a tiara.

Narrator. No costume. She should have a good speaking voice and be familiar with the text well enough to partially read and partially memorize.

Four Members. Use four women currently involved in Auxiliary, preferably newer members if possible. They will sit on stage, near the front, and be ready to give testimony to the effect of Auxiliary on their lives. They need no special costumes.

POSTERS:

**I Have
Decided,
Have You?**

1st Week

**We Have
Decided!**

2nd Week

Place pictures of Auxiliary members and names of others who have decided to join. You may make some type of badges for the women to wear this Sunday which say, "I Have Decided."

**You Can
Decide —
Next Week!**

3rd Week

**Today
is Decision
Day**

4th Week

The "D" in Decision may be larger than the rest of the letters, giving it the D-Day effect. At the bottom of the poster, list the location of the Auxiliary table you will set up for the enlistment of new members.

NARRATOR:

In this day of increased opportunity for women, we ask ourselves, "What is God's plan for using women and how can we serve?"

Throughout history, God has used women in various capacities. Sometimes their roles have been obscure, but in other instances, women have occupied places of leadership. Always their decisions were important and they impacted the work of God.

In the early days of Israel's history,* a woman named Deborah answered the call of God when others all around her were shirking their responsibilities for leadership. Deborah led God's people to military victory through her decision to accept the challenge of leadership.

But not all women called of God were leaders. Some were

*Cue for the character to enter from back of audience and walk to the front. Hannah can come and kneel, laying her child on the altar.

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chosen to be unknown, simply to be a mother. Not too many years after Deborah's conquest, God used a woman * named Hannah. Though she was less visible, Hannah's role was nonetheless an important one. After many years of barrenness, God blessed Hannah with a child. This woman's decision of dedication and self-sacrifice gave Israel one of its greatest leaders of all time—Samuel, who became the link between the judges and kings.

*Later, when Israel was in the foreign land of Persia, the decision of a queen saved the lives of her fellow Israelites. Queen Esther prayed and fasted for days before making the greatest decision of her life—to risk her life in pleading for her people. The unselfish decision of Esther actually changed the course of history for a nation.

You may feel your decisions are unimportant, or of little value to anyone but yourself, but we never know how many people may be affected by our decisions.

We make various types of decisions every day. We make social decisions, for example, deciding to marry; physical decisions, like joining Weight Watchers. Some decisions affect us mentally, like whether and where to go to college. We make financial and emotional decisions; for instance, buying a home, changing jobs or moving to another state.

But some of our most important decisions are spiritual ones, like "How can I serve God" or "What is my part in winning the world for Christ?" or "How can I develop my abilities as a Christian leader?"

It is for this purpose that Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary came into existence over 50 years ago.

You may ask: What can Woman's Auxiliary do for me? To answer this, we have four women who will briefly tell you some ways in which Woman's Auxiliary has helped them:

Here's How They Did It

Cofer's Chapel Auxiliary, Nashville, TN, introduced Auxiliary to prospective members in four categories. Each speaker described her topic in a few sentences.

- I. What we Do
 - a. Mission Study
 - b. Mission Prayer
 - c. Mission Action
- II. Some Special Activities
 - a. Secret Pals
 - b. Prayer Chain
 - c. Organization and Student Loan Fund
 - d. Mother-Daughter Banquet
 - e. Annual Picnic
 - f. Shower for College Students
 - g. Senior Citizen of the Month
 - h. Christmas Card Project
- III. What it Costs
 - dues
 - time
- IV. What is it for
 - young
 - not-so-young
 - in the middle
 - singles
 - married
 - new members
 - long time members

All the speakers in a group could come up at the same time and speak in turn.

Ann Pate, vice-president, presided over this enlistment program.

#1 Speaker explains briefly how the Auxiliary provides leadership training.

#2 Speaker tells how Auxiliary encourages and enhances family life.

#3 Speaker shows how the Auxiliary educates her about God's work around the nation and the world.

#4 Speaker gives examples of how she uses her talents through Auxiliary.

NARRATOR:

In turn, you should ask yourself, "What can I do for God through Woman's Auxiliary?"

#1 Speaker: I can offer my talents to God and the church for His use through Woman's Auxiliary.

#2 Speaker: I can encourage and help my fellow Christian woman through Auxiliary.

#3 I can pray for, learn about and support missionaries through Woman's Auxiliary.

#4 I can help win the lost of the world through the Woman's Auxiliary.

Note: the four speakers may use the actual sentence given, or use something more personal. However, if it is a personal reason, it should be a fact that goes along with the theme and purpose of Auxiliary.

The speakers should each be very brief, with only a few sentences each time they speak. Otherwise, the program will be long and lose its effectiveness.

NARRATOR:

Every decision, whether social, physical, financial, emotional, or spiritual requires a commitment. Are you willing to commit three or four hours a month to achieve these things for God, your church and yourself?

We challenge you to join us now and say, "I have decided . . . to join Woman's Auxiliary." In so doing, you will be joining with over 15,000 worldwide to achieve the Great Commission—going into all the world and preaching the gospel to every creature, as the Lord commanded us to do.

"I Would Come to Auxiliary, But . . ."

This delightful skit with no author recognition arrived in the WNAC office. The large cast includes an Auxiliary president and ten potential or delinquent members, which could be played by one woman.

This skit may be ordered from WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN. Please enclose 50 cents for each skit ordered.

BUILDING

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MISSIONS

LIFE STYLE

Program Suggestion: Present this program as a talk show with announcer, hostess, and four special guests. Guests may be reduced to one or two and the hostess may do the job of the announcer as well as her own.

ANNOUNCER: Good evening. We're here with our special guests today to talk about lifestyles. Today our guests are concerned with a lifestyle based on the Bible with a purpose to carry out the great commission—a missions lifestyle.

Remember our definition of lifestyle: the consistent integrated way of life of an individual as shown in manner, attitudes, possessions and values.

First, let's meet our hostess, Clara Concern. Clara, are you ready to welcome our guests?

CLARA: I certainly am. I'm looking forward to hearing about a missions lifestyle. You know, that's what Woman's Auxiliary is all about. We're always eager to learn better ways to accomplish our purpose. (As each guest enters and takes her place, the announcer leads the audience in applause.)

ANNOUNCER: Our first guest is Polly Professional. Polly is the manager at the local bank. In spite of her career and busy life, Polly finds time to support missions.

Our second guest is known for her generous contributions to mission enterprises. Meet Sylvia Simplicity. Sylvia, we hope you will share with us where all this money comes from.

Next we have Mary Lovingood. Mary, the story is that your children are learning to live the missions lifestyle. We're interested in knowing what your plan is for teaching them.

Our last guest is especially qualified to tell us about having the missionary spirit wherever you are. Nancy Neighborly. Nancy, we hear about you from the neighbors. You've ministered to all of them in some way it seems. Maybe you can help us do the same.

CLARA: I'd like to begin with Polly. Polly, since you have concentrated

on your career and risen to the top in your field, do you have any energy left to give to anything else?

POLLY: My work is important, and I think as a Christian I should do it well. But when I joined my church I agreed to make my chief business in life extending "the influence of Christ in society." That includes supporting all the work of my church and especially missions, don't you think?

CLARA: Well, yes, it certainly sounds that way. Do all the members of your church take the same pledge?

POLLY: I'm quoting from our church covenant. Yes, we all agree to abide by it. We just find different ways of carrying it out in our lives.

CLARA: You're single. Does that affect your participation in missions in any way?

POLLY: In a positive way, yes. For one thing, I have more to share with others financially. Also, I have extra time to reach out to others with the gospel, to help in volunteer work, and to pray for missions.

CLARA: Are there any unusual opportunities you feel God has given you?

POLLY: I'm glad you asked that. Yes, I have had the opportunity to use my vacations to visit some of our mission fields. What a blessing and what an eye-opening experience. And you know what? I'm hoping that I can take early retirement and go as a volunteer or a short term missionary to one of our fields. If the Lord doesn't come before then and if He gives me life, I hope that I can contribute something to spreading the gospel to the uttermost parts.

CLARA: A worthy ambition, Polly. Now let's go to Mary Lovingood. Mary, tell us about your children.

MARY: Well, I have three children, Len, 15; Vickie, 12, and Eric, 6. My

husband works at the Ford plant here, and I'm cook, interior decorator, taxi driver, counselor and volunteer.

CLARA: In other words, you are a full-time homemaker. Mary, tell us, how are you teaching your children a missionary lifestyle?

MARY: I think we must remember that children learn values by observing what their parents value, not by what we tell them to value. Their father and I want to demonstrate true values, but first we must have them ourselves.

CLARA: How can you be sure that you're communicating those values to your children?

MARY: Here's a little test we can use to check on ourselves.

1. What makes me willing to get up early, stay up late, work extra hard?
2. If something has to be cut this month because of money, will it be my tithes and offerings or something else?
3. Do I spend more time with my Bible and prayer than with TV or recreation?
4. Have I reached out to someone today?
5. Have I denied myself anything for the sake of the kingdom of heaven?
6. What life's work could my child choose that would make me proud and happy? What choice would make me ashamed or sad?

CLARA: The question about money interests me. How do you teach your children about money and the Lord's work?

MARY: We started teaching the children to give tithes and offerings from their income. If grandparents gave them \$10, at least a \$1 of that went in the offering.

CLARA: Didn't the children object to giving up part of their gift money?

MARY: Sometimes, yes, as children they did. Just like we do as adults sometimes, I imagine. But they had the example of their parents, and they came to know and love God early. Sometimes they put the whole amount into the offering and can rejoice because they are helping others know about Jesus Christ.

CLARA: Now, how about the question of giving your children to God as Hannah did. How would you feel about your child going to Ivory Coast, Africa as a missionary?

MARY: Of course, I love my children, and I'd like to have them close by and be able to see my grandchildren grow up. But I'd rather have a child 3,000 miles away serving God than next door rebelling against God and living in sin. Only in God's service can we live rich and well.

CLARA: What are some other ways you involve the children in missions?

**LIVE
SIMPLY
that others may
SIMPLY
LIVE**

MARY: In our regular prayer time we use the missionary prayer cards and profiles as well as the maps to help us and the children pray specifically for our missionaries and their work. Also, when we have the opportunity we invite missionaries to our home or go to hear them speak. We've also tried adopting a missionary family each year. We write to them, share prayer requests, visit their work when we can. Our children learn about their children and we share interests and concerns.

CLARA: Some in our audience may not have all those opportunities. What do you suggest for them?

MARY: I suggest that they get HEARTBEAT and MISSION GRAMS (they're free) and subscribe to CONTACT, and CO-LABORER. These all help us keep in touch with our work. We also use the Missions Hotline (615-361-5005) for current prayer requests.

CLARA: Thank you, Mary. Let's move on to Nancy Neighborly.

Nancy, we've talked about reaching to other places with the gospel, what about next door?

NANCY: Yes, it's true. The Word says go into all the world, and that means right next to us as well as around the world.

CLARA: Where do we start?

NANCY: Why not start with your own family? God will surely hold us responsible for reaching those nearest us for Christ. Then ask about your family's witness in the community where you live. We are given as lights to the world, and those around us should be aware that we know Christ.

CLARA: I agree, Nancy, but how do we live this ideal out in a practical way?

NANCY: The way you conduct your business, pay your bills, treat your fellowman, makes a great impact on those around you. But also we need to get involved in reaching people in our communities. A good way to do this is to get into the Woman's Auxiliary Mission Action group.

CLARA: Tell us how this group can help.

NANCY: In our Auxiliary, we channel women into visitation groups for hospitals, nursing homes, and wherever there are women with needs. We work with children and young people and wherever we're needed in our church.

CLARA: Thank you, Nancy, for reminding us of our responsibilities right where we are. Our last guest this evening is Sylvia Simplicity. Sylvia, tell us, what does simplicity have to do with a missions lifestyle?

SYLVIA: I saw a sign the other day which suggests something about the idea: "Live simply that others may simply live." Now the sign may have been talking about physical food, and that is important. Even more important is the bread of life, Jesus Christ Himself. We do have so much in the United States. Surely God intends for us to use it to get out the gospel.

CLARA: Because we do have so much, so many choices, sometimes it's hard for us to keep from getting caught up with things. How do you suggest we avoid that?

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Communicator

by M. R. Wisehart

Happy New Year!

To all subscribers and members of WNAC the staff at your national office sends special wishes for the best year ever in 1989.

Let us know how we can serve you better.

Opportunities for Building in 1989

JANUARY — ENLISTMENT

Get more women involved in the work of the kingdom. Reach out and win the unsaved women around you and get them into God's work.

FEBRUARY — FOREIGN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Contribute to the scholarship fund, formerly the National Student Fund. This money goes to students from our mission fields. This year the funds are being distributed to three students from Mexico training at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

MARCH — PRE-EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER AND LAURA BELLE BARNARD OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Pray for foreign missions and give to the Laura Belle Barnard offering. Don't forget to include the General Fund in your offerings. Involve the whole church in praying and giving.

JULY — NATIONAL CONVENTION

Make plans to attend the national convention, July 17-18 in Tampa, Florida. See that your state has its quota of delegates (15) and that your Auxiliary has a delegate with a \$3 fee.

This year a special invitation is extended to district presidents and field workers to attend the meeting for state leaders, Monday, July 17.

AUGUST — WNAC EMPHASIS MONTH

August brings you the opportunity to present the purpose, goals, and projects of WNAC to the whole church. Use the WNAC emphasis program and the quarter folders or special offering envelopes in contributing to the work of WNAC.

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Heart Throbs for Women

Purpose: To determine what should take priority in a woman's heart.

Scripture: Psalm 51:10

Chorus: "I Keep Falling in Love With Him"

Program Helps

Make a poster with magazine pictures of television and sports personalities entitled "Heart Throbs OF the World."

Make another poster depicting our missionaries, church and church activities, home and families, etc., entitled "Heart Throbs FOR the World."

Introduction

Webster defines heart as a "hollow, muscular organ that circulates blood" and is considered the center of love and other emotions such as sympathy, spirit and our inmost thoughts. Throb is defined as a feeling of excitement.

Consequently, what is a heart throb? It is something that stimulates our emotions, excites our spirit, fills our thoughts and inspires our love. So then, what should be the heart throbs of Free Will Baptist women? What should excite us? What should be most precious and dear to our hearts?

Women are sensitive creatures. Our emotions sometimes rule. We cry at love stories, scream at Little League ball games, and get all teary-eyed at our grandchild's first piano recital. Yet, these are all temporary emotions. Our heart should throb with eternal values.

Love for God (Deut. 6:5)

Our love for God must come first. He must be the heart throb of our total existence. I John 4:19 tells us that "we love Him because He first loved us."

As we comprehend God's supreme gift of love—the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ—we should be motivated to a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Him. Our hearts should be stirred with the realization that we, as believers, are sons and daughters of God and have a joint inheritance with Jesus Christ. We are no longer servants and slaves to sin, but we have been adopted and grafted into the

family of God (Rom. 11:1; 7; Gal. 4:5-7).

Our fellowship with God should be the basis of all our other relationships, the quality of which is dependent on the time we spend in prayer and in studying His Word. How many times do our hearts "burn within us" as we read and meditate on the scriptures and commune with Christ in prayer? Only when our relationship with God is in the right perspective are we truly ready to reach out to others.

Love for Family (Isa. 54:13)

The wise King Solomon said, "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it." A woman's love for her family is limitless. Her husband's life, dreams, desires, and disappointments also become hers. They are as one in the sight of God. She is attentive to his needs and strives to be the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31, earning the respect of her husband and of those around her.

Peter exhorts us to live holy lives, in subjection to our husbands, so that even those who are unbelievers may be won by our pure and obedient behavior. We have an obligation to be "keepers at home" so that God's name may not be held up to ridicule (Tit. 2:5).

A mother's love cannot be measured. She is concerned with every aspect of her children's lives. She hurts when they hurt, cries when they cry, and laughs when they

laugh. She is committed to her home and to her family. She seeks to provide the best for them because she realizes that she will receive their best in return.

A mother's love for her children is most like God's love for us. Isaiah tells us that, as a mother cannot forget her nursing child, so Christ will not forget us (Isa. 49:15). Primarily, her teaching and example determine whether her children choose to follow or reject Christ.

Love for Others

(John 15:12,13)

King David rejoiced when it was time to go to church! Our church family should hold a very special place in our hearts. Often it supplies foster parents or grandparents for college students, newlyweds, or the new pastor's family far away from home.

We should desire fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, for we gain strength and courage from each other. Our hearts should be open to others in the church needing fellowship, encouragement and love. Sometimes new Christians need the help and advice of a loving church family.

Our Auxiliary sisters hold a special place in our hearts. It's a privilege to share our burdens for a lost world with our co-laborers. Auxiliary is a time to share, not only a concern for the lost, but burdens that only our sisters in Christ may understand. This special bond of fellowship should be held sacred.

Love For A Lost World

(Matt. 23:37)

As our world grows continually darker, our heart throb for missions should glow brighter and stronger. It is the cornerstone of our Auxiliary service. Our hearts should be stirred by the realization that millions are dying without ever once hearing of Jesus Christ or the salvation He offers. It should burn deep within our souls and compel us to action.

It is distressing that our missionaries are compelled to travel across

our denomination, raising funds and spending precious time apart from their families. Our sacrificial giving to missions should be the result of a deep-rooted heart throb for the lost of the world and our desire to win them to Christ.

Then our hearts can rejoice as the missionaries' ministry and our faithfulness in supporting that ministry bears fruit.

Conclusion

So, what are our heart throbs? Is it the latest television "hunk" or the newest fad? What do we consider special and hold most dear to our hearts?

As Christian women today, our hearts need to be stirred to commitment to a closer relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. Then we must let His love shine through us to our families, friends, co-workers, and to the heathen of the world. May God help us to become disentangled from superficial emotions and possess a tender heart toward Christ and His Word.

Program Puzzle

Find the answers to fill in the blanks in the puzzle below. All answers are in a straight line, but they may go backward or forward, straight across, up and down or diagonally. Circle the correct answers. Happy hunting! (See page 19.)

1. Title of program — "_____ For Women."
2. "_____ in me a clean heart" (Ps. 51:10).
3. "Love one another with a _____ heart" (I Pet. 1:22).
4. "The Lord _____ on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).
5. "As he _____ in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7).
6. Our love for _____ must come first.
7. We are sons and _____ of God (Gal. 4:5-7).
8. We are _____ into God's family (Rom. 11:17).
9. "Many _____ cannot quench love" (Song of Solomon 8:7).
10. We are to be "_____ at home" (Tit. 2:5).

Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

In Matthew 15:32-39, we find the account of Christ feeding a multitude with only seven loaves and a few small fishes. The disciples questioned the value of such scanty fare: "Whence should we have so much bread to fill so great a multitude?"

The disciples had their eyes on the enormity of the crowd and the barrenness of the wilderness. Small wonder they considered the situation hopeless. Yet Christ was there!

Two great truths emerge from this miracle. Jesus Christ continues to be the great Supplier and He is the same, yesterday, today and forever. Secondly, there was no waste of His bounty. There was plenty of food for everyone with seven baskets leftover. There is still an abundance of food for all who will take it.

His grace is always sufficient for the need. He does not waste grace. He asks only that we give Him our seed. In return, He gives a harvest. Even our fields teach this principle—seed planted reaps a harvest. But seed lying dormant in a barn will never increase.

The disciples obeyed. Is our faith less vigorous? Are our methods less thought-out? We need to make sure our plans are sanctified, sensible and sensitive to His counsel.

The multitude left satisfied. Are we sending others away unfed? If our supply is meager and inadequate we need to give control to Him. His grace, His power and His way always exceed the need.

We Went To Ridgecrest

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" rang out as women gathered for WNAC's fifth national retreat, September 8-10 at Ridgecrest Conference Center. Prayer and missions was the emphasis.

Women registered from 20 states totaling 718.

Mrs. Laura Thigpen directed a vesper Thursday evening using the theme "Upon the Wings of the Wind" from Psalm 18:6-10. In song, choral speaking, and dramatic reading, the vesper showed that prayer activated the missions movement among Free Will Baptists and now sustains it.

Trula Cronk stirred the women to consider what prayer is—nurturing the life of God in us. She shared how it has been with her in prayer—"I learned to pray through great loneliness." Trula's messages challenged the women to examine their prayer life, to know who God is and who they are—His children.

Marcia Ellison illustrated in brief devotionals the power of prayer with stories from her missionary experiences, always touched with Marcia's inimitable humor and her intimate knowledge of God.

Janie Aldridge led 12 missionary women in sharing specific examples of answers to prayer in their ministries. As Molly Barker, Olena McLain, Trena Owen, Marie Hanna, Billie Sexton, Lynn Midgett, Rebecca Pugh, Willa Johnson, Lila Nichols, Pat Franks, Donna Daniel, Marcia Ellison, and Patsy Hyman (tentmaker with Home Missions), shared how someone had prayed in the hour of their need and God answered prayer, women rejoiced and resolved to pray more.

Twelve women led small groups of women in discussions of prayer, sharing requests and praying together. Some women agreed to keep in touch and pray for one another until the next retreat.



CALL ON ME

My Lord says "CALL ON ME,
And I'll answer thee.
CALL ON ME,
And My power you will see.
For great and mighty things I'll do
To show my boundless love for you."
My Lord says "CALL ON ME,
And I'll answer thee.
CALL ON ME,
And my power you will see.
For things you've never seen before,
I'll do for you and so much more.
CALL ON ME,
And I'll answer thee.
CALL ON ME, my child, just call on me."
—Beverly Welch, 1988
Retreat Theme Chorus

Friday evening women joined together in a "Celebration of Praise" led by June Critcher. Beverly Riggs, with Angie Deel at the piano led the singing of praise songs to God, interspersed with scriptures and a testimony from Mary Lou Bullard.

A concert of prayer led by Mary R. Wisheart closed the retreat on Saturday morning. The whole group joined together in prayer for our work as a church and for our own personal needs.

"God be with you 'til we meet again," drifted back as the women left the auditorium singing.

RETREAT FIRSTS

Elfrieda Monday rode 23 hours by Greyhound bus to come to the retreat from Carthage, Texas. We salute Elfrieda.

Joan Warren came from Yakima, Washington to lead the July group. Thanks to Joan; she represented our Northwestern District well.

The mission offering was the largest ever given at the retreat, \$5,187. It was divided among the 12 missionaries who shared in the missionary time program.

For the first time women were asked to divide into groups according to their birthday months. (Some cheated!)

It rained! But fortunately, women could move under cover from the auditorium to the classrooms and even to the dining hall for lunch.

Some women for the first time met Marcia Ellison's and Mary Wisheart's look alike.

"This was my first national retreat," some women said, "But I don't want to miss another one."

The next WNAC retreat meets September 20-22, 1990 at Ridgecrest.

Bible Study

2 Peter 1 Part 2

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

Note: In chapter 1:1-7, the elderly apostle Peter strongly warns of the false prophets and teachers who would take the truth of God and wed it to error. As a deterrent, Peter cautions Christians to "add" seven graces to their faith. He then follows with . . .

THE "IFS" AND "IF NOTS" (1:8-11)

1:8,9—"For if these (v. 7) things be in you and _____ (overflow)," you will not be "_____ nor _____." What an epitaph for those who willfully and carelessly neglect God's Word, relegating it to a place of unimportance. Barren! As bleak, dry and uninviting as the Sahara in summer. Unfruitful! Nothing but leaves for the Master. Compare John 15:1-14. Peter uses strong terms to describe believers who, by choice, lack these Christian graces. They are "_____ and cannot see _____ off, and hath _____ that he was _____ from his old sins." Blind? Nearsighted? Suffering a serious loss of memory? A dangerous course indeed!

1:10,11—Better to "make your _____ and _____ sure." How? "_____ ye do these things (add the seven graces), ye shall never _____." The risk is too great and the consequences too devastating to be toyed with by true believers. A further promise is an abundant (full and satisfying) entrance into the "_____ kingdom." The welcoming words of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" will be well worth all the effort expended.

LEST WE FORGET . . . (1:12-15)

1:12—In light of his approaching death, the elderly apostle says, I do not want to be _____ in reminding you (refreshing your memory) of some important things you already know. Every teacher (and parent) knows the value of repetition.

1:13-15—"Yea, I think it is _____ (fitting and proper), as long as I am in this _____ (my body) to _____ you up by putting you in _____." How did Peter know he would soon die? The _____ Jesus Christ had shown him (see John 21:18,19). So, after Peter's decease, they (and we) could "have these things _____ in remembrance."

I SAW! I HEARD! (1:16-18)

1:16—Here, Peter asserts the basis of authority for what he has to say. This teaching is not taken from "_____ devised _____" or cleverly invented stories, as is so much of the false teaching of his day and ours. Peter was actually one of the "_____ of His (Jesus') majesty."

1:17-19—When? Where? As recorded in Matthew 17, Mark 9 and Luke 9, Peter, with James and John, witnessed the miraculous transfiguration of Christ. He was joined by Moses and Elijah and they spoke of his soon coming death in Jerusalem (Luke 9:30,31). At that time, Peter, brash as ever, offered a well-meaning suggestion of his own, when "there came such a _____ to him from the _____ glory, This is My _____ Son, in whom I

am _____ pleased." That voice added, in Matt, 17:5, "Hear ye _____." This audible Voice, "which came from _____," was heard by three men. Thus, God set His undebatable stamp of approval and authority on His Son. How different from the "cleverly invented stories," the mixing of some truth with error, proclaimed by the false teachers and prophets.

A SURE WORD (1:19-21)

1:19—Therefore, Peter boldly labels the word "a more _____ word of prophecy, unto which ye (and we) do _____ that ye take _____." It is like "a _____ that shineth in a _____ place."

1:20,21—These two verses should be committed to memory by every sincere believer, against that day when a friend or relative casts doubt on the Divine authenticity of the Bible. Others may argue that, while parts are good, it was authored by humans and, therefore, subject to error. Here is something we should KNOW! "No _____ of the Scripture is of any _____ interpretation." Don't take verses out of context in order to prove a personal opinion. "For the prophecy came not in _____ (at any) time by the _____ of _____, but _____ men of God spake as they were moved (along) by the Holy _____." Bible writers (some 40 of them) did not expound their personal opinions as others writers do. God, the Holy Spirit, spoke through these men, utilizing their backgrounds and personalities while expressing HIS message. This is "plenary, verbal inspiration." Plenary meaning "full and complete, with no additions needed"; and verbal meaning that the very words in the original Hebrew and Greek languages were inspired of God. (Note: For more details on this, see the study "How Did We Get IT?")

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Can one be persistently "barren and unfruitful" without forfeiting one's salvation? (Theology should be backed by "thus saith the word"—in context).
2. What is meant by "give diligence to make your calling and election sure?"
3. Note that Peter says that he would "put off this my tabernacle." How does this refute the false teaching of "soul sleep?" (Compare 2 Cor. 5:1-10.)
4. Peter puts great emphasis on the fact that he was an "eyewitness" of Jesus' transfiguration. Why is this important?
5. The word "prophecy" can mean either "forth-telling or fore-telling." How do you think the word is used in verses 20 and 21?

If you profited from this mini Bible study and wish to have additional studies for personal or group use, write: M. M. Daniel, Route 12, Washington Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37219.

The POET'S CORNER



Problem or Privilege?

Is this day Tuesday? Yes, it is,
Auxiliary meets at ten.
I'd go, but there is lunch to make
To feed those hungry men.

That party last night left me tired,
And this house looks tired, too;
I *should* go to Auxiliary,
But I have this house to do.

Our Auxiliary meets today,
But the meetings are so boring;
I think I'll watch my TV show,
That's easier than going.

Auxiliary meets this morning,
And really, I *should* go;
But why should I give money
To those people I don't know?

This is our special Tuesday;
Auxiliary meets today.
It is such a special privilege
To study, plan and pray.

Not all can go to mission fields,
But there is a way to share—
The women in Auxiliaries
Speak out, and say, "We care!"
— Eva Bea Wood

A pastor's tribute to the Woman's Auxiliary

By Larry Cox
Van Buren, Arkansas

Across our land a work is done
That often goes untold;
Faithful ladies on their knees,
To keep our missionaries bold.

From out of the ranks of every state,
Across our nation so far,
Endless hours and tearful days,
Not one wanting to be the star.

But on their knees a power is born
That changes new lives every day;
For that power crosses many miles
And is felt in the lands far away.

Over the year the money is raised
In every possible way—
To help support our missionaries
And give them a brighter day.

Bandages for the Ivory Coast,
And Bibles for the schools,
An X-Ray machine for the clinic
there
And money for the tools.

They'll never know how many lives
That they have helped to mend;
Or the many souls they have
touched
When they reach out their hand.

I see the work will still go on
And many souls will yet be won;
For this team works together
And always gets the job done.

The Woman's Auxiliary is a mighty
arm
That reaches many miles;
And makes the cause of Christ
go on
With many prayers and smiles.

And so to you a "Thank you" goes,
A prayer to God I'll say,
That the Woman's Auxiliary
will keep going strong
And growing every day.

An Auxiliary

I think that I shall never see
An Auxiliary that is all it ought to be,
An Auxiliary whose members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way.

An Auxiliary that has no empty chairs,
Whose president is never in despair,
An Auxiliary whose officers always speak
None is proud and all are meek.

Where gossips never peddle lies
Or make complaints or criticize,
Where all are always sweet and kind
And all to other's faults are blind.
Such perfect Auxiliaries there may be,
But none of them are known to me;
But still we'll work and pray and
plan

To make our own the best we can.
— Lari Harrison
(with apologies to Joyce Kilmer)

Helps for Leaders

Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination

January

Regular Meeting

Schedule an executive committee meeting to distill business and develop plans for your Pre-Easter Week of Prayer Emphasis. Some Auxiliaries prepare a monthly business sheet which is distributed instead of reading lengthy reports. This sheet contains reports from the secretary and treasurer, as well as action of the executive committee. The content is concise, the layout attractive.

This sheet could be expanded as a newsletter.

Mission Study Chairman —

Recognize and award women who have read five or more books this year.

Mission Prayer Chairman —

Missionaries repeatedly tell us: "The most important thing you can do for us is to pray." Andrew Murray says it this way: "In spiritual work, everything depends on prayer." Both are paraphrasing Jesus' words in John 15:5: "Without me, ye can do nothing."

Distribute "I Have Decided" folders and lead in a special missionary prayer. If time permits, play "Twenty Questions."

Program helps: Distribute Personal Inventory handout sheets and allow a few minutes for evaluation and discussion. Form a prayer circle and close with prayer that in 1989 we would build with eternity's values in view. Consider closing your meeting in this fashion.

Personal Inventory

Yes No

- ___ 1. Do I experience an intimate walk with Jesus Christ?
- ___ 2. Do I have a regular plan for Bible Reading/Study?
- ___ 3. Am I faithful in church attendance?
- ___ 4. Do my neighbors know I am a Christian?
- ___ 5. Do I have a healthy marriage/family relationship?
- ___ 6. Do I participate to make my Auxiliary vibrant and Spirit-focused?
- ___ 7. Is my burden for missions greater now than it was last year?

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Mission Action Chairman —

Respite Care is short-term temporary care of disabled or chronically impaired family member, both children and adults. Is this one avenue your Auxiliary should explore, either in your church or community?

Project SHARE, an organization devoted to this interest, has available a wealth of materials to assist willing volunteers. For further information, contact:

Project SHARE
P.O. Box 2309
Rockville, MD 20852
(301) 231-9539

Enlistment Month. Follow the suggestions given in the program "I Have Decided," on page 5.

Enlistment Songs

To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?"
I'll invite one, you invite one,

That makes four, let's ask more!

Then we'll keep them coming,

Missions they'll be humming,

Day by day, every day.

To the tune of "Here We Go

Around the Mulberry Bush"

To bring them,

We must ask them to come

Ask them to come, ask them to come;

To bring them,

We must ask them to come

Come to our Auxiliary.

Dear Auxiliary Officer,

This four page section is especially for you. It is designed to help you know your job and to do it with enthusiasm. No two groups of women are the same. What works for one will not necessarily work for another. These ideas are suggestions to stimulate your imagination. Substitute, change or adapt them, but try to use them in some shape, form or fashion.

President and Vice President.

This section combines these two offices and your helps will usually be on this first page. We try to tell you what should be emphasized, give agendas to follow, also publicity helps from time to time.

The **Mission Study Chairman's** helps follow on the next page. This issue contains the Supplies Order Leaflet. Check carefully the #3 section for suggested study books. Order them, review them, and plan challenging studies from them.

The third page of the Helps, page 17 of the magazine, assists the **Mission Prayer Chairman** with patterns for prayer reminders and folders. This year we plan to include a missionary game or quiz in each issue.

The last page of helps, page 18, is reserved for the **Mission Action Chairman** with an occasional craft suggestion.

Please send us your ideas. Tell us how you did it. If your women were blessed, others will be also. Program suggestions will usually be given at the close of each program; however, additional/alternate ones will be given in this section. May this be the greatest year Free Will Baptist women have ever known.

The Editors

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT *continued*

February

Foreign Student Scholarship Month. Current funds support three Mexican students enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

March 1 marks the deadline for WNAC's Creative Arts Contest. Urge your women to enter. Why not sponsor a contest among yourselves? Send the best entries to WNAC. You may write on any subject, but consider the theme "Arise and Build" based on Nehemiah 2:20.

Publicity idea: Make heart doorknob-type invitations from lavender construction paper and put on all the doors of your church. Deliver them to the homes of your members and put on their front door.

Mission Study Chairman — Display books recommended for study this year.

Mission Prayer Chairman — S.D. Gordon says: "You can do more than pray *after* you have prayed. But you can *not* do more than pray *until* you have prayed."

Make other hearts, or buy some, and write current missionary requests on the reverse side. Allow time for the women to decipher the message on the missionary valentine.

Mission Action Chairman — Make heart-shaped baskets and take to your shut-ins. Fill with goodies, such as cookies, wrapped candies, fruit, craft supplies, reading materials, or some small gift, as cosmetics or jewelry.

Program Leader — "Heart Throbs for Women"

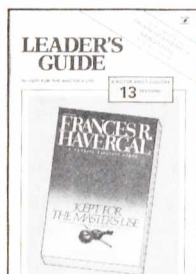
Prepare the topic titles on large hearts cut from red poster board and place on an easel as the part is given.

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN

● Book Study



\$5.95



\$4.95

KEPT FOR THE MASTER'S USE is not a book to breeze through in one session. It is a study to be digested. Thirteen lessons are included in the accompanying leader's guide. After you read it, I think you'll try to decide how to work in all of them.

Frances Ridley Havergal, a contemporary of Dwight L. Moody and Fanny Crosby, wrote the text more than a century ago. The central theme of the book, consecration of the believer, is one vital to every Auxiliary woman today. It explores every area of our lives—our moments, hands, feet, voices, lips, intellect, will, hearts, love and ourselves. No one can adopt the principles set forth in this book and be the same. Think of the possibilities for an Auxiliary!

Eight multi-use transparency masters (for visual aids) are included in a removable center section of the guide. Simple steps of Focus, Discover and Respond make it easy for even a novice to lead this study.

If you can only study one book this year, make it KEPT FOR THE MASTER'S USE.

● Reader Recognition

Give special recognition to women who have read five or more books this past year. Give them a certificate, book, or some other token of appreciation.

● Book Display

Make a poster of suggested books for the women to read in 1989. Fasten the jacket to a board, or draw an illustration of the cover. Underneath keep a record of those who have read the book. Add other book covers as the books are read.

● Portable Library

Take books from your church library to shut-ins — or their care-givers — who like to read.

THE QUARRY

His thoughts said, The time of preparation for service is longer than I had imagined it would be, and this kind of preparation is difficult to understand.

His Father said, "Think of the quarry whence came the stone for My house in Jerusalem."

THE TOOLS

His thoughts said, I wonder why these special tools are used?

His Father said, "The house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

"If thou knewest the disappointment it is to the builders when the stone cannot be used for the house, because it was not made ready before it was brought thither, if thou knewest my purpose for thee, thou wouldest welcome any tool if only it prepared thee quietly and perfectly to fit into thy place in the house."

— Amy Carmichael

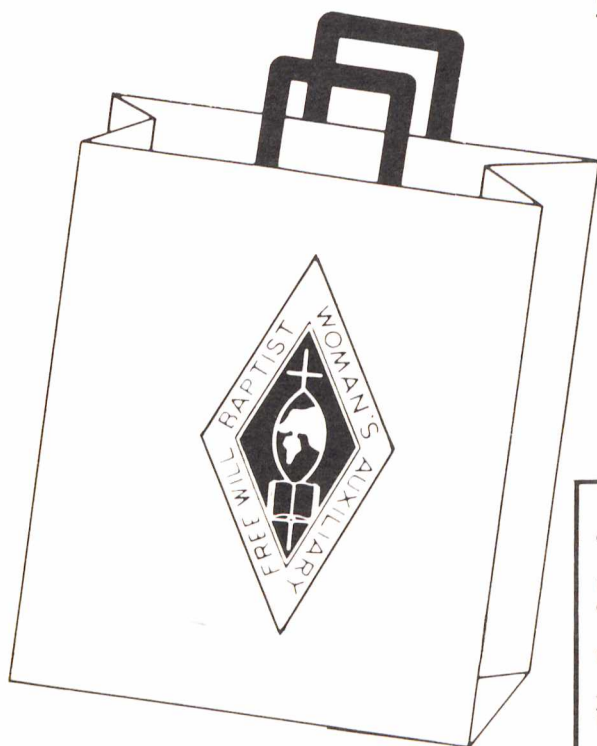
Mission study is a tool to prepare each of us to fit into His kingdom.

Books Suggested For Study

May be ordered from: WNAC
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

Please enclose 35¢ for the first dollar and 20¢ for each additional dollar.

WNAC Supplies Order Leaflet 1989



This is your order form for Auxiliary supplies. Send the entire form with your order.

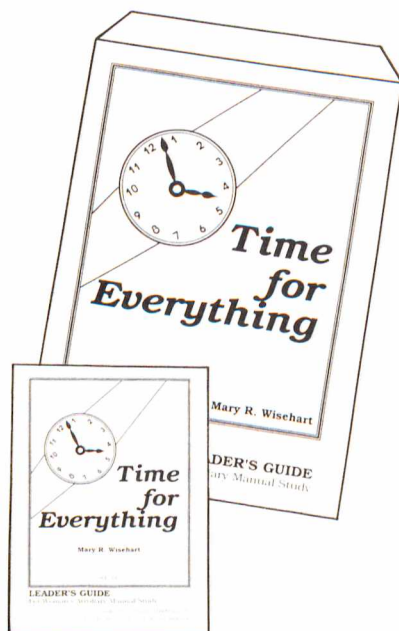
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Total up the columns. Figure in the postage and handling. Check any free materials desired, as well as the subscription to the *Co-Laborer* magazine.

Send this form and remittance to: WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. If you need to order supplies in a hurry, call 615-361-1010 and your order will be billed.

Thank you for your order. We consider it a privilege to serve you.

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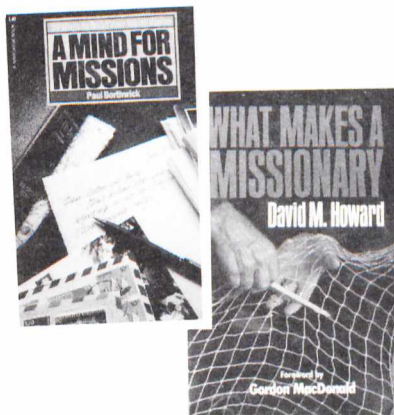


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For Your Mission Study Groups

A Mind for Missions presents us with a choice: to be a worldly Christian or a World Christian.

What Makes a Missionary uses Peter as a Biblical example of a missionary in the making.



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The 5th in WNAC's collection of plays/skits. This booklet contains a rainbow installation plus six plays on a variety of subjects: Christmas, Easter, Missions, Auxiliary, and Christian Living.



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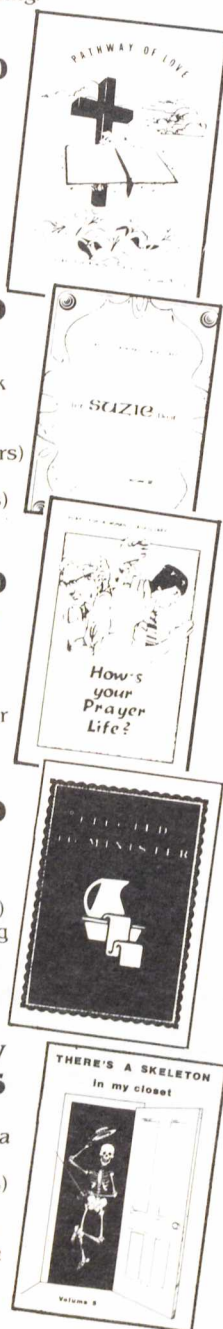
—MANUALS—

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Each 32 page booklet contains an installation plus at least one each on Christmas, Easter, Missions, Auxiliary and Christian Living.

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3 Study Books

Missions

- ☐ **A Mind for Missions**, Paul Borthwick (Navpress) 167pp/\$5.95
We face a choice: to be a worldly Christian or a World Christian. This practical book discusses 10 building blocks to help us sensitize ourselves to the needs of those beyond our borders, among which are prayer, giving, current events and lifestyle choices.
- ☐ **What Makes a Missionary?** David Howard (Moody Press) 96pp/\$5.95
Discover what makes a missionary through a study of the life of Peter. The same principles that prepared him can prepare us today.

Still Available

- ☐ **Second Mile People**, Isobel Kuhn (OMF) 154pp/\$3.50
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- The book is written to help you increase the desire and discipline necessary to grow in the area of prayer.
- ☐ **Kept for the Master's Use**, Frances Havergal (Scripture Press) 133pp/\$5.95

The principles set forth in this book are still as fresh and relevant as when they were first penned in 1879. Based on her hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be," Miss Havergal explores the life totally given to the Savior—heart and hands, mind and money, time and talents.

How long since you studied a stewardship book? This one could revitalize your Auxiliary.

- ☐ **Study Guide** to accompany Kept For the Master's Use 64pp/\$4.95

Still Available

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| ☐ Volume 1 Thoughts That Soar | \$3.25 | |
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5 General

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

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

☐ gold plated \$1.00

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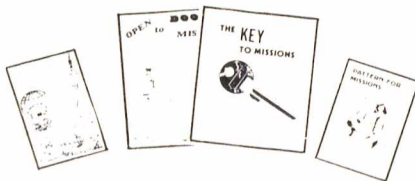
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MISSION PRAYER CHAIRMAN

January

Make a prayer folder for each woman. Fold in half a sheet of heavy paper about 6 by 7 inches. On the front cover, print "I Have Decided."

On the inside right hand side, print the resolution: "To Pray More For Our Missionaries." On the other side, glue copies of the prayer requests given on page 29. Or call Hotline for current requests.

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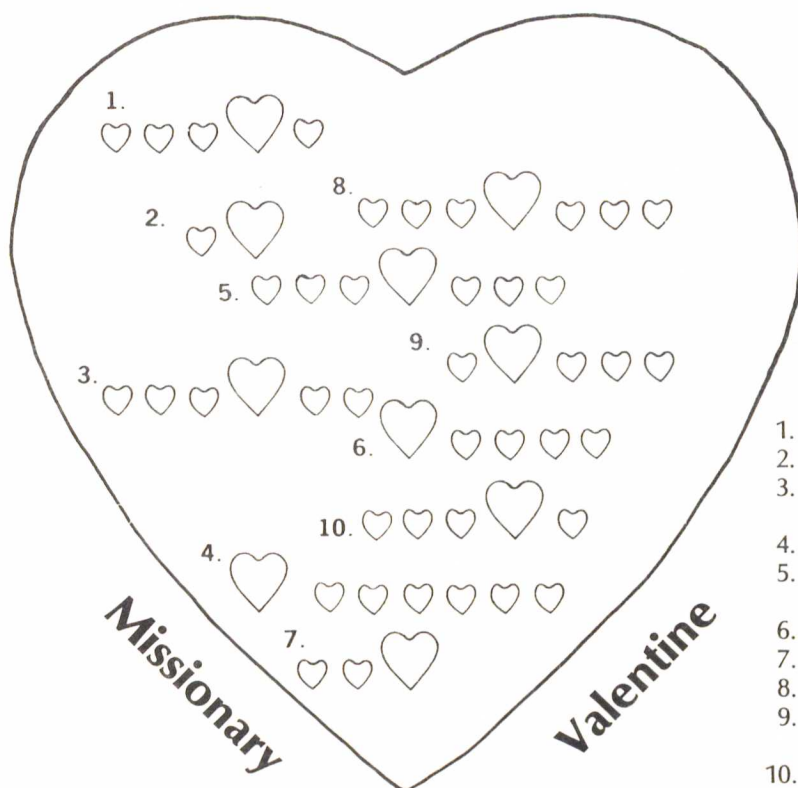
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FEBRUARY PROGRAM PUZZLE (See Page 9.)

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February

Decipher the Valentine Message



1. A missionary to Panama.
2. The missionary's command.
3. A first-term missionary to Spain.
4. A missionary to Uruguay.
5. A single missionary to Ivory Coast in language study.
6. Our only missionary to India.
7. One of the fruits of the spirit.
8. A single missionary in Spain.
9. The director of the Mexican Bible Institute.
10. A missionary to Brazil.

MISSION ACTION CHAIRMAN

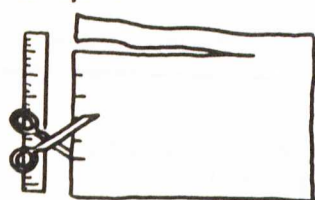
Heart in a Basket

Heart-shaped rag baskets offer many possibilities for mission action.

Supplies:

- 1 pkg. ¼" coiling (available in craft stores)
- 1½ yds. scrap cotton fabric
- rag basket needle, 3" size

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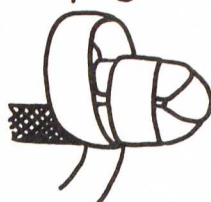
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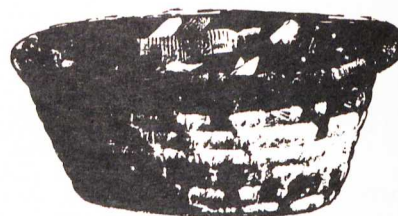


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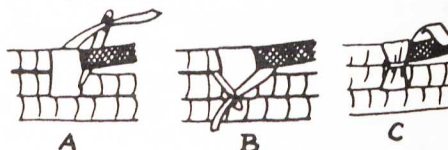
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3. After a few winds, begin shaping the basket into a heart shape by making two double folds. Use the needle to bring the material around the two layers of wrapped coils.



Step 4



4. Now continue the process of winding the coiling and stopping every few winds to secure the coils together. Shape the basket as you go.
5. Finish the basket with a locking loop as shown.

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SEPTEMBER — MEMORIAL STUDENT LOAN FUND

This money is available to students in their second and following years at Free Will Baptist Bible College at 7% interest.

NOVEMBER — PRE-THANKSGIVING WEEK OF PRAYER AND LIZZIE McADAMS OFFERING FOR HOME MISSIONS

This month we pray and give to work in our own land. Again, involve the whole church in praying and giving to Home Missions.

DECEMBER — WNAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pray for the WNAC executive committee and all Free Will Baptist boards meeting in Nashville, December 4-6. During this meeting the WNAC's executive committee

selects annual themes, plans budgets, conventions, and retreats.

Eunice Edwards Loan Fund

Sometime during the year see that your Auxiliary gives at least \$1 or more per member to the Eunice Edwards Loan Fund for Building Churches Abroad.

We hope to have \$50,000 by 1991. To reach this goal we need \$10,000 each year.

Dues Increase

Remember, in accordance with the vote at the 1988 convention, WNAC dues go to \$2 per member.

Dues coming in for the 1989 report remain at \$1.50 per member.

Co-Laborer Fund

Another opportunity to help WNAC operate is regular giving to the Co-Laborer Fund. Some Auxiliaries give a set amount, some tithe

their income—and some do not give at all!

Why not make this the year that your Auxiliary begins or increases its monthly support to WNAC.

The fund helps keep the national office open and functioning efficiently.

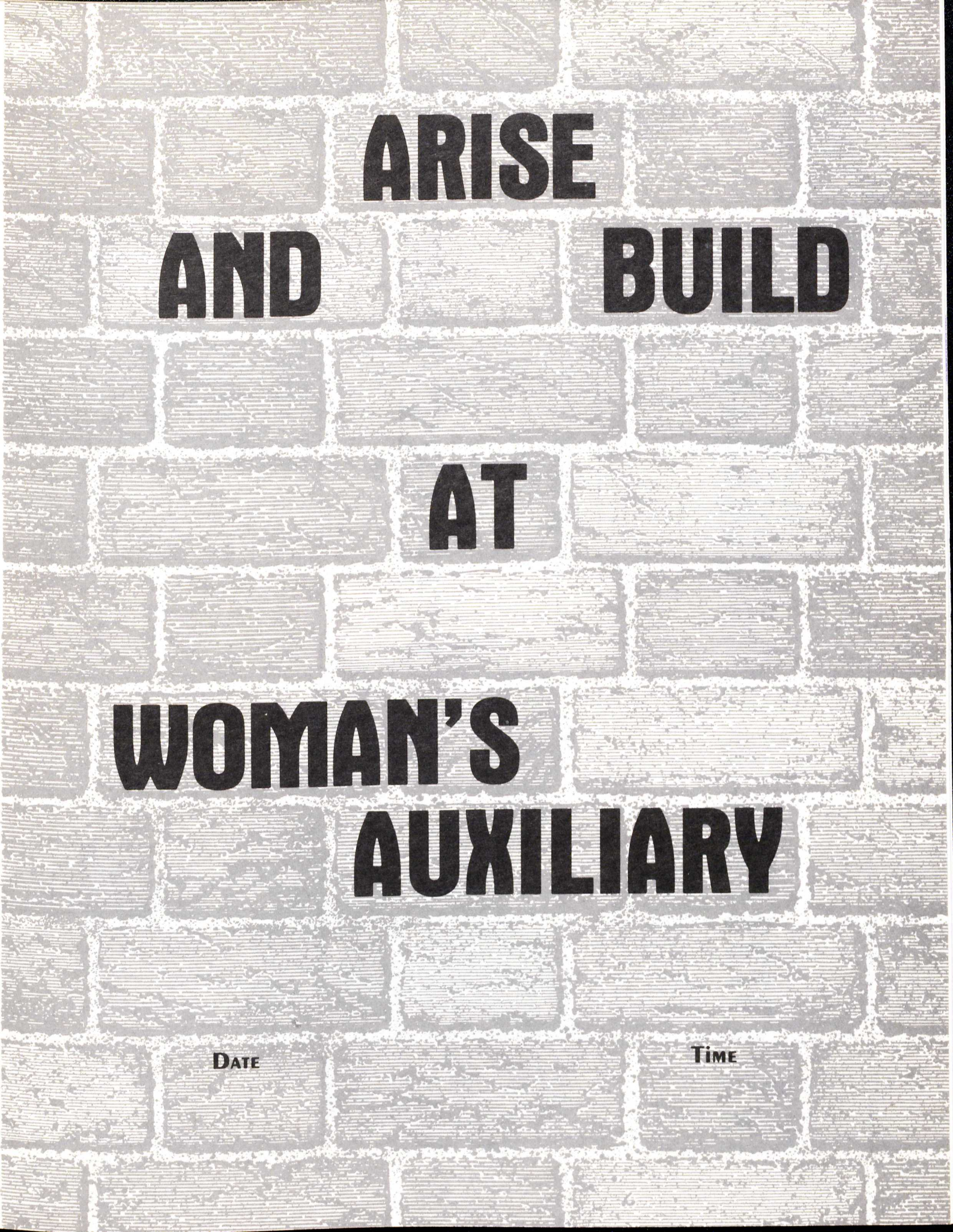
It's A New Year

This new year offers opportunities and challenges we have never met before. Yet God's promises remain true and faithful.

Let's do some praying. Let's do some planning, set some goals and ask God to help us in achieving them in 1989.

Provision Closet Needs

Drip coffeemakers
Tupperware: need only small cereal bowls and juice tumblers, 6 oz.; Maxi-cake takers
Corelle Ware

The background of the entire page is a textured, grayscale image of a brick wall. The bricks are arranged in a standard running bond pattern, with visible mortar lines. The texture is slightly grainy, giving it a vintage or official feel.

ARISE AND BUILD AT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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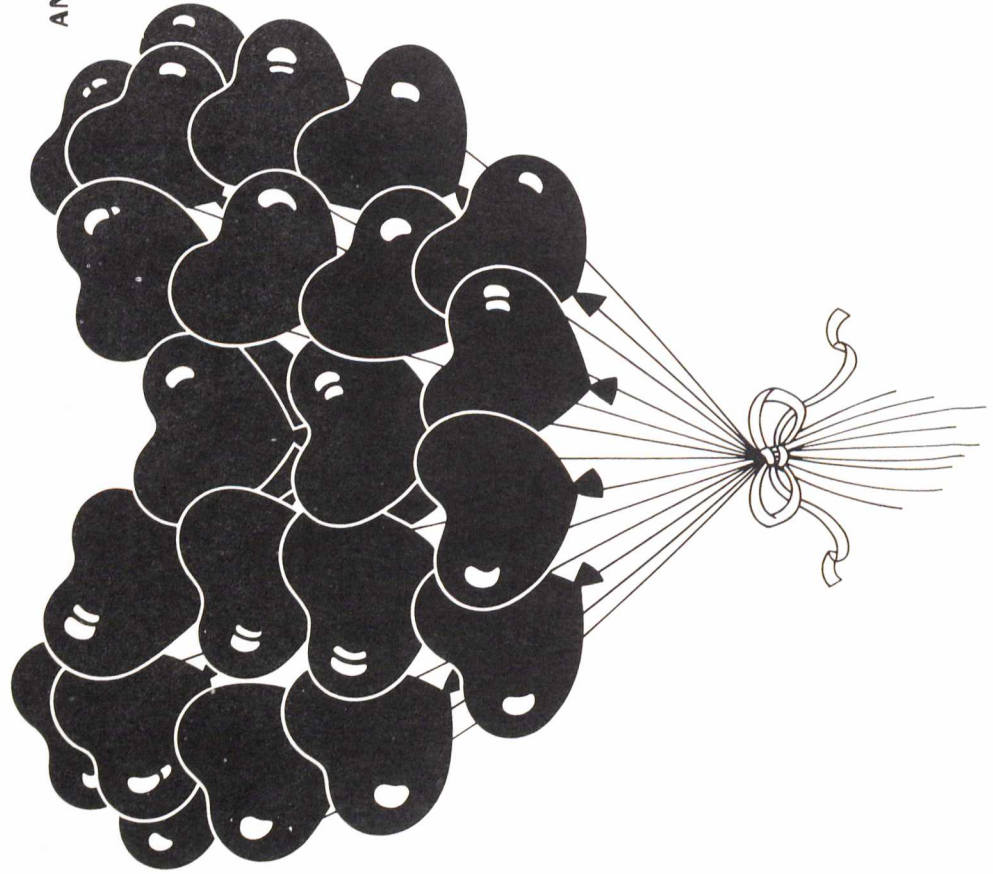
COME TO

Woman's Auxiliary



AND LEARN ALL ABOUT

HEART THROBS



DATE

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The Minister's Wife

An honest pastor's wife will admit that she both wants and needs friends. As a matter of fact, she needs as many as she can get.

I can just hear some of you saying, "But my husband is my best friend." I understand that. So is mine! However, God has inbred in us a need for intimacy and fellowship that we cannot deny. We are made in His image. As He desires closeness with us, we desire closeness with others.

Pastor's wife, maybe you do not develop close friendships because you are afraid that your husband will be called to a different church. Maybe you keep yourself emotionally distant to avoid getting hurt or rejected. Whatever is holding you back from making friends is robbing you of one of the greatest gifts God has given us—friendship.

A pastor's wife should have three kinds of friends. The first is the friend whom you see at church and at special fellowships. You do not know her intimately, but you have a common bond. You love and pray for her with a unity of spirit for she is your sister in Christ. Opportunities to fellowship with her outside of church are limited, but she knows you are available in time of need.

I've been around long enough to know that every lady will not always respond to you in the right way. On any given Sunday you will encounter Mrs. Grouchy, Mrs. Temperamental, Mrs. Haughty, Mrs. Jealousy or Mrs. Snobby. Do you have an irregular person in your life? Just overlook her, but don't forget to love and pray for her. One day she will see that her pastor's wife is indeed a true friend.

Are you comfortable laughing and talking with every woman in

your congregation? Have you tried to develop some kind of rapport with each of them? If not, then something is wrong. You may be struggling with bitterness, resentment, jealousy or hurt feelings. If you struggle with shyness, then try to overcome this by acting the way you want to be. The pastor's wife must always be friendly and approachable. People shouldn't wonder from Sunday to Sunday what her mood will be. Don't take your problems out on your congregation.

Friendship

By Debbie Atwood

Get down on your knees and ask God to adjust any wrong attitudes you may have. Our love one towards another is our testimony to the world. If you don't love every one of your Christian sisters, then ask God for that love. It's not an option, it's a requirement.

The second kind of friend that every pastor's wife needs is the friend she sees occasionally outside of church. You have much in common even though you may be years apart in age. Age doesn't matter; fellowship does. And that's what these special friendships provide. Laugh and laugh and laugh some more. It's the best medicine for a pastor's wife who feels stressed out and pressured by the demands of her unique position in life. Find some friends who are crazy!—within boundaries! You need to be around people who are fun, not those who drag you down and make life's molehills seem as mountains.

Being with these special friends will encourage and strengthen you as a Christian and help you be a better friend, wife and mother.

Third, every pastor's wife needs a few close, intimate friends. These are relationships that have been tried and tested and usually take several years to develop.

Finding a few close friends not only takes wisdom, but requires a commitment of time, energy, understanding and a listening heart. Ask God to lead you to those special people in whom you can confide.

These women will be trustworthy, but should not become a sounding board for complaints and gossip. Never put your husband down in front of these

As God desires closeness with us, we desire closeness with others.

women. Remember, He is their pastor! Also, NEVER gossip about another member of the church. This is one of the temptations of having a confidante. When someone has hurt you, done something with which you didn't agree, or talked about your husband and the church, you may feel that you can talk to this friend because you trust her and know she'll understand. God will NOT be so understanding. He's listening in on ALL your conversations.

If you have been offended by someone, don't burden your friends with it. Go to her if necessary, or talk to the Lord or your husband about it.

Be careful not to spend too much time with these friends. Since they love you unconditionally, you will naturally be drawn to them. However, leave room in your life for fellowship with many friends. Never allow yourself to be drawn into a clique.

Get to know the ladies of your church. How about planning a brunch, a salad luncheon or a pitch-in pizza party? If you are homebound, pick up the telephone and call someone who may be lonely.

Be a little more impulsive. If several ladies from your church live near one another, drive

around and pick them up for a trip to the ice cream parlor. Since I live very close to several of my Christian sisters, I did this one Saturday evening. We had a blast! Afterwards we took a long walk and had the best time ever.

Don't feel that because you are a minister's wife you cannot initiate fun and fellowship. If you are outgoing like me, God wants to use you to create laughter and adventure for other ladies. You never know whose spirit may be lifted by your show of friendship.

If you are quiet and shy, that should not keep you from having friends. God can and will use you in many ways. Use your imagination and bathe it in prayer.

Much can be said about friendship. It takes a concentrated effort. There are risks involved in loving and sometimes you lose. So you've been hurt. Who hasn't? Self-pity and emotional barriers can rob you of so much fun and closeness with your Christian sisters.

Pastor's wife, drop your guard, knock down those walls, take off your mask and stop fearing rejection. Don't deny yourself the wonderful blessing of friends. Go out there and make some—today. ♦



Debbie Atwood (Mrs. Brian), Wabash, Indiana, teaches music in the church's Christian school, as well as teaching 4 year-old kindergarten. They have three children—Brooke, 9; Brandon, 8; and Bethany, 6. Her hobbies include reading, writing and playing tennis.

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SYLVIA: Simplicity is the key. Live simply. For example, check your spending. How much is going for snacks with no food value, nonessentials, frivolous things? Advertising in our country is geared to cultivating artificial needs. Don't let the advertisements control you. Supply your needs, and keep your wants simple. You may find **things** becoming less and less important as you catch a vision of what you can contribute to spreading the gospel.

CLARA: Then how do you determine what to do with the money you have left to give?

SYLVIA: At this point, I believe God wants us to exercise good stewardship. I believe that we are first responsible for our Free Will Baptist missionaries, both home and foreign. Our first concern then is seeing that we contribute to the support of all our work. If we go beyond that, we check out the organization to see how its money is spent. We want to make sure that our funds are used as efficiently as possible to get the gospel to the world, even after we're gone.

CLARA: Even after you're gone. Now how can we be sure of that?

SYLVIA: We can live simply and leave something behind to continue the work after we are gone. Of course we'll see that our children share in whatever is left, but we will see that our church, missions programs and Bible College also share in what we leave behind. We want to keep on giving.

CLARA: Thank you, Sylvia. I'm sure we'd all like to feel that we continue to contribute even after we're gone. How can we arrange that?

SYLVIA: Our own Free Will Baptist Foundation will assist anyone who wants to make sure that the things God has given us will be used as completely as possible for His honor.

CLARA: A big thank you to all our guests for sharing something of their lifestyles with us tonight. They have given us something to think about. I hope we all use some of these suggestions in our homes.

ANNOUNCER: Is your life characterized by a missions lifestyle? If so, then perhaps these suggestions will help you build better in the years ahead. ♦

Women in Action



The Rocky Mountain District Woman's Auxiliary in Colorado has 5 Auxiliaries with an approximate enrollment of 35. Mary Wisehart spoke at the meeting August 20 in Ft. Collins. Pictured is Dr. Wisehart with 3 missionaries: Brenda Lewis, Colorado Springs; Vonda Johnson, Cheyenne, WY; and Rosa Lee Thomas, Fort Collins.



Brenda Fowler gives an \$800 check to Trena Owens, missionary to Spain, from the New Hope Woman's Auxiliary in Ina, IL.



The Inscoe family—Mark, Deborah, John, Priscilla, and Larry—missionaries to Panama, receive a check from State Line Woman's Auxiliary President, Rhetta Butler.



Mark Vandivort, missionary to Tucson, AZ, snaps a picture of Ola Mae Winters being honored for 50 years in the Woman's Auxiliary. Katie Pinson, president, presides at the New Mexico banquet.

Book Highlights

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

By Beverly Bush Smith and Patricia Devorss. Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 212 pp., \$6.95. Reviewed by Barbara Otwell.

The overall theme of *CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE* is "Bloom Where You Are Planted."

The Christian wife who lives with an unbelieving husband faces many problems unique to her situation. She is *caught in the middle* — between loving God and loving her husband. One who has never experienced this problem is not expected to understand.

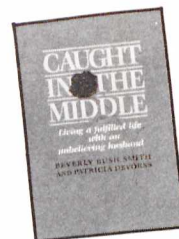
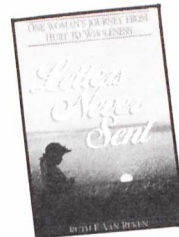
This book deals with these problems and offers Biblical answers for developing her spiritual life. The

woman married to an unbeliever can glorify God through her circumstances.

The authors, both married to unbelievers, give many practical examples on how to handle everyday situations in order to avoid hindering these husbands. A "holier-than-thou" wife can be a real detriment to her husband.

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE teaches women how to bring their unbelieving husbands closer to God through a demonstration of their love and devotion to them and to God.

Thought-provoking questions at the end of each chapter make this an excellent book for group study.



LETTERS NEVER SENT

By Ruth E. Van Reken. Published by David C. Cook Publishing Co., 165 pp., \$6.95, 1988. Reviewed by Lorene Miley.

Occasionally I come across a book so good that I wish I had written it myself. Such a book is *LETTERS NEVER SENT*.

The book opens with the author, age 6, being sent to a boarding school in Nigeria by her missionary parents. The book closes with Ruth sending her own daughter back to the states from their mission field in Liberia. What happens between is a story of emotional trauma and eventual healing.

Through letters to her parents, the author—an MK with three MK's of her own—describes feelings of hurt, anger and rebellion that for years she was incapable of expressing.

The problems presented in *LETTERS NEVER SENT* are not unique to missionaries. They could happen to anyone who bottles her feelings and emotions instead of openly expressing them.

This book helped me better understand feelings my own children might have had during those months and years of separation. I hope the book will encourage my own daughter as, for the first time in their lives, her two oldest sons, Trey, 14, and Adam, 12, are experiencing the trauma of separation.

LETTERS NEVER SENT is a haunting book that stays with you long after the book is laid aside.

A Woman God Has Used

Named for a beautiful and unusual flower, Lobelia Foy fills a beautiful and unusual place at the North Crossett FWB Church in Crossett, Arkansas.

Left at an early age with six children to raise, this mother learned the meaning of hard work, struggle and sacrifice. Yet she instilled in her children the courage and character that led them into careers which today demonstrate their mother's example of righteous living and loving care.

With her children grown, Lobelia met and married Stanley Foy, an active deacon. Together they reared a grandchild, now grown.

Lobelia has served in almost every capacity of service in her church — Sunday school and CTS teacher, all phases of Woman's Auxiliary, DVBS, visitation, and choir. Since retiring, she has missed few district, state, or national retreats and conventions.

One of her favorite involvements is the Autumn Club. Though she should be one of the honorees, she helps plan the programs, decorate, cooks most of the food, then transports a carload of residents from the local nursing home each month.

Though most flowers fade with age, this one grows more beautiful and radiant with time. North Crossett is grateful she blooms for them.

— Virginia Morgan



How well do you know your Auxiliary? Most Auxiliaries sponsor a study of the *Manual* each year. This quiz is a fun way to brush up on some facts you may have missed along the way.

1. Who wrote the **Manual** for a local Woman's Auxiliary?

Wisehart and Pursell go to 10

Wisehart and Picirilli go to 6

2. The Auxiliary promotes three seasons of prayer with a missions emphasis. Which emphasis do we observe at Easter?

National

Home Missions go to 12

Foreign Missions go to 7

State Home Missions go to 14

3. Got you there! True, women give heavily to missions, but mostly it flows spontaneously from a heart of love. Go back to 8.

4. The president should promote prayer, but there's another officer who really works at it. Go back to 13 for another try.

5. When do we observe the Foreign Student Scholarship Month?

February go to 20

September go to 17

6. Right! Clara Picirilli wrote the last **Manual**; then in 1971, Mary Ruth Wisehart revised it. However, the basic principles which characterized WNAC in 1935 have remained unchanged through the years. Go to 8.

7. Yep! Easter is Foreign Missions. The sacrificial offering for missions is called the Laura Belle Barnard Offering. Now go to 15.

8. What is the purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary?

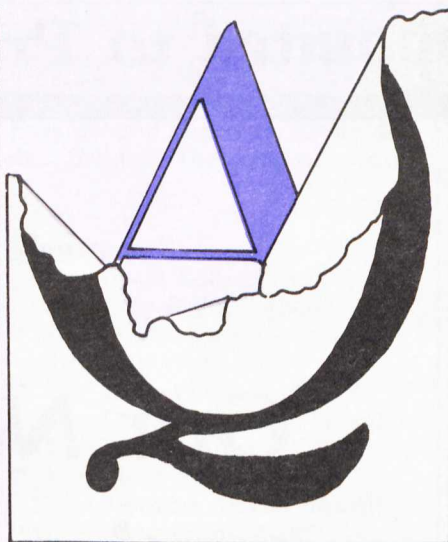
To help the woman find herself in the Great Commission go to 11.

The church fund raiser go to 3.

To serve the church by cooking, cleaning, and helping finance the church projects go to 19.

9. Sorry. The **Manual** may give the skeleton but it cannot provide the meat. Go back to 15.

10. Nope, but don't get discouraged. Go back to 1 and try again.



**Your questions
answered on:**

Woman's Auxiliary

----- A Quiz Feature -----

How Well Do You Know Your Woman's Auxiliary?

by Lorene Miley

11. That's correct! We obey His last command through our involvement in mission study, mission prayer and mission action. Now try 13.

12. Wrong. You've confused Easter with another holiday. Go back to 2.

13. Which officer creates a burden to pray in the Auxiliary?

President go to 4

Mission

Prayer Chairman go to 16

14. Each state chooses her own time for this observance, but it probably won't be Easter. Go back to 2.

15. Where can an Auxiliary find helps for its regular meetings?

Co-Laborer

magazine

go to 21

Manual

go to 9

16. There you go! Through prayer reminders, current prayer requests, letters and studies, the Mission Prayer Chairman challenges us to pray. Go directly to 2.

17. No. You have it confused with the Memorial Student Loan Fund for students enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College. Try again; go back to 5.

18. The national office of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention meets its financial needs through the Cooperative fund.

True

go to 22

False

go to 24

19. A pastor can count on his women to do all three—God bless them!—but that is not the purpose of the Auxiliary. Go back to 8 and try again.

20. Right on! Remember it used to be called the National Student Fund, but the name was changed to avoid confusing it with the September emphasis. Proceed to 15.

21. I'm glad you knew! **Co-Laborer** not only contains monthly program suggestions (along with a Bible study), but it includes six additional pages of helps for the officers. Now go to 18.

22. Wrong! WNAC receives practically no money through the Co-op. Go back to 18.

23. \$362,481.74.

24. Bingo! WNAC does *not* depend on the Co-operative Fund. Free Will Baptist women support WNAC through the Co-Laborer Offering Plan and Emphasis Month offerings. Now wrap up with 25.

25. Congratulations, you made it! Did you sail right through it? Here's how you should have chosen: 1, 6, 8, 11, 13, 16, 2, 7, 5, 20, 15, 21, 18 and 25. Now, one last question before you go. How much money did Auxiliary women give to missions and missions-related causes in 1987? See 23 for the answer. ♦

Appointed to Pray

Our Neighbor to the South

By James Munsey
Missionary Co-Ordinator

Mexico, our neighbor to the south, poses as a perplexing enigma for many Americans. Although we share a common border 1800 miles long, there the similarity stops. Mexico is 85-90% Catholic with a desperately struggling poor class that comprises about 80% of the population. Political corruption is commonplace and social unrest is growing.

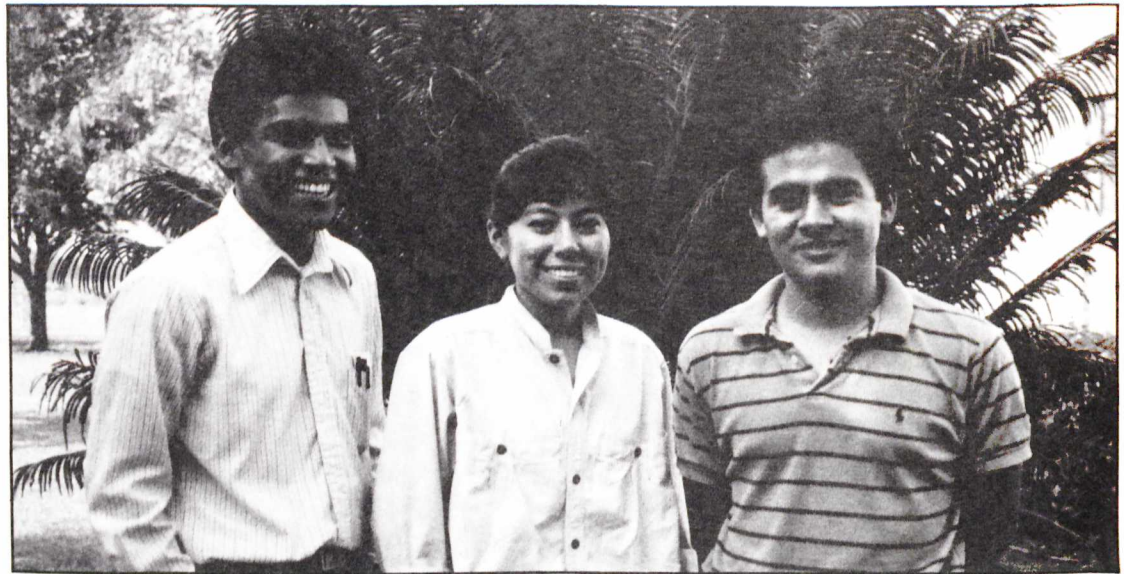
Literally tens of thousands of Mexico's poor class slip each year through the loosely guarded U.S. border seeking jobs in this country. Some succeed and never return to their homeland.

For over 30 years Free Will Baptists have shown an interest in reaching the lost in Mexico. We now have 30 churches and missions.

The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention has invested in Mexico from the beginning. The first church building built was funded by WNAC in 1960.

During their July convention, WNAC voted to channel money from their Foreign Student Scholarship Fund to three young people from Mexico, now enrolled in the Free Will Baptist Bible College. All three graduated from the Rio Grande Bible Institute and wish to continue their preparation for full-time Christian service at our own college.

Carlos and Ramon are products of the First FWB Church in Altamira, Tamaulipas. Lazaro de la Rosa is their pastor. Both have been saved about five years.



Ramon Zuniga, 23, is a studious young man with a keen intellect. He loves reading and can easily spend the entire day studying.

Edelmira Anaya, blessed with a winsome personality, is a secretary who has dedicated herself to church work—and to Ramon. She enjoys working with women and children.

Carlos Rubio, also 23, boasts an ever present smile and outgoing personality. He enjoys photography and meeting new people.

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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.

January

- 1 — Florine Coscia (Brazil)
- 5 — Donna Daniel (IC)
- 11 — Walter Ellison (Uruguay)
- 13 — Jim Combs (Brazil)
- **13 — Bob White (KY)
- 14 — Shirley Combs (Brazil)
- 23 — Priscilla Inscoe (Panama)
- 24 — Jerry Pinkerton (IC)
- 26 — Cathy Crawford (France)
- *28 — Vicky Mutchler (OR)
- 29 — Janice Banks — (Japan)

February

- 7 — Linda Reeves (Spain)
- 5 — Judy Bailey (Japan)
- * 5 — Bill Reagan (Canada)
- 7 — Pam West (IC)
- ** 7 — Larry Williams (GA)
- 8 — Don McDonald (Japan)
- **11 — Willa Johnson (KY)
- **11 — Vicky Rager (IN)
- 11 — Norman McFall (Brazil)
- **12 — Gary Brunson (KS)
- **13 — Billie Sexton (TN)
- 13 — Rejane Eagleton (IC)
- 17 — Barbara Gibbs (France)
- 21 — Judy Lytle (Panama)
- 24 — Glennda Leatherbury (IC)

Names underlined indicate they are on furlough.
Please send mail to: P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202

- * Home missionary or church extension pioneer.
- ** Joint project worker or deputation missionary.

Ramon, in sharing his testimony, states that it took a tragedy in the local church to bring him to Jesus. A van traveling to a youth meeting left the highway and overturned, killing Patricia, Pastor Lazaro's daughter. Concerning the family, Ramon says, "Their expression of Christian love and acceptance of God's will in the midst of great personal tragedy made us realize that these people had something different, and something we needed, too."

Ramon and Carlos accepted Christ soon after and a year later entered the Bible Institute. Ramon is engaged to Ede and they plan to marry when their studies are completed.

We need young people of this caliber to help lead the work in Mexico. Without this leadership, Mexico can never become completely self-sufficient. Carlos, Ramon and Ede can help fill the leadership gap in Mexico. Pray for them as you help us prepare them for God's glory.



Ede receives her diploma from the Rio Grand Bible Institute.

Missionary Hotline



Prayer Requests

- The church in Villalba (Madrid) Spain, needs a building. Pray that property will be found and for the Turnboughs and Reeves who minister there.
- Madeleine is a 2-year-old/63-year-old widow in France. Pray for her spiritual growth and for Patsy Vanhook as she disciples her.
- Ron and Linda Moore are first year language students in Albertville, France, preparatory to their service in Ivory Coast. Pray for their difficult adjustment to language and culture.
- Following her conversion, Monique, a young French girl with a sordid past, went to live with missionary Cathy Crawford. Her growth has been slow. Pray for both of them, especially for spiritual discernment for Cathy.
- Fred and Barbara Jones head up the Bible Institute in Tampico, Mexico. The Institute second semester classes are just beginning.
- The Larry Reynolds family is completing itinerary and preparing to move to Phoenix, AZ to begin another church.

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From Our Missionaries

Our new church is still attracting new people. We had over 45 first-time visitors in four months.

*Tom and Patty McCullough,
France*

We have really been blessed, both on and off the field, by Woman's Auxiliaries . . . It is a relief to know the Provision Closet is there to help us out.

*Darryl and Lila Nichols,
Ivory Coast*

We've moved! When the rent prices began dropping in the Panama City area, we decided to relocate closer to our work. Also many in the church were concerned about our safety since we had to pass through an area potentially hostile. Our new house is nice, comfortable, and cool, but smaller than our older one.

Judy Lytle, Panama

Auxiliary Benefits

Since I've become involved in Auxiliary work, I've learned so much. I've read articles, been to meetings, attended retreats, served as a local officer and much, much more. All these have helped me grow as a Christian . . . I feel all my co-laborers are my sisters.

*Cathy Guffey
Inman, S.C.*

We all enjoy the new CO-LABORER . . . It's not as easily misplaced as the small one.

*Joyce Taylor
Brunswick, GA*

Thank you for your encouragement in my writing efforts. I do want my writing to bring glory to Christ's name. This is the reason I keep trying.

*Mable Riley
Sedalia, MO*

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More About The New Co-Laborer

Mary Ruth Wisheart came to speak to our Colorado Auxiliary in August. It was a blessing and we were all glad she came.

While she was speaking though, I was surprised to hear that a survey had been printed in the May-June issue of our CO-LABORER concerning whether we readers preferred the new style or the old.

I dug out my May-June issue and checked the table of contents. Nothing there! I began my search, and I finally found it at the bottom of the *Helps for Leader's* page, something I rarely read since I'm not a President or Vice-President.

Next time you want our opinion, please list it in the *Table of Contents*, or some place a little more noticeable. No wonder you didn't get so many responses.

By the way, I found the old format much more appealing, but if the new style is more economical, I'm all for it.

Lisa R. Marquiss
Greeley, CO 80631

Words for Women

Arise!

Mary R. Wisheart



"I do two things I don't like to do every day," Samuel Clemens is quoted as saying. "I get up and I go to bed." I can say the same. I can find all kinds of reasons to stay up just a little longer. But I don't like getting up. My head keeps saying, "Just let me lie here a few minutes more."

I wonder if it is sometimes that way in our work for Christ. Is getting the work done sometimes just a matter of getting up and getting at it?

Some day, we say. Some day I'm going to join the mission action group. Some day I'm going to go out with the visitation team.

Maybe it's saying an encouraging word, writing a letter (or mailing it!), making a telephone call, or taking time for a visit. We think about it, we plan to do it, but we just don't get it done. The problem is in the doing.

In a writing and research course I had, the professor frequently said, "Nothing gets your paper written like writing it." Simple, obvious, yes, but very true. No amount of thinking, praying, planning will get the work done like doing it.

"I'll pray about it." Are we ever guilty of saying that and then not listening to what God says in reply? Not that we shouldn't pray. But remember Joshua. He was on his face, praying before the Lord, when God said, "Get up. What are you doing here?" Instead of praying, Joshua needed to act.

As members of WNAC, we have accepted several responsibilities and challenges for this year. The primary one is our purpose: to help each woman fulfill her place in the Great Commission. WNAC offers specific and practical ways to involve women. Check the "Communicator" column in this issue for more details.

Our verse for 1989, Nehemiah 2:20, gives us a special promise: "The God of heaven, he will prosper us." On that basis let's get up and put our hands to the task of building for Him.

Arise. Make today that some day and begin building for eternity.

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Creative Arts Contest

An Invitation to Women who Aspire to Write

PURPOSE

The annual creative arts contest sponsored by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention offers Auxiliary women an opportunity to:

1. Develop their talents in the fields of art and journalism.
2. Contribute to the literature ministry of WNAC.
3. Express a message they might not be able to express in any other way.
4. Promote missions through the printed page.

RULES

1. Only members of a local Woman's Auxiliary are eligible to submit entries.
2. Members may submit entries in each of the five categories and there is no limit to the number of entries one may send.
3. All entries must be postmarked before midnight March 1 to be eligible for that year's contest. Entries received after that date will be entered in the new contest.
4. All manuscripts become the property of WNAC and are filed

for future use. However, if you want a specific entry returned, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request.

5. Manuscripts in each category are judged by an impartial committee living in the Nashville area according to:
 - a. Originality (a common place theme presented in a new and fresh way).
 - b. Content, expression and interest.
 - c. Suitability for use by WNAC.

GUIDELINES

1. Consider your Audience.
2. Think about your purpose.
 - a. What do you want to do?
 - b. How do you plan to do it?
 - c. What response do you want?
3. Think about style.
 - a. good grammar
 - b. short sentences
 - c. simple but vivid words
 - d. clarity
 - e. unity
4. Keep the form right.

Type, double space and carefully identify.

Length: articles, about 3 pages
skits, about 5-10 pages
programs, about 6 pgs.

AWARDS

Awards are given in each of the categories:

- First prize — \$25
Second prize — \$10
Third prize — Books
Fourth prize — Honorable Mention

Winners are notified by mail approximately one month after the contest closes. Awards will be presented during the Tuesday morning session of the national convention.

Send all entries to:
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