

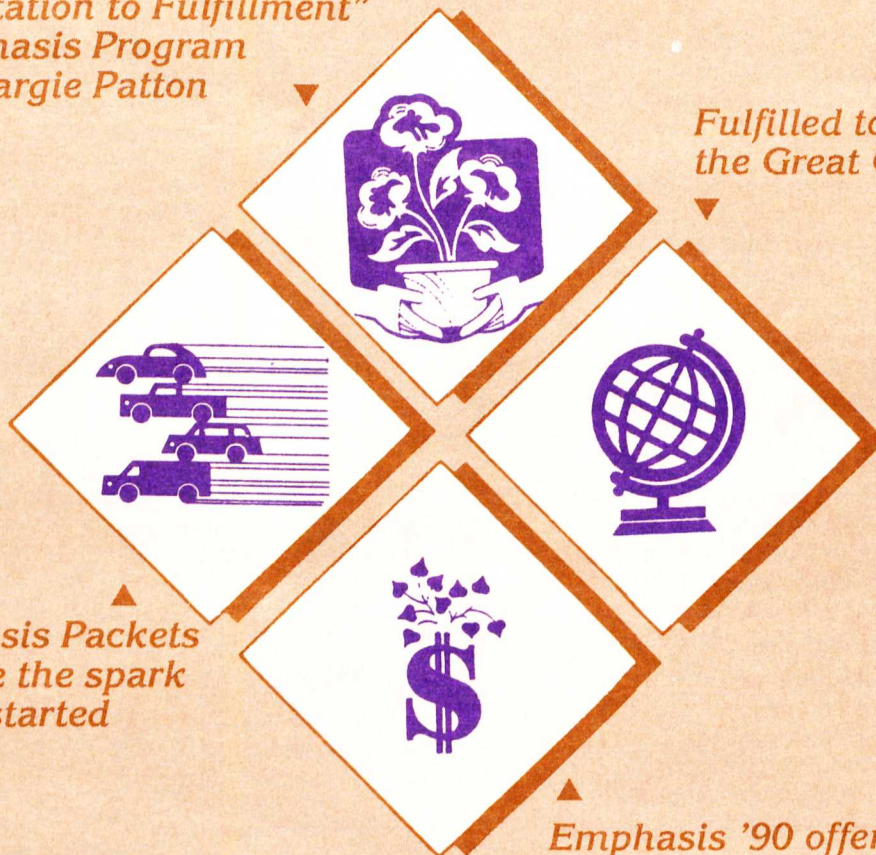
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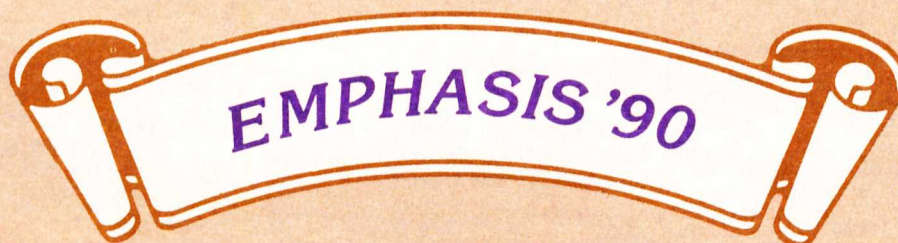
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Emphasis Program
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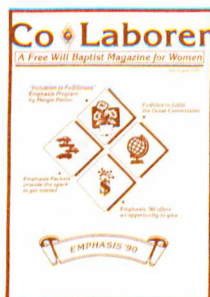


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For we are labourers together with God.
(1 Cor. 3:9)

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We've gone all out in this issue to help you have an exciting Emphasis program. Now you take it from here. Be sure and pick up your Emphasis packet at the WNAC booth in Phoenix. Or order after July 1 from the Auxiliary office, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville 37202; or call 615-361-1010.

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The Great Invitation

Rev. 22:17

Editorial

Any comments about CO-LABORER—both negative and positive—I take very seriously. We hadn't had any negative ones for some time so I did a double take at the two we received recently:

"Programs lack depth."

"The magazine is carnal."

Naturally, being a son of Adam, I rose to my defense. "That can't be!"

But, on second thought, is it true? Are the criticisms justified?

I took my notebook filled with back issues and scanned the contents. Lack depth? Carnal?

The Great Invitation

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And others. My heart warmed again as I turned the pages. Though I had edited, typed, proofed and re-proofed them, they still managed to speak to me. Blood, sweat and tears leave an indelible stain.

In 1987, we confirmed a past commitment. I reaffirm it here: to present missions in such a way that each woman will fulfill her place in the Great Commission; and to enrich the spiritual life of every woman.

Naturally, being a son of Adam, I try to blame someone else. With the exception of a few on missions, all articles and programs are written by Auxiliary women just like you. We print what you send us. If you sense CO-LABORER veering off course, please write and tell us so—along with your own programs and articles to illustrate what you think we need.

I apologize. Being a son of Adam is no excuse—not while the Holy Spirit indwells us and promises to override our sinful nature. I pray that He will be allowed to do all that He desires in each of our lives and that CO-LABORER will continue to enrich the spiritual life of all of us.

Send your entries now for 1991. Theme: "Until He Comes." Oh Lord, hasten Your return.

— Lorene Miley

QUIET TIME SET FREE

Much of life is tightly structured. So tight it pinches. Our work, our play, even our public worship is planned. And that's not all bad, except when the structure itself becomes the god we come to worship. It's not bad, except when the Holy Spirit has to squeeze His plan in between ours and finds that He is not invited because He might rearrange our plans.

In private worship, however, we can approach our Lord unrestricted—if only we will. We are free, unhampered. We can explore stimulating new worship territory that is often missing in our public worship, and we can come away refreshed, recreated.

So, what is worship anyway? In its most uncomplicated sense, it is "love, channeled God-ward." Let's go on.

If we must make plans for devotional times, let's present them to God, inviting His Spirit to interrupt whenever and however He pleases. God often interrupts my prayers, urging me to do something. I keep a pencil and notebook handy, write the instruction down, and act on it as soon as I can. In one instance, I called a friend with no other reason except that God seemed to be telling me several times that she needed my help. I felt foolish, but I discovered that she and her children had been sick for a week. She really did need my help.

Let's open the door with a smile to His ministries: teaching, convicting, empowering, equipping, filling, comforting, reminding. He it is who puts the flesh on the parched bones of our Christianity and makes it live!

UNLOCKED TOWARD GOD

Each day finds us in new circumstances with new needs and new emotions, new questions, praises, and requests. One plan does not fit all. Your plan may call for 20 minutes of Bible study, but today you just need to pray, and you know it. Break away dear friend, from slaving devotion to habit. Unlock yourself toward God and throw away the structured plans that can hamper spiritual growth. Come to Him.

Love Him with all your heart, in your own way.

We're busy travelers, aren't we? But even travelers need sustenance—the bread of life and the living water. We need an oasis to call our own. A place to come away and be completely ourselves before God. Defenses down. Doors open. Hands extended. It doesn't matter where this place is, as long as you can be uninterrupted. Unplug the phone. Pull the shades if it helps.

In our private place, we must feel free to express our "usness" and not to copy the plan of someone else. In this place we must be real. God must truly enjoy the child who comes to Him in an open, uncomplicated way, just as your own heart goes out to your child who

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comes to you in this way. Who among us would really enjoy a child who came to us only at a certain time of day, with a scared or sour expression and stained-glass tone of voice? Who would like receiving a repetitive list of requests and complaints? We all want smiles and warm lips, and a loving child who will jump in our laps and say he loves us, one who will sometimes just sit near us contentedly.

CONVERSING WITH GOD

Family life speaks loudly to me of my relationship with God. I think sometimes we just thoroughly bore God with our pat routines. How good He is to endure us and keep on understanding until we really learn to "loose up" as Anne Ortlund puts it.

"Hang up your hat," I can almost hear God say. "Come, stay awhile. We have much to discuss. Relax. I know you inside and out. There's nothing you could do to make me love you less. For that matter, there's nothing you could do to make Me love you more. Quit striving. You are accepted in the beloved."

DAVID AT WORSHIP

Ever wonder how King David spent his worship time? David! The wonderful, incredible, shepherd king. He was so real! How did he carry on his relationship with God? I want to know because God called him "a man after mine own heart" (Acts 13:22).

Second Samuel and the Psalms paint a picture of an active worshiper—a king who...

- Cried
- Prayed
- Fasted
- Sat before the Lord
- Went to the temple in reverence and bowed down
- Sang
- Danced mightily before the Lord
- Lifted up his hands in worship
- Made music and encouraged believers to "shout for joy"
- Bowed before the Lord in grief
- Stretched out untiring hands
- Sang on his bed
- Groaned
- Mused
- Inquired
- Meditated
- Wrote songs and poetry

David was not boring! He was real. His worship renewed and restored him for active service and became a fountain of joy.

UNTAPPED JOY

If we use any structure in our approach, let it be servant to our worship, not master of it. Approach the King with the adoration due Him: exuberantly or quietly. We may need to kneel, to be prostrate, to lift our hands, to turn our eyes toward Him (wide open, of

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An Invitation to Fulfillment

Purpose

To inform the church of the purpose and work of the WNAC and to encourage all the women of the church to find fulfillment through the ministries of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Preparation

"An Invitation to Fulfillment" shows how the Woman's Auxiliary can help each individual Christian woman find fulfillment in serving the Lord. The program compares occupations and the ministries of the WNAC.

The program requires a narrator and six speakers, one for each of the main occupations. As many as four to eight other women may be used in minor roles with all the members of the local Auxiliary joining together on stage at the end of the program.

The speakers' costumes may be as elaborate or as simple as time, creativity, and available resources allow. For most of the occupations, a single prop can be effective. Demonstrators at the beginning of the play need a sign declaring in bold letters, "We want fulfillment!" Display a large poster-sized invitation on an easel to one side of the stage area.

Promotion

On the Sunday before the program is presented, the demonstrators march up the aisle and across the stage chanting, "We want fulfillment," followed by this announcement: "To find out how these women, and you too, can find fulfillment, be sure to be here for the Woman's Auxiliary emphasis program next Sunday night at 7:00 p.m." Posters carrying out this theme may be displayed in prominent places.

by Margie Patton

Presentation

Several women enter from the back of the church, march down the aisle and across the stage carrying posters and chanting, "We want fulfillment!" They are then seated on the front row.

Narrator: The women of 1990 want fulfillment, but what exactly is fulfillment? Dictionaries tell us it is a completion, an accomplishment of goals, a satisfaction. An archaic meaning of the word is to simply "Feel full." Many American women do not feel full; they feel empty. They crave more satisfaction from life. Perhaps what is missing is accomplishing God's purposes in their lives. He wants women to experience satisfaction in His service.

Solomon described the fulfilled woman in Proverbs 31. (*Read verses 10-31.*) This woman inspired the trust and confidence of others. She was a willing worker—industrious and energetic, with good business sense. She cared for herself as well as those in her household. Her large heart responded to people in need. She planned for the future and taught wisdom. Even those closest to her, who undoubtedly knew her worst faults, praised her, and in this chapter God Himself praises her. She exemplifies a truly fulfilled woman.

The main purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary is to help the women in our local churches find fulfillment in God's plan. This fulfillment cannot be found apart from obedience to God's Word. The Woman's Auxiliary is an "equal opportunity employer."

The Great Commission is for women, and we want to help you find fulfillment in carrying out that command. In order to demonstrate how we can be the fulfilled women God wants us to be, let's compare some of the functions of the Woman's Auxiliary to some familiar occupations.

Carpenter: (*enters carrying a few tools and wearing a carpenter's belt and cap*)

Hello. I'm a carpenter—a builder.

As an active part of the Auxiliary, I have a part in building up people. We are important buildings—the tabernacles of God's Holy Spirit. I gain fulfillment by building up others and by being built up in fellowship with women at local, district, state and national meetings and those wonderful retreats!

We also work together to build up and encourage our missionaries. Much of our activity is aimed toward helping our missionaries carry the Gospel to those who haven't heard. We send cards and letters, provide goods for the missionary provision closet, and keep our people aware of the needs of our missionaries.

I am fulfilled through helping to build up God's work and His people. (*is seated on front row*)

Lawyer: (*dressed in nice suit, carries a brief-case*)

Good evening. I am a lawyer, an advocate, or one who goes before a judge to plead on behalf of another.

An important part of our Auxiliary is prayer. We are privileged to intercede for those who are lost

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and those who are ministering to the lost. We also bring before God our needs and the needs of those we love.

A good lawyer studies and prepares for his appearance before the judge. In a similar way, we study the promises of God's Word. Both the Old and New Testaments list precedents upon which we build our cases. *(takes Bible out of briefcase and holds it up while talking)* We also study the needs of our clients, those we intercede for. *(takes missions magazines and prayer cards out of briefcase)*

The WNAC helps keep us well-informed about the needs of missionaries and our denomination. The Auxiliary sponsors three special seasons of prayer each year: Pre-Easter Week of Prayer for foreign missions, Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer for national home missions, and a "week of your choice" for state missions.

Prayer groups meet regularly. Organized prayer chains stand ready in emergencies. A national network of missions pray-ers also stops and prays at 9:00 a.m. every day for our workers around the world.

I feel fulfilled as I go to the Lord asking Him to be merciful and to meet my needs and the needs of others. *(is seated on front row)*

Potter: *(wears a rather dirty-looking, large apron and carries a large clay pot)*

I am one of a vanishing breed. I am a potter. Once many of us molded and created useful and beautiful vessels. Although my craft may be dying out, the need for my product is not.

As a part of the Auxiliary, I help mold lives. I have seen women begin attending Auxiliary who were so timid they couldn't even pray aloud. But through wise and godly teaching, ministering, and molding by their sisters in Christ, they have developed into strong leaders.

The Auxiliary wields a great influence on the young people in

our churches through such programs as the Actionettes and in the support of our educational institutions. WNAC maintains the Memorial Student Loan Fund to help finance the education of future missionaries, pastors, and other Christian workers. We also sponsor special drives and projects for our colleges.

I feel fulfilled because I have a part in molding the lives of our present and future leaders. *(is seated on front row)*

Physician: *(wears a white medical coat and a stethoscope around the neck)*

I am a doctor. I use whatever means are at my disposal to heal and help people feel better.

Women in a local Auxiliary have great opportunities for the healing ministry. The purpose of all our mission action projects is to minister hope and spiritual health. Many of these projects benefit our missionaries or people we don't know personally. Some Auxiliaries collect medicine bottles or roll bandages for the medical work in Cote d'Ivoire. Some collect used eyeglasses or Bibles for people who need these items.

Auxiliaries also help people closer to home. Some women minister to the elderly of the community, take hot meals to homes where there is sickness or a new baby, and help in homes where there is a death or tragedy.

By our lives we want to direct the lost to the Great Physician who can heal their sin-sick souls.

I feel fulfilled through the Woman's Auxiliary because I have a part in healing the lives of my neighbors both far and near. *(is seated on the front row)*

Accountant: *(carries a calculator or large ledger and wears a pencil behind the ear)*

I am an accountant. I make sure that money is wisely spent and accounted for.

As Christians, we are responsible to God for what we do with the

money He has given to us—that's called stewardship. The Auxiliary provides me with a wide variety of ways to use my money for God's work.

Through the Auxiliary I am encouraged to tithe and give to my church. Opportunities abound to give to special needs, such as the Eunice Edwards Loan Fund for Churches Abroad. The Pre-Easter and Pre-Thanksgiving weeks of prayer include special offerings to foreign and home missions in honor of pioneer missionaries Laura Belle Barnard and Lizzie McAdams. A third special week of prayer in honor of Alice Lupton, first WNAC president, includes an offering for our state's home mission program.

The Auxiliary has a tremendous impact on the financial support of our missionaries. I feel fulfilled as I help keep missionaries on the field and help meet their personal needs. *(is seated on the front row)*

Narrator: Woman's Auxiliary plays many roles in our local church, community and denominational work around the world. Do you seek fulfillment? Our Auxiliary offers you an opportunity to find it in God's service as we labor together with Him.

Special Music: "God Has a Place for You" *(good for trio)*

(All Auxiliary members come to the stage.)

Narrator: We have found our places. Will you join with us? *(goes over to large invitation)* We would like to invite all the women of our church to come and find fulfillment through the Woman's Auxiliary. *(looks at invitation, then looks intently into the congregation)* I believe this is addressed to you. Jesus calls us all from the tumult of our lives to come to Him and find a place of service.



Installation: Many Auxiliaries plan to install their new officers during their Emphasis Program. "Invitation to Fulfillment" lends itself for this purpose. Select one occupation for each of your officers and add others as necessary.

Contractor—President
Carpenter—Vice President
Accountant—Secretary/Treasurer
Lawyer—Mission Prayer Chairman
Potter—Mission Study Chairman
Physician—Mission Action Chairman

Or here is an installation adapted from one written by Patricia Mullins, Strasburg, Virginia.

Prepare invitations for each one. On the outside address them to a New Testament woman. On the inside, use the office to which they are elected.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, here is your invitation to serve as Auxiliary president. Angel Gabriel gave witness of Mary's qualifications in Luke 1 when he called her highly favored of God. She was faithful, dedicated, able to lead and willing to serve. These characteristics should describe you as leader of our Woman's Auxiliary.

Mary Magdalene, here is your invitation to serve as vice president. In John 20, Christ appeared to Mary Magdalene and chose her to tell the good news of the resurrection to His disciples. The vice president, too, is a publicity chairman for the Auxiliary. May you

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lead your women to 100% participation.

Lydia, seller of purple, here is your invitation to serve as secretary/treasurer. Lydia was a business woman of Thyatira who opened her home to Paul and Silas and put all her possessions at God's disposal. You will be responsible to maintain good business practices in keeping accurate records and careful accounting of Auxiliary funds.

Anna, Woman of Prayer, here is your invitation to serve as mission prayer chairman. Luke tells us that Anna "prayed day and night" and coupled her prayer with fasting and praise. The mission prayer chairman makes prayer needs known and encourages each woman to be a woman of prayer.

Priscilla, here is your invitation to serve as mission study chairman. Priscilla opened her home as a gathering place for Bible study and prayer. Women today must be grounded in God's Word and informed of mission needs around the world. You as mission study chairman will encourage spiritual growth through good books and regular study courses.

Peter's Mother-in-Law—and we don't even know her name—here

is your invitation to serve as mission action chairman. The gospel writers recount how she rose from her sick bed and "ministered unto Jesus and His disciples." This reflected her love of hospitality and habit of usefulness, two good qualities for the mission action chairman. Service should be an essential part of your character.

In order for the Auxiliary officers to effectively carry out their responsibilities, they must have support from a group of other dedicated women, as Joanna and Suzanna who "ministered to Him of their substance."

The woman healed from the issue of blood

The adulterous woman who went to sin no more

Wife of Zebedee and mother of James and John

Woman of Canaan (Women of all nationalities and background find a place in the Woman's Auxiliary)

Mary of Bethany who anointed Jesus' feet

Lois, a Bible student

Eunice, devoted grandmother

Do we have the faith and dedication in the Lord's work as these ladies in the first New Testament Woman's Auxiliary?

Prayer of Dedication

Where Are The Emphasis Funds?

Characters:

Narrator

Soloist or group, such as a barbershop quartet

Four women to represent WNAC. Each should be dressed in lavender and white, wear a WNAC strip diagonally across her chest, and carry a poster listing her expenses.

One woman could take all four parts and carry a different poster each time.

The women sit on the front seat. As the music begins, the first woman enters from one side of the platform, pauses with her poster displayed. She stands in place while the narrator reads her part. Then she returns to her seat from the other side of the platform.

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First Part

Poster: Rent
Utilities

Song: *To the tune of "Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?"*
Practice several times to make the words fit smoothly.

Where, oh where are the Em-
phasis funds,
Oh where, oh where can they
be?

They need them for rent
and utilities
Maintain the office and pay
the fees;

Where, oh where can the funds
be?

Narrator: The WNAC maintains a section of the headquarters building in Nashville, Tennessee. The staff is responsible for maintaining their own office, and this includes mailing room as well as the Missionary Provision Closet.

Emphasis Funds help provide for the 578 square feet, as well as telephone, water, electricity and other utilities necessary to the office.

Part Two

Poster: Insurance, Mail Clerk, Office Rent, Janitor's Salary, Receptionist's Salary, Mail Truck Operations, Postage Machine Maintenance, Prorated Cost of New Equipment, Maintenance of Grounds and Building.

Song:

Where, oh where are the Em-
phasis funds,
Oh where, oh where can they
be?

The headquarters building
expenses are shared,
Maintenance and salaries
and equipment repaired;

Where, oh where can the funds
be?

Narrator: WNAC shares equally with the other four departments in the national offices—Executive, Retirement, Home and Foreign

Missions. Yet, unlike the other departments, WNAC receives no allocations from the Cooperative Plan. The national office depends on the Co-Laborer Offering Plan and Emphasis Offerings, just like the one that we will receive in this service.

Through this financial plan the needs of the WNAC are met.

Part Three

Poster: Salaries
Social Security
Insurance

Song:

Where, oh where are the Em-
phasis funds,
Oh where, oh where can they
be?

The salaries of four workers
depend upon them,
They've no other resource
except our women.

Where, oh where can the funds
be?

Narrator: Mary Ruth Wisehart heads up the department with Yvonne Wolfenbarger as her assistant. Lorene Miley serves as editor of the Co-Laborer magazine and Sue Hayes is bookkeeper.

The Emphasis Offering helps pay these salaries.

Part Four

Poster: Annual Convention, Executive Committee Expenses, Supplies and Equipment, Promotion.

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Month Packets will be available at the WNAC booth in Phoenix. Order them from WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

Specify the number of offering invitations needed and order one for each person in your congregation.

Song:

Where, oh where are the Em-
phasis funds,
Oh where, oh where can they
be?

For planning conventions,
and publishing, too,
Promotion, equipment,
both used and brand new.

Where, oh where can the funds
be?

Narrator: Not only the expenses of promoting the WNAC office, but missionary assistance as well. Last year, \$327,371.58 came through the office which had to be channeled to the various missionary accounts and missions objectives.

Where are the Emphasis Funds? They come from people just like you. Last year \$15,867.62 came from Emphasis Offerings. As funds are available, the needs of WNAC are met.

One after the other, the women will return to the front with their posters. The music will introduce each one. As her verse finishes, she turns the poster over to reveal the words: Praise GOD!

First:

Here, oh here are the Empha-
sis funds,
Because of you they are
found.

Now we can pay rent and
utilities

Maintain the office and pay
the fees,

Thank God for the Emphasis
fund.

(Adapt each verse like this one.)

Narrator: Every Auxiliary is asked to present the purpose, work and value of our work to our entire church and receive a special offering to help meet the needs of WNAC. We try to be good stewards of God's money and hope that our church will give generously now to this offering.

Prayer

A COME

Singalong

Attendance at Auxiliary tends to suffer during the summer months. This may be a good time to have a picnic, combine Auxiliary with another meeting, or just have a missionary or "Come" singalong. First, let's look at some of the "Comes" of Christ found in the gospels:

The Seven "Comes" of Christ

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37)

I. Come and Rest (Mt. 11:29)

A. The believer's trophy (Heb. 4:9)

B. The sinner's enigma (Isa. 57:20)

II. Come and See (Mt. 5:8)

A. A miraculous birth (Mt. 1:23)

B. A sinless life (Jn. 8:46)

C. A bodily resurrection (Jn. 20:11-18)

D. A promised return (Jn. 14:3)

III. Come and Drink (Jn. 4:14)

A. The water of salvation (Jn. 3:5)

B. The water of suffering (I Pet. 2:21)

C. The water of death (Mt. 20:22)

IV. Come and Dine (Jn. 6:35)

A. At Abraham's table with the Gentiles (Mt. 8:11)

B. At Christ's table with the saints in glory (Mt. 26:26-29)

V. Come and Follow Me (Jn. 21:22)

A. Leaving all (Mk. 10:21)

B. Gaining all (Lk. 9:24)

VI. Come and Pray (Lk. 21:36)

A. To avoid temptation (Mk. 14:38)

B. To reach souls for Christ (Ps. 126:6)

C. To please our Savior (Prov. 15:8)

VII. Come and Inherit (Rom. 8:17)

A. Life eternal (Heb. 9:15)

B. A kingdom prepared (Mt. 25:34)

C. An abode brand new (Rev. 21:1)

A "COME" SINGALONG

Emperor penguins love to sing. They are among the most musical creatures on earth. When courting, the male and female bow and sing to each other. Her voice is soft and gentle; he sings loud and long. When the mother penguin has laid her eggs, she goes off to the ocean for two weeks to feed. While she is gone, the father sits on the eggs and sings. After regaining her strength, the female comes back to the nest and sings as well. And shortly before a little one is hatched, if you lean your ear down close to the shell, you can hear the chick singing inside.

The people of God are also singers. When Moses led Israel out of Egypt, he paused to praise God in song (Ex. 15:1-18).

Deborah sang in victory (Judges 5)

David's songs were numerous. Many psalms begin with a reference to singing (66, 81, 89, 92, 95, 96, 98, 101, 138, 149).

The disciples sang in the upper room (Mark 14:26).

Paul instructs believers to sing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

And Revelation 15:3 tells of the song of the redeemed in heaven.

—Daily Bread, May 12, 1989

REJOICE, the Free Will Baptist hymnal, lists ten hymns beginning with the word "Come." As the pianist plays them, how many can you identify? Divide your women into groups and make a game of it.

The first team that identifies the correct title scores a point.

If your group is small, gather around the piano to sing.

Divide your women into soprano and alto sections and arrange like a choir. Drape a white collar around each to give the impression of a choir robe.

Arrange solos, duets, special groups and even speaking parts from some of the songs.

Play "Name That Tune." The pianist plays one chord of a song. She keeps adding a new chord until the exact title is guessed. Then all turn in the hymnal and sing the first verse.

sented during the ceremony. Taped music may be used. If this song is not available, choose another worshipful song related to water.

As they finish washing, two women stand ready with the towels for drying. They form a circle and conclude with prayer.

Presentation: "Ho everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters...Whosoever will let him come and take of the water of life freely."

Scripture uses water as a metaphor for eternal life found in Jesus Christ. Every living thing—every plant, animal and human being—needs water to carry out their life processes. A man can live without food for more than a month, but he can only live without water for about a week.

We invite you to experience the life of water by dipping your hands in this basin, touch the water, stir it, move your hands about in it. Let it surround you as it soothes your fingertips. Come to the water now and let's experience it's life.

*Scripture
uses water
as a
metaphor
for eternal
life in
Christ.*

Come to the Water

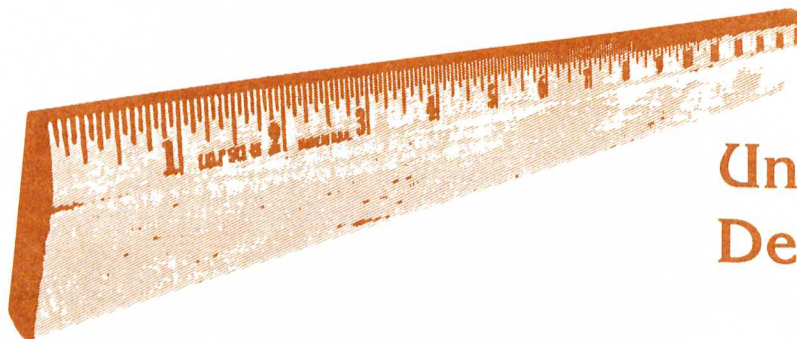
by Katie Pinson

Preparation: Fill a large bowl, preferably glass or clear plastic, with water and place in front of an altar or table. Arrange green leaves, as ivy or grape vines, around the base. The women take turns coming to the water and dipping their hands into it. You'll need two towels for drying.

The song "For Those Tears" is especially appropriate to be pre-



Katie Pinson, New Mexico's president, used this "Experience the Water" at a state convention.



Unmeasured Devotion

Introduction

The Bible describes the nation of Israel as the apple of God's eye. He promised to provide and sustain them if they kept His laws and commandments. But time after time they backslid. His heart grieved when they turned from Him to worship heathen gods. He longed for their love and devotion.

Are we any different today? If others could see inside, what would our hearts reveal? We offer Him our gifts, time and talents, but all too often we don't give Him what He most desires—our hearts. Religious activities are often used to salve our spiritual consciences or as a substitute for an intimate relationship with God. In truth, He wants a love that cannot be measured or shared with another.

Sometimes we wonder how we can love God with all our hearts. In order to help us understand this Scriptural command, let's look at five areas in which we measure our relationship with God.

TO KNOW HIM

Let's compare the early stages of our Christian life with those of a newborn baby. A newborn knows little of his parents or environment. Yet a relationship exists because he is born into their family. Soon he recognizes his mother's voice and touch and name. And in time a close relationship develops. Through proper care and nourishment, the baby begins to grow and changes occur before their very eyes.

When we are born into God's family, the Father-child relationship begins. As we spend time together, we recognize His voice and touch. As we feed on His Word, a

relationship develops (1 Pet. 2:2,3). Changes occur as we commune with Him. We are either going forward or backsliding; we cannot stand still in our spiritual life.

Knowing Christ is more than knowing His name. More than a head knowledge, it must penetrate the heart. We know of many people by what we have read, but as for a personal relationship, there is none. How can we know God?

God has revealed Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ (1 John 14:9). To know the Father is to know the Son.

We know God through prayer and His Word. "Learn of Me," He tells us in Matthew 11:29. When we read His Word, He talks to us; through prayer, we talk to Him. As we continue in the Word, we learn of His mercy, grace, compassion, tenderness, and other attributes that reveal His character and love.

To know God is to fear Him (Prov. 1:7). A reverent fear of God involves recognizing His greatness and power. We respect His authority and hold Him in reverence. A holy, reverent fear drives us to love Him more.

To know God is to keep His commandments (1 John 2:3-6). If we know Him in a personal way, He will be first in our lives. Our heart's desire will be to honor and please Him and bring delight to His holy name. Daily communion with Him enriches our love relationship.

TO LOVE HIM

Of all the emotions of which the soul is capable, love is by far the

freest. It expresses itself in many ways. No person in the world can buy our love or force us to love another. By its very nature, love must be voluntary. Jesus told His disciples, "If you love me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15).

How can we respond to His command with so many voices vying for our love and affection? We must first understand the love of the will. When God saved us, we came to Him with a willing heart. We have little control over an emotional love or feeling which comes and goes, rises and falls, bursts forth and disappears, and can be as changeable as mercury in a thermometer.

This does not describe the kind of love Christ meant when He told His people to love Him. To love God, we must first will to do so. We must want to please Him more than anything else in the world.

Although God yearns for an intimate relationship with His children, He never forces anyone to love Him. How willing are we to make Him our first love? How warm is our devotion? If He is not the object of our devotion, we should repent of our lack of love and set our affections on things above. This produces a wonderful inner change.

As we love God, we love one another. It's impossible to have an intimate relation with God and not care for other people (1 John 4:7-11). The two greatest commandments, Jesus said, are to love God with our whole being and love our neighbor as ourselves. The message comes through—if we know God in a personal way, we will desire to please Him in all we do.

TO OBEY HIM

Physical laws govern our physical needs. We either obey them or suffer the consequences.

We need only look to our children for a lesson in obedience. Since their very nature is to disobey, they resist orders. Either their attention span is short or they refuse to listen. After three desperate attempts, a mother pushed her little boy down in a chair. "I may be sitting down," he told her, "but I'm standing up inside." Usually a child who is lovingly disciplined will soon learn to obey.

Spiritual laws govern our spiritual life, one of which is obedience (Acts 5:29). As disobedient children, we are sometimes reluctant to hear the voice of God. Our ears become so dull of hearing that we either ignore God's voice or as Adam, we purposely try to hide from Him. Where is our hiding place? God is patient and continually calls us to a life of obedience, a deeper prayer life and a more consecrated lifestyle.

When we read God's commandments, we are prone to leave them there as reference. We need, by careful study and prayer, to allow the Holy Spirit to transfer them to our hearts.

It is impossible to find fulfillment in the Christian life while disobeying the laws of God. If we keep His commandments, we will obey whatever He asks of us. Jesus describes believers who keep his commands as experiencing joy (John 15:9-11). Only as we obey can we live the abundant life. How can we be fruitful and an effective witness unless we obey the timeless principles of God? Our obedience shows a dying world what is worth living and dying for.

TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

As Jesus entered Bethsaida, some friends brought a blind man to Him and asked that Jesus touch him. His eyes were opened and his sight restored.

Good eyesight is a treasure which we often take for granted.

We don't usually seek medical advice until our eyes become diseased or begin to fail.

An eye disease more serious than physical is spiritual blindness. In a world of materialism and prosperity, satan has caused many to shut up their bowels of compassion and look at a world with the attitude of "Be ye warmed and fed." Our spiritual eyes have become blurred until we fail to see beyond our own needs.

When we only see externally, there is much to blind us—race, religion, prosperity, appearance, habits, to name a few. If we could only learn to see with the heart. Not until we hear some desperate plea for help and the Holy Spirit grips our hearts do we paint a vivid picture in our minds. Though touched for a moment, the plea is soon forgotten. Instead of a stir of emotions, we need a heart filled with love and compassion, one moved to action.

Jesus told His disciples (us) to look on the fields (John 4:35). Could it be we are looking over the fields? We need to view God's harvest and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to our hearts. Only then are we capable of seeing the over-ripe harvest fields.

As we view God in His greatness, high and lifted up, we see ourselves undone, in need of cleansing (Isa. 6:5-8). As we offer ourselves the Holy Spirit begins a work in us which equips us for the task. Only then do we see a world waiting to be served.

TO SERVE HIM

How urgent and relevant are the admonitions and warnings of Scripture (Eph. 5:15-16). We must invest our time in things that matter.

A clock measures time. With each passing second we are reminded of how fleeting life is. We are reminded that God has committed this most precious gift to our use and we dare not squander it away. The hour is urgent; we must be up and about our Father's business.

True Christian life is a life of ser-

vice to others, not to seek or long for recognition or power. We serve from a heart of love, following the example of Christ. We are not the master but the servant. We serve Him by waiting on tables (all the world) and distributing the food (our place in the Great Commission). A servant submits to the master's will, performing duties expected of him, seeking to meet the master's approval (Rom. 6:16).

The best servants often go unnoticed. The servant has done his job if the focus remains on the host and the guests. Our work as God's servants is to care for His house, His honor and to make known His love. When we have served in His name, fulfilling our place in our field of service, and the focus remains on the Lord Jesus, we will have done our job.

Most of us will not be called to serve the Lord in some distant land. We are called to be missionaries at home. God depends on us to be His mouthpiece, His hands and feet. No matter in what capacity we serve, let's do it with a loving and willing heart. The world needs to feel the impact of the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Opportunities for service abound. We must discipline our time and abilities while it is day (John 9:4). Time spent can never be recalled. Let's make every minute count for the Master.

Conclusion

God has a measuring stick. He doesn't measure up and down or around, but measures the heart. We can be so close to Him or far away. He knows how warm our devotion is. Either we have devotion without measure or a measure of devotion. Which will it be? Our measure of service to His will depends on our measure of love and devotion for Him.

Aim: To rekindle our love for God and to enrich our relationship with Him

Scripture: Luke 10:25-28

Hymn: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Communicator

Prepare for WNAC Emphasis Month

August is emphasis month for WNAC. The emphasis month offering helps with national office expenses.

Have you ordered your Emphasis Kit? It's free and available from the WNAC office or at the WNAC booth in Phoenix.

Get the whole church involved. It gives each Auxiliary an opportunity to acquaint the church with the purpose and work of Woman's Auxiliary. Also the offering gives the entire church an opportunity to express gratitude and support for the women's work.

It's Not Too Late

Plan to come to the convention in Phoenix, July 16-19. You'll want to get in on the early seminars and officers meeting. All state officers are invited to the meeting Monday afternoon. Then be sure to attend the business sessions and make sure your state and Auxiliary are properly represented there.

Don't miss the Fellowship Dinner. You'll enjoy the Southwest setting and the local flavor of the meal. Rudene Kennedy, the speaker, will be a special blessing.

Funds Come in for New Equipment

We have a new computer, more sophisticated, with a color monitor and enhanced keyboard. Just the day before it came, we received

\$975 for office equipment. Cost for the new computer, \$925.

Now Sue is gradually transferring the bookkeeping to the computer.

Check the report on total funds for office equipment below.

Cote d'Ivoire Hospital Has Needs

Dr. Ken Eagleton frequently publishes a list of needs for the hospital. On a recent list, he gave the following equipment to be purchased this year:

VCR (multi-system) for evangelism in waiting room	\$900
Color monitor or TV for VCR	\$350
Slide projector for public health classes	\$350
Computer plus software	\$1,000

If you want to keep up with current needs, write the Foreign Missions office and ask to be placed on the mailing list for the hospital newsletter.

Women Respond to Office Needs

The staff is especially grateful for response to needs in the office.

Of the original \$3,600 needed for equipment, we now have \$2,244.05, including the \$925 for the computer.

Provision Closet Needs

Bathroom rugs, shower curtains, commode covers
Hand towels

Just off the Press

WNAC's newest collection of plays/skits.

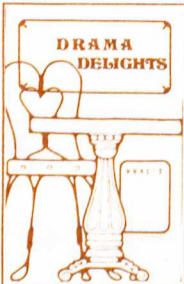
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\$1.25 plus 35¢ shipping and handling to:

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By Lottie Campbell

Almost 23 years ago now, the army assigned my first husband, Bill, back to Germany. We were delighted. On our first assignment there, we had adopted two babies, and we wanted to acquaint Ricky and Robin, both second-graders, with their native land.

We anticipated a full and exciting tour, as before. However, after only a few months, Bill received his orders to Vietnam. Bill was an ordained minister as well as a career army man, and he accepted this move as an opportunity to serve.

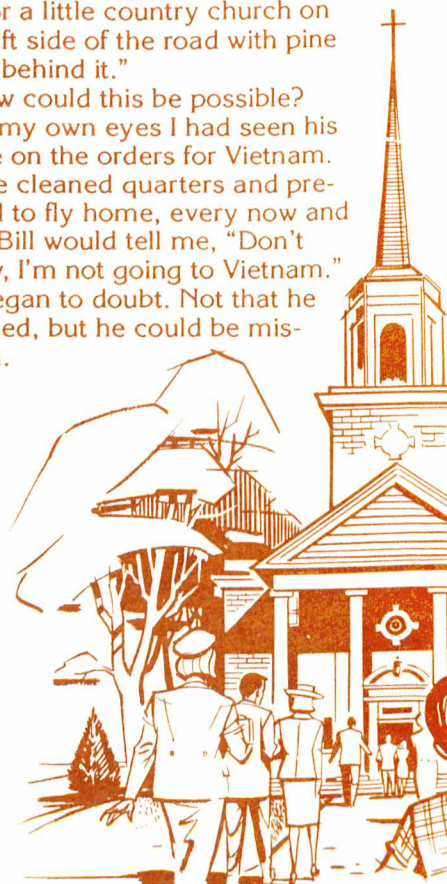
One morning before returning to the States and beginning his new assignment, Bill walked into the kitchen and announced, "I'm not going to Vietnam."

What was he saying?

"The Lord has shown me in a dream," he explained. "We are going back to the States and I will pastor a little country church on the left side of the road with pine trees behind it."

How could this be possible? With my own eyes I had seen his name on the orders for Vietnam. As we cleaned quarters and prepared to fly home, every now and then Bill would tell me, "Don't worry, I'm not going to Vietnam."

I began to doubt. Not that he had lied, but he could be mistaken.



Church by the

Our permanent stateside address was Bill's mother in Memphis, Tennessee. As we visited her for the next 30 days, he continued to remind me, "Don't worry. I'm not going to Vietnam."

Near the end of our furlough, the Pentagon called. "Your orders have been changed," they told him and new orders would follow in a few days. Bill didn't seem surprised.

One cold day in December, the children and I accompanied Bill as he reported for duty in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. We wanted space, so chose not to live on the post. We rented a three bedroom home in the country seven miles from the base. The first Sunday we checked the papers for Free Will Baptist churches. We visited one on Sunday morning and another one that night.

The next Saturday we drove around the rural area near our home. A few miles from our house he stopped the car before a small church on the left side of the road. A cluster of pine trees dotted the landscape behind.

"There it is!" he exclaimed. The church he had seen in his dream!

No sign identified its name or affiliation, so he walked across the road to inquire. The lilt in his step as he returned told me—it was one of our churches! We almost shouted!

The next morning we were the first to arrive. Next a lady led in a blind man. A few more came, 13

in all, but no preacher. At last, the blind man stood and asked, "Is there a preacher in the congregation?"

Later Bill told me that he had prayed that if he were to preach then the blind man would ask that very question.

He preached both that morning and night—we never learned what happened to the pastor. Then along with his duties at the army hospital, he became the church's pastor.

The Lord blessed. Many were saved and the church grew from 13 to 102! In May, Bill suffered his first heart attack which forced his early resignation. We moved back to Memphis where he died three years later at the age of 42.

I never cease to wonder at what God can do. Even now as I write this, tears fill my eyes. God, You are so good.

Lottie Campbell, Pocahontas, Arkansas, is still a preacher's wife. A year after Bill's death, she married a widower from Walnut Ridge. Glynn has one son, Tim, who is also a preacher. Lottie's two children are married with two grandsons.

QUIET TIME SET FREE, continued from page 3 ...

course). We may want to listen to music or taped Scriptures as we posture our praise and prepare our hearts. We may want to meditate, read, pray, or write a letter to God. Some journalize their thoughts. Some have "prayer walks." Some ask God a question, and sit in silence, listening. When we discover the untapped joy of spontaneous private worship, no one will have to remind us. We will run to the "quiet place."

Worship is prayer. Worship is music. Worship is repentance. Worship is serving. Worship is giving. Worship is the priceless privilege and joy of the believer stepping, for a few shining moments, simply and cleanly into the joyous presence of the living God.

Believer, enter!

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Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

King David sinned in numbering the people (I Chron. 21:1-8). A king listened to Satan's provoking lies! As a result, he made an extremely poor decision. Can we honestly point the finger at David and fail to acknowledge that we, too, are as guilty? Satan is a liar and the "father of lies" (John 8:44). Why then did David listen to him? Why do we listen to him? Could it be because we think we are stronger, wiser, more able to handle him and his lies? Such reasoning is fatal. It brings God's judgment even as it did to the king.

David repented and confessed his sin and God forgave him, but still His righteousness demanded that judgment be carried out. He did give David a choice as to the kind of judgment that He would send. David chose three days of pestilence. What a price!

Sin still costs!

Families cost tears, sleeplessness, anguish. However, it is better to bear the cost than deny our responsibilities. Peace of heart is priceless and we can only know peace when we are at peace with God.

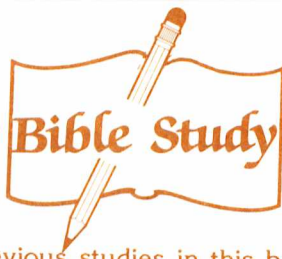
A nation's peace is not without cost. America was bought with the blood of many young lives serving in the armed service.

Religion costs! The growth of God's church has been paid for by countless lives who sacrificed to keep the church doors open. Our forefathers sacrificed their love, prayers, and dollars to maintain the church in this young nation.

Do we sacrifice anything today? Our apathy, indifference, and cold hearts must break the heart of God. How can we honestly ask God to further delay judgment? Can we dare ask for the full price for our national sins? I think not. We can only plead the blood of His Son in mercy. ♦



Side of the Road



I JOHN Chapter 3, Part 1

REVIEW: In the four previous studies in this brief basic book, John gave us two of his three reasons for writing: (1) "That your joy may be full," obtained by keeping a close family relationship with the Father and (2) "That you sin not," because sin drives a wedge in that relationship. Chapter 2 listed two of the basic tests of spiritual maturity, the test of our "desires and priorities" (vs. 15-17:) and the test of our "Biblical knowledge" (vs. 18-29). Chapter 3 covers two additional "tests."

BEHOLD, BELOVED! (3:1-3)

3:1—Are you born again? If so, your heart will surely leap as you "Behold, what _____ of love the Father hath _____ upon us, that we should be called the sons (children) of God;" These simple but powerful words affirm that God has accepted us into His family, through our faith in His Son!

However, during Jesus' earthly life, He was not known, understood or believed by the majority, including His own half-brothers. John adds "therefore, the _____ knoweth us not, because it _____ Him not." A believer, unashamed to witness, will often be misunderstood or maligned, perhaps by family members as was our Saviour.

3:2—"Behold, _____ are we the sons (children) of _____". Grasp this present-tense fact firmly and never let it go! We have God's word for it.

"...and it doth not yet _____ what we shall be, but we know that, when He shall _____, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." Here is a two-fold promise; Jesus WILL come again and we will SEE Him and be like Him. This takes the sting out of death. Compare I Corinthians 15:54-57.

3:3—"And every man that hath this _____ in him _____ himself even as He is pure." Christian family membership, plus the indwelling hope and assurance of His return for us operate as "purifying agents" in our daily actions and attitudes. The test here is "purity of life."

WHOSOEVER SINNETH - PLAIN AND SIMPLE (3:3-6)

3:4—"Whosoever _____ sin _____ the law." The verb form for the word "commit" and others here, denotes a continual practice. God's laws are firm. Breaking one of them is a sin.

3:5—"And ye know that He (Jesus) was _____ to take _____ our sins, and in Him is no sin." Jesus died to pay the penalty for past sin and lives to give us the power to overcome the practice of sin after salvation.

3:6—"Whosoever _____ in Him sinneth not; whosoever _____ hath not seen Him, neither known Him." Again, the verb form for the words "abide" and "sin" give them the meaning of a continual action. Thus, if we continually abide in Christ, closely attached to Him and His word, we will not continue

to practice known sin. Once more, it is a test of "purity of life."

OUT IN THE OPEN (3:7-10)

3:7—"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth _____ is righteous, even as He (Jesus) is righteous." Works cannot save us, but they are a tell-tale indicator of what has taken place in the heart of God's "little children." Striving to be like Jesus, our measure of success is told by actions and attitudes.

3:8—"He that _____ sin (keeps it up) is of the devil; for the devil _____ from the beginning." "Fruit inspectors" surround us! Compare Matthew 7:18-21.

"For this _____ the Son of God was _____, that He might _____ the works of the devil." Jesus would destroy the sinful works that He may replace them with works of righteousness through His spirit.

3:9—"Whosoever is _____ of God doth not commit sin; for His (Jesus) seed _____ in him, and he cannot sin because he is _____ of God." Some teach that this verse points to a "sinless perfection" after salvation. Other passages show the Bible student that this is not a true interpretation. See I John 1:8-10 and 2:1,2 as examples. The emphatic meaning is that a born again believer will not continue to practice known sin. Why? Because a righteous "seed" has been sown in the heart at the time of salvation. This seed will germinate and bear fruit after its kind. Therefore...

3:10 - "In this the children of God are _____ (made known), and the children of the devil: whosoever _____ not righteousness is _____ of God, neither he that _____ not his brother." We are not called to be judges but, we can and do observe and note the actions and attitudes of professed believers, as they, in turn, observe us. Striving to pass God's test of "purity of life" in the preceding verses will move the believers farther toward spiritual maturity, living a life pleasing to our Father.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the impact on others made by a child of God.
2. Some "hope" they are saved and going to heaven. How can we KNOW? Find verses to back it up.
3. What are the purifying agents" listed in verses 1 and 2?
4. Is sinless perfection possible in this life? Why or why not?

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.

Helps for Leaders

Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination

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Beatitudes of Freedom

Blessed is the nation where freedom to think (out loud if necessary) is the rule and not the exception: Where no ecclesiastical hierarchy prods one's religious inclinations into any set patterns, and where one's political interests are not policed.

Blessed is the nation that maintains the dignity and freedom of the press for of such is the kingdom of tolerance.

Blessed is the nation that enjoys freedom of speech for great is its responsibility to its citizens. Let them be reminded that this is not mere happenstance but rather the results of the foresight and wisdom of the Fathers of the Constitution.

Blessed is the nation where freedom from fear is the inheritance of its children.

Blessed is the nation that dared to include freedom of worship in its charter. This is our sacred patrimony, the most priceless heritage of them all.

Blessed is the nation that encourages freedom of movement for such is not so in the Kingdom of Kremlin! Let us exercise this freedom each weekend by regular attendance at the church of our choice, lest a greater evil than theirs befall us.



Program Helps

Find as many different kinds of measures as you can and display on a table: measuring cups and spoons, tape measure, ruler, yard stick, mileometer, stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, eye chart, a child's growth chart, thermometer, hearing aid, clocks, and others.

See how many the women can identify. Or make a game of it. Tape a number to each measure and prepare a matching quiz by matching object with the description; as 1. I measure time. 2. I measure distance. 3. I measure temperature. 4. I measure growth.

August is Emphasis Month on the Auxiliary calendar. Ask your pastor to mention it for a month of Sundays preceding your Emphasis program. One Sunday, he could introduce the Auxiliary officers.

- Another, sing the Auxiliary hymn, either as a congregation hymn or special music

- Report on Auxiliary activities
- Introduction to CO-LABORER magazine with sample copies distributed

- Short skit, as "When I Grow Up"

- Poster review of the Five Basics Every Auxiliary Member Should Know

Pam Conley, Grayson Auxiliary, Grayson, KY, divided their women into two groups with a captain over each to observe their Auxiliary Emphasis Month. They chalked up points by observing the various assignments.

- On the first Sunday, each woman who wore the Auxiliary colors (lavender and white) received a point.

- Another Sunday, those who wore two different kinds of shoes gained a point

- Ten points were given for each visitor brought one Sunday

- Five points to each one bringing a fresh flower to make up a church centerpiece

- Five points to each one attending the Emphasis Program.

- Extra points could be given for reciting the password, singing the hymn, and others as you can think of.

Mission STUDY Chairman

Babbling Books

by Debbie Cavitt

Characters: Narrator

Lady of the House
Bookcase

Books: Dictionary,
Cookbook, Phonebook, Bible,
and five study course books

Those reading the dialogue of the book characters should wear sandwich boards or shoulder sashes displaying the book title. The Lady of the House wears casual dress and apron.

Setting: The platform is arranged to resemble a living room with a bookcase and several books. As Narrator begins, the Lady of the House enters and begins to tidy up.

NARRATOR

Your home is a reflection of yourself. You, as Lady of the House, add your own special touches and a house becomes a home.

(Lady of the House dusts the furniture and places a flower arrangement on the bookcase.)

This is where you rear your family. Many of the events that happen between these walls will become precious memories you will cherish for years. Look around. If your furniture could talk, what would it say? Perhaps the table with the scratch would tell of Junior's birthday party. What fun the children had! Of course the scratch was an accident. He didn't know the toy car would leave a scratch. What about the chair or the bookcase? That bookcase has been in the family for years. I wonder what it would say.

BOOKCASE

(This character should be hidden from sight, preferably behind the bookcase.) Psst! Over here! I have been here against this wall for several years. I'm important to your family for I hold many hours worth of reading material. Members of the family choose books from off my shelves each day. Would you like to visit with some of my most used occupants? Here, second shelf, fourth book from the end. Go ahead. Pick it up.

(The Lady of the House picks up and looks through each book the Bookcase mentions, holds it while the book speaks, then returns it to the shelf. Dictionary enters and stands near front of the platform.)

DICTIONARY

I'm glad you chose to look at me. I'm the thickest book on the shelf. In me you find a wealth of knowledge. Not only do I tell you the meanings of different words, I tell you how to spell and pronounce them correctly. The children use me for their homework. You use me when writing important papers. I speak with the voice of authority. I'm always correct. You can count on me. I'm the dictionary. *(Dictionary exits.)*

BOOKCASE

I contain other occupants equally as important. See the red book with the grape juice stain on the cover? See what you think of it. *(Cookbook enters and stands near front of platform.)*

COOKBOOK

Be careful not to tilt me on my side. *(Leans slightly to one side.)* I have lots of notecards between my pages. With my help you can make all sorts of yummy things. Only be sure to read and follow my directions carefully. I'm important to the people in this house. I've been with you since your wedding day. That's right. I'm the cookbook. *(She exits.)*

BOOKCASE

One of the most popular books on my shelves is on the bottom shelf.

See it? It's the one with the frayed pages. Go ahead. Look at it. *(Phonebook enters and stands near the platform.)*

PHONEBOOK

Oh dear! I get so tired of people constantly thumbing through me. It's no wonder I look a frightful sight. They bend the corner of my pages and draw circles around important information. Then they scribble names and numbers on my cover. I tell them where people live and what numbers to dial so they may talk with them. They think I'm important for awhile, but next year they will cast me aside for a new book. There should be no doubt that I'm the telephone book. *(She exits.)*

BOOKCASE

See the book on the middle shelf? Isn't it beautiful? People who visit this house often comment on its beautiful black leather binding and gold lettering. I don't know about this book. Seems no one ever reads it, but I know it's important. Why, this particular book has been in your family for generations. Look at it if you like. *(Bible enters and stands near the front.)*

BIBLE

If you only knew what was on my pages. I, like the dictionary, am full of knowledge. Only my knowledge is not trivial. On my pages are recorded the knowledge of life through Jesus Christ: "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me" (John 14:6).

While the cookbook acknowledges food for the mortal body, I give food for the soul: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God" (Luke 4:4)

As the phonebook is full of characters, so am I. Between my covers live all sorts of characters, both young and old, rich and poor, wise and not so wise. They come from all walks of life—kings, carpenters, judges, physicians, tax collectors and missionaries. You can read me over and over and I will never be boring. I am never outdated and still the world's best

Mission PRAYER Chairman

August Prayer Reminders

Wipe Up Deficit Accounts

Write missionary requests on index cards. Staple a paper napkin to each one.

July Prayer Reminders

Patriotic Prayer Scrolls

For each prayer scroll, you will need:

1/2 sheet typing paper, cut longways

1 drinking straw cut in half

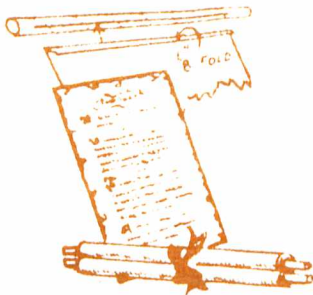
Instructions:

Write missionary requests on the paper. Call Hotline (615-361-5005) for current requests.

Make a 1/8" fold at the top and bottom. This makes the paper stay inside the straw.

Slit the straw (as illustrated) and insert the paper in the two straw halves.

Give one to each woman present.



Wipe Up Deficit Accounts

Missionary Probe

Divide the women into two teams and appoint a captain for each group. If your group is large, you may prefer to let only two women play.

Mentally choose the name of a missionary. On a blackboard, draw lines for as many letters as in the name of that missionary. For example, Paul Robinson would look like this:

The teams take turns guessing a letter. If the name contains more than one letter of the one guessed, fill in all the spaces for that name. If she chooses a correct letter, she may guess the answer. If she is unable to do so, the turn goes to the other team.

Allow 5 points for each correct solution. The team that reaches 25 first wins.

seller. I am God's Word, the Bible. Go ahead. Read me. *(She exits)*

BOOKCASE

See this empty shelf? It's for all those Auxiliary study course books you should have read: *(These five books enter one by one and stand side by side.)*

TOUCH THE WORLD THROUGH PRAYER: I would help you become mighty in prayer.

HARVEST OF HUMANITY: I would challenge you to minister to the cultural groups around us.

PEACEFUL LIVING: I give a 4-point strategy for replacing stress with peace.

EVANGELISM FOR OUR GENERATION: I show you how to make evangelism a lifestyle.

HOW TO BE EFFECTIVE IN

PRAYER: I give fundamental principles for an exciting and growing prayer life.

(The other books join the study course books.)

NARRATOR:

Which of these books is most important to you? Which do you read most often? If your books could talk, what tales would they tell?

Mission ACTION Chairman

Action F is the very active mission action group of the Bayshore Mission Auxiliary, St. Petersburg, Florida. CO-LABORER is happy to present some of their recent projects. Cheryl Anne Day is chairman of this creative group.



Cheryl Anne, 26, works for the USPO and has been married to Doug for 5 years. They have no children, "unless you count 4 cats, 30 fish, 2 bunnies, 15 parakeets, 8 love birds, 2 parrots, and 2 baby turtles." She sings, plays the guitar, crochets, knits and loves all crafts.

Cheryl Anne is Mission Prayer and Action Chairman for both her church and Central District.

Friendship Pins

Supplies needed: a bag of craft pins
heart pony beads, one for each pin
small flat beads

How to make:

1. Straighten the pins.
2. Insert two beads of different colors.

3. Insert a heart pony bead.
4. Insert two more flat beads.
5. Bend pin back in place.

How to use:

1. Use them to pin on name tags at your district meeting.
2. Pin on patients in a nursing home.
3. Pin to paper strips on which is written a missionary prayer request. Distribute at your Auxiliary meeting.
4. Give one to your secret pal...mother...daughter...friend.

Actionettes

Actionettes! We're trying to find out where you are and what you are doing. Send us reports of your activities and projects—with pictures.

Let's get together!

Jolene Robinson reports on the activities of their Actionettes group. "First," she says, "we give prayer requests then gather around the altar to pray. Then one of us kids gives the lesson. After that we sing some songs and play 'Jesus In.'"

Jolene continues with game instructions. "We all cross our hands, right over left. Then one begins with a J, the first letter in Jesus' name, and continue around the circle. The one with the last S goes in the circle. The last one left in the circle wins."

The Actionettes are also learning Bible verses for badges. "We have a lot of fun learning the verses," adds Twila Robinson, president. "We're glad we're in Actionettes."

Skiatook Actionettes

Skiatook, Oklahoma
Vonnie Hicks, sponsor



front row: Therese Brown, Christy Lewis, Leah Hicks, Twila Robinson

middle: Amy Johnson, Jolene Robinson, Amada Hicks

back: Jodi Johnson, Missy Johnson, Christy McLaughlin

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MAN'S MILITARY

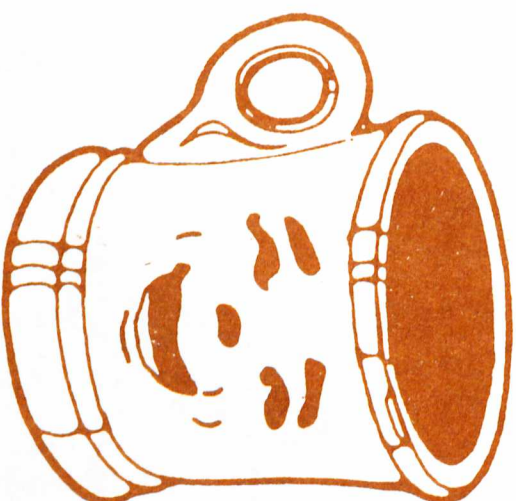
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An Invitation to Fulfillment

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



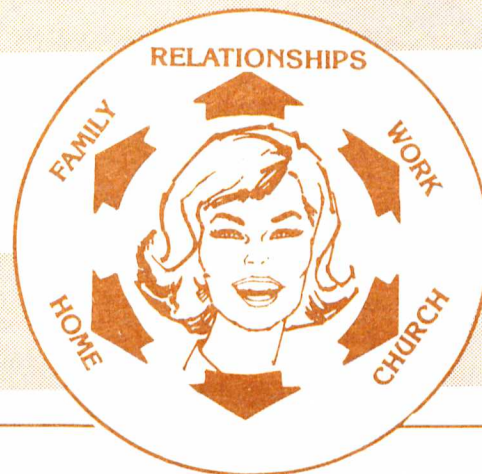
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The Ministers Wife

Newsletter

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Opportunities to Love

by Nora McCarty

"Then Jesus seeing him loved him..." (Mark 10:21a)

It isn't strange that in this one short interview Jesus felt genuine love for the young man who stood before him. Haven't we all been drawn to people whom we love instantly despite their faults?

God has given me several such dear ones. I have five wonderful children of my own plus many others within my church and community. Age knows no barrier for "spiritual children."

Our First Pastorate

Recently my husband and I took a trip back to Ohio where our ministry began. We visited some fruits of our first pastorate—our spiritual children and grandchildren. We cried together as we remembered the good times and the not-so-good times when we prayed together and God answered our prayers. They recalled: "You gave me my first Bible...bought my baby's first pair of shoes...prayed with me for my lost husband...helped me through hard times...encouraged me to study and pray...insisted I could be an Auxiliary officer...encouraged me to teach a Sunday school class."

One of these teachers taught a beginner's class which grew from

five or six to more than 30. For several years she has also taught a class of 20-30 teachers in our church in Columbus.

After visiting with many of these "children," I am looking forward to homecoming in heaven where we will have all the time we want to remember together God's great love for us.

Opportunities in Youngstown

These first years of pastoring were centered mostly on "church folk," their families, and friends we met through visitation. Then we moved to Youngstown, Ohio, to build a mission church.



Nora McCarty was saved at age 7 and dedicated her life to God's service at age 16. She and Pastor Bill have 5 children and 7 grandchildren. Brother McCarty pastors the Pioneer FWB Church in Ontario.

Nora is Auxiliary president of both the local and district and has served on the WNAC Executive Committee.

That year Youngstown was classified as Crime City USA. Daily the media reported riotings, house burnings, shootings and murders. Today Free Will Baptists have a growing, loving church in Youngstown with a second generation pastor. We have children there, too.

The Lord taught me many lessons on loving during our 13 years in this pastorate. Many of these were learned as I took God's love outside the security of the walls of the church building. To some not-so-easy-to-love ones, as drug addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes, the poverty-stricken and others who lived in constant danger.

Murders occurred with alarming regularity outside the doors of the Needle's Eye, a rescue mission where my husband and I volunteered our services. As I counseled with adults and taught children who were victims of all sorts of abuse, God allowed me to see the person, not the sin.

Nancy, an alcoholic, learned to drink with her mother at age 11, and had been thrown out of most of the bars in town. She prayed with us and wanted so much to change. Her sobriety lasted until a "friend" came along with a bottle. I still pray for her that she will love herself as God loves her. Perhaps she will remember that I love her, too.

One day a young man, about 18, stopped by for a cup of coffee. He was on his way to kill the man who had shot off his brother's head. After more than an hour of talking, praying and reading Scripture, he accepted Christ as his Savior. Several months later when we left Youngstown, he was still in Bible study—just another of our spiritual children.

The Circle Widens— California

God in His infinite wisdom moved us to California where He has increased our spiritual family by several nationalities and colors. One of these was Maria, a Spanish woman, probably in her late 40's, who attended a Bible study in the nursing home where our church ministered.

As a small child, Maria had witnessed all her family brutally murdered as she hid in a closet. She spoke no English and only broken Spanish.

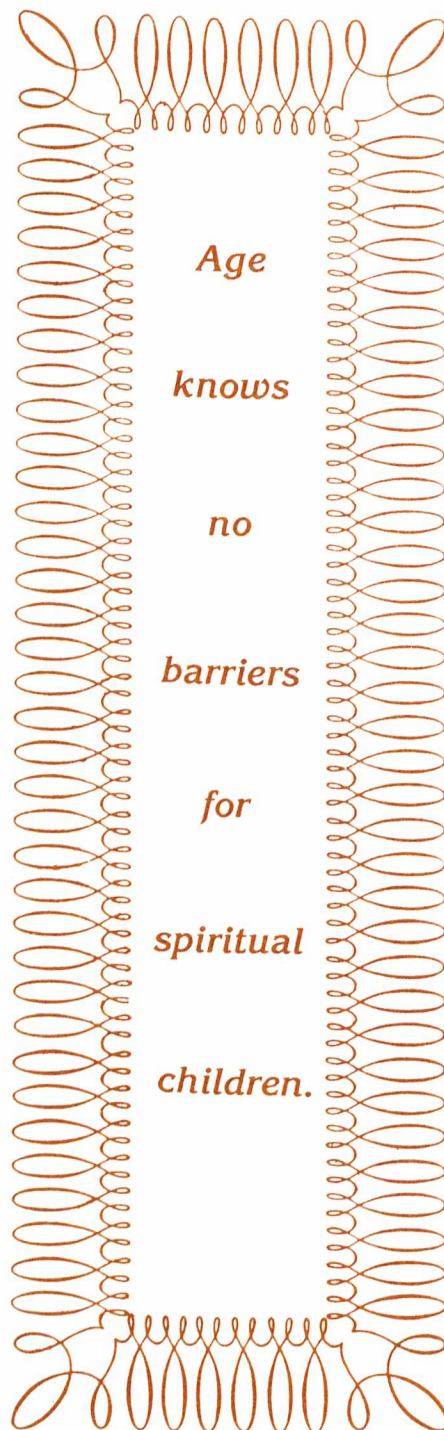
I visited the hospital just before she died. I prayed with her, then turned to leave. She immediately began moaning sounds of distress and clung tightly to my hand. "Do you want to be saved?" I asked. She nodded yes, over and over.

I prayed and we cried together and she assured me she had been saved. When I came to see her the next day, she had already gone home to be with her Lord. I expect to see her in heaven.

Ontario

For more than four years now we have ministered in the Los Angeles basin where God continues to open doors to new adventures. He has given us a wonderful church family who are loving, kind and understanding.

Last year we sponsored a food program that helped feed more than 6600 people. We serve food from a sidewalk table to street people on Skid Row—men,



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women, children and babies for whom we provided formula. We also clothed some of these families. They live in cars, behind buildings, under trees, in cardboard boxes and in doorways. We have climbed three flights of stairs to donate Christmas baskets and food to children in need. We prayed and loved them in the hope of giving them God's love.

Recently God challenged me with another opportunity to love.

A group of gang members, ages 11-18, have begun attending our Tuesday night youth fellowship. Clad in black sweats, straightened hair combed back and covered with a net, ear ring dangling from one ear, these boys portray the victims of our society.

Just before his initiation, one of their friends committed suicide. He feared to face the cruelty of the rites and feared more to back out, so suicide seemed his only solution. This probably sparked their interest in spiritual matters.

"Lord, I'm not prepared to handle this situation," I told the policewoman. "Yes, you are and you can," she assured me. "The church is their only hope." God says, "No you can't, but I can. I

am their Need. Just point them to me." And this we've tried to do.

One of them, a 12 year-old boy has started attending my Sunday school class. Last Sunday night, two of them came trembling to the altar and accepted Christ. It will be hard for them to live a Christian life before their peers, but God is their only answer.

Sometimes I feel like Paul in Philippians 2:12-18 as I pray, "Lord, help me to do without murmuring or complaining, remembering 'I can do all things, through Christ which strengtheneth me.'" I thank God for trusting me with just a few of His creation to love and guide.

I'm glad God gave me a pastor to whom I can be a helpmeet. I thank God for counting me worthy to be a pastor's wife. My purpose in life is to be a living epistle of God's love and of His Holy Word wherever He places me. I want my time to bring lasting results. I want Christ to be glorified in me in every circumstance.

When I die, I look forward to fellowshiping with many of the fruits of my labor—my spiritual children. ♦

Women in Action



Part of those attending the Northeast Missouri district retreat at Camp of the Hills. Waynelle Scott, front center, is guest speaker.



Capital Hill Auxiliary, Oklahoma City, OK, honors their older women at a Valentine banquet.

Bellevue Auxiliary, Colquitt, GA, honors their senior citizens (65 and older) during a Sunday morning service. Of the 22 members, 17 were present to hear testimonies, a medley of their favorite hymns, be decorated with flowers, and served a special lunch.





Trymon Messer, of the National Home Mission Department, speaks at the Vernon District's (AL) 7th annual missions banquet. Others pictured are Marsha McDaniel, Joyce Gibson, Dorothy Hollis, host pastor's wife, and Lucy Wilson.



Richard Hendrix, Madison, AL, addresses the Alabama State banquet at Florence. Elwanda Oakes presents the Hendrixes with a floral wreath fashioned by president Paulette Scott.



Cloie Berkley, president of the First Auxiliary, Louisville, KY, with part of the 24 who attended their chuck wagon round-up dinner.



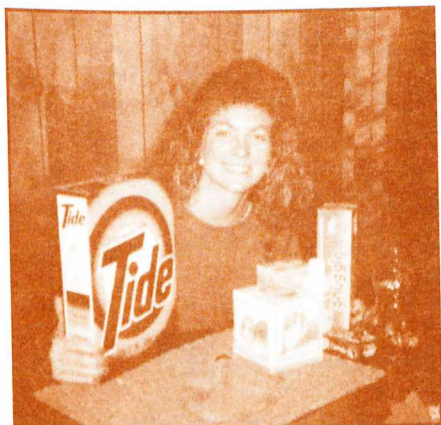
New Castle (IN) Auxiliary adds five new members at their "super round-up."



Brockland Auxiliary, Lawton, OK, adds two to their membership roll at their round up enlistment program. The entire church joined them for a western meal served from a covered wagon. Musicians are: Christi Burns, Norene Clenkenbeard, Martha Langford, Anna Janz, Juanita Thompson and Diane Korn.



Sunshine cans prepared by the Northeast Missouri district women at a workshop held in Columbia. Cans were donated to a rehabilitation center.



Crystal O'Neal, senior at Free Will Baptist Bible College, with gifts presented her by the First Auxiliary, Darlington, SC.



Vernon District's (AL) fall fellowship met at the Free Will Baptist Chapel in Vernon. Tina Gideon is pictured with Elaine Glasgow, guest speaker and Joyce Gibson, president.

CROSSWINDS

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

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

At the Foot of the Cross

by Joanie Scovel

I had always wanted to be a wonderful, mighty servant for the Lord. You know, like a pastor's wife, a professional gospel singer, or one of those idolized missionaries. However, God gave me a husband to love and three children to raise. It didn't get me any rave reviews, but it's the job He lovingly planned for me.

Then one day my husband was ordained as a deacon and I became a lady with a title—A Deacon's Wife! I set about to be the best deacon's wife anyone would ask for—the one who is always there, ready and willing for anything, Mrs. Cheerful, Mrs. Never-Complain, Mrs. All-around Wonderful, as well as Mrs. Indispensable to the pastor's wife.

Everything was going our way as I grew closer to God and asked always to be found at the foot of the cross.

We officially became the "Deacon Family" in August. Less than three months later our first crisis hit—our middle daughter, Baby Sugar, 7, was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes Mellitus. Now what would happen to the deacon's family? Church activities were put on hold until we could manage shots, lab tests, spending time with our other children, and learning all we could about diabetes.

The "Perfect Deacon's Wife" became so consumed with her family's survival there was little time left for others. Once I had felt God had given me a compassion to reach out to others with a card, cake or spoken word. Now where was that compassion? Suffocated under a mountain of self-hurt and pity.

Time heals all wounds and just as we began to get a grip on life's problems, a new trial came our way. A week before Thanksgiving the deacon lost his job.

Now I not only prayed at the foot of the cross, I stayed there!

Everyone was so nice, but no one could know the anxiety of a newly diagnosed diabetic child, no money, no insurance, no support, only my job which paid a few of our many bills. It was too late to erase the 12 years of marriage bills created along the way.

My human side screamed, "You can't do this!" But my spiritual side convinced me, "God will see you through." Praise God, He did as I spent many more hours at the foot of the cross.

Everything we needed God provided through our families, church family and friends. The compassion that I had felt for others flowed back to us in unexpected gifts of love, money, food and prayers. Accepting all these material provisions has been a humbling process.

Since this is not a fairy tale or NBC Movie of the Week, it may not end the way you want, but it's God's story. Baby Sugar is doing wonderful and God has provided all the medical help we need even without insurance. My husband is temporarily employed until the job market opens up for him. The Deacon's Wife is still working and once again getting back into feeling the hurts and feelings of others.

I no longer look for a million dollars to fall from the sky and land on my doorstep to supply our needs. Now when I wake each morning my thoughts turn to God. Lord, what blessings are you sending my way today? This is the day You have made and I will rejoice and be glad in it, for I know it will be nothing You and I can't handle.

By the way, in case you wonder where to find me—I'm still at the foot of the cross. ♦

Book Highlights

CARING FOR YOUR AGING PARENTS

When Love is Not Enough

by Barbara Deane, Navpress
Reviewed by Gertrude Cantrell

This book offers comfort and encouragement to those who feel they have failed in their efforts in caring for an elderly parent. They carry a load of guilt in that perhaps they didn't love enough or were selfish and unchristian in surrendering their care and responsibilities to others. Christian fellowship adds to their burden by voicing their disapproval as being dishonoring to parents.

Of special comfort is the survey and testimonies from so many others in similar situations. Just knowing others share one's griefs, sorrows and frustrations helps one to carry on in a seemingly no-win situation.

AGAINST THE ODDS

by Jill Briscoe and Judy Golz

Victor Books, reviewed by Lari Harrison

Mother and daughter focus on the Biblical account of Hagar and Ishmael. They show how we can, with God's help, overcome disap-

pointments, pressures and problems.

The book is written in a personal, conversational style. Each of the eight chapters conclude with a section that you can apply alone or use in a study group.

I found this book not only helpful, but very interesting. These ladies did a superb job of analyzing these characters. They brought out things I had never even thought of and whetted my appetite to further this study.

A WATERED GARDEN

by Alice Huff and Eleanor Burr, Zondervan

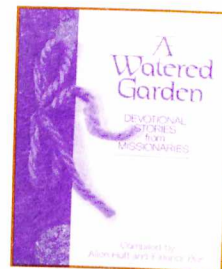
Reviewed by Yvonne Wolfenbarger

The title for this unique daily devotional springs from Isaiah 58:11: "Thou shalt be like a watered garden."

This book may also be used as a study on missions or prayer. The authors have compiled a selection of missionary experiences from chosen men and women who "tough it out in the dark places of the earth."

You'll marvel at the faith of these saints and the grace of God at work in their behalf.

This book will bring you closer to God, strengthen your faith in the power of prayer, and give you a warmer heart for missions. It also increases your awareness of the need of prayer on our mission fields throughout the world.



A Woman God Has Used

Eula Mae Cozart Fuller, affectionately called "Mamaw" by the many who loved her, lived in Buffalo Springs, Texas all her life and was a member of the Pleasant Mound FWB Church. At age 8, she became a Christian "just like her mother and grandmother." She loved the Lord with all her heart and often remarked that she identified with Martha, busy taking care of the work while Mary worshiped at Jesus' feet.



Mamaw loved Auxiliary and missionaries held a special place in her heart. The Ernest Hollands, missionaries to Cote d'Ivoire, were her neighbors the year they pastored her church, and this helped fuel her missionary fervor.

Mamaw, widowed after 46 years of marriage to Dennis, a rancher farmer, had six children. Her sons would frequently bring the basketball team home for her famous sausage, biscuits and gravy. Later when these boys married, they encouraged their wives to make this speciality.

Not only did she feed the team, but she told them about Jesus. She taught Sunday school for years and many learned about Jesus from her teaching, kindness and testimony.

For many years, Mamaw cooked for the West Fork district youth camp as well as supervising refreshments at DVBS. Once on an opening day she caught her fingers in a fan. The doctor predicted she would lose her hand. She came on to DVBS because she knew the children would expect her. She often stated that the prayers of the children assured prompt healing.

Mamaw managed to care for herself on the old homeplace until her homegoing in 1987. We miss her but her memory lives on through the lives she touched. She was a woman God used.

—Vickie Parr

A MISSIONARY HEART

Give me, Lord, a missionary heart
to go
where I'm not welcome
to teach
though none would learn
to pray
humbly, without ceasing
to overcome
insurmountable obstacles
to love
without measure or limit
Because you first loved me.

Give me, Lord, a missionary heart
to work
with untiring devotion
to hope
in the face of defeat
to believe
in miracles today
to remain
firm in your Word
to rely
on Your Holy Spirit
Because I now love You.

—Linda Sligh
Smithville, MS

GOD'S WORKERS

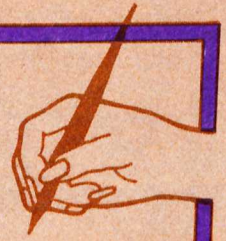
Missionary workers—what is
the job they do?
They go to spread God's Word
and help the people, too.
They may be sent to a jungle,
or just to another town
Where souls are lost and wandering,
hoping to be found.

The church supports the missionaries
both here and far away;
But we're also to be missionaries
each and every day.
It's true, the church won't pay you
for this mission work you do;
But if you work for Jesus, it's a fact
that He'll bless you.

The fields are ripe around us
no matter where we go;
And there's always someone, some-
where
who's feeling very low.
We need to reach these people
and show what Christ can give
So when they die, they will
with Him forever live.

—Barbara McLeary
Lawton, OK

The poet's CORNER



These are some of the winning poems in WNAC's 1989-90 Creative Arts Contest. Send your entries in now for the new contest.

GOD'S CALL

Maybe God has called you
to serve Him far away;
Intending just to use you
to win a soul one day.
Sometimes you get weary
and long for home and friends,
Somehow then, He whispers
"Just trust Me 'til the end."

I too once was weary,
and had a cross to bear,
Oh, take your cross and follow;
My strength is yours to share."
No one ever loved so much,
no love has reached so far;
So if you go or if you stay,
be faithful where you are.

—Virginia Weber
Clarksville, TN

The fervent praying for a soul's
salvation through the blood,
The vision of a dying world that
makes the tears to start?
Oh Lord, I pray, search me to day;
give me a broken heart.

—Odessa Ledlow
Detroit, AL

MY MISSION

On bended knee I asked the Lord
To let me do some mighty deed;
To sail across the ocean blue
And help lost souls in need.

Or let me sing upon a stage
Of His great boundless love;
And with His help I'd tell the world
Of mansions built above.

Or let me be a millionaire
And feed the hungry world;
Or build a home for old folks,
His banner I'd unfurl.

Then in a gentle voice so low
His answer was a shock—
I need a missionary, dear,
Where you live on the block.

A widow lives right down the street,
Her children's feet are bare;
The old folks' home there on the hill
Needs your love and prayers.

The teenage class at Sunday school
Needs a brighter view
To lead them from temptation;
My child, I'm sending you.

Not everyone can go abroad,
Not everyone can sing;
But you'll be blessed as all the rest
If you do these little things.

—Fannie Ruth Henderson
Greeneville, TN

WHERE ARE THE TEARS AND BROKEN HEARTS?

In many churches of today
the Lord is left outside,
The old-time altar is thrown away,
the saints are satisfied;
There's no more weeping, hearts are
cold and Zion can't travail
While teeming millions yet untold,
Love's story we must tell.

It grieves the loving Father's heart
to see His children go
Swiftly down the path of life,
His love they never show.
There's never time to speak kind
words or help a fellow man,
There's never time to tell a soul of
God's redemption plan.

Where are the tears and broken
hearts that touch the heart of God,

Appointed to pray

Mission Quest

by Vicki Turner

Two small eyes peered cautiously from behind the half-opened door. I balanced on the rickety makeshift porch of the poor-excuse-for-a-house and smiled into those eyes. Taking courage, a shy, brown-skinned lad stepped from the door and returned my smile.

I never intended to become a missionary. In fact, I always considered it too dramatic and selfless for me. No, you'd never catch me wandering around, God only knows where, lightening the

world and be a prayer warrior for His chosen messengers. After all, prayer warriors and spiritual cheerleaders were in short supply and great demand.

But I certainly never fancied myself as one of those chosen messengers. After all, what did I have to give? What power of persuasion did I possess that could possibly change a person's ideas

missionaries I'd read and heard so much about. Those chosen by God to spread the gospel to the most remote and isolated places you can imagine. People applauded spiritually and financially; people to be encouraged and supported emotionally. Missionaries who are special in every sense of the word.

I have since learned that God is not content with idleness and safeness. Who dares presume to tell God what he will or will not do? And if he is foolish enough to try, he may as well expect the whale to swallow him up. The world is full of people who try to run things their own way instead of doing what God tells them to do. God doesn't need more Jonahs. He needs more Peters, Pauls and John the Baptists.

You can't call God; He calls you. God gives you the game plan and expects you to run with the ball. And run I have!

Now I stand here upon this rickety old porch looking down into the questioning face of a child, one who desperately needs something to believe in and hold fast to. Something to call his own. A child who reaches out through questioning eyes and an empty heart. A child who is hungry for someone to trust.

I smile widely and introduce myself. "Hi! I'm from the church down the street. How would you like to ride the church bus to Sunday school next Sunday?"

No, this isn't Brazil, Africa, India or China. God has called me to be a missionary in my own backyard in the shadow of my own church. He calls all Christians to listen and obey. We all have an obligation to reach out to others, both at home and abroad. If we plant the seed, He will bring fruit to harvest.

Listen. Is God calling you?

Mrs. Turner's article was second place winner in WNAC's creative arts contest.



paths of the lost and ignorant. I had more than enough trouble feeding, clothing, and transporting my own two children to Sunday school on time.

Now I have always maintained the highest respect and admiration for all those poor lonely mis-

and attitudes so drastically that he would leave all to which he was accustomed and turn to God? No, I had nothing special to offer.

I had decided long ago that I was a supporter, not a pioneer; a follower, not a leader. I would be content to stay in my safe little

Missionary Prayer Calendar

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

July

- 1—Ken Eagleton (Brazil)
- ** 2—David Burgess (IL)
- ** 3—Mark Vandivort (AZ)
- * 7—Wanda McClary (NB)
- 9—Linda Bowling (Uruguay)
- ** 9—Luther Burns (GA)
- ** 9—Don Sexton (TN)
- * 11—Barbara Jones (Mexico)
- ** 20—Paul Thompson (AZ)
- 20—Robert Bryan (C'I)
- 20—Fred Hersey (Japan)
- ** 22—Roy Roach (OH)
- 27—Lynette Morgan (C'I)
- 27—Ron Callaway (Spain)
- ** 29—Larry Haggard (OK)
- 29—Dennis Teague (France)

August

- * 1—Alyne Maness (NJ)
- 1—Deleen Cousineau (C'I)
- 2—Judy Bryan (C'I)
- ** 2—Marilyn Thompson (AZ)
- 3—Carlisle Hanna (India)
- 3—Jerry Banks (Japan)
- 5—Dennis Owens (Spain)
- 6—Darrel Nichols (C'I)
- 7—Vicki Sturgill (Brazil)
- 8—Rick Bowling (Uruguay)
- ** 8—Joe Rager (IN)
- * 10—Jim Munsey (Mexico)
- * 12—Pat Nason (NH)
- ** 13—Sam Hensley (CA)
- 17—Jim Sturgill (Brazil)
- 18—Judy Smith (Japan)
- 26—Larry Inscocoe (Panama)
- 27—Sandra Bishop (Japan)
- 29—Linda Callaway (Spain)

Names underlined indicate they are on furlough.

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* Home missionary or church extension pioneer.

** Joint project worker or deputation missionary.

The Trinity of Intercession

He ever liveth to make intercession for them (Heb. 7:25)

Intercession is a spiritual ministry with a threefold involvement—Christ, the Holy Spirit, and you. Christ ever lives to intercede (Heb. 7:25). The Holy Spirit constantly intercedes (Rom. 8:26,27). But God has also ordained you to intercede in prayer for the people around you.

He has made a covenant with us to work in people's lives when we ask Him (Matt. 7:7-11). But if we do not ask, the trinity of intercession is incomplete, and His work is hindered (James 4:2).

Christ prays constantly for us. He is at the throne of God, adding His divine "amen" whenever we pray according to God's will. He is himself the "amen" (Rev. 3:14): because of His sacrifice, we have full access to the promises of God. That is why we are told to come boldly to the throne of grace in prayer (Heb. 4:16). There the presence of the nail-scarred Christ will be an all-sufficient amen to our prayers.

The Holy Spirit joins Christ in intercession. He prays with longings too deep for human words (Rom. 8:26,27). He enters into our heart cries, deepens our prayers, and guides us into praying for that which He desires. Thus, He prays not only for and with us, but through us, as we pray with holy longing. This is why the Bible says we must pray "in the spirit" (Eph. 6:18).

But is it not enough if the Son and the Spirit join in prayer? No. They wait for you to join them in interceding for the world. What divine mystery! What could your prayers possibly add to theirs? Yet this is God's command: this is His covenant of grace. You are essential to God's work of winning the world.

Your most important Christian work is to join God's interceding trinity. Do not hinder God's plan. Go to your knees!

—by Wesley L. Diewel, India, from *A WATERED GARDEN*

PRAYER REQUESTS



•The Miguel Vera family in San Juan, Puerto Rico whose rented church building with furniture and supplies was completely destroyed by Hurricane Hugo. The congregation meets in an open garage and desperately needs land and a building.

•The Dave Franks and Norman McFalls as they establish a new work in Belo Horizonte.

•Grady and Judy Runyon in St. Croix, Virgin Islands as they rebuild the church and school destroyed by Hugo.

•Paul and Rhoda Creech as they begin their two-year term with the students in Bouake, Cote d'Ivoire, W. Africa.

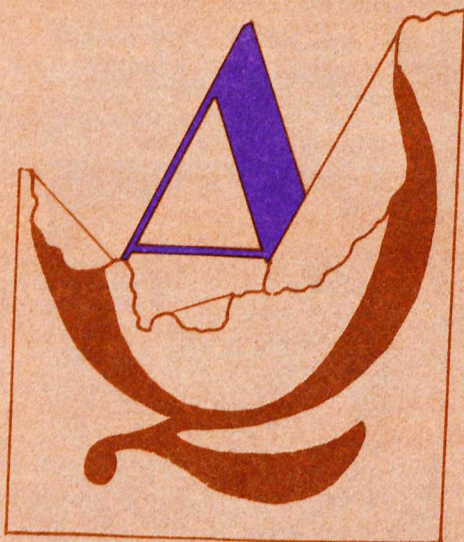
•Christians in India and the health of some of our national pastors. Two were hospitalized recently.

•The health of Tim and Pam Hackett, home missionaries in Bloomington, IN. Both have been plagued with poor health for several months.

•The Bill Reagans in Windsor, Canada as they seek land to build a church.

•The new president in Brazil; that his plans for reducing inflation will be effective.

•Target City couples in the Phoenix Valley area of Arizona—Paul Thompsons, Howard Gwartneys, Larry Reynolds, Jim Taylors and the George Harveys.



**Your questions
answered on:**

Woman's Auxiliary

by Mary Neal
WNAC President

Help! I've just been elected treasurer. Would you explain the new report forms?

Report forms have been prepared to help treasurers indicate more accurately how the funds are designated and to help missionaries keep in touch with Auxiliaries supporting them.

The forms are color coded: pink, local; blue, district; and yellow, state. Once a month the local treasurer sends her pink form with the funds her Auxiliary has given to the district treasurer. The district treasurer then records the gifts from that local group and once a month sends her report on the blue form to the state treasurer, along with the pink forms from local Auxiliaries. Once a month the state treasurer sends her report on the yellow form to

the national office along with the blue and pink forms. Of course, if there is not a state or district organization in your area, you send your report directly to WNAC.

The gifts to various missionaries and other projects are recorded in the national office. Then the bookkeeper sends to home and foreign mission offices names and addresses of Auxiliaries and the amount they have given to missionaries and projects. The mission offices send a monthly report to the missionaries showing which local Auxiliaries have given that month. Because the missionary gets the name and addresses, the Auxiliary can now get a personal thank-you or at least the missionary's prayer letter.

The reports are divided into two large areas: Auxiliary funds and mission funds. ALL funds for Auxiliary should be placed in that section. All other funds go in the other section. Notice that under Foreign Missions, the Laura Barnard Offering is reported separately. Even if funds are designated to individual missionary accounts, we'd like to have a total of the giving to that offering. The same is true of the Lizzie McAdams Offering at Thanksgiving and the Alice Lupton Offering for State Missions.

Note for the local and district on reprinted forms, we have added space on the back for noncash gifts to the Provision Closet or other places. If you do not have enough room under Home or Foreign Missions to include all individual missionary accounts, simply add another sheet with these additional names and amounts.

These forms are available from WNAC, 12 for \$1 plus postage. If you have suggestions for improvements or additions to the report, call 615-361-1010 or send them to WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

Do you have a question about Auxiliary work? Send it to President Mary Neal, 138 North 24th Street, New Castle, IN 47362.



Co-Laborers Write

Our Auxiliary is sponsoring a "Tupperware Party for Missions" this month. We are excited about the possibilities of our Tupperware ending up across the country or across the world!

Cheryl Akers
Jacksonville, FL

I just wanted to express gratitude from our Auxiliary for the "Round Up" program. We had a record of 22 present with virtually every woman in our church attending. This presents a new problem, a welcome one; they are excited and bringing more friends to church.

Your program gave us the "push" we needed. Keep up the good work.

Belva Mabra
Woodward, OK

Good things are happening with the Woman's Auxiliary at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington, SC. God has blessed with an increase in our offerings and attendance.

We have been able to increase our monthly commitment to the Hannas' account.

We are grateful for God's blessings.

Mary T. Byrd
Darlington, SC

I thoroughly enjoy the CO-LABORER magazine. Our Auxiliary has fun performing the skits. We are growing and are finding new ways to invite new ladies.

Betty Fox
Elk City, OK

We love the CO-LABORER. Please have more articles on missionaries, like the one on the Hannas!

Barbara King
Owensboro, KY

We enjoy the CO-LABORER magazine very much as well as the skit booklets. We are putting on "He's Alive" for Easter this year for the entire church. This will make the third skit we have done from both the Co-Laborer and the booklets. I think it's a spiritual booster for the cast as well as our audiences.

*Robin Williams
Elizabethton, TN*

Our Missionaries Write

Our family is doing well. Joy is getting along very well in Oklahoma. She is really enjoying her last months of high school. Justin has a quieter life style here. There are only five kids in his high school and not many activities.

*Jerry and Janice Banks
Japan*

I've returned to a ministry which I was involved in during both my short and first term experiences in Rennes. (Bible studies with university students) Returning to this ministry has made me aware of just how much it was missed and that here is my place where I can help make a difference for Christ.

*Charolette Tallent
France*

Before we left the states, we had planned on some things being different in Spain. But when we arrived, there were more differences than we could have ever imagined.

For instance, who would have thought that one of our favorite snack foods would be called "The Gypsy's Arm"? Or who would have thought that in order to buy postage stamps you have to go to a tobacco shop? Or that it is perfectly acceptable for anyone to call you on the phone as late as midnight? Or that liquid milk is sold off the shelf in cardboard containers instead of refrigerated plastic bottles?

These things seem alien to us. But they serve to remind us that we are the foreigners, not the Spaniards.

*Dwain and Debbie Crosby
Spain*

WORDS FOR WOMEN

Mary Wisehart



"People need love, especially those who don't deserve it." These words jumped at me from the bulletin board as I walked down the hall of the nursing home.

"How appropriate," I thought as I looked at the silver haired lady in the wheelchair, smiling her vacant, toothless smile. "Yes," I thought as I heard the man in Room 203 calling, "Mama, take me, please take me."

But those words continued to haunt me until I thought, "Who among us deserves love?" If you knew me as I know me—. If I knew you as you know you—.

Love is such a warm, giving, sacrificial, wonderful force. What would we have to do to deserve it? And if we knew what was required, how could we possibly fulfill the requirements?

Yet we are loved. And perhaps even more amazing, we are capable of loving. We can pour out that warm, unselfish, sacrificial force called love. We can lavish it on those around us, even though they don't do anything to deserve it. Just think what a difference that beautiful force makes in your life and the lives of those around you.

What makes it possible for us to love? Does it just come "naturally"? Is it a quality reserved for special people? All good and perfect gifts come from God. This strong force, this beauty beyond compare, comes from God, for God is love.

Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). His love went beyond, as Paul explains in Romans 5:8: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

We didn't have to deserve it. We never could.

What about the people in our world? To us some may seem more deserving of love than others. But remember God's principle, "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you" (Luke 6:27-28).

Those irritating ones, those hateful ones, those provoking, trying ones, even enemies—we all need love, especially since we don't deserve it.

Eunice Edwards Loan Fund



5 year goal
\$50,000

Amount Received
\$26,577.17

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Personally Yours

THEME: *Personally Yours*
SCRIPTURE: *1 Corinthians 3:22-23*
HYMN: *Now I Belong to Jesus*
Music Coordinator: *Beverly Welch*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

3:00-7:00 P.M. Check-in, Pritchell Lobby
5:30-6:30 P.M. Supper, Dining Hall
7:30 P.M. Opening General Session,
Spilman Auditorium
Congregational Singing
Welcome, Mary R. Wischart
8:00 P.M. Devotion: Diane Thomas
8:15 P.M. God's Plan for You
Speaker: June Wilkinson
Invitation
9:15 P.M. Adjourn
9:30 P.M. Personal Devotions
11:30 P.M. Curfew

10:45-11:30 A.M. General Session
Spilman Auditorium
Congregational Singing
Message: God's Power for You
Speaker: Rudene Kennedy
12:00-12:30 P.M. Lunch, Dining Hall
1:00-5:00 P.M. A Time of Relaxation
5:30-6:00 P.M. Supper
7:00-9:00 P.M. General Session
Spilman Auditorium
Congregational Singing
Parade of Nations - Lorene Miley
9:00-11:00 P.M. Time for Prayer and Rest
11:30 P.M. Curfew

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:30-8:00 A.M. Breakfast, Dining Hall
8:30-9:00 A.M. General Session
Spilman Auditorium
Congregational Singing
Devotion: Diane Thomas
9:15-10:15 A.M. Group Sessions
(See room assignments)
10:15-10:45 A.M. Break

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:30-8:00 A.M. Breakfast, Dining Hall
8:30-9:00 A.M. General Session
Congregational Singing
Devotion: Diane Thomas
9:15-10:00 A.M. Group Sessions
10:15-11:15 A.M. Message: God's Promises for You
Speaker: Cleo Pursell
11:15-12:15 P.M. Sharing Time
12:30 P.M. Adjourn

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

Wisdom for Daily Living—*Marguerite Kern*
Positive Self-Image—*Wanda Powell*
Victory over Loneliness—*Betty Hill*
Time to Accomplish—*Sarah Fletcher*
My Part in the Great Commission—*Gwen Hendrix*
Ability to Handle Finances—*Sandy Atwood*
Joy for Mourning—*Carolyn Lane*
Boldness as a Witness—*Rebecca Pugh*
Hope for the Future—*Pam Wood*
Facing the Power of Satan—*Laura Thigpen*

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