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Editorial

Others may think they had the best mother in the world, but they didn't. I did.

The older I get, the more I appreciate her and what she contributed to my life. She taught mostly by example. She loved her husband and crowned him king in her home. Before she left us over six years ago, they celebrated 62 years of the happiest marriage I've ever witnessed. Nothing but love, honor and respect flowed between them. The traits my husband loves most about me today are those I learned from her.

She was always there. Only once—and this was long after I married—do I remember going home and finding her gone. Her kitchen was her domain, so you could count on tantalizing smells wafting through the house. I wish she had made sure I could make her chicken and dumplings before she died.

Missions took a high priority in her life even before she sent us off to Africa. Out of her meager \$130 social security check, \$75 went to missions—even though their humble home begged for repairs and furniture cried to be replaced.

She instituted a Tuesday morning home Bible study which took high priority until her death. I treasure her booklets with her unique way of writing.

Mother and Daddy were proxy parents to Lynn and Lynette during their college years and provided them a home when theirs was 6000 miles away. A steady stream of preachers, church folk, and missionaries also used the welcome mat. What money didn't go to missions went for food.

I can't begin to comprehend her homecoming in heaven, but I envision men and women from every tribe and nation joining the welcoming party. "Of course, we know you," they must have said. "It's because of you we are here. You gave your money...your children...your time in prayer..."

So how can I weep for Mother? She left me the greatest gift possible—an example of a life lived with eternity's values in view. One day I'd like to pass it on to my own children.—Lorene Miley

Special Delivery!" called the postman as he delivered a long brown envelope to the spacious house on the corner.

The woman of the house opened the letter and began to read. Suddenly her eyes opened wide and her mouth dropped open. She uttered a scream of ecstasy and began jumping up and down.

"What on earth..." began her husband. Unable to subdue her, he snatched the letter from his wife's hand and read for himself:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. John Doe:

Congratulations! You are the grand prize winners of an all-expense paid cruise and extended vacation on Paradise Island. As a bonus, you are permitted to take along as many friends and family members as you desire. All free, of course.

One stipulation, however, exists to this offer. We cannot tell you at what hour you will be picked up for this cruise. You must be prepared to leave at a moment's notice.

At the appointed hour, a limousine will arrive and a voice announce, "Come Now." At that moment, you and all those prepared must proceed immediately to the car. He will not wait; you must be ready. No excuses. No exceptions.

Make your preparations now for this vacation of a lifetime. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Sincerely,
J.C. King

Could it be true? They confirmed the letter with several sources and concluded that indeed it was true. They would go! Their only concern was they didn't know when they would leave. Tomorrow? Next year? In ten years? One thing was certain—when the time came, they would be ready.

They immediately spread the wonderful news to their children, neighbors, family, and everyone

they met. "You must come with us to this wonderful vacation on Paradise Island!" they urged. "It's all free!"

Some were skeptical, as they had been at first. Some were too busy with their lives to think about leaving. Others simply weren't interested. But many believed and began their preparations for the trip.

Four years passed. Some began to doubt the letter and unpacked their bags. Others said, "Of course, we want to go; who wouldn't?" But they neither packed their suitcases or made preparations for leaving. "Oh, we

when he would come. But he will come. We must be patient and wait."

One morning very early while the world slept, a long sleek limousine moved up the silent street and stopped before the two-story dwelling. "Come now!" boomed a voice which sounded over the entire neighborhood.

In a brief moment of time, the prepared ones rose from their beds, dressed, swooped up their packed bags and were seated in the spacious limousine. As the car sped out of sight, many ran after it, "Wait! Wait for us! We want to go with you!" But it was too late.

Come Now! No Waiting!

by Barbara McLeary

can be ready in a snap after the limousine gets here," they explained.

Unbelievers scoffed, "Ha! You've told us about this vacation for years and it hasn't come yet!"

They pulled out the dog-eared letter and showed them. "See here," they said. "...at the appointed hour, a limousine..." they read. He will come, they assured them. He would come.

Another four years passed. Once again the skeptics mocked: "Your suitcases rot by the front door, but no one ever comes. No one ever will."

"Look," they told them. "He made us a promise. He told us at the beginning we would not know

As the letter stated, there was no waiting.

We too, have a written promise from the king of kings and Lord of lords:

"I go to prepare a place for you...I will come again and receive you unto myself" (John 14:3). He's preparing a place for a prepared people.

Almost 2000 years have passed and still He has not come. Many have heard the invitation, but rejected it. Some doubt. Yet millions around the world have not even heard He is coming. While we wait, we have a responsibility to bring with us as many as we can.

Prepare to leave or you will be left behind.



Precious Moments



Mother-Daughter Banquet

Decorations: Borrow "Precious Moments" figurines from ladies in your church and use with English ivy as table decorations. Display "Precious Moments" posters or needlework designs.

Program folders: Make folders with a "Precious Moments" design on the cover.

Table favors/prayer reminders: Frame missionary prayer cards and place one at each place. Cards are free upon request from Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202

Precious Moments Corsage: Cheryl Day and her action group of St. Petersburg, FL suggests you make corsages for each mother. For each one, you need a leaf, three purple daisies, white ribbon bow, green wire and green flora tape.

Place the daisies on top of the green leaf. Add other tiny flowers, as baby breath. Tape all stems to-

gether with floral tape. Make bow with the ribbon and wire to the stem.

Program Suggestions: Ask three or four mothers to be prepared to share a precious moment they have enjoyed with their daughters. "We Have This Moment," as a mother-daughter duet.

Use the skit, "Motherhood" (originally titled "Her Children Rise Up and Call Her Blessed," by Barbara Fletcher) found along with six other plays in Drama Delights, #7 in WNAC's collection of plays. Order from WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. Send \$1.25 for each booklet plus 55 cents postage and handling.

To go along with the theme, rename this play "Precious Moments." It portrays four precious moments in a mother's life.

Suggest a speaker use a baby book and liken the steps in a baby's progress to our spiritual walk with God.

Tribute to Mothers

This pair of couplets was taken from Jeannette Street's *Tribute to Mothers* booklet. It is sung to the tune of "School Days."

Daughters:
Mothers, Mothers
Dear and patient mothers
Washing and sewing and cookery
Taught with disaster and misery
What would we do without you,
dears
You who would wipe away our
tears
We want you to know we love
you so
Though older and older we grow.

Mothers reply:
Daughters, daughters
Dear devoted daughters
Thank you for loving us even
though
Many's the time that we've failed
to show
Kind understanding and sympathy
We have expected you to be
Li'l angels from Heav'n but now
we know
Though willful, you're dear little
girls.

Mother-Daughter Banquet at Emmanuel

Jeannette Street, pastor's wife of the Emmanuel FWB Church, Clarksville, TN, reports on their first mother-daughter banquet.

"We had 41 present even on a rainy afternoon." They presented carnation bouquets to the oldest and youngest mother and the one with the most children present. They gave each mother a rose and program booklet containing a collection of poems and sayings on motherhood.

They decorated program covers with hats made from styrofoam cups. "I placed paper cups on a baking sheet with the bottom up

and baked them at 300 degrees until they collapsed into the form of a hat. When they were cool, we decorated them with small red ribbons."

They decorated tables with white cloths, red bows and streamers down the middle. Long red candles, glass candle holders, red roses and red and white carnations served as centerpieces. They used white plates and red cups and napkins.

Both mothers and daughters enjoyed the salad luncheon—meat, vegetable and dessert salads.

They presented the skit "You Be The Judge" that night and repeated it on Sunday night for the church. It was a big hit both times. "Our girls were great and put lots of action into their parts," writes Mrs. Street.

Two teenage girls, Michele Sagar and Betty Lee, presented "Minnie the Midget." One sat behind the other under a make-up cape and applied make-up without seeing where she was putting it. It was so funny!

"We all had a terrific time," seems to describe the sentiments of all.



Calvary's Brunch

Calvary Fellowship (Fenton, MO) mothers and daughters donned bonnets and eccentric headdress for their mother-daughter brunch. A highlight of the program was a presentation "My Mother's Hats" (CO-LABORER, 1987) and a hat contest. Tara Ragsdale won an award for the most original and Charlene Ambro won the most unique with her pie pan and cardboard roller creation.

Precious Moments

by Anita Haney

Sentimental keepsakes, those photo albums. Just the other day, I got mine off the shelf and began at the very first page.

The first picture I had glued in just happened to be one of myself standing out by the flower garden about as pregnant as one could be. As I chuckled under my breath, my mind traveled back. I recalled how I must have felt as that picture was snapped, not knowing at that time if the baby inside me was a girl or a boy. How time flies! It seems like only yesterday.

I flipped the page and there was a hospital scene with me in bed and my husband in a chair cradling in his strong arms our new bundle of sugar and spice. There she was again with a big grin on her fat, little face and two

tiny teeth peeping through. That was progress. Then at the bottom of that same page she was sitting all alone on a quilt on the front lawn. I remember carefully supporting her back and then jumping up ever so quickly to capture this moment on camera before she lost her balance. Precious moments.

The next page pictured her first big step alone. I remember how we both cheered and applauded as those pudgy little legs bravely took one, two tiny steps. Then she sat down with a plop! But that, too, was progress.

On flipped the pages—first birthday, second birthday, three, four and five—each with special memories and accomplishments hidden among the years. Kindergarten

pictures—she's a real little lady. She can count to 100, but leaves out the 90's, and can write her name and alphabet if she copies mine. Precious moments.

My mind wandered. What if God kept photos of our spiritual lives? As the pages turn we see the happy day we were born again and how fast we grew in Him each day.

Another page—the progress made in daily devotions and Bible study, our first encounter in witnessing of Christ, and added progress in leading that first one to Him. My, how proud I know He would be, just as any parent would and should...unless...unless each picture on each page was that of a tiny, newborn baby.

Sentimental keepsakes, those photo albums. Precious moments.

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Sheila Scarborough
and Laura Hamm

Worship is a Lifestyle

Aim: to focus on Jesus, the object
of our worship

Scripture: John 4:24

Hymn: "To God Be The Glory"

Introduction

Worship is a reaction of all that we are to all that God is. In our utter smallness, we aren't made to handle a God too big. We are made to worship.

Some define worship as sitting quietly and piously. Others see it as a structured system to be followed at a certain time, in a specified place with the proper atmosphere. Others equate it with motion, emotion, or volume—intense feeling, loud noise or frenzied activity.

While worship may take place at all of the above, our preoccupation with form makes us miss the real point—worship is a lifestyle.

The God We Worship

Of all the attributes of God, which is the most important? His love? Mercy? Power? Wisdom?

The Bible refers more to God's holiness than any other attribute. This characteristic sets Him apart from His creation. Majesty, a distinguishing element of holiness, speaks of dignity, stateliness and grandeur. Most people are awed in the presence of a president or king. Rightly so. We are overwhelmed when we catch a vision of divine majesty.

The seraphim celebrated God's holiness: "Who is like unto Thee among the gods, O Lord? Who is

like Thee, majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders" (Ex. 15:11). "Holy, Holy, Holy," echoes down through scripture. We are called to join them in praise: "Sing praise to the Lord...and give thanks to His holy name" (Ps. 30:4).

Praise is a major element of worship and our God is worthy.

The Motive of Worship

The motive of worship is love empowered by the indwelling spirit of God. Whenever we build an altar, the Holy Spirit must light the fire.

Worship isn't mystical. It is practical. It is neither rigid, void of spontaneity or mindless. It is nothing if it is not continuous, deliberate, purposeful, active and dynamic—filled with wonder.

I Corinthians 6:19 tells us that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit who is in us, whom we have from God and we are not our own. This means that every believer is a living, breathing temple in which God dwells. We can worship anywhere, anytime. God's abiding presence is with us. The sphere of our worship is unlimited. When we live continuously in His presence, in the steady glow of His glory, it holds no bounds.

Basically, worship is simply honor and adoration directed to God. It denotes giving, and worship is all that we give.

What do you give to God? Do you have a consuming, selfless desire to give worship to God daily? It begins with the giving of ourselves first; second, our attitudes; and then, our possessions until worship becomes a way of life.

The Reflections of Worship

Worship is reflected in how we behave toward others. Be sensitive to a weaker brother (Rom. 14:13). When we treat fellow Christians with the proper kind of sensitivity, are we not worshipping? It honors God and reflects His compassion and care.

Evangelism is worship. We should witness for Christ to those who have never heard, ministering as a priest of the gospel (Rom. 15:16).

Giving to those in need demonstrates God's love. Worship is love that gives. Giving is an act of worship.

Worship involves our personal behavior (Eph. 5:8-10; Heb. 13:16). While sharing affects others, doing good affects our own lives.

Worship is thanksgiving and praise (Heb. 13:15).

Sharing with others, doing good and praising God are all legitimate, scriptural acts of worship that touch every activity and relationship of our lives. We should be consumed with a desire to use every moment of our lives to please God.

Genuine worship is intensely personal. Individual worship and church worship feed each other. We can't succeed on our own spiritual success. It requires commitment to others. We must bring worshipping hearts to stimulate others to love and good works. And when others stimulate our souls to do good and share, the cycle is complete. Our worship has become a way of life; a lifestyle.

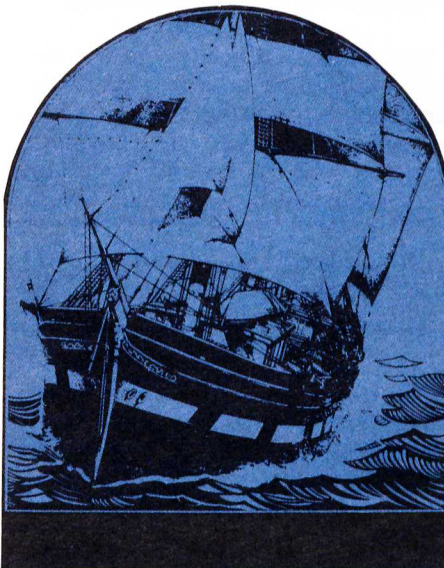
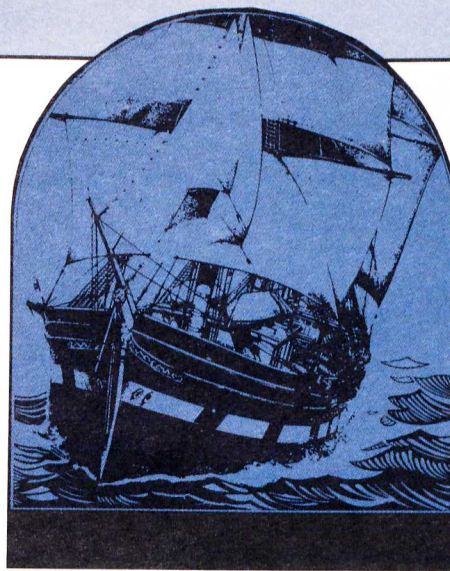
Giving Him Worship

Worship

Laura Hamm likens worship to the headship in God's fleet of ships. She suggests you sketch one large ship—**WORSHIP**—with six smaller ones following it. Label these ships with the names of her topics—**WHOship**, **WHATship**, **WHEREship**, **WHENship**, **WHYship** and **HOWship**. These ships may be placed on a flannelboard as the topics are given, or cut from poster board and tack to a wall.

WHOship (Matt. 4:10; Luke 4:8). Our human mind can never fully comprehend all the attributes of God. Review some of them—omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, eternal, holy, merciful.... Then add all the qualities we look for in a friend—merciful, gracious, faithful, good, true, just and loving. This gives us just a glimpse of our sovereign God and true Friend. List some of the names attributed to God which describe His character.

WHATship. Everything we do to the glory of God is a form of worship. Give Webster's defini-



tions of worship. Give examples from Scripture that describe worship (2 Chron. 20:13-17; Job 1:20).

WHEREship (Jn. 20,21). God, being everywhere, can be worshiped anywhere—in church buildings, outdoors, homes, and all parts of the world in all manner of building.

WHENship (Jn. 4:24,14:16-17; Rom. 8:9;). We can worship God anywhere, anytime and anyplace. But certain conditions must be met when we worship.

WHYship (Mark 12:28,30). We worship Him simply because of who He is and what He has done. He is worthy of our praise. God delights when we come to Him with praise and honor.

HOWship. Worship is intended to be universal and, if Christ-centered, does not have to follow any particular format. We can worship alone or with others. We can worship actively or by sitting quietly and listening to God. Form in worship is as different as personalities.

How many of us worship only on Sunday? True worship is not just an external ritual, but an internal attitude. Not form, but function. Not style, but substance.

If our worship is not the expression of our individual worshiping lives, it is unacceptable. If we think we can live anyway we want and then go to church on Sunday turning on worship there, we are wrong. Worship does not occur in a vacuum.

Have you heard someone say, "I didn't get anything out of the service today?" What did they put into it? Were their hearts prepared?

We go to give glory, not to get blessed. Blessing comes in response to our worship.

Christians can relate the source of most of their problems to one of two things: either they don't practice worship six days a week, or they fail to worship one day a week with the assembly of saints. We need both. Most Christians are big on ministry and small on adoration. Like Martha, we become so deeply entrenched in activity that we miss the real priority.

How are you doing?

Conclusion

The story is told of a distinguished explorer trekking in the Amazon jungle. In his desire to cover a lot of territory, he drove his native carriers beyond their endurance. One morning as he prepared to resume his journey, he

noticed the natives sitting on the ground by their burdens. They would not budge. Finally the spokesmen for the group explained, "My friend, they are resting until their souls catch up to their bodies."

That's the worship Christians need today—a long rest to let their souls catch up. We become so programmed, informed, planned and busy until we neglect the God we claim to celebrate.

When God's people worship in the way He has called us, nothing can interrupt His blessings upon us.



Mrs. Scarborough's program won first place in WNAC's annual creative arts contest.

Lights in Dark Places

Formula for Home Missions

Aim: to challenge each woman to be a soul winner
Scripture: Eph. 5:8
Hymn: "Throw Out The Lifeline"

Introduction

We are the first account of the gospel most people will ever read. Either they will desire more, having read us, or they will decide that there is nothing there for them.

Jesus Christ, for a short period in human history, walked the streets among men. As God the Creator, He reilluminated a world that had suffered a power failure, where the lights had gone out. He declared Himself to be the Light of the World.

In Matthew 5:14 and 16, Jesus passed the torch to His spiritual offspring. These verses place a very large responsibility on us. He moved on; we stepped in. Just as His manner of life and His speech illuminated the way out of darkness into a relationship with His Father, so we, by our manner of life and our speech, are to bridge this same distance for those who continue in darkness.

This program explores some of the areas our home missionaries face as they attempt to establish a church in an unevangelized area: they set about to develop a relationship with the unsaved, model the Christian message, present the claims of Christ, and disciple new believers in the faith.

Develop a Relationship (Phil. 2:15,16)

It has been observed that the average Christian has no non-Christian friends after he's been a believer for two years. Our contact with the world is limited to casual acquaintances. We need to relearn how to build relationships with people outside our normal circle of relationships.

Let's look at four stages of building friendships.

1. Taking the Initiative:
 - Being the first to say hello.
 - Being friendly.
 - Making small talk.
 - Remembering the other person's name and using it often.
 - Being genuinely interested in him.

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR

home mission board in starting churches in their state. These missionaries, joint project workers, are identified by two asterisks on the prayer calendar.

A few states assume total responsibility for commissioning and supporting those who build churches in their area. This frees the national home mission board to concentrate on areas with few or no Free Will Baptist churches. North Carolina, Georgia, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri—and perhaps others—send out their own missionaries. Their names do not appear on the prayer calendar, but you are encouraged to add them. If your state has tentmakers and associates, add their names. These pastors work at secular jobs to start a church and only receive designated monies.

Most states, however, take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the national board and prefer to send out their church planters as a joint project. In this case the state board serves as an

In the early days WNAC promoted three seasons of prayer—Pre-Easter week of prayer with a sacrificial offering in honor of Laura Belle Barnard for foreign missions; pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer with the offering in honor of Lizzie McAdams for national home missions; and pre-Christmas week of prayer with an offering honoring Alice Lupton for state home missions.

When the plan of work was revised in the mid 70's, the pre-Christmas emphasis was delegated to a time of your choice. Many Auxiliaries chose to combine the two home missions emphases at Thanksgiving.

Few states had their own mission boards in the 70's. Today at least 20 do. Of the 27 states where we have missionaries, eleven have no state mission board—Arizona, Colorado, Louisiana, Nebraska, Oregon, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Washington. The rest work jointly with the national

2. Establishing Rapport: Rapport is an attitude of mutual acceptance.

Thinking in your heart, "I accept you as you are."

Listening with interest to what the other person says.

Expressing approval; giving compliments where they are due.

Being sensitive to specific needs and opportunities where you could serve.

Looking for an occasion to invite the other person to join you in some activity.

3. Being a Friend. Friendship has a price tag: time. It means putting people first.

Listening; being attentive to thoughts and feelings.

Affirming the other person; expressing what you like about him.

Being transparent; openly expressing your own feelings.

Allowing your friend to serve you and also to do you favors.

Accepting him as he is, without trying to reform him.

4. Building a Relationship:

Letting the other person know what you're thinking, allowing him to see inside.

Seeking his counsel.

Sharing your personal resources: money, abilities, etc.

Making time for him.

Not overdoing it; not trying to control him or be possessive.

By no means is the above list a prerequisite to evangelizing someone.

Evangelism can occur at any point and is often effective in the early stages.

Model the Christian

Message

(2 Cor. 4:7)

Our associations, expectations, expressions, and actions all add up to the image we project. This matter of image is important because "...we have this treasure

(the gospel) in jars of clay." The first response of the nonChristian will be related to what he sees in us. The message is linked with the messenger. So each of us needs to ask, "When a nonChristian looks at me, who does he see? Is my lifestyle attractive to him?"

As you can see, this kind of evangelism can hardly be called an activity in which one engages on certain occasions. It is life. Living itself becomes evangelistic. We draw nonChristians into our lives and step into theirs. As the relationships expand, so does the gospel. As Joe Aldrich puts it, "Evangelism is a way of living beautifully and then opening up those webs of relationship to the nonChristian."

Presenting the Claims of the Gospel

Our immediate objective is to help a person begin to examine the Bible. From there on, our purpose is to lead him into an understanding of its central message: that Jesus is God and that one passes from death to life through faith in Him. This purpose can be summarized in two questions: (1) Who is Jesus? (2) What does He want of me?

The dialogue may go something like this:

A: If you're interested in examining the Bible, I'd like to help you get started.

B: I'd like to see what it says, but I think you need to know that I don't believe it the way you do.

A: That's fair enough....

You agree on a time and place in a neutral, familiar spot, either in your house or in hers. Bring along an extra Bible, one with page numberings that are identical to yours. The dialogue continues.

A: The Bible is divided into two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament has to do with things that went on before the time of Jesus Christ. The New Testament starts out with four eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life. Then there's a book that records the first years of the

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STATE HOME MISSIONS

intermediary, channeling funds from the local churches to the national board.

The Manual states: "It is recommended that state officers prepare and distribute program materials emphasizing their respective state home mission projects." Consider these ways to promote missions in your state:

■ Invite your state missionary to visit your Auxiliary.

■ Write your state mission board for brochures and prayer cards. Write your national board for brochures and prayer cards of your joint project workers.

■ Research your state history. Use any ideas gleaned to prepare publicity or program materials.

■ Make prayer reminders unique to your state. Cut outlines of your state from construction paper and write requests on them. Use your state bird, flower or flag.

■ Observe a day of prayer.

■ Visit your mission church.

■ Sponsor a food shower for your state missionary.

■ Volunteer your services. Offer your help in literature preparation and distribution, clean-up, canvassing, or wherever needed.

CO-LABORER encourages you to observe this season of prayer for state missions and plan a sacrificial offering in honor of Alice Lupton. A booklet detailing the life of WNAC's first president may be ordered from WNAC for 35 cents. Write the office if we can help.

Plan ahead for your national home missions emphasis in November. Watch for program materials in the November-December issue of CO-LABORER.

Christian movement. The remainder of the New Testament consists of letters written to fledgling groups of Christians, or churches, that had begun to scatter out around the world in that first century A.D.

The theme of the whole Bible, the Old and New Testaments, is the same. It is that God is revealing Himself to man with the intent of rescuing him from his self-destructive rebellion. The basic claim of the Bible is that the man Jesus of Nazareth is the apex of that revelation.

And so it goes. Our immediate concern is not to extract agreement or to win arguments; it is to produce understanding. It is the Holy Spirit alone who convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment, not us. It is the Bible that reveals the true intents of the heart. Our part is to bring the nonChristian into contact with these powers, and to love him as he struggles his way out of his rebellion and into faith.

The Decision Process

In making a decision to become a Christian the involvement of the will is fundamental. This is because it was our will that got us into trouble with God in the first place. Conversion is laying down our arms and coming out with our hands up. It is submitting again to God's sovereign rule over one's person. This is the meaning Jesus gave to the word "believe." To present conversion as anything less is to misrepresent the gospel.

Although we cannot bring about the inner transformation from death to life, we can do a lot to assist in the process. Sometimes a person needs a gentle shove. It might go like this:

A: We've been examining the Bible for six months now. How's it going? Where would you say you are in your progress toward Christ?

B: I'm understanding a lot more now.

A: What, in your opinion, needs to happen yet for you to become a Christian?



Wherever
love does
not prevail
we
essentially
deny the
Gospel.

B: I'm not sure. I guess I just need to decide to let Christ into my life.

A: Are you willing to do that?

B: Yes, I think I am.

A: Would you know how to go about it?

B: I think so.

A: How would you feel if we settled the issue together right now? Or would you rather do it on your own?

I am not the Lord of the harvest; God is. It is the Holy Spirit who draws people to Christ. We can be confident that He will preserve and complete His work in those who are on the way, responding to Christ.

Integration into the Church

Our nonChristian friends have come to know Christ. What is the next step? It is our challenge to help the new Christian integrate into the Body of Christ in such a way that he preserves his communication with his peers and family in the process.

The degree of success in bringing new Christians out of the world and into our existing church fellowships depends on a number of factors: the spiritual vigor of the local fellowship; the relevance of the forms of the local church to those who are coming in; the nature of the evangelism employed;

the background of the people coming to Christ; and the distance between the church's "culture" and the culture of the new Christians.

If we think "people" when we think "church," then we can have the necessary flexibility to incorporate those we win, without dislocating them at all. As more of their kind come to Christ, and as they are supported and ministered to by people sent out by the local church, their body-needs begin to be met. This allows time to mature spiritually in surroundings that they have already accepted. With this maturity, they gain a tolerance for further adaption.

Conclusion:

On the individual level, we want to commit ourselves to maintaining an attitude of humble submission as we move into the spheres of ministry examined in this program. Wherever love does not prevail we essentially deny the gospel. We rob it of its credibility and power, destroying the very thing we have purposed to build. Jesus said, "All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another" (John 13:35).

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Program Helps

Lights in Dark Places

Pass out small birthday cake candles which have been threaded through a 2" circle of cardboard. On the cardboard print "Ye are the Light of the World" (Matt. 5:8).

As someone prayerfully sings "Let My Life Be A Light" (*Rejoice*, p. 356), each prays silently. Close in prayer.

The candles may serve as an object lesson unlit. If you prefer to light them, freeze them ahead of time. This helps them burn longer.

My Precious Treasure

*A tribute to Gaynelle M. Settle,
an outstanding Christian wife, mother and friend*

by Teresa Settle Snow

I wish I had told her more how blessed I was to have her for 22 years; how thankful that she brought me into the world and reared me through all the bruises of childhood, adolescent turmoils and high school sweethearts.

She prodded me along, wiped my tears, even cried with me at times. She taught me about Jesus by word and deed. Often after I went to bed I heard her pouring out her burdens to the Lord, praying for me and other family members. We shared dreams and prayers and special secrets. The older I get the more I love her.

She always wanted to play the piano and instilled this dream in me as a child. Perhaps in a small way her dream was accomplished through me. She encouraged me through the struggle of learning—it was either practice or no more lessons! I realize now what a sacrifice it was for her to get a piano and take me to lessons each week. Not to mention the patience required to listen to me practice!

She made most of my clothes and spent long midnight hours sewing for me. She stuck with me through good times and bad, encouraged me, kept my secrets, trusted me, laughed with me and I could call her any time from any place. She knew my faults and loved me anyway.

Mom was a mother to lonely teenagers who needed a word of encouragement. She was totally selfless, always thinking of others



and what she could do for them. She manifested so many characteristics of her Savior. I cherish her example.

She was so proud when I left for college although I know her heart was aching (mine was, too). She faithfully wrote each week and sent care packages periodically. I always called her first when something exciting happened. She was so eager and excited about what was happening in my life.

Cancer had taken its toll by the time my wedding plans came along, but she helped with most of the decisions and jumped in the car many times to go shopping. I think the Lord prolonged her life so we could share in this experience.

Her favorite song was "We Shall Behold Him." I can almost hear her say that July 29, 1986 was the best day of her life, for on that day she met Jesus, her blessed Redeemer, face to face. She was reunited with her mother, father, and many other loved ones. What a day!

The long struggle with chemotherapy and radiation was over forever. No more shots, blood transfusions, tests, hospitals, doctors or operations. Now she has her perfect body, pure and whole and clean. She needs neither glasses or false teeth! She had little gold in this world, but it doesn't matter now that she walks on it. She loved the ocean but it cannot compare to the crystal clear water of the river of life.

Mom, I know this only begins to scratch the surface of expressing our relationship. I don't think I could ever find the right words to tell you thanks—thanks for the beautiful memories and all the special moments we shared. And thank You, Lord, for giving me 23 years to experience the precious treasure of a close and unique relationship with someone so dear.



Teresa Settle Snow, formerly of Aberdeen, Maryland, is a full-time wife and mother of David, age 1. Her husband, Jonathan, teaches music part-time at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN. They play the organ and piano at the Donelson FWB Church.

Looking for that blessed hope,
and the glorious appearing of
the great God and our Saviour
Jesus Christ; Who gave him-
self for us, that he might re-
deem us from all iniquity, and
purify unto himself a peculiar
people, zealous of good
works.

Titus 2:13-15

UNTIL HE COMES

Faces Toward Charleston

From California, Florida, Arizona, Michigan — wherever you are, let's turn our faces toward Charleston, West Virginia for the convention July 22-23. The West Virginia folks are all excited about having a national convention in their state.

Seminars Focus on Current Issues. Pre-convention meetings will convene in the Ballroom at the Marriott Hotel. The seminars from 2-3 p.m. on Monday address current concerns—abortion, substance abuse, and the homeless. Hear women—like you—who are doing something about these problems in their corners of the world.

State Leaders Join Study Committee. State presidents and field workers meet from 3:30-4:30 on Monday after noon with the study committee. In this open forum leaders will have opportunity to express their concerns about the future of Woman's Auxiliary. Each state should see that their representatives attend the meeting. If the president or field worker cannot come, send someone else to this meeting.

Business Session Begins. The convention convenes at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 23 in the Civic Center Coliseum. Delegates should be ready with resolutions and digests in hand to hear reports, vote on is-

*You are invited
to hear*

Mary R. Wisefhart

**WNAC's
FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Charleston Civic Center

July 22, 1991

5:00 p.m.

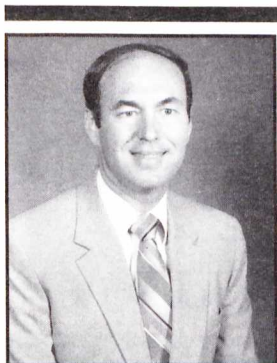
\$14.00



WNAC's Fellowship Dinner has long been a highlight of the National Convention. The ladies of West Virginia are preparing for a big crowd. Could we have a thousand?

sues and elect new officers for the next two years.

Steve Lytle Missionary Speaker. Everyone has an invitation to hear missionary to Panama Steve Lytle speak at 11:10 a.m. Prepare also for the offering at this service to help with expenses of the convention, including an honorarium for the speaker.



Steve Lytle

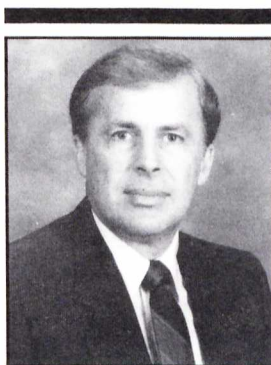
Preregister and Get Tickets. Preregister and encourage everyone you know to preregister for the convention. It makes things easier for everyone. A preregistration form is included in this issue. Be sure to get your tickets to the Fellowship Dinner when you register. If you wish to purchase additional tickets for missionaries, send the money and a note along with your registration form.



Mary Neal

FWBBC Begins Year of Jubilee. The Tuesday afternoon business session closes with a special presentation by the Evangelists from Free Will Baptist Bible College, under the direction of Joseph Jones. This presentation begins a year-long Jubilee Celebration for the 50-year-old college.

Nominating Committee Selects Slate of Officers. Members of the nominating committee must be present Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. to select the slate of officers for the convention. Delegates will vote on the officers during the business session Tuesday morning.



Joseph Jones

Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

Let's use God's secret weapon! Well, really it is not a very well-kept secret. The Master continuously urged His disciples to use it. You know what it is without my telling you—PRAYER.

Prayer—persistent, untiring, continuous prayer—opens the reservoir of God's heaven and enables Christians to rout the enemy. Our weapons are "not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

Christians are engaged in a life-and-death struggle while our strongest, most potent weapon lies unclaimed.

Through the years the Auxiliary has set aside a 9 a.m. regular prayer hour. Do you observe it? If not, why not? The answers to these questions will astound you.

You'll discover such things as a neighbor's visit, a child's demands, TV, or the ringing of the telephone stealing you from this precious time of fellowship with God. Even though we are separated by thousands of miles, this daily prayer time has proven so valuable that we dare not slacken. Rather, it must gain momentum and devotees.

Our missionaries count on us to help them overcome the enemy. Our churches can reasonably expect spiritual help from our Auxiliaries. But the most important reason is that our Lord expects to meet us at the place of prayer.

Our battle is a spiritual one. Programs, organizations and methods mean nothing without the divine power of God to enervate them. Christians are utterly useless and lifeless apart from the power of the living Christ.

It is high time we awake from sleep, polish up our secret weapon, and use it. Please, dear co-laborer, don't fail us or our wonderful Lord.



I John Chapter 5 Part 2

REVIEW: Two words are predominate in this little five-chapter book. The words are "love", used 48 times (KJV) and "know", used 38 times in various forms. Therefore, much of the book centers around the twofold lifechange produced by allowing the "agape" love of God to permeate our entire being; (1) We WILL have a strong desire to please God, and (2) We WILL have a genuine concern for others. These qualities, demonstrated beyond the "norm", produce an unshakeable assurance—a "know-so" salvation. John closes his epistle by reiterating this blessed assurance.

THE RECORD STANDS (5:9-12)

5:9—"If we ____ the witness of men, the witness of God is ____; for this is the witness of God which He hath testified of His ____." In a court procedure, credence is generally given to the testimony of an eye-witness. God has both shown and told of the gift of His Son for our sins. We "see" in the written word what eye-witnesses saw of the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of the Living Word.

5:10—"He that ____ on the Son of God hath this ____ in himself;" this is the Holy Spirit, indwelling the true believer at the moment of conversion (see John 14:16,17 and Rom. 8:9). "He that believeth ____ God hath made Him a ____, because he believeth ____ the record God gave of His Son." This unbelief will doom one to an eternal hell if unrepented of.

5:11, 12—"And this is the ____, that God hath given to us ____ life, and this life is in His Son. He that ____ the Son hath life; and he that hath ____ the Son of God hath not life." There is no "half-way" or "very nearly" as far as salvation and eternal life are concerned. It is "either/or." We either must be saved God's way or we are lost forever, regardless of the plaudits of men.

I WROTE THIS BECAUSE (5:13-15)

5:13—Why was John inspired to write "these things" to "...you that ____ on the ____ of the Son of God"? For our assurance! "...that ye may ____ that ye have (present tense!) ____ life." Believers can know for a certainty while others only hope, wish or desire heaven, based on their good deeds or the observance of rituals.

5:14—There is more good news! "And this is the ____ that we have in Him, that, if we ____ anything according to His will, He ____ us." Some idol worshipers are known to clap their hands before praying, to wake their sleeping god. Our God never slumbers or sleeps (Ps. 121:1-4). True, we do not always know what the will of God is in a particular matter. Therefore, our prayers and the desires of our hearts must always be in subjection to His will (Rom. 8:26,27).

5:15—If our petitions are in accordance with His will, then we can "...know that He hear (s) us, ____ we ask, we ____ that we have the petitions that we ____ of Him." Our loving Father is not only omnipresent to listen, but is omniscient, knowing what is best for us and omnipotent—unlimited in His power to answer. That should be "shouting ground" for a true believer.

FLIRTING WITH FIRE (5:16-18)

5:16—There is such a thing as a "sin unto death." This verse admonishes a believer to pray for another who sins "...a sin ____ death." It closes by saying "There ____ a sin unto ____; I do not say that he shall ____ for it." In Romans 3:23 and 6:23, the clear fact speaks for itself. All one needs to do to seal his doom for eternity is to persist in unbelief to the end of his physical life. This, in effect, calls God a liar (see v. 10).

5:17,18—"All ____ is sin." Sin must be repented of. "We ____ that whosoever is ____ of God sinneth not, but he that is begotten of God ____ himself, and that wicked one ____ him not." The verb here denotes a continuance of practice. Born-again believers will NOT continue in the practice of known sin.

BELIEVERS ARE "IN THE KNOW" (5:19-21)

5:19—"And we ____ that we are of God, and the whole ____ lieth in ____." We must live in the world, but we are not of the world (Jn. 17:14-16).

5:20—"And we ____ that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an ____ that we may ____ Him that is true, and we are in Him that is ____, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the ____ God and ____ life." We know God by knowing His Son.

Do you have eternal life? Five evidences of possession are outlined in verses 9-20. They are (1) based on the Word of God (9-13); (2) prayers answered (14-16); (3) protection from Satan (18); (4) purity of life in contrast to the world (19); and (5) perception from God (20).

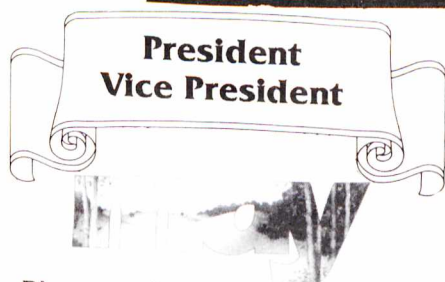
5:21—"Little children, ____ yourselves from ____." We can discern truth from error and not become prey to "religious" error.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is "the record" referred to in verses 10 and 11?
2. How many times is the word "know" used in verses 9-21?
3. Regarding prayer, what key phrase is used in verse 14? Why?
4. Contrast the "sin unto death" and its counterpart.
5. Verse 20 says that God "hath given us an understanding..." Do you think believers have more perception than non-believers? If yes, in what way?

Helps for Leaders

Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination

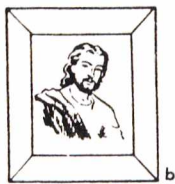
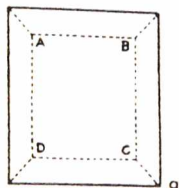


Plan a "Precious Moments" Mother-Daughter banquet. Include new and nonAuxiliary mothers. If you use a new and original program, would you please share it with CO-LABORER? If it blessed your women, others will also be blessed.

"Precious Person" Missionary Prayer Card Frame

Make dimensional frames for missionary prayer cards. Lay card in center of a sheet of construction paper and trace around it. Remove card. Fold frame corners diagonally from corner of paper to all penciled lines (A-B, B-C, C-D and D-A in sketch). Glue cardboard to the back of frame to provide rigidity. Tape a slanted piece of cardboard to the back so it will stand.

Make a bow to glue at the corner of each picture. Leave a 2" length of ribbon at each end. On one side print "Precious" and on the other "Person."

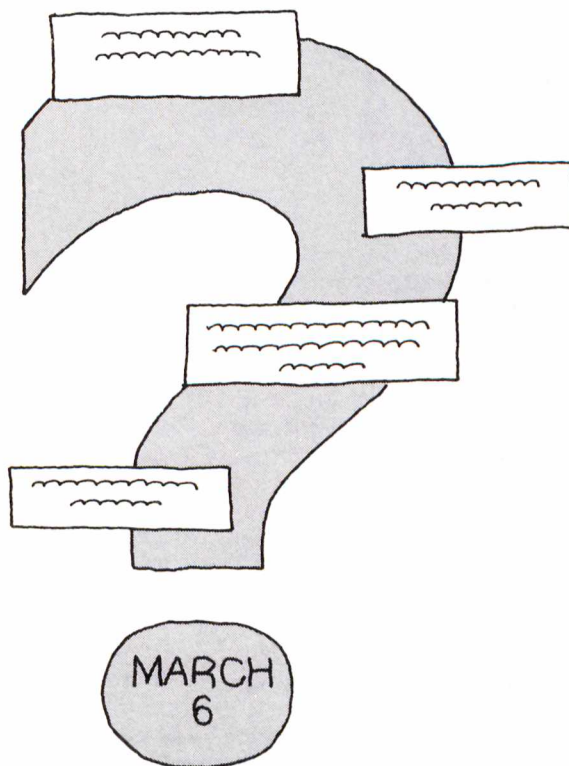


Remember your senior adults this month. Send appreciation cards to all men and women over age 65 in your church.

Publicity Idea

Cut a large question mark from a whole sheet of 22 x 28 inch colored poster board. Print the date on the date. Five weeks before the event, put the question mark on the bulletin board. Each week add a place card of contrasting color which gives another detail concerning the event.

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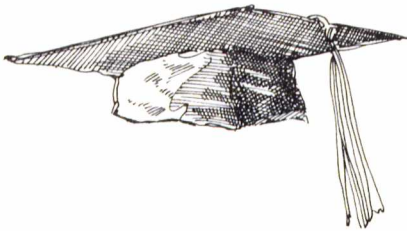


State secretaries, have you mailed your annual report to the WNAC office?



June is a good month to observe State Home Missions month; the Manual states: "It may be held at any time a state desires." The program, "Lights in Dark Places," helps state leaders get started with a state home missions emphasis.

Distribute evangelistic tracts and encourage the women to distribute them—in letters, personal contact or by leaving in phone booths and other public places.



Don't forget your graduates. Sponsor an informal celebration following a Sunday night service.

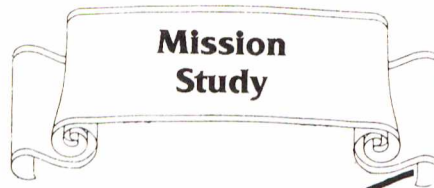
Invite all graduates from your church, both high school and college. Include relatives and friends in the invitation.

Prepare a head table with all graduates. Decorate with caps, tassels and diplomas (rolled paper tied with a ribbon).

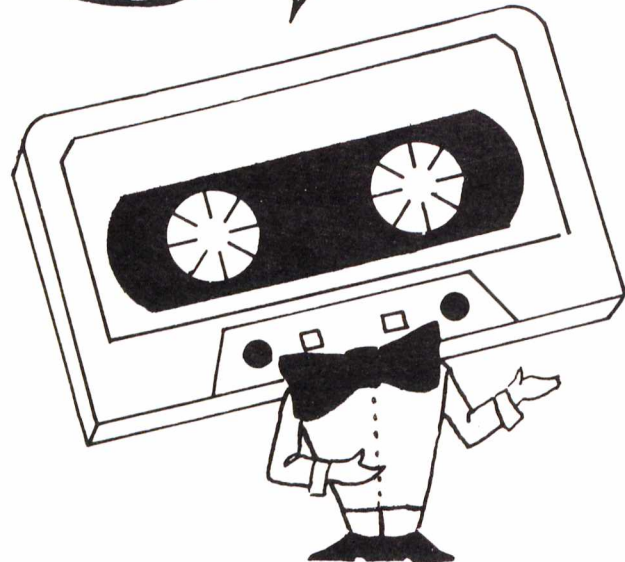
Pin a bud or corsage on each graduate.

Present each graduate with a gift—as a Bible, appropriate book, needlework, or gift certificate.

Serve punch and a cake decorated to resemble a diploma.



Let's Have
A Cassette Bible
Study Group



Would you be interested in starting a cassette Bible Study group? Here are some suggestions from women who for years have had successful tape clubs in their area:

First define your goals and objectives. What group do you wish to target—neighborhood women, young mothers, retired women, women from your church...?

I. To reach interested women

1. Send for a cassette. Play the tape yourself and then whet interest by relating some helpful portion.
2. Tape studies go over better in a home with a warm informal atmosphere. Morning coffee (simple refreshments imperative) around a table form a good setting.
3. Each one brings her Bible, a notebook and pen.
4. Lead in a discussion following the tape.
5. Most tapes are an hour long. Plan to play one half at each session.

II. To Start a Tape Bible Study.

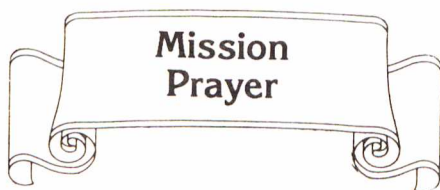
1. Send for tape catalogs. Two excellent ones are:

Bible Believers Cassettes
130 Spring St.
Springdale, AR 72164

Anchor Tapes
(Teacher: Rudene Kennedy)
Route 2 Box 189
Pink Hill, NC 28572

2. Invite friends and neighbors in for a practical Bible study. Ask each one to bring Bible, notebook and pen for taking notes and jotting down questions.
3. Since this type of study attracts young mothers, make provision for young children.
4. Encourage women to bring their friends.
5. Pray. Claim God's wisdom in every detail of your planning.

A Cassette Bible Study group may be just the method through which hearts will be touched for eternity.



May

Missionary Moms and Daughters

Match some missionary moms with their daughters. As your women enter the Auxiliary room, pin on each the name of a missionary mom or one of her daughters. Ask these pairs to sit together during prayer time, hold hands and pray for the names they wear.

Names of mothers and daughters may be gleaned from the missions directory (free upon request from the Foreign Missions department), or you may select from those your church supports. Here are some suggestions:

- Brazil: Vicki Sturgill and Vera, 13
- France: LaRue Crowson and Natalie, 10
- Cote d'Ivoire: Donna Daniel and Amy, 9
- Japan: Sandra Bishop and Jennifer, 5
- Spain: Debbie Crosby and Michelle, 12
- Panama: Brenda Bunch and Amanda, 6
- Uruguay: Rebecca Franks and Elisabeth, 3

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Côte d'Ivoire

Norman and Bessie Richards

Prayer Flipchart

For each mini flipchart (one for each woman), you'll need six 3x5 index cards, either all white or in six different colors.

On the first card, cut a 3/4" square from the upper right hand corner. On the second card, cut a rectangle 3/4"x1 1/2". Continue cutting cards moving 3/4" to the left each time. Put all cards to-

gether as shown. Use small rings to bind them together at the bottom. Print P R A Y E R at the top, as illustrated, one letter per card.

Glue the picture of a missionary, a diagram of his field, and current prayer requests. Or you could glue a missionary prayer card to each card.

PRAY FOR





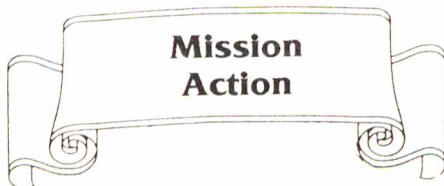
J.L. & Dot Gore

**Southaven,
Mississippi**

**Joint Project
Workers
with the
Mississippi
State Mission
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June

For your state home missions emphasis, cut reminders in the shape of your state. Glue a picture of your missionary on one side. On the other, write a prayer request.



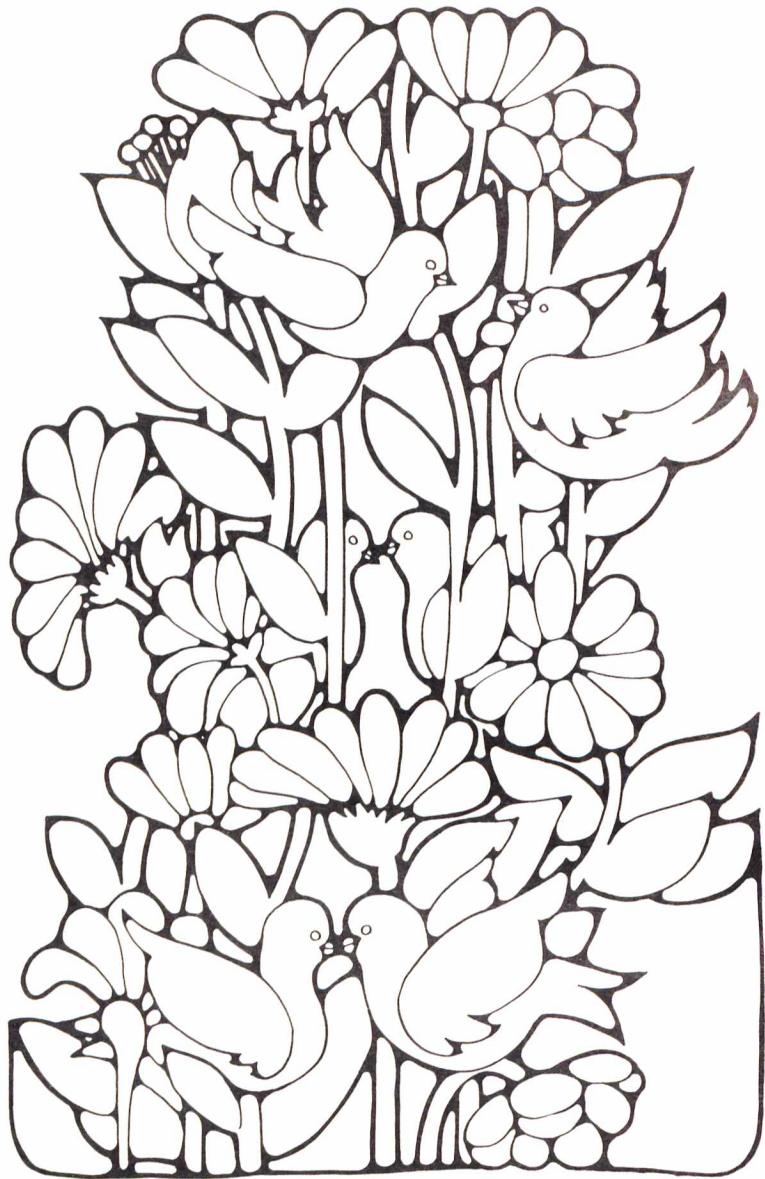
Glass Pictures

Glass pictures make good gifts for Mother's Day. For each picture, you will need:

1. Picture frame with glass and cardboard. Any size, but the art here suggests a 5x7 frame
2. Piece of aluminum foil, same size as glass
3. Fine-tipped black Magic Marker
4. Mystic tape

How to Make

1. Clip or copy the art on this page and lay it under the glass. Any art with clear lines may be used.
2. Trace with the Magic Marker.
3. Remove the paper and let the glass dry.
4. Crush the piece of foil, then re-straighten, careful not to tear it. The wrinkles that remain give the appearance of a texture.
5. Assemble the finished picture. First the cardboard, then the foil, finally the glass with the painted side next to the foil.
6. Seal the three layers by bordering with Mystic tape. Place half the tape on the front and half in back.
7. Place the picture in the frame and seal. Attach a hanger.



Harper Road Actionettes

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!



Lana Mitchell, sponsor, with the newly organized Actionettes group at the Harper Road FWB Church, Joelton, TN. They meet monthly at the church and use the "Pattern for Missions" series.

Pictured: (l to r) Ginger Spickler, Jennifer Ray, Shelly Thomas, Amy Albert, Dawn Byrd, Stephanie Thomas, Pam Smith and Mrs. Mitchell

INSTRUCTIONS for Pre-Registration Form

By completing the Pre-Registration Form you will save **valuable** time at the convention. If you pre-register, proceed to a special registration area. There you receive a packet containing your name tag (pre-printed), meal tickets you have purchased, a *Digest of Reports* and a program.

Filling Out the Form

1. Fill out the top portion of the form. Please complete *all* of the information. You may register for one, two or all three conventions. You need to fill out only **one** form even if you register for more than one convention (National Association, WNAC, NYC).
2. Fill out the first block if you are registering for the **National Association**. Fill in your *District Association*. Check only *one* of the choices. Indicate the number of banquet tickets you wish to purchase (Enclose check payable to **FWB Convention**).
3. Fill out the second block if you are registering for the **Woman's National Auxiliary Convention**. Check only *one* of the choices. Indicate the number of banquet tickets you wish to purchase (Enclose check payable to **FWB Convention**).
4. Fill out the last block if you are registering for the **National Youth Conference**. Complete the other information in the block. The fees are as follows:
 - \$9.00 for an individual,
 - \$8.50 each if two from same family are registering,
 - \$8.00 each if three from same family are registering,
 - \$7.50 each if four or more from same family are registering,
 - \$10.00 if you do not register before June 25.

Adults over 24 do not have to register to attend the NYC.

Check only one of the payment plans. Indicate the number of banquet tickets you wish to purchase (Enclose check for registration and tickets payable to **FWB Convention**). **NOTE:** Before July 22, Youth Banquet tickets will be sold only to those in grades seven to age 24 and youthworkers. Others may purchase tickets at the convention after this date.

Additional Information

1. Mail completed forms by **June 25, 1991** to **Convention Registration~P.O. Box 1088~Nashville, TN~37202**.
2. Enclose one check to cover all fees and tickets.
3. Make additional copies of the Pre-Registration Form if they are needed. Only one person per form please.
4. You may purchase banquet tickets from any block even if you do not register in that block. No refunds mailed after June 25, 1991.

Children's Banquet/\$7.00

Monday, July 22/5:00 PM
Holiday Inn-Charleston House/Grand Ballroom

Music Ministries Breakfast/\$7.50

Tuesday, July 23/7:00 AM
Marriott Hotel/Ballroom Salon D

WNAC Fellowship Dinner/\$14.00

Tuesday, July 23/5:00 PM
Charleston Civic Center/North Hall

Youth Workers Fellowship Breakfast/\$7.50

Wednesday, July 24/7:00 AM
Holiday Inn-Charleston House/Suite II

Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner/\$15.00

Monday, July 22/5:00 PM
Holiday Inn-Charleston House/Lobby Ballroom

Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon/\$10.00

Tuesday, July 23/12:15 PM
Charleston Civic Center/North Hall

Youth Banquet/\$12.50

Tuesday, July 23/9:00 PM
West Virginia Belle River Boat

FWBBC Luncheon/\$11.00

Wednesday, July 24/12:00 Noon
Charleston Civic Center/North Hall

Master's Men Dinner/\$13.50

Wednesday, July 24/5:00 PM
Charleston Civic Center/North Hall

Pre-Registration Form

for

National Association of Free Will Baptists
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
National Youth Conference
Charleston, WV / July 21 - 25, 1991

Please Print

Name: _____ Phone #: ____/____/____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Church: _____ City: _____
Hotel (if known): _____

Register me for the following: ☐ National Association
(You may register for more than one) ☐ WNAC
☐ NYC

Mail completed form(s)
by June 25, 1991 to
Convention Registration
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

If registering for the **National Association**, please complete the following information:

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: _____

(Check only one of the following:)

MINISTER: ☐ Ordained(MIO) ☐ Licensed(MIL)

(I certify that I am a member in good standing with the above named church and association which belong to the National Association.)

MISSIONARY: ☐ Foreign(MIF) (Country) _____

☐ Home(MIH)

DELEGATE: ☐ Ordained Deacon(ORD)

☐ State(STD)

☐ Local Church (\$10.00)(LCD)

☐ National Board Member(NBM)

☐ National Officer(NTO)

VISITOR: ☐ (VIS)

Banquet Tickets: (please indicate quantity)

_____ Music Ministries Breakfast **\$7.50**

_____ Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon **\$10.00**

_____ FWBBC Alumni Luncheon **\$11.00**

_____ Master's Men Dinner **\$13.50**

_____ Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner **\$15.00**

If registering for **WNAC**, please complete the following information:

(Check only one of the following:)

DELEGATE: ☐ Local (\$3.00)(WLD)

☐ District (WDD)

☐ State (WSD)

☐ WNAC Officer(WNO)

VISITOR: ☐ (AVI)

Banquet Tickets: (please indicate quantity)

_____ WNAC Fellowship Dinner **\$14.00**

If registering for the **National Youth Conference**, please complete the following information:

Grade just completed: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Parent's (or Guardian's) name: _____

Youth Leader's name: _____

Banquet Tickets: (please indicate quantity)

_____ Children's Banquet (grades 1-6) **\$7.00**

_____ Youth Banquet (grade 7 - age 24) **\$12.50**

_____ Youth Workers Breakfast **\$7.50**

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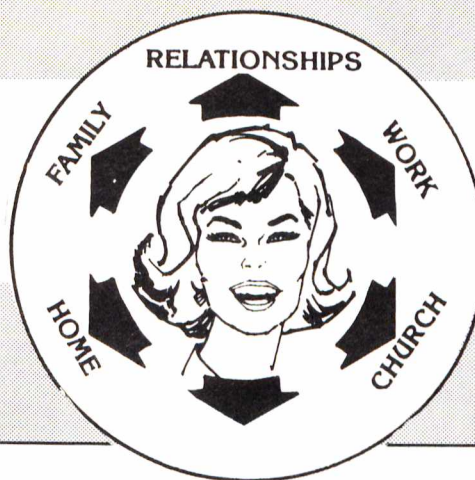
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Surviving Life's Thunderbolts

by JoAnn Hurst



JoAnn Hurst is management analyst for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Her husband, Joe, pastored FWB churches for over 30 years. They now worship at the Fellowship FWB Church, Nashville, TN.

The Lord gave a true forecast when He said, "In the world you shall have tribulations..." A famous poet phrased it another way, "Into each life some rain must fall."

All living things need rain to grow. It must be true with our emotional maturity. The first rain-drops hit about the time we start school. We leave our protected environment to suffer fears and face conflicts. The rain increases as we grow—through failed ambitions, unsuccessful efforts and bruised egos. A cloudburst may strike when first love turns to crushed reality. All these strengthen the heart to survive the floodwaters of adulthood.

We learn to handle the rain-drops, cloudbursts, and even floodwaters. It's the thunderbolts which strike without warning that can devastate us. Yes, even in the parsonage. If anyone thinks ministers' families are somehow exempt—WRONG!

Thunderbolts wear many disguises and come from differing sources. It may be a failed business, death, suffering parents, scandal, drugs, divorce, adultery, accidents, AIDS, legal matters, fire, homosexuality and on and on. If these do not occur in your own family, they will to someone in the church family. Sometimes it's hard to discern the one from the other. Call it brotherhood. Friendship. Caring.

I, as do many of you, feel qualified to speak about thunderbolts, having survived a few. For many years we grew through the experiences of family living and sharing

those of church families. Then out of the lovely blue skies, in the sweet time of enjoying family and grandchildren, a thunderbolt!

D-I-V-O-R-C-E, to me the ugliest word in our language, reared its head. The day we loaded our well-loved daughter-in-law and two jewels and watched them move two states away, an arrow pierced the depths of our souls. The preacher and I told each other that our tears caused the Cumberland River to flood that spring. We held each other and cried some more. God never explained how two fine Free Will Baptist young people who love Him and each other could fail to make marriage work. Our job was to love them both and let God take care of the rest. So we strengthened the bonds and held firmly.

A few years afterward, with a band-aid on our hearts to survive, we finally began to see more blue in the skies than clouds. Then once again, a thunderbolt!

The ringing of the telephone awakened us from sleep. A head-on collision...closed head injury...Life-Flight helicopter to Nashville...meet at hospital.

We listened as the helicopter landed on the hospital roof and unloaded our precious cargo—our son-in-law, unconscious and broken. The coach was down and helpless. That Saturday night while returning from a make-up ball game, he became the victim of a drunk driver. His and his family's lives were forever shattered. We waited for our daughter and his parents to drive the 50 miles from home.

Oh, the hours of uncertainty in surgery. Next morning many churches in Clarksville heard that this well-known and beloved teacher, coach, church worker, civil servant, youth counselor and popular friend hovered between life and death and joined us in prayer.

When friends began coming, I thought to keep a visitor's register to share with him later. Impossible! Even though students were not allowed to visit, by late afternoon, 85 adults had traveled from out of town to offer support. And this was only the first day!

Free Will Baptists have no monopoly on love and concern. Coaches from other towns, basketball officials, businessmen, teachers, principals, church members and former classmates, some from Atlanta and Knoxville, all came. They loved that guy enough to make monumental efforts to offer comfort and help us wait.

Three months in the hospital trauma rehabilitation center and eight more months in daily outpatient therapy contributed to his healing. Miraculously he returned to the classroom, but the future is uncertain. Never will his family enjoy the same sweet quality of life.

Even though we are no longer in the parsonage because of my husband's recurring health problems, we still meet many people needing help. On the job, my husband conducts hearings on disability claims. He probably understands head injuries better than anyone in the agency. His expertise is a result of his pain. It is a pearl from the rubble.

Like you, I hope for no more thunderbolts. But if they come, let's remember, "When thou passeth through the waters I will be with thee...they shall not overflow thee." Our confidence is in God's keeping power, for cannot we truthfully sing, "Through many thunderbolts, toils and fears, I have already come..."



Perhaps God gave tears to keep our hearts from bursting.

Surviving the Thunderbolts

by JoAnn Hurst

Personalities and circumstances differ; therefore, no standard operating procedure exists. Here are some do's and don'ts I've developed to remind myself.

DON'T ask God how He let this happen. God is sovereign and He does not have to explain.

DON'T try to place the blame. Not on self, others, or on God. He forgives blame and I must forgive. Myself included.

DON'T broadcast details of problems to gain sympathy. But keep close to a tried and true friend.

DON'T agonize over and over, day-in-and-day-out, with deep groaning and weeping. God binds up broken hearts from our simple pleas and quiet prayers. Prayer—not tears—changes things.

DON'T set a time limit for answered prayer, such as "I have to know by this weekend." My time clock is not His.

DO use common sense coupled with the experience God has provided to deal with each thunderbolt. Do what you can. Follow God's principles for dealing with people and events. No matter how dark it looks, keep putting one foot in front of the other and light will eventually break through.

DO continue life as routinely as possible. Go to work. Concentrate on tasks. Think and care about others.

DO develop the ability to put the grief or problem "on the shelf" until it is appropriate to deal with it. For instance, at bedtime, say to yourself: "I can't take any action tonight. I can't call anyone. I can't make good decisions or plans when I'm weary. I can't gain anything by rehearsing my grief. This is the time to restore my strength and to restore my body and mind. God gave me this time for my healing. So I will control my thoughts and just think on the Lord until sleep comes to me. Morning is time enough to take my problems off the shelf. Then I may have supportive people to share it with."

DO take time to be alone. A long walk, sitting in the park, shopping, a solitary drive, or whatever allows quietness.

DO give thanks for all that's still good in life. Keep on with devotions, Bible study, and prayer for others.

DO recall the promises of scripture. Get a "promise box" or book of Bible promises and re-read them. Take a hymnal and sing or read the words of favorite hymns, a wonderful uplift for a wounded spirit!

WOMEN in ACTION



Women of the Glennville (GA) Auxiliary bake homemade cookies for three of their service men in the Middle East. The men wrote they appreciated the cookies, but their "love, concern and prayer" most of all. Deanna Thompson leads this group of energetic women.



Deleen Cousineau, Côte d'Ivoire, retreat with the Westfork district women, Bowie, Texas.



Lynda Saari mans the crafts table which netted \$76 for missions. Unsold items were donated to the Missionary Provision Closet. Betty Johnson presides over this Auxiliary, Philadelphia, in Mt. Clemens, MI.



Alabama's State Missions Banquet features Dave Franks, Jr., center, Uruguay, as special speaker. Other guests were Jimmy Aldridge, overseas secretary; Richard Hendrix, Madison, AL; Odessa Ledlow, vice president; Billie and Jack Rollins, host pastor and wife. Back row: Paulette Scott, president; Tom Scott; and Elwanda Oakes, secretary-treasurer.

Christmas in October. Oklahoma women decorated for Christmas at their state convention and brought Christmas-wrapped gifts for their visiting missionaries—Deleen Cousineau, Côte d'Ivoire, and Anita Sparks, Spain.



Bring the Children In

Ashley's Faith

by Lisa Stidham

A picture of Jesus standing at a door knocking hangs in our bedroom. One day as I sewed there, Ashley, five and one-half years old, began asking questions about it.

"Mama, whose door is Jesus knocking on?"

I searched for words to help her understand. "It's like a symbol of Jesus knocking on the door of your heart, wanting to come in and live with you," I answered, not sure she understood what a symbol meant.

She went to her bedroom to play and I sat amazed at how interested she seemed to be as we had talked about Jesus.

Soon she came back into the room, took my hand and placed it on her heart. "Mama, do you feel that knocking?"

"Yes, I do."

"That's Jesus wanting in, so I asked Him to come in."

I took her in my lap and we hugged and squeezed and kissed. I cried in amazement at the simplicity of a child's faith.

The most valuable gift parents can give their children is a Christian home. I pray my husband and I can always teach and raise our children according to His precious will.



Casey's Faith

by Connie Crum

When Casey was seven years old, he began plying me with questions. "Gran, am I going to heaven?"

"All little children go to heaven," I answered.

"Yes, but am I saved?"

"Well, it's like this," I groped for words, "all little children are 'safe' until they get old enough to be saved."

These answers satisfied him on several occasions. I promised myself that if he came asking again I would help him find the peace he was searching for.

So here sat a beautiful, blue-eyed boy with a worried look on his face. I went through the same answers, then added, "Casey, would you like to be saved?"

"Oh yes, Gran, I would." We made our way to the bedroom where he stretched his little body out on the bed, motionless, and waited...waited to be saved.

I smiled in my heart and then asked him to kneel beside the bed with me.

We prayed the sinner's prayer and then he looked up at me.

"Did you ask Jesus to come into your heart?" I asked.

"Yes. Is that all there is to it?"

"If you believe Jesus died on the cross, was buried and rose again, then you are saved." A smile broke across his face and he ran

outside to play.

For the next few days, Casey whistled and played as he witnessed of his new birth to family and friends. Both his parents and I stood in awe at the change in him.

One Sunday after church I asked Casey how he felt now that he was saved. With joyous satisfaction, he proclaimed, "I feel like my heart is all cleaned out and lit up!"

Six months later Casey watched as I ran his bath water. "Casey," I asked, "do you remember when you got saved?"

"Sure, Gran...May 5th."

I was overwhelmed! The only way I would have remembered was to look it up on my calendar. I was curious if he was trying to be a good Christian, so I asked, "You do know that when you do something wrong you are supposed to be sorry in your heart and ask Jesus to forgive you, don't you? Have you done this?"

He raised his finger and said, "Just a minute!" He bowed his head, squinted his eyes and moved his lips. In a few seconds, he looked up and said, "It's okay, Gran."

My heart did a somersault as I swallowed a chuckle and turned off his bath water.

Simply trusting in what I said and believing in Jesus' name brought Casey into the kingdom. Thank You, God.



BOOK HIGHLIGHTS

HOW TO LEAD SMALL GROUPS

By Neal F. McBride

Navpress, 141 pp, \$5.95



"Whether you're a new leader with no background in small groups, an old hand with vast experience, or somewhere in between, I'm positive that this short volume

will serve you well," asserts the author who speaks out of 20 years of experience.

He defines a small group as "a voluntary, intentional gathering of three to twelve people regularly meeting together with the shared

goal of mutual Christian edification and fellowship."

Why, that describes most of our Woman's Auxiliaries!

He narrows six qualifications of good leaders down to three—F-A-T. But he quickly explains:

F—Faithful to God and your fellow group members

A—Available, having and being willing to spend the time

T—Teachable, open to instruction and learning

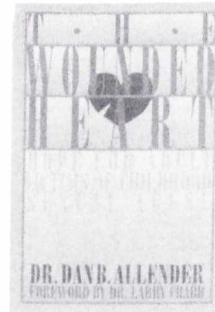
Although the book is best directed to Bible study leaders, every Auxiliary president and group leader would profit from this book with step-by-step guidance and practical exercises.

THE WOUNDED HEART

by Dan B. Allender

Navpress, \$9.95

reviewed by Diane Mitchell Thomas



This book is not recreational reading. Few would bother picking up a book on such a painful, distressing subject unless they had a purpose in mind. This book is for

those struggling to understand their own abuse or to help those who have suffered.

What can be done? You must peer deeply into the wounded heart. This book challenges one to face the damage in the soul and then read on for hope and freedom from abuse. The reader travels a path unknown by the secular counselor, because abuse, as awful and heinous as it is, is minor compared to what our Creator has suffered. The damage robs the sufferer of the joy of being loved by others and by God.

The book offers prerequisites for growth as well as hope. Healing can serve as a bridge for other victims to walk from death to life.

DISCIPLINES OF THE HOME

by Anne Ortlund

Word Publishing Co.,

reviewed by Diane Mitchell

Thomas

I love home, but discipline is an unpleasant task. I read with caution a book that connects both words as its title. It turned out to be a very thought-provoking collection of pages. I liked her humorous, chatty manner. Personal



A Woman God Has Used

What a jewel "Miss Jewell" has been to our family! When we moved to Florida ten years ago, we expected our first child. We were excited about our first pastorate, but it was a long way from family and friends in Tennessee and Michigan. Then Miss Jewell and Mr. H.D. Smith adopted our family.

Now four kids later, the Smiths are a substitute Grandma and Grandpa. Our children have never lacked for love and special attention. At least once a week, Miss Jewell calls and invites them over for the afternoon. What a blessing to a preacher's wife!

Miss Jewell is assistant teacher for the two and three year olds in Sunday school. She helps with the children's choir, Auxiliary and sings in the choir. She participates in church visitation each week, works in DVBS, the Christmas program, Homecoming committee, and wherever a need arises.

Jewell Smith portrays our church slogan, "A Church With A Heart." She prepares food in time of need, sends cards and letters, and telephones shut-ins. Certainly she adds much heart to the Traveler's Rest FWB Church.

—Margaret Lloyd

illustrations helped keep the focus of the book on a down-to-earth level. The writer refers to them as portraits as she shares successes of others in their homes.

Each chapter begins with a wise (or funny) quote and ends with time to digest what you've read. How about this sample for an elegant marriage: NEVER YELL AT EACH OTHER UNLESS THE HOUSE IS ON FIRE.

Discipline is really not a four-letter word after all. Its yield can be quite nice.

WNAC does not stock these books. Please Order them from your state bookstore, or from Randall Book Store, 319C Harding Place, Nashville, TN 37211.

His Coming

T'was the night before Jesus came and
all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in
the house.
Their Bibles were laid on the shelf with-
out care
In hopes that Jesus would not come
there.

The children were dressing to crawl into
bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a
head.
And Mom in her rocker with the baby on
her lap
Was watching the late show while I took
a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a
clatter
I sprang to my feet to see what was the
matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the
sash!

When what to my wondering eyes
should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was
here!
With a light like the sun sending forth a
bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE
DAY!

The light of His face made me cover my
head;

The POET'S CORNER



It was Jesus! returning just like He said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom
and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His
hand
Was written the name of every saved
man.

He spoke not a word as He searched for
my name;
When He said, "It's not here," my head
hung in shame.

The people whose names had been writ-
ten with love,
He gathered to take to His Father above.
And those who were ready arose without
sound,
While all the rest were left standing
around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed
my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of
sight.
Oh, if only we had been ready tonight!

In the words of this poem the meaning is
clear,
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes
the last call,
We'll find that the Bible was true after all.
—Author Unknown

The Most Important Thing

by Colleen Sevier-Monette

"What do you do all day?"
I've often been asked.
Let me mention a few
Of my menial tasks:
Doing laundry
Cooking meals
Wiping noses
Guiding youngsters' zeal.

Ironing dresses
Mending rips
Packing lunches
Going on field trips.
Organizing cupboards
Lining drawers
Washing toilets
Mopping floors.

Picking up papers
Putting up books
Searching forever
A place to curl with a book.

Scrubbing out sinks
Washing down walls
Washing clean curtains
Now soiled by a mud ball.

Trying to solve problems
With half the facts in;
Making hot soup
When it's wet and they're in.
Judging quarrels
Like, "I had it first!"
Trying to be an example
Described in the Good Book.

Crayons are mixed with my pencils
String in my drawers
Paste on my cupboards
Mud on my floors
Balls in my bushes
Dolls on the lawn
Bikes in the driveway;
I nurse sick kids 'til dawn.

What do I do all day, you ask?
Doing for Jesus
An important task.
Some days are filled
'Til overflowing;
Others I'm feeling
So special, I'm glowing.
All in the act
Of serving the King
To me, the most important thing.

APPOINTED to PR

Be a Prayer Missionary

A Servant for Jesus Sake

by Susan Turnbough
Missionary to Spain

Then more people crowded into our living room waiting for a four course meal. While everyone sat and visited, I did maid duty alone in the kitchen. Spanish custom forbids anyone to help the hostess. What in the world am I doing here, I thought? I have a college degree and speak two languages, so why am I serving here like a maid?

At age 10, I gave my life to the Lord for missionary service. Later I wanted to be a missionary nurse. But after one summer in the Ivory Coast (now Côte d'Ivoire), West Africa, God confirmed the missionary part, but the nurse part had to go. Sherwood Lee had me helping give shots and deliver babies. One day I slowly slid down the wall as I tried to watch Dr. Miley perform

surgery. Yes, this was not for me.

Job descriptions take on many forms. I had conceived of teaching to the people. I anticipated a new culture and a new life that hardly included serving. Why would I serve in another country? Was it clean? I did that through college.

As Jeff and I entered the University of Valladolid, we opened a door to a brand new universe. Villalba (pronounced Villalba) three short months later I was crammed into our apartment for work.

I eagerly attended to God's Word in my own language, but I was to serve thirty people. I was out. For example, I was always sick. I learned Christ's love by doing laundry, cleaning, shopping and meals. God used me of serving to reach hearts.

While serving in my own and routine ways I developed a bad attitude. I used scriptures to see how I could say about the missionary life:

Love ye therefore the Lord your God for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God; for thou shalt serve...He is thy God (Deu

Personality Profile



Jeff and Susan
Turnbough
Spain

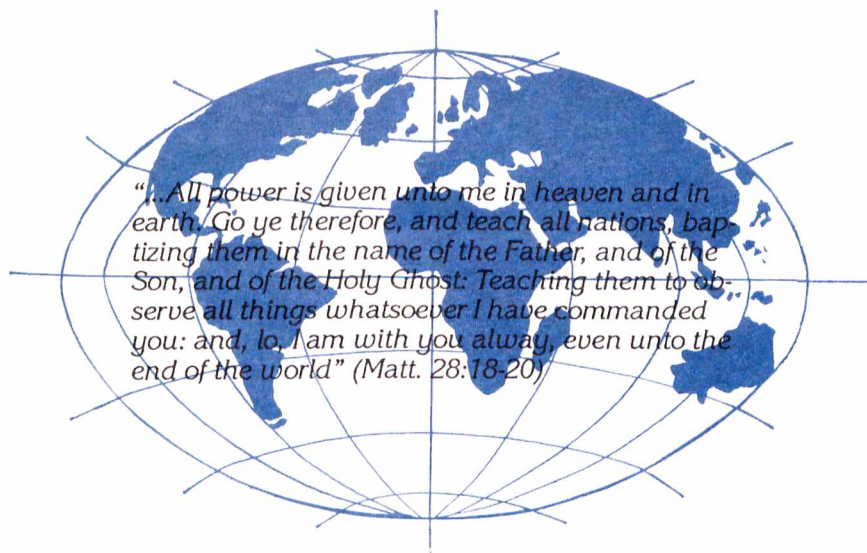


Jeff, a camera bug and computer buff, is trained in church planting and directs a Bible Institute in his church.

Susan loves to read, sing—and serve. If she has a pet peeve, it would be that insufficient support keeps them from returning to Spain. They have two children—Melissa, 9, and Matthew, 12, who recently underwent unsuccessful ear drum reconstruction surgery.

The Turnboughs collected a mug from each state where their itinerant took them. These mugs serve as conversation pieces as well as evoke many happy memories as they return to Spain.

Both Jeff and Susan have missionary siblings—Judy Turnbough Bailey, Japan, and Allen Crowson, France.



"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20)

We must serve the stranger! As we serve him, we serve the Lord and cleave to Him, praising Him for everything He has done. The crucial part of any service is a right attitude. How can that be possible in the midst of cleaning up someone else's mess? As always, Scripture gives the answer:

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men (Phil. 2:5-7).

We must have the same mind as Christ! He left a perfect world to enter one of sin and trouble. With Him as our example, we see that we must serve in our own world of sin and trouble.

Serving has formed a part of my everyday life in Spain. Most nights I find myself serving until one or two o'clock in the morning, year after year. Sometimes I wonder, "What good does all this do?" But as I look back, year after year,

more people have come to know the Lord as their personal Savior. Instead of thirty, sixty believers now worship in Villalba! They, in turn, serve each other in various ways.

Serving is not always glamorous. It demands hard work coupled with a Christlike attitude. Whether in America or in a foreign country, the Psalmist exhorts us to SERVE THE LORD, singing praises and worshipping Him in whatever circumstances He places us. What matters is serving with the attitude Christ modeled.

Those ten people still wait in my living room. How can I not serve after what He has done for me? If the Lord wants me to be a maid tonight and every night, ultimately I'm serving the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Perhaps one day we will be able to look back and see how these small acts of service helped lead some of these very people seated in my living room to Himself.

I leave my kitchen with a song in my heart and a smile on my face. I'm serving for the glory and honor of my Lord.



Unless the missionary is on furlough, please send birthday cards directly to the field. Addresses are given in the Missions Directories and are free upon request from the respective mission boards: Home or Foreign Missions Office, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. Paul and Amy Robinson (Uruguay) and Steve Lytle (Panama) are the only missionaries in the states during this period.

WNAC's Prayer Bookmark

Week of May 5-11

Pray for missions students graduating from our colleges this month.

Ask God to:

Keep the missions fire aflame

Give step by step guidance

Provide opportunities for service

Birthdays this week: Rose Haggard, 6 (OK); Delores Burns, 10 (GA); Elaine Holland, 11 (Cote d'Ivoire)

Week of May 12-18

Pray for Mothers—in your church, single mothers, mothers of our missionaries, and mothers of MK's separated from their children

That they would:

Be godly examples

Claim His promises for their children

Birthdays this week: Amy Robinson, 13 (Uruguay); Brenda Lewis, 14 (CO); Dale Bishop, 16 (Japan); Elaine Parker, 16 (LA); Ora Booth, 17 (OH); Steve Reeves, 17 (Spain)

Week of May 19-25

Pray for the Home Missions Board convening Monday and Tuesday: R. Smith, chairman; F. Hanson; E. Hendrix; J. Norris; L. Russell; G. Thomas; W. Walley; and M. Wilson

Ask God to:

Give wisdom in deliberations

Increased missionary outreach

Birthdays this week: Ernest Holland, 21 (Cote d'Ivoire); Lynn Midgett, 25 (Spain)

Week of May 26-June 1

Pray for missionaries facing retirement in the next five years: Hannas in India; Sparks, Spain; Coscias and Eagletons, Brazil; and Robinsons, Uruguay.

That they might have:

Qualified replacements

Productive stateside ministry

Birthdays this week: Kenneth Eagleton, 26 and Alice Smith, 30, both of Cote d'Ivoire

Week of June 2-8

Pray for students ministering as summer missionaries on foreign soil.

That they would:

Minister as to Christ

Encourage the missionaries

Have Your mind concerning future service

Birthdays this week: Jean Deeds, 2 (Brazil); Stan Bunch, 6 (Panama)

Please clip this prayer bookmark and keep as a reminder to pray



Week of June 9-15

Pray for our Chaplains: U.S. Army—Terry Austin, James Bishop, Bill Conlon, Robert Cooper, Larry Langford, Gerald Mangham and Kerry Steedley. U.S. Air Force—Tim Sturgill

Ask God to:

Give them an effective ministry with our service men

Protect them in danger

Birthdays this week: Kathy Donoho, 11, (IL); Mabel Willey, 13 (TX); Steve Lytle, 14 (Panama)

Week of June 16-22

Pray for your State Missionaries and Joint Project Workers (write the Home Missions Board for a complete list).

That they might:

Enjoy statewide support

Have challenging services

Good visitation response

Birthdays this week: Paul Robinson, 20 (Uruguay); Bernice Hanna, 22 (SC)

Week of June 23-29

Pray for states having their state meetings this month—MO, TX, NC, WV, VA, IN, OH, KS, KY

Pray for:

Strong missionary emphasis

Officers elected of His choosing

Renewed enthusiasm in service

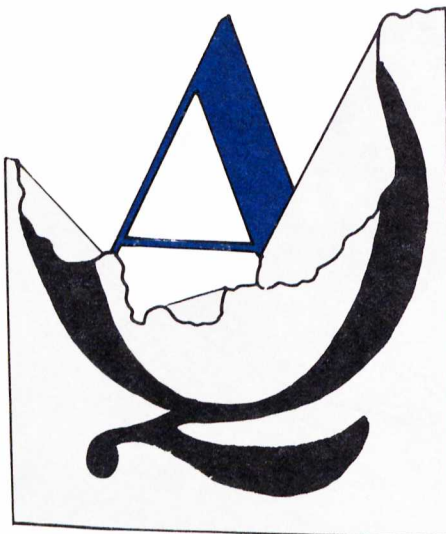
Birthdays this week: Jim McLain, 24 (Japan); Ron Parker, 28 (LA); Steve Riggs, 29 (France)

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WNAC Study Survey

This decade Auxiliary women are setting "Our Faces Toward Tomorrow." Last July the WNAC elected a committee to evaluate the whole structure and program of Woman's Auxiliary. Let's help the study committee by giving our opinion. Would you please fill out this form and send it to your state representative or to WNAC Study Committee, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

Age Group:

☐ 13-18 ☐ 19-30 ☐ 30-40
☐ 40-50 ☐ 50-up

I. If you could change something about Woman's Auxiliary, what would it be?

II. What would you keep unchanged about Woman's Auxiliary?

III. What would you like to see Free Will Baptist women involved with in the next ten years?

IV. Actionettes (organization for young women)

A. Does your church have an Actionette group?

☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, what ages does it include?

B. Are you interested in materials for other age groups?

☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, what ages?

V. What meetings planned by Woman's Auxiliary do you feel are most beneficial? Rate on a scale from 1-5 with 1 being most beneficial.

- ☐ National Convention
- ☐ National Retreat
- ☐ State Convention
- ☐ State Retreat
- ☐ Monthly Meeting
- ☐ Seminar
- ☐ State Leaders' Meeting
- ☐ District Retreat
- ☐
- ☐

Please list and rate others

What other meetings do you think Woman's Auxiliaries should plan? Please list.

VI. Publications

A. What materials now published do you find helpful? Rate on a scale from 1-5 with 1 being the most helpful.

- ☐ CO-LABORER magazine
- ☐ Record Books
- ☐ Play Books
- ☐ Enlistment Materials
- ☐ WNAC Emphasis Materials
- ☐ Weeks of Prayer Materials
- ☐ Officers' Guides
- ☐ Poetry Books
- ☐ Actionette Materials

What materials would you like to see published by WNAC? Please list.

LETTERS

Thank you for your wonderful magazine.

*Betty Watson
Williamsburg, VA*

We appreciate all the craft ideas we get from CO-LABORER. Keep up the good work.

*Christian Grove Auxiliary
Pocahontas, OK*

We would like to express our gratitude for CO-LABORER. It is a real blessing to us. We read it from cover to cover, absorbing like a sponge. The monthly programs are very interesting and easy to understand. We especially like the photos of women in other states. The Poet's Corner is uplifting... Thanks to all responsible for our magazine.

*Calvary Auxiliary
Durham, NC*

All of us in our Auxiliary like the new CO-LABORER.

*Wanda Hall
Holdenville, OK*

From our Missionaries

A new opportunity has opened up for Sandra to teach part-time at a high school in the area. She teaches two classes two days a week. Pray this will provide new contacts for our church.

*Dale and Sandra Bishop
Japan*



Linda Sullivan is NOT president of the Eastern quarterly as CO-LABORER incorrectly stated in the last issue. She is president of the Unicoi Auxiliary which hosted the meeting. Janet Rouse is president.

WORDS FOR WOMEN



*by Mary Ruth
Wisehart*

Maybe at spring time. It would be a lovely time for Christ to come. The earth is renewing itself after a long winter's sleep. Everything seems to be coming to life again—a continuous reminder of the resurrection and life after death. For one day this old body, sown in corruption and dishonor, and weakness will be raised incorruptible in glory and power—a spiritual body.

Spring housecleaning—curtains washed, comforters aired in the sun, cobwebs brushed away, windows cleaned. What a relief after a cold, gray winter. One day we shall leave the dirt and the decay of this world behind and rise clean and pure and free to be with Him.

Spring clothes. Away in the attic goes the heavy woolens, the gloves and boots. Down come the light flowing garments of spring. We're getting ready for summer and the sunny hot days.

A new and different wardrobe. "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

*This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise
To seize the everlasting prize.*

In spring how we could welcome His coming. Maybe He'll come in the spring. Maybe today.

*My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away.
For, lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the singing of birds is come,
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
The fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
And the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
And come away.*

The Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Good things continue to happen here. Now our women are praying about working with the many abandoned children of our city without homes and food.

*Jim and Shirley Combs
Brazil*

My teen girls put me to shame as they are now memorizing and

reciting whole chapters from the Bible.

*Alice Smith
Cote d'Ivoire*

Thank the Lord we finally received our lost barrels containing our household goods and clothing.

*Mark and Juli Riggs
Spain*



Hear our prayer, O Lord, for all Americans who serve the cause of freedom in the Persian Gulf. Prosper their compassion for the suffering people whose future they seek to enhance; confirm their dedication to the principles of human dignity and self-determination; and strengthen their resolution that what is right will prevail. Be their Shield and their Shepherd in the shadow of death, their Fortress and the Anchor of their faith, for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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