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at work**

**UNTIL
HE COMES**

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

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Editorial

I'm almost ashamed to admit it, but after more than ten years, I've finally finished reading THE FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY. I'm amazed. Thank God for our heritage of intelligent and courageous women who sacrificed to make missions a priority.

The section that caught my attention focused on The Missionary Helper, precursor of our CO-LABORER. Immediately upon organizing to promote missions, these women began dreaming of something "to bind us together into a strong working body." The pages of The Morning Star, the denominational periodical, were open to them, but they wanted some medium to reach women who didn't see the Star.

Finally they devised a plan: "If we can secure 50 persons to pledge \$2 a year for five years, if needed, to carry on the work; and if we can secure 600 subscribers, we are safe to make a beginning."

They appointed a committee of five and assigned each with 80 people to write. Less than a year later the first issue rolled off the press with 2377 subscribers!

The Helper committed itself to perfecting and extending their organization as well as spreading missionary information. They resolved to "keep together and go together; to be united among ourselves until we are united with others." For 40 years the Helper held the family together.

Of course! That's what CO-LABORER does! It binds women together as we grow spiritually and enlarge our missionary vision.

Let's keep it alive...and growing!



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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AT WORK UNTIL HE COMES

By Mary Ruth Wisehart

Song: "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Introduction

From ankle length skirts to just below the knees, from horse and carriage to T-Bird—Free Will Baptist women have changed and they are changing. But from its beginning the women of WNAC have worked and looked for the coming of the Lord.

"A larger share in winning the world to Christ." That's what Mrs. Fannie Polston said the women wanted when they formed WNAC. Women in the past laid a foundation for us to build on today. They adopted the watchword, "Laborers together with God," and called themselves co-laborers.

The women of today build for tomorrow. Join us now in a salute to those women of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Salute to Co-Laborers of the Past

"There was only one society organized as being of denominational-wide scope in the first half-century of American overseas mission. This was the enterprise of the Freewill Baptist women," R. Pierce Beaver wrote in his book *All Loves Excelling*. The Freewill

Baptist Missionary Society in the Northeast continued until the merger with the Northern Baptists in 1910. Free Will Baptist women in the Southeast, Southwest, and Middle West felt the influence of that society. Groups of women met in those areas as local Ladies' Aids, Missions, and Auxiliaries.

In 1935 at the Black Jack Church in North Carolina the Eastern General Conference held a meeting destined to change Free Will Baptists. Delegates from the Cooperative Association in the West were there to talk about union of the two bodies. The Conference voted to give \$150 to help Miss Laura Belle Barnard go to India, along with an offering of \$86 and a promise of \$20 monthly for her support. Women from the East, West, and South met and organized a national body. They called it Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

At first, Mrs. Mary Ann Welch wrote, women's groups tried to get under any special project or burden of the church. These included children's homes, higher education for Free Will Baptist youth, young people's organizations, and publications. Later they broadened to teach prayer, stewardship and missions.

The national organization assigned to the five vice presidents their areas of concern.

- The first was in charge of literature and publications. The women were publishing program books and manuals for local groups.

- The second was charged with Christian education. She encouraged educational institutions, students, special studies and "more constructive worship programs" in the church.

- The third vice president encouraged missions through a week of prayer, study courses, special programs and giving.

- The fourth vice president emphasized stewardship. Mrs. Gertrude Ballard wrote in 1954 that in the early days "tithing was neither taught, preached, or practiced." This fourth officer encouraged tithing to the church, stewardship studies, and programs. She was also in charge of the young people's stewardship declamation contests. The women used the contests to encourage education by awarding a scholarship to Free Will Baptist Bible College to the winners.

- The fifth vice president encouraged orphanage work, support for retired ministers, and community service.

STEWARDSHIP. How was this national work to be supported? In 1927, each member was to contribute three cents. Then 70% went to the general work, 10% to the League, 10% to the Sunday school, and 10% to the women's work. By 1935, the women's work showed a deficit of \$21.94. The women raised the dues to 30 cents annually, equally divided among district, state, and national organizations. The 10 cents dues for WNAC continued until the 1960's.

The stewardship teaching got results among the women. In 1940 Agnes Frazier wrote: "There was a time in the history of our women's work when women had to resort to box-suppers, quilt sales, bazaars, etc. in order to get money to give to missions, Christian education, and orphanages; but a new day has dawned. As a result of our stewardship study courses, women are learning to give as good stewards."

The 50,000 Co-Laborer Band was born in the mind of Agnes Frazier. She hoped for 50,000 Free Will Baptists to give one dollar a month. Of this amount 90% would go into the Unified Program of the National Association, the other 10% to the women's work. Later the Co-Laborer Fund served as WNAC's operation fund with one third going to operations and the rest distributed to foreign missions, home missions, and the Bible College.

YOUTH WORK. WNAC published materials and trained workers for Free Will Baptist youth groups: Missionary Midgets for children, GTA's for juniors, and YPA's for teens. They concentrated on teaching the young people about missions, acquainting them with Free Will Baptist work and challenging them to lives of dedication.

Those women worked hard in God's vineyard and left us a great heritage. They adopted the watchword "Laborers together with God," and called themselves co-

laborers. Mrs. Fannie Polston, first field secretary for WNAC, wrote in 1941: "The Auxiliary has a challenging program. Yes, if you have been discouraged by the small beginning, I would say to you, 'Lift up your heads,' and as a united body of Christian women lift up the Christ and go bravely on to claim His promise that He would draw all men unto Himself. And may we as a group of Free Will Baptist women rededicate ourselves for the greater task ahead."

Salute the Co-Laborers of Today

Today the organization is 10,000 women strong, paying \$2 dues to WNAC. Through the years WNAC has continued the emphases established by those early leaders.

❑ PRAYER. Women observe three

special weeks of prayer involving sacrificial offerings each year. Each day at 9:00 a.m. women across the country check the missions hotline for requests and pray together.

❑ MISSIONS. The women's giving to missions and other related objectives amounted to over \$400,000 in 1990. The WNAC office handled over \$508,784.44 in 1990, with \$346,143.67 of it going to outside causes. These causes include children's homes, colleges, and missions, both home and foreign.

In 1986 the women adopted a national project: The Eunice Edwards Loan Fund for Churches Abroad. The goal is \$50,000 by the end of 1991 to help erect buildings on our foreign mission fields.

Besides this special project, WNAC supervises continuing programs for education and missions.

This is Their Home

UNTIL YOU COME

by Effie Gene Stapleton

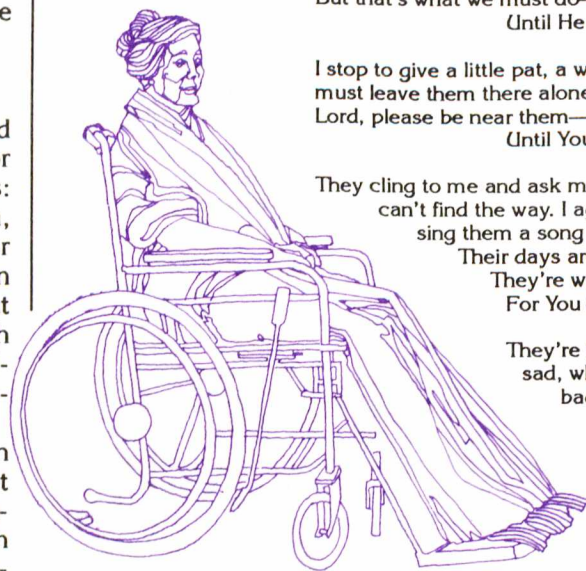
I start my journey down the hall where folks in wheel chairs
line the wall. Their eyes are filled with heartache, despair and
pain. And I say to myself,
I can't go again.
But that's what we must do—
Until He comes.

I stop to give a little pat, a word of cheer or just to chat. Still I
must leave them there alone; I have a family, I must go home.
Lord, please be near them—
Until You come.

They cling to me and ask me to stay. Tears fill my eyes and I
can't find the way. I agree to stay longer, maybe
sing them a song or read from the Bible.

Their days are so long.
They're waiting, waiting—
For You to come.

They're like small children, alone and
sad, who are being punished for being
bad. Grant them serenity, comfort,
care and peace of mind as
this confinement they
share.
Until You come—
Even so come, Lord Jesus



- ❑ **MEMORIAL STUDENT LOAN FUND.** In 1956 WNAC began the Memorial Student Loan Fund, named for our pioneer women. The funds are available to students at our national college in Nashville, TN.
- ❑ **FOREIGN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP.** In 1980 funds intended for a student from Uganda became the basis for a Foreign Student Scholarship Fund. This fund provides scholarships for students recommended by the Foreign or Home Mission departments and missionaries from our fields. The scholarships have gone to students from Haiti, Panama, Brazil, and Mexico.
- ❑ **MISSIONARY PROVISION CLOSET.** The Closet has linens, flatware, table settings, Tupperware, pressure cookers, small electrical appliances, and miscellaneous supplies for both home and foreign missionaries. The women keep it well supplied and the staff in the national office keeps an inventory and organizes the Closet.
- ❑ **CO-LABORER MAGAZINE.** In 1961 Mrs. Eunice Edwards led in the production of a quarterly magazine called CO-LABORER. In 1987 it became a full size bi-monthly magazine. The magazine includes suggested programs and Bible studies, columns for ministers' wives, mothers, book reviews, news about Auxiliaries, and articles helpful for women, plus helps for leaders in local Auxiliaries.
- ❑ **WNAC OFFICE.** In the 1950's Mrs. Agnes Frazier, executive secretary for WNAC, wrote: "The work has outgrown any woman's home." The national staff needed office space and equipment. The first office was a small room on the Bible College campus. In 1954, Mrs. Gladys Sloan took on the WNAC responsibilities along

with her work in the Foreign Missions Office at 3801 Richland Avenue. Mrs. Eunice Edwards became the first full time executive secretary at the national office in 1956. Mrs. Cleo Pursell moved the offices into the new building at 1134 Murfreesboro Road in 1964.

The national office is responsible for planning meetings, publishing helps for Auxiliary officers and leaders, and receiving and disbursing funds.

Salute to the Co-Laborers of Tomorrow

Mrs. Polston wrote in 1941: "In attempting great things for the Master, we have a wonderful heritage for 'tomorrow.' How will the record read in the next decade, shall we ask? Shall we meet the challenge of present denominational needs bravely and with a 'mind to work?' I pray that we may press on in our efforts to meet them, in His name, as we have in the past by grasping opportunities for service."

Christ is coming again. We do not know when. When He comes will He find Free Will Baptist women faithful in His service? Surely He will, but if women are to continue faithful, we must prepare for tomorrow.

NEW OFFICES.

Recently WNAC joined other agencies in a move into new offices. The new building is designed for tomorrow. The move is a part of facing the challenge of tomorrow.

STUDY COMMITTEE.

The Convention elected a study committee in 1990 to look at the structure and program of Woman's Auxiliary. They are asking the questions: What should we change to face the challenge of tomorrow? What should we keep the same? How can we enlist more women? What should we be doing to enlist and train the younger women?

PUBLICATIONS. WNAC is planning to publish in 1993 a book of stories shared by our women missionaries.

WNAC also hopes to publish a special devotional book for women.

Each year we should like to improve the magazine, meeting the needs of our women and attracting good writers.

YOUNG WOMEN. Now WNAC has a four-year cycle of programs for Actionettes, girls from 13-18. The cycle needs to be updated, and we need more materials for reaching young women and training leaders.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP.

Free Will Baptists now have national women's organizations in Cuba, Brazil, and Panama. Some day we will have an international fellowship of women. Such a fellowship will help us encourage one another and share in God's work.

Who Will Join Us?

Use the video "Laborers Together" or the leaflet in the Emphasis Packet to show expenses and how the Emphasis Offering contributes to the work in the national office.

Conclusion

Growth is change, and change means new and different demands and needs.

Who will meet the needs of our women now and in the next century? Who will meet them if we do not?

We want to salute the women of the past, and as women of today, we want to keep on working until Jesus comes again.

You may salute Free Will Baptist women of the past, present and future. You may express your gratitude for their contributions and speed them toward tomorrow by giving to the Emphasis Offering.



Power in Praise

Aim: to show that praising God and answered prayer go hand-in-hand.

Scripture: Psalm 150

Hymn: praise hymns and choruses

Roll Call: Each woman reads a praise verse.

Introduction

I did not learn to drive until I was 33 years old. I wouldn't recommend it, but my husband tried to teach me. I would never have gotten my license from him, but I do remember much of his advice.

"You must learn to feel, really feel, that this car is an extension of yourself," he told me. "It is much more powerful than you are. It goes faster, runs farther, and turns quicker than you can. Yet you control its power in your power. Don't think that you're making the car turn right or left or stop. Think, I am turning right. You and the car are one."

A few years ago I learned about that power. One day I rounded a curve a little too fast. Before my eyes several posts uprooted as barbed wire snapped and wrapped itself around my pickup. Some power! No way could I have done that in my own strength!

In the same way, God's power is available to us. Let's see how in praise, we clasp hands with the One who controls all things.

The Basis of Praise

Anyone who approaches God in prayer must believe that He is and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him (Heb. 11:6). Do we understand that first we simply believe that God exists? This is the beginning of faith that pleases God. The next part is equally simple. We must believe that He rewards those who seek Him. Or that He intervenes in the life of His children.

Hannah Whitehall Smith, in her book *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life*, writes that each believer is surrounded by an invisible shield called the Presence of God. Not a lion can reach out its paw nor a bullet fly through the air, she says, except as the Presence of God moves out of the way to permit it to enter.

This film, though ever so thin, provides such protection that not a hair of our head may be ruffled, nor anything touch us, except as the Presence divides to let the evil through.

Then as all the small and annoying things of life pass before us, not a cross look, nor a harsh word, nor petty trial of any kind can affect us, unless God's encircling Presence moves out of the way to let it.

God is in control. Our lives are in His hand. How can we not praise?





God
Inhabits
Praise

Our God inhabits the praises of His people (Ps. 22:3). Just as God's holy presence once inhabited (ladies, that means "lived in") the ark of the covenant, now we know He lives in the praises of His people. The book of Psalms, the hymnbook of the Jews, contains songs used in both public and private temple ceremonies. Judaism and Christianity are singing religions.

David, the musician, instituted praise as an integral part of Jewish worship. He appointed the Levites over the service of song in the house of the Lord. Both vocal and instrumental praise reached the portals of heaven. God responded by routing the enemy, sustaining them, providing their needs, and protecting them from drought, famine and danger.

He does the same for us today. Our praise unleashes mighty power which fulfills the needs of the body, covers the cares of the home, enables us to face heavy responsibilities, empowers us for Christian service, triumphs over satanic forces, and transforms attitudes and personalities.

Do you wish you had more power from God—or with God? Many have prayer concerns that weigh heavy on our hearts—health concerns for ourselves or a loved one, financial problems, family problems, unsaved loved ones or church problems. Keep on praying. Remind God—with praise—of His promises.

Praise
Power
and

In Acts 16, we find the story of Paul and Silas, missionaries to the Gentiles. When the spirit of God began to move in Philippi, the rulers had these men of God arrested. They were beaten unmercifully, bound hand and foot, and cast into prison.

No pity party for these saints of God! We find no record of them demanding to be released—although they could have; they were Roman citizens—or pouring out their suffering complaints to God. No! At midnight we find them singing and praising God.

Their praise touched the heart of God. Suddenly a mighty earthquake shook the prison and unshackled the prisoners. Most earthquakes shake walls, not snap bonds from prisoners without breaking a bone.

No wonder Paul could later write to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

As you praise God, you become more aware of His power. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Remember his goodness to you and the prayers He has answered. Allow your faith to grow by leaps and bounds as you praise Him.

Praise
Practicing

After my children were grown my mother continued to "boss" me. If I told her of an answered prayer or testified of something God was doing in my life, she would insist firmly, "Say 'Praise the Lord!', Lois."

"Mom, I was praising the Lord when I told you all He'd done." It wasn't my way to shout "Praise the Lord!" It wasn't natural. I was sure I'd feel, not only foolish, but like a hypocrite.

Mom had been in heaven many years before I first allowed myself to verbally respond, "Praise the Lord!" Now the words automatically flow from a heart filled with gratitude. Such rich and wonderful words—Praise the Lord! They open doors where you thought there were no doors, only walls.

When you find reason to praise the Lord, say it! Don't be surprised to find yourself swamped with more and more reasons to praise Him. People you never suspected were Christians will be delighted to recognize you are one. Conversations between other members of God's family will follow—in the elevator, the store, on the street, or wherever.

Andrew Murray tells us the best way to practice the presence of God is to practice praise. Do you want to be more aware of the presence of God in your life? Just praise Him—then wait.

So what if it doesn't feel natural? Did it feel natural when you learned to write or type, use the computer, or drive a car? Practice until it does.

Mom—are you listening up there? Praise the Lord!

Conclusion

A few months ago my husband had a very serious heart attack. We live in an isolated place and our phone had been out of order until just a few hours earlier. Air Vac was on other emergencies, so it took two hours for an ambulance to arrive. We both thought he would die, for it was not his first attack.

I can honestly say I praised God the entire time. The peace of God overshadowed me. I won't claim I was happy, but I knew God's power could and would accomplish His purpose in our lives. "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

God chose to preserve my husband's life this time. Some day it will be different, but I'll know it will still be His perfect will.



Program Feature: Ask two or three others to be prepared to share a testimony of answered prayer that came through praise. Sing the doxology after each one.

Until He Comes By Life or By Death

Aim: To gain strength and courage from the trials and martyrdom of John and Betty Stam
Scripture: Phil. 1:21
Hymn: "I Surrender All"

Introduction

A newspaper interviewed an American missionary in Haifa, Israel, whose home was threatened from Iraqi Scud missiles. She had not returned to the United States with her missions team from the Moody Bible Institute, but chose to remain in the land where God had called her to serve.

"The safest place in the world is where the Lord wants you to be," she explained.

Nearly sixty years ago, another Moody student possessed like convictions and passion for service. He challenged his class of '32:

Shall we beat a retreat and turn back from the high calling in Christ Jesus: or dare we advance at God's command in face of the impossible?...Let us remind ourselves that the Great Commission was never qualified by clauses calling for advance only if funds were plentiful and no hardship or self-denial involved. On the contrary, we are told to expect tribulation and even persecution, but with it victory in Christ.

That young graduate was John Stam who would soon die a martyr's death in China. Let us find strength and courage in the story of this young man and his wife, Betty.

The Calling (1 Pet. 2:21)

Letters from fellow missionaries describe Betty as "sweet and always happy. Not being very strong, she did not go out a great deal, but when anyone came to see her, they were assured of a warm welcome."

"John was one of the finest Christian men we have ever met," wrote John's fellow missionaries. Everyone, young or old, Christian or heathen, liked him."

Sunlight glistened on the city of Tsingteh, China on December 6, 1934. Betty Stam's heart was at peace as she bathed three month-old Helen Priscilla. Her husband, John, sat penning a letter to his parents. "Truly God seems to go out of His way to make His children happy," he wrote. Little did he know that at that very moment Communists were scaling the city wall.

In the years following the boxer uprising, China expressed open hostility to foreigners. As the Communists gained influence, the fate of Westerners became more tenuous. Many missionaries were murdered, yet young men and women eagerly volunteered to go to China with the gospel of Christ. John and Betty Scott Stam were

among those who answered the appeal from the China Inland Mission. Their province was not in danger of Communist threat, they were told.

Unfortunately, both the Chinese and CIM officials had seriously misjudged the situation. Only days after the Stams arrival, a messenger rapped at their door and shouted, "The Communists have attacked!"

The Invasion (1 Pet. 1:3-6)

The whispered rumors now became fact. Another messenger added to the danger: Officials had fled, leaving the city without government. Looting had begun and terror reigned in the streets. Gunfire rumbled in the distance. The swiftness of the attack caught everyone by surprise and left no time for escape.

John and Betty knelt in prayer and sought the only refuge they knew. Outside their mission station, frightened cries and confusion punctuated the air. Inside, peace and contentment washed over their souls as they waited. It remained even as footsteps bounded up the steps and a harsh banging sounded at the door. The Communists had arrived.

The Suffering (1 Pet. 4:12)

The account of the sufferings and final fate of this young family is known through letters smuggled to the outside. Communists herded them from their home and off to prison where they demanded twenty thousand dollars for their release. John wrote to his mission: "...as for us, may God be glorified whether by life or by death."

At one point, the soldiers decided to kill baby Helen and be rid of her. An old farmer protested and offered his life instead. They shot him on the spot.

They removed the Stams from their cell and led them to another village over ten miles of rugged

mountain trails. One postmaster recognized them and asked of their destination. "We are not sure where the soldiers are going," John told him, "but we are on our way to heaven."

The Communists grew weary of waiting for the ransom. John and Betty were able to kiss their baby and tuck her into a sleeping bag just before the soldiers came. They bound their hands with rope and led them through the city to a little hill in a clump of pine trees. They stripped them of their garments and ordered them to kneel. Death for John and Betty Stam came as quick as the swish of the headman's axe. That day they joined the ranks as martyrs for Christ's sake.

In John's final letter, he witnessed of "peace in his heart." It is said there was a smile on his face in that final moment.

The Rewards (1 Pet. 4:13, 14)

Some three days later, a Chinese Christian found the baby among the rubble and sent her to America and Betty's parents. Dr. Scott said of his daughter and son-in-law:

They have not died in vain. The blood of the martyrs is still the seed of the church. If we could hear our beloved children speak, we know from their convictions that they would praise God because He counted them worthy to suffer for the sake of Christ.

The report of the martyrdom of the Stams was widely publicized in both the United States and Great Britain. It tremendously impacted their mission. One wrote: "A life which had the longest span of years might not have been able to do one-hundredth of the work for Christ which they have done in a day."

John and Betty Stam gazed triumphantly in the face of danger in the place where the Lord chose them to be.

Until He Comes (1 Pet. 4:16)

Centuries ago, St. Augustine singled out Christian martyrs for special praise. His words continue to echo through the centuries:

Martyrs are holy men/women of God who fought or stood for truth, even unto death, so that the Word of God may be made known and falsehood and fictions be overcome. Such a sacrifice is offered to God alone, thus the martyr is received in heavenly honor. This means that God has rewarded the faith of the martyr with much grace that death, which seems to be the enemy of life, becomes in reality an ally that helps man enter into life.

Are we willing to serve Christ until He comes—by life or by death?

Conclusion

Afraid? Of What?
To feel the spirit's glad release?
To pass from pain to perfect peace?
The strife and strain of life to cease?
Afraid—of That?

Afraid? Of What?
Afraid to see the Savior's face,
To hear His welcome, and to trace
The glory gleam from wounds of grace?
Afraid—of That?

Afraid? Of What?
To do by death what life could not—

Baptize with blood some stony plot
Till souls shall blossom from the spot?

Afraid—of That? —copied

Unite in prayer for those throughout the world who serve Christ where danger threatens.

Material from this program was gleaned from the following sources: "How to be Happy There" (Daily Reflector); Twentieth Century Martyrs by James and Marti Hefley; Martyrs of China; and "By Life or Death" by Bob Pierce.



COMMUNICATOR

by Mary Ruth Wisheart

Emphasis Month

Emphasis month is upon us. This year WNAC needs a good offering to help with general fund expenses. We've set goals for foreign missions, home missions and other projects.

Now let's set a goal for WNAC.

Our goal last year for Emphasis was \$20,000. We received \$16,589.53. This year let's reach that goal of \$20,000 and go over the top.

Mrs. Cleo Pursell started Emphasis Month in 1965. WNAC had just moved into the office at 1134 Murfreesboro Road and expenses had gone much higher. The purpose was to put money into the operation fund for WNAC.

Now as then, we're moving. Expenses have already risen.

Emphasis packets are in the mail. Order as many WNAC quarter folders as you need. Your church works at collecting offerings for other ministries. Involve the whole church in an offering for the women's work.

Our Faces Toward Tomorrow

At the 1990 Convention we adopted a decade theme: Our Faces Toward Tomorrow. We want to plan and work toward the future, whatever the years may bring.

Our new suite of offices is designed for the new technology and for enduring into the next century. It's a step toward tomorrow, but we need to support this move and the expenses involved in looking toward the future.

WNAC will have more office space in the new building and more efficient storage space for the Provision Closet and supplies.

When the office moved to 1134 Murfreesboro Road, the women bought new furniture. Now furniture is needed for the suite of offices in the new building. Each state president or district president on our mailing list has received a list of the furniture, some pictures,

and the prices. The total cost for furniture is about \$15,000.

Find out what you and your Auxiliary can do to help move WNAC into tomorrow.

If you haven't already, send a gift to help with expenses related to the move. Mark your gifts "New Building" so that they can be used wherever they are needed.

Growth Means Change

There's something about change that unsettles some people. Still, where there is growth, changes will occur.

The study committee for WNAC will no doubt recommend some changes in the work and plan of Woman's Auxiliary.

Encourage your state president and field worker to be present at the open forum with the study committee, Monday, July 22, in Charleston. They should be ready to express the feelings and ideas of the women in their states about Woman's Auxiliary and preparation for the future.

Provision Closet Needs

The Provision Closet will have a new look. Paul Hansen of Morehead City, NC is helping with additional shelving for the Closet.

The Closet is designed so that we have a third more storage space in a smaller area than we now occupy. The Closet will be closer to the WNAC offices and more secure than in the old building.

The closet needs king size and queen size sheet sets.

Come to visit the new offices and the Provision Closet. You are always welcome.

Notice

Beginning July 1, 1991, 5% of funds coming to the national treasurer will go into a Promotion and Information Fund to help in promoting, handling, receipting and disbursing the funds.

Missionary—

by Delois Loveless

For sometime I have been thinking of some helpful tidbits on the subject of how to host the guest speaker you have invited to your church or auxiliary function.

I'm often asked to speak on a number of occasions. Sometimes I feel very awkward not knowing what to do until my part on the program. I do not know where to sit or even where the restroom is located. It's embarrassing to have to ask for this information.

I've talked with others in these situations and they feel as I do. We hope these ideas will help you as a hostess.

First, assign someone to greet your guest and to sit with her. Choose someone who knows most everyone and ask her to arrive early. She should introduce the speaker as they mingle before the program, show her the layout of the church, and in general, make her feel welcome.

Second, provide equipment. A lectern stand is helpful for her notes and Bible. Provide a microphone if the room is large. She may need an overhead or slide projector, cassette player, or video equipment. Many missionaries today use a video. If she brings a display, set up a table in a conspicuous place.

Make arrangements for overnight guests. If she prefers a motel, choose a safe one. If she stays in a home, provide a clean and quiet room. Fresh fruit or flowers in the room make her feel special.

I remember one church that invited my husband and me for a weekend service. They reserved a motel room and had a bowl of fresh fruit waiting us. It was so refreshing and relaxing after a long drive.

and Other Guest Speaker— Etiquette

How to score high with your guest speaker

If your guest has traveled a distance, allow her to go to bed. She probably would never tell you that she is exhausted. I'm a morning person and retire quite early if I can. Sometimes I wish I were a night person.

Pay her expenses, and if possible, an honorarium or love gift. Though a touchy subject, it is a needful one. She may have left work early or even have taken the day off without pay, besides her travel expense.

Missionaries have an expense account, but they have to raise every penny in it. Your generous gift will keep it out of the red, or boost it so they can return to their field on time.

Give directions. It's difficult to take directions on the phone, so write ahead with directions. I'm terrible with north, south, east and west. I need landmark directions. It's a comforting feeling to drive with clear directions written by someone who knows. You know your area, but your guest doesn't.

I've been to many churches in Ohio, but each time I need new directions.



At mother-daughter banquets, or any dinner function, it's helpful if your guest is served first. This gives her time to eat, repair her makeup, or visit the ladies room before she speaks. If your dinner is in a restaurant, let her know beforehand that you're taking care of the check so she won't be concerned about such things.

At the close of the program, invite your guest to stand at the door with the person assigned to her. This is the highlight of the meeting for me as I love to chat with each one as she leaves. Many times I've been left at the pulpit and watched everyone leave without one word from anyone.

If you're having a retreat, inform your guest on dress. Is it all casual or would they be wearing church clothes? It's embarrassing to be too casual or to be overdressed. Does she need bedding and towels? If these are required, she would appreciate it if they are provided and her bed made up when she arrives.

Every guest is just like yourself from another surrounding. As you feel uncomfortable outside your own, so does she. Kindness and consideration help make her stay a pleasant one and cause her to "thank God upon every remembrance of you" long after the meeting is over. 

This article first appeared in the author's column, "Women's Fellowship," in the AMBASSADOR, Voice of Ohio's Free Will Baptists, and has been adapted to include missionaries specifically. Delois is married to Alton, promotional secretary of the state. She is also a member of WNAC's executive committee.

Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

Household tasks are waiting, but first let me share some thoughts that came while meditating on Genesis 22:1-14, the story of Abraham's test of faith on Mt. Moriah.

I'm impressed with the mutual love and respect flowing between this aged father and his young son. By faith Abraham moved at God's command and by faith Isaac followed the plan outlined by his father. Abraham believed God and Isaac believed his father. There is not the slightest indication of doubt or question regarding this journey.

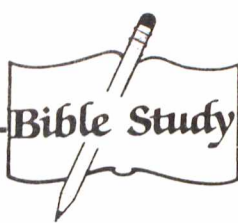
Are we as ready to believe and obey?

God specified a place where He would test Abraham's faith—"upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." God chose the place, not Abraham. Suppose he had said, "Father, that other mountain looks more appropriate." The simple truth of the matter is that God placed the sacrifice in the place He had chosen. The ram waited at the top of the mountain, not in the valley.

I believe God chooses our places, too. Only at that appointed place do we experience His greatest, richest blessings.

When we answer God's call to service, the choice of a place to serve is of supreme importance. The certainty of being in God's place gives the courage, confidence and endurance to stay on the job through tough times and to completion.

We miss so much when we fail to heed God's simple demands. If the obedience He asks of you today seems hard, tiring and wearisome, remember Isaac and His father, standing with knife in hand over the substitute sacrifice. Be assured He has a substitute for you, "caught in a thicket by his horns."  Hold steady and wait on Him.



Titus
Chapter 1 Part 1

BACKGROUND

WRITER: Paul, between his first and second Roman imprisonments

DATE: Approximately 65 AD, possibly from Nicopolis in southern Greece (3:12)

KEY VERSE: "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity" (2:7).

THEME: Church order (similar in general content to 1 Timothy)

KEY PHRASES: "Sound Doctrine" and "Good Works"

CONTENT: A brief, but powerful, exposition on the necessity of a church being grounded in sound doctrine, with salvation evidenced by "good works," mentioned six times in these three chapters. As one writer put it, "Creed and life are never divorced."

I AM WRITING THIS BECAUSE...

Titus was a trusted Greek convert and assistant. Paul's purpose in writing this letter was to give him instructions and authority to further the organization of the churches on the island of Crete, now called Candia. Crete is about 150 miles long, lying off the coast of Greece in the Mediterranean Sea.

When the question of circumcision arose in the early church (see Gal. 2:1-3 and Acts 15), Titus accompanied Paul and Barnabas (as Exhibit A) to Jerusalem. He served as Paul's emissary to Corinth with his second letter to the Corinthians, and possibly the first also (see 2 Cor. 8:6,16;12:18).

Titus proved to be a capable, reliable, wise and Christian leader; thus was chosen by Paul to further church order on the island of Crete (1:5). Both Titus and Timothy are called Paul's "own son" in the faith (1 Tim. 1:2 and Titus 1:4).

INTRODUCTION (1:1-3)

1:1—"Paul, a _____ of God, and an _____ of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the _____ which is after godliness..." Though Paul's sentence is four verses long in our Bibles, pause here to note his two-fold credentials: First Paul calls himself a servant of God (literally, a slave); then, an apostle of Jesus Christ. As Matthew Henry puts it, "The highest officers in the church are but servants."

1:2,3—"in hope of _____ life, which God, who _____ lie, promised _____ the world began, but hath in due times _____ His word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the _____

of God, our Savior..." Having such a hope as this should lift the heart and mind above this world and its sorrows, to heaven and things eternal. This "higher plane of thought" is what Paul meant by the term "heavenly places" in Ephesians 1:3,20,21; 2:5,6. What God has promised, He will perform!

TO WHOM IT IS WRITTEN (1:4)

1:4— Paul completes his introductory words with "...to Titus, mine own _____ after the common faith: Grace _____ and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, our _____." The three terms, grace, mercy and peace, compose a common desire of Paul for those he addresses in his epistles. However, each of these five-letter words are often passed over in our reading because they are used repeatedly. Look at them again.

Grace is the free favor of God. We are accepted through the merit of His Son. Mercy is the fruit of that favor. We are pardoned from the penalty of our sin. Peace is the factual effect of that fruit. We have an inward and outward peace—with God, ourselves and with one another.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think the key verse means when it says, "showing thyself to be a pattern of good works?"
2. Why does Paul link good works with sound doctrine? Are there other New Testament writers who do this? Who?
3. How do we know that Paul did not possess an inflated ego ("I" trouble) and that he delegated authority?
4. What does "in hope of eternal life" mean to you? How does it help you cope?
5. Is true peace possible, both inward and outward, without being preceded by grace and mercy? Why or why not?

Writer's note: Presently nine "Basic Bible Studies" are available for either personal or group study. Each set is complete with background, an in-depth outline and a set of review questions. Write for a free list and order blank. Sets are \$2.25 each or \$19 for all 9 sets, including postage.

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A Clean House

by Alice Grant

Many years ago when I was very young, I shared my house with my younger sister, Mary, and my brother, Lazarus. One day we expected company and I wanted my house to look presentable for this very special guest.

I arose early and set about to make my house spic and span. I began in the kitchen and scrubbed and washed and polished. "I'd better get rid of all the things my guest might find objectionable," I decided as I dumped ashtrays and poured out that bottle of cooking wine in the cupboard. I trashed the set of glasses with the bunny ears on top.

Next I flew into the living room and cleaned everything until it glistened. I threw away that set of coasters with the signs of the Zodiac on them and burned all those little magazines about movie stars. I even returned those videos that didn't have such a great rating.

I felt pretty tired by now so called my sister Mary to come down and help me. Mary has a reputation of staring off into space and talking about things the rest of us cannot understand. Things like loving everybody—even those lazy neighbors down the street. And forgiveness. Forgive Aunt Tilley who connived to get Grandma's silver? Fat chance.

"Mary," I called, "come down and help. I'm running out of time." Well, Mary didn't come. Said she was busy studying the epistles or something like that.

"Fine," I said. "This is my house and I can handle it on my own." I didn't need help from anyone.

I was really mad as I tackled the bedroom and only scrubbed that much harder. I shook the rugs vigorously and made the bed with a vengeance. I threw out everything my friend might find fault with—too-short skirts, tight leather

pants, revealing blouses. I even dumped my entire collection of romance novels.

I was really in a stew by the time I turned to the bathroom. No one would help me clean and I was running out of time. I would show everyone—even my guest—that I can do this on my own. He would be so proud of me. My house would be the cleanest he had ever visited. He would tell everyone what a good housekeeper I was.

I took time to dump all those pills that help me get through the day, the ones that help me sleep and the ones that help me wake, as well as all those that help me in between.

I glanced at the clock as I finally got to the kitchen to begin the meal. Better hurry! I planned all the foods I was certain my guest would like—fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, pork chops and brussell sprouts. I made spaghetti and salad. I cooked corn and peas and carrots. I made macaroni and cheese. For pies, I baked a cherry, apple and blueberry. Then there was chocolate cake, angel food, and even a pineapple one. I had baked my own bread and had fresh fruit and cheese. Just as I began my famous broccoli casserole, the doorbell rang.

Now Mary—the one who couldn't help before—came running down the stairs and answered the door even before I had time to dry my hands. Our guest had arrived.

Mary took our guest to the living room where she seated herself at His feet and hung on to His every word. Ha, I thought, He's so busy admiring my house that He won't pay any attention to Mary. And just wait until He tastes my fine meal. If only Mary would come and help me get it on the table.

"Mary, would you please stop

sitting there like a puppy dog and come in here and help me," I called. I could not hide the exasperation in my voice. Our guest was tired and in need of food. You'd think our guest would see that I needed help. Well, I'll just ask Him to make her help me!

Would you believe what my guest did? He took my hand and spoke tenderly, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things, but one thing is needful. Mary has chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her."

What was this He was telling me? It is more important to humble myself and listen to His teachings than to work so hard so everyone would see how great I was.

Did He mean I didn't have to do all that cleaning? That I didn't need to cook this big meal? Or was He saying that if I humbled myself and got myself out of the way, He would teach me the things that should be done?

Was Mary doing what our guest required?

What did my guest require of me? "What doth the Lord require of thee,... but to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8).

My guest was Jesus. I worked so hard to let the world see how great I was that I hadn't taken the time to let Jesus work with me. He would have helped me do it had I only taken the time to learn from Him. I wanted the world to see glory in me. There is no glory in me, only Jesus.

I'm a lot like Martha. When people see me, they see a Martha much like the one in this story. I like to work for the Lord, but I find it hard to take a few minutes to sit down and let the Lord work with me.

I really wish they could see a Mary.



Actionettes

Northside Actionettes

Tulsa, Oklahoma

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!

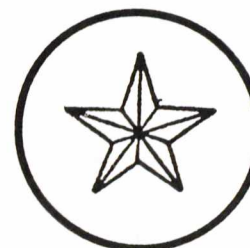
Six years ago, Connie Stewart started an Actionettes group at her Northside FWB Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. They now have two groups—first to sixth grades and seventh grade up with 45 girls, two leaders and several helpers.

They play lots of games like Tic Tac Toe and Missions Trivia using the missionary prayer cards. The girls enjoy drills on the countries and states where our missionaries live.

Each girl is issued a purple notebook containing the home and foreign missions maps, foreign and home missions directories, enrollment application, Calendar of Events, missionary pen pal form, T-shirt order form, secret sister form, and the constitution and by-laws adapted to their group. A \$5 enrollment fee covers badges and other costs for a year.

The leaders keep the girls busy with these projects.

- Annual mother-daughter banquet which serves as an enlistment drive
- Toys for Tots drive for the bus ministry
- Canned food drive for the church's food bank
- Thanksgiving food baskets
- Craft and bake sales
- Dad and daughter banquet
- Nursing Home visits
- Christmas caroling
- Clean-up Day participation

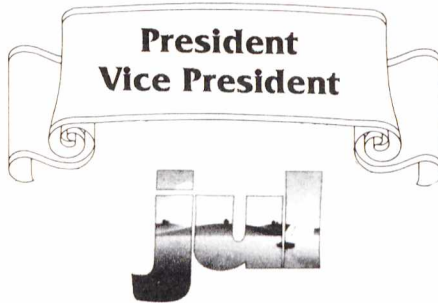


Five badges are available:

- Pen Pal earned by writing to her missionary pen pal. They are encouraged to write three times annually.
- Heart to Heart, a Christian service badge, for nursing home visits or helping someone who is sick.
- Secret Sister earned for doing special favors anonymously for her secret sister.
- Litter Picker Upper earned for helping keep the church grounds clean or helping in the church's clean-up day.
- Special Star awarded for attendance, special and surprise activities.

Helps for Leaders

Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination



Summer Missionary Projects

Jean Jenkerson, Farmington, MO, designed the two fun games (pp. 19, 20) to spark summer missionary giving for her Auxiliary women. They were so successful, her women suggested she share them with other Co-Laborers.

Adjust the dates and pay-scale to your own particular Auxiliary.

Each Auxiliary will decide how the money will be used.

Praise Acrostic

If you use the suggested program for July, "Power in Praise", prepare a praise acrostic for your interest center. Print the illustrated acrostic on a sheet of poster board. Stand this up by folding a smaller piece of poster board into a triangle and taping it to the back.

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS

Presence
Redeeming Love
Acts
Intelligence
Strength
Everlasting Mercy



August

August is Emphasis Month on the Auxiliary Calendar. Make this the greatest Emphasis ever.

Present the program as a chronicle of Woman's Auxiliary. Make a book to stand on stage, large enough to be seen by the audience.

As the page is turned, a woman steps "out of the book" to present her part of the program.

COVER: Woman's Auxiliary at Work Until He Comes

**WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY
at WORK
UNTIL
HE COMES**

FIRST PAGE: Salute to Co-Laborers of the Past

**Salute to
CO-LABORERS
of
The Past**

SECOND PAGE: Salute to Co-Laborers of the Present

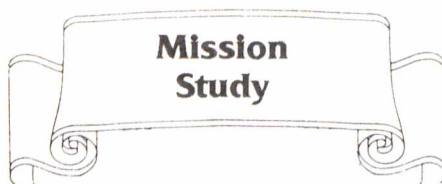
**Salute to
CO-LABORERS
of
The Present**

THIRD PAGE: Salute to Co-Laborers of the Future

**Salute to
CO-LABORERS
of
The Future**

Alternate suggestions: Use a large book on an easel and let each speaker turn the page as she presents her topic. Or let each speaker hold a book with topic in large print.

Arrange displays of past, present, and future Woman's Auxiliary workers. Perhaps this would be a good time to compile a history of your Woman's Auxiliary at work. Don't forget to look toward the future.



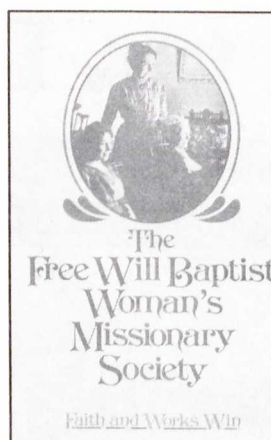
The Free Will Baptist Woman's Missionary Society

Purpose of the study: To review the accomplishments of the courageous, intelligent and sacrificial women who initiated our women's work. We have a rich heritage.

Those who made history are now passed from the stage of life. The book is written that "those who read it find in it the link between an honorable past and a still more glorious future."

Before the Study

- ❑ Order books, preferably one for each woman. The regular price, \$3, has been reduced to \$1.50, or \$1 each for ten or more. For a limited time only. For 1-5 copies, add \$1 postage; 6-10 copies, add \$1.50; for more than 10, add \$2.00.
- ❑ Read the book with a pencil or highlighter. Mark significant and interesting passages.
- ❑ Assign women to contribute to the study:
 - one to read the Scripture passage in James 2:14-18
 - three others to tell about the first presidents (pp. 92-101)
 - another to tell about the home missions work (pp. 25-35)
 - another to tell about the foreign missions work (pp. 36-61; 102-135)
- ❑ On a large map of the United States, locate areas of importance: Sandwich and Dover NH; Harper's Ferry, WV; Ocean Park, ME;
 - Also secure a large map of India. Circle locations mentioned in the book: Calcutta, Cuttack, Bay of Bengal, Bengal-Orisso and others.
 - Display these two maps during your study.



- ❑ Prepare five posters: 1) Organization 2) Leaders 3) Home Missions 4) Foreign Missions 5) Important Dates

Giving the Study

Introduction

- Describe the purpose of the study.
- Ask someone to read the motto, watchword and colors given on the introductory page. How do they compare with ours today?
- Ask someone to read James 2:14-18

First Poster: Organization

First Organization (1780-1873)

President—Mrs. E. Place

Purpose—Systematic preaching on missions, monthly concerts of prayer and missionary intelligence, weekly offerings and statistical tables.

This organization dissolved for lack of a "financial basis for power."

Second Organization (1873-1910)

President—Miss Emeline Burlingame

Four Conditions of Work

- Both a Home and Foreign Missions Society
- Cooperates with the Missions Societies
- Maintain an independent treasury
- Would incur no debt
- Children and Youth Ministries
- Cradle Roll and Little Light Bearers
- Young Women's Work

Bureau of Missionary Intelligence

Thank Offering

Second Poster: Leadership

The Appendix on pp. 136-141 gives a complete listing of all leaders in the Missionary Society. Ask those assigned to tell about the three presidents.

Third Poster: Home Missions

Storer College (1865-1955) for freed slaves

Nathan C. Brackett, founder of the school

Storer became a Junior College in 1921 with forty acres of property, 15 buildings, 19 teachers and 197 students. In addition to regular college courses, they taught agriculture, domestic science, hair dressing and manicure, music and arts, and wood-working.

In 1955, following the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States regarding the issue of desegregation, Storer College closed its doors.

The property was deeded to the National Park Service and a few of the buildings have been restored.

Fourth Poster: Foreign Missions

Missionaries to India (pp. 102-135)

Orphanages
Christian Schools
Kindergartens
Widows' Homes
Bible Women
Village Ministry
Dispensary

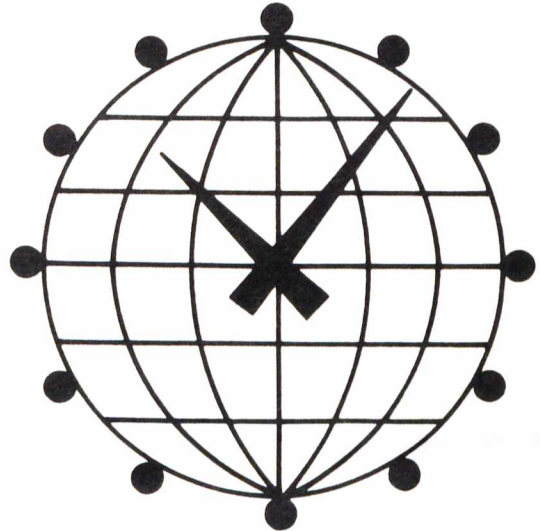
Fifth Poster: Important Dates

Pages 142-144 lists some important dates. Pick out those most relevant to your women and print them on your poster. What are we accomplishing for posterity?

Only one life
will soon be past
Only what's done
for Christ will last.

Mission Prayer

IT'S TIME TO PRAY



Missionary Relationships

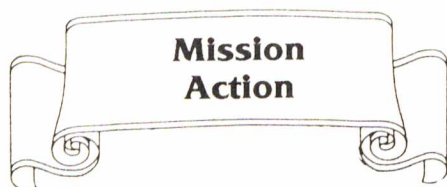
In the book, *The Free Will Baptist Woman's Missionary Society*, the author states, "One also values in this story of mission work how the idea of service often passes in a family from one generation to the next."

In our own history of Free Will Baptist missions, we find family relationships. The list below contains both current and former missionaries, both home and foreign. Can you match them and give their relationship?

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| 1. Susan Turnbough | a. Judy Bryan |
| 2. Jeff Turnbough | b. Jim Sturgill |
| 3. Lynette Morgan | c. Theresa Asbury |
| 4. Elaine Holland | d. Dave Franks, Sr. |
| 5. Ken Eagleton, Sr. | e. Lynn Miley |
| 6. Pat Franks | f. Joel Nason |
| 7. Dave Franks, Jr. | g. Patsy Gwartney |
| 8. Russell Wright | h. Ken Eagleton, Jr. |
| 9. Mark Thomas | i. Judy Bailey |
| 10. Jim Nason | j. Alan Crowson |

Prayer Leaflet

Make a prayer request leaflet for each one expected. They write requests inside as they are given and pray for them during the week.



Ten Activities with a Purpose

The following ideas were suggested by Glenna Murphy, a former president of the West Virginia State Convention.

① Make one of your Auxiliary meetings an overnight retreat. It may be at someone's home or a motel. Or plan an all day retreat, perhaps in a park. Select a theme, invite a guest speaker, plan special music, and work out a Christ-centered program. Make it SPECIAL.

② Conduct a Prayer Ride. Assign teams to drive down different streets and stop and pray for every home on the street. You could walk and pray.

③ Present choral readings of Bible verses or psalms. This, with the accompaniment of background music, would be good in the sanctuary, in nursing homes, or in malls during the Christmas and Easter holidays.

④ Everybody's Birthday Party. Use birthday decorations. Decorate 12 tables according to the season of the year. Guests will sit at the table corresponding to their birthday. Give away goody bags of freebies available from local businesses.

⑤ People Hunt, played like a scavenger hunt. Arrangements must be made before hunt. Make up clues. You could start at the church and make your first clue at a fast food restaurant. A person there gives the next clue, etc. Clues would be to visit, pray with someone, invite someone to church, sing to someone, or helping at a home, as cooking, ironing, running an errand, raking leaves, washing windows or whatever needs to be done.

⑥ Meet and make tray favors for nursing homes, hospitals, jails or

take to shut-ins. If you take food favors, check to see if any patients are diabetic and substitute fruit. Handcrafts may be used here.

⑦ If your community has a parade, enter your Auxiliary. This is a good way to witness and advertise your church. Choose your theme, appoint committees and gather materials. As you work on the float, make this a good time of fellowship.

⑧ Sponsor a mini-Bible conference. Arrange for a speaker to speak on a series of Bible studies one day a week for three consecutive weeks from 10:30 until noon. Serve finger foods or a salad luncheon. In the afternoons, the ladies will go on visitation.

⑨ Volunteer your services to help serve meals at the rescue mission, sew for nursing homes, or help at the church by making toys for the nursery, repairing books in the library, or cleaning and organizing the kitchen.

⑩ Surprise Auxiliary meeting. Make a banner and hang two Sundays before the big day. Plan a surprise speaker, surprise for each one attending, a surprise for the first or last one who walks through the door, a surprise singer, surprise program, and a surprise seat. Plan a SUPER SURPRISE for the one who brings the most guests.

Bear in Mind We Love You

Supplies Needed

small bears, any color
lace, either white or matching
small leaves
red paint
glue
clothes pin

Here's How

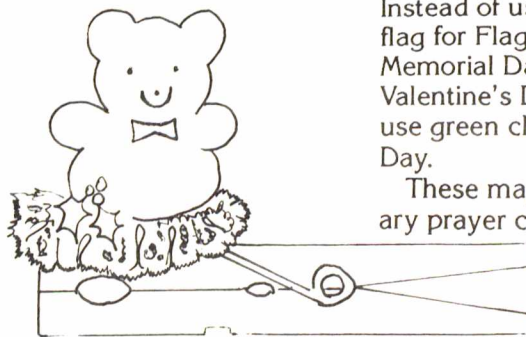
1. Paint the clothes pin red. Let dry.
2. Glue a circle of lace on the clothes pin.
3. Glue small bear in the middle of the lace circle.
4. Glue small leaf in front of the bear. That's all there is to it.

Suggestions

Instead of using the leaves, use a flag for Flag Day, 4th of July, or Memorial Day. Small hearts for Valentine's Day. Paint green and use green clover for St. Patrick's Day.

These may be clipped to missionary prayer cards.

—Cheryl Ann Daye



LET'S TAKE A VACATION

July is a month for VACATIONS. Mark an envelope or some kind of container, and put in money as instructed below:

On Tuesday, July 2nd, lay aside a

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ariety of coins.

On Saturday, July 5th, add

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dollar bill.

On Monday, July 8th,

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ollect all coins from your purse.

On Wednesday, July 10th, add

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shiny dime.

On Friday, July 12th,

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hrow in two quarters.

On Thursday, July 18th,
figure the price of an

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ce cream cone. Put it in.

On Wednesday, July 23rd,

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nly one coin (any size) should be added.

On July 27th,
the day of your meeting,
put in a coin the size of a

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ut. And bring all of this money to the meeting tonight!

WASN'T THIS A GOOD VACATION?

August Weather Check

August is normally the hot month. For the month's project, mark each open date on the calendar below with the high temperature you believe it will reach on that day. Skip Saturdays because they are too busy and skip Sundays because our thoughts should be on things spiritual.

Check your favorite channel/station/newspaper at each day's end and compare the high temperature with what you have predicted. If you came within three degrees either way, PAY NOTHING. If you were between four and ten degrees off—PAY 10 cents. If you were off more than 10 degrees—PAY 25 cents.

Distribute the calendars at the meeting. Ask the women to estimate temperatures and fill them in on the spot. They take them home to complete during the month.

WNAC Emphasis Month					1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	\$ _____ Total for month

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Any Volunteers?

by Joy Corn

Time to plan the Daily Vacation Bible School ... Auxiliary cookbook ... midweek church supper ... or Christmas program.

Who is the most likely candidate for the job? The pat answer in many churches would be the pastor's wife—for all four jobs!

Do you recall the story of the Little Red Hen? She asserted, "Then I'll do it myself" to each phase of the breadmaking task. I, as a pastor's wife, tend to be of the Little Red Hen school. Perhaps you, too, find yourself volunteering to head all kinds of church projects. We Little Red Hens need to step back and contemplate the wisdom of operating under the do-it-yourself principle. I am slowly learning some lessons about delegating responsibility and its essential nature in the life of a church. Finding a willing volunteer may not always be easy, but the effort can pay big dividends.

The more I learn about the art of delegating, the more reasons I see for its mastery, especially for a pastor's wife.

No pastor's wife is endowed with all the spiritual gifts and natural talents. God never intended the ministry of the church to ride solely on the abilities and spiritual gifts of one person. We function as a body, and our gifts and talents complement those of others.

No one has ever confused me with an artist. So I can slave with the overhead projector to concoct a scene for the vestibule bulletin board OR I can ask one of our artistic teens or the college art major to accept the assignment. If I take on such jobs I deprive another with a special talent an opportunity to use it for her Lord.

Delegating helps prevent burn-out.

When we as pastors' wives overload ourselves, we tend to become depressed and weary under the burden. By sharing responsibilities, we leave some unlabeled time to mingle, circulate across age groups, or simply recoup from one week to the next.

Delegating develops leadership skills in fellow church members. If we take the director role in every program, party and ministry, the average layman considers this "normal." Then when the church is between pastors, or the pastor's wife is ill or too busy to tend to some urgent matter, it goes undone because no lay person considers it her job.

Because of this I have never been Auxiliary president of the churches my husband has pastored. I know that pastor's wives often make very successful Auxiliary presidents and it may be right and good that some accept that role. However, what course would the Auxiliary take if our church women were only trained in following with no experience in the leadership aspects of Auxiliary work? Cultivating new leaders is an integral part of the discipling process.



The Corns, formerly of Savannah, Georgia, have just accepted the ministry of Bethel FWB Church, South Roxana, Illinois. Joy and Pastor Randy have two sons, 7 and 4.

Had the little red hen successfully delegated tasks, she could have ended up with a well-organized bakery instead of one loaf.

Delegating builds a sense of pride and ownership in church members. When church members do not feel needed or useful, they are more inclined to miss church services and functions. Their presence will not affect the service one way or the other, they reason, so they stay home.

Too often we shy away from asking others to assume responsibilities lest we turn them away by demanding too much of them. Actually the opposite is true. They feel a part of things more quickly if they make a personal investment of time and energy.

We care little about the outcome of a race if we have put no money on a horse. When members have none of themselves invested and have nothing "riding" on the success of the church or of a specific project, then its rise and fall is of little consequence. As they take responsibility for church programs and ministries, their investment increases and their desire for growth and success increase proportionately.

Delegating expands the ministry of a church. If one or a few are in charge of everything, the outreach of the church is limited. One person can only do so much because of limitations of time and energy. When we as pastor's wives encourage laywomen to take over jobs we might do ourselves, we free ourselves to branch out into new areas, thus broadening the church's outreach.

Delegating increases the opportunities for variety and wide appeal in projects. We tend to be creatures of habit. If every banquet idea comes from the same brain year after year, some boring similarities are likely to show up. When we allow new blood to take responsi-

bility in these areas, we open new vistas of ideas and methods which, in turn, help the church appeal to a broader range of people.

In spite of these pluses, delegating is not without its drawbacks. Let's consider some of the negatives.

In delegating, praise for a job well done is often directed elsewhere. It's rewarding to have been in charge of a successful project, but when you delegate you direct all eyes away from you. Lay people need to be buoyed by that feeling of accomplishment and gratitude as much as we do. They, too, thrive under the appreciation of others for a job well done.

Once you delegate a project, you cannot count on it being done as you would do it. Expect a different twist or varied details. In fact, the job may not be done as well as you could have done it yourself. You may have to settle for less than your estimation of perfection.

However, the experience and involvement you provide a willing volunteer and his feeling of accomplishment are valuable factors which outweigh the need for meeting your standard of perfection. And of course, if you delegate wisely, the project may exceed your standard because the volunteer will have more time to focus on that one particular assignment.

Delegating everything may lead to a church becoming over-committed. If no one person takes charge and gets the ball rolling, the project may become so bogged down it never happens. I have known of churches with as many committees as members. Rather than adding to the efficiency, they clogged up the works. Strive for a balance.

A pastor's wife must avoid becoming lazy in her church involvement through overuse of her delegating skills. If you have willing volunteers, don't dump the load on them and take a free ride. Stay involved by encouraging and helping whenever possible, though the final product rests in others' hands.

Of course, chances are your delegated volunteer will let you down and drop an unfinished project right back in your lap when it's too late to recover. The failure appears to be yours. As a leader, you must swallow the public's misgiving and move on. However, your involvement with and encouragement to the volunteer should avoid this situation.

Perhaps the biggest reason we don't delegate more often is that delegating requires planning ahead. Projects turned over to other hands require lots of advance notice—more time than we might allow ourselves for any one project. A volunteer needs to feel he has had time to give it his best, so we leaders must think ahead and delegate projects well before we expect their completion.

The Little Red Hen was a hard worker, goal-oriented and consistent. Yet for all her hard work she found herself alone with only one loaf of bread. Had she successfully delegated tasks, she could have ended up with a well-organized bakery.

We pastors' wives need to be in the business of recruiting and training volunteers, reluctant though they may be at times. Discipleship is an important part of the Lord's work. As we involve others in positions of responsibility, we further the cause of Christ and ultimately increase His harvest.



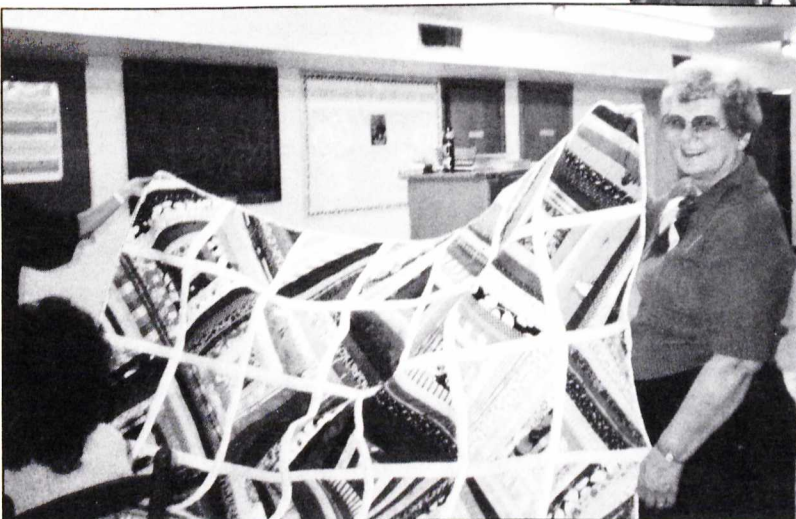
WOMEN in ACTION



The Pansy Murray Auxiliary of the Wesconnett FWB Church, Jacksonville, Florida, uses the Rainbow theme for their installation of officers: (l to r) Margaret Taylor, secretary; Joyce Steele, treasurer; Bertha Turner, vice president; Jean Church, president; Carol Morton, mission prayer chairman; Sadie VanHouten, mission study chairman; Lillie Thomsen, mission action chairman; and Madge Channel, sunshine chairman.



Patmos Auxiliary, Leary, Georgia, presents Debbie Griffin (center) with many useful gifts before her return to Japan.



Bethlehem President, Judy Maxey, Ashland City, TN, with a quilt made by Mable Smith and donated to the Tennessee Children's Home.



Ashley Elizabeth Blalock with some of the toys donated by the Hickory Grove Auxiliary, Abbeville, Alabama, for their church nursery.

This enterprising Auxiliary also observes the Pre-Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks of prayer, as well as the Emphasis program. They purchased gifts for residents of two nursing homes, sponsored Valentine's and Mother's Day banquets, and supported missions projects.

"The CO-LABORER magazine is enjoyed by all," writes Martha Blalock, program chairman. "The programs continue to inspire us; as do the Bible studies and general information."



"Bring a Friend" potluck brought 19 ladies out for the regular program of the Bethlehem Auxiliary, Ashland City, TN.



Shirley Edwards, pastor's wife of the Harmony FWB Church, West Frankfort, Illinois, entertains the February Auxiliary meeting in her home. Guest speaker, Sherry Milburn, addressed 17 ladies.



February Fun Fest at the Philadelphia Auxiliary, Mt. Clemens, Michigan. The ticket to the meeting was Tylenol, Vitamins or Band Aids for the hospital in Ivory Coast.

Pictured are: Glenda Cantwell, Jo Symington, James Norris, Betty Johnson and Connie Goetz.



New Officers of the Rocky Mountain district convention:

Nadine Hood, mission chairman
Rosa Lee Thomas, vice president
Donna Thomas, president
Barbara Myer, secretary-treasurer

Jane Burden, Virginia, will speak at their annual retreat in September.

CROSSWINDS

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

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

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6) is a promise I have always claimed, in spite of

Our Rebellious Son

by Mary Alice Bridgman

Yesterday I sat in church with our son, Steve, and our three beautiful grandchildren. Though he had been to church many times before, I wondered if genuine commitment would ever be a reality.

My husband and I both love God and are active in His service. We raised our three children in church and all accepted Christ at an early age. But Steve, strong-willed with a bent toward all wrong influences, would never commit himself to Someone who demanded to call all the shots in his life.

His problem surfaced as an early teenager. By age 16, he had already experimented with smoking, drugs, sex, drinking, running away, shop-lifting, and other things I'm probably better off not knowing about. After a history of repeated suspensions and expulsions, he finally quit school the second semester of his senior year. He continued to be in and out of trouble even after he married a sweet, but unsuspecting, girl.

I blamed myself. Had I been a better mother...had I not been so busy in church....had I loved with a tougher love....had I not allowed him to "get to me"...had we not moved...had I not cried my husband into bailing him out so often....Once I cried so hard that, unable to stop, my husband literally put me in the car and drove me to the doctor for a shot to calm me.

No, it was NOT my fault, and I rebuked Satan for his deceptive ways in making me think it was. Our son was the way he was and did the things he did because he wanted to. He, along with God, would have to be the one to bring himself out of the deep pit he had plunged himself into. We had raised our children in the way we thought they should go, and even if Steve abandoned that way for a time, God promised he would not depart from it forever.

But oh, the scars...please God, take care of the scars.

I don't know whether Steve's rededication is sincere or not. He's done it many times before as an excuse to get out of trouble. God knows. I pray it is.

How important to keep the prayer line open to our Heavenly Father. We can never make it without Him. Friends help, too. For a long time my stubborn pride shut out others who might have helped. But everyone needs someone with whom he can talk audibly. God gave me a confidante who listened and cried with me and became my prayer partner. Life goes on in spite of the pain.

I looked at Steve yesterday with a mixture of rejoicing and pain. God forgives and forgets those years the locusts have eaten. How sad we cannot forget as easily. Recovery and restoration are still ahead. With God's help, he'll make it. And so will we.





BOOK HIGHLIGHTS

GET IT TOGETHER ... AND REMEMBER WHERE YOU PUT IT
by Mamie McCullough
Word Publishing Co., 191pp, hard-back



This book contains a potpourri of ideas, strategy and actions to "get your life together and keep it on track, running smoothly and efficiently in order for you to

be all you can be."

Mamie McCullough wouldn't exactly be called a clone of Zig Ziglar, but certainly he motivated her to be the motivational speaker and author she is today. At first

she taught his books and told his stories. Now she has her own—with his flavor.

"Heartitudes"—short written or verbal encouragements from the heart—are sprinkled through the book, as "A Smile not Shared Enlarges and Settles in your Hips." That's fear motivation in its purest form!

The average American laughs about 15 times a day, they say, ranging from a giggle to a belly laugh. This book is guaranteed to produce the full range, with a few tears thrown in.

"Life is not just one game—it's a whole season," declares the "I Can" Lady as she challenges us to realize our potential, focus on our desires, develop a game plan and then put it into action.

GLIMPSES OF GOD
Finding the Father Who Fills Your Every Need
by Stephen R. Mosley
Questar Publishers, Inc., 320 pp, \$8.95

The author, a former missionary to Japan, is a professional writer with more than 60 script writing credits in film, radio and television. Perhaps that explains his dramatic writing style.

GLIMPSES OF GOD is not a dry theological treatise. In real life stories he shows how God reveals Himself:

to the despairing—as Holy Encourager...

to the wandering—as Shepherd Wise...

to the pleading—as Tender Heart...

to the uprooted—as Ageless Rock...

to the weary—as Burden Bearer...

to the hurting—as Victorious Warrior...

to the lonely—as Surpassingly Present...

Illustrations in the book begin with the Old Testament, pause in history and stop in the present. Our God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

GLIMPSES OF GOD leaves the reader with a deeper appreciation of God's holiness, power, compassion and patience.



A Woman God Has Used

At age 19, Miss Margaret fell in love and married Arthur Ange. When their ten children—five boys and five girls—were ages from 8-25, death took Mr. Arthur from them. But God promised to never leave nor forsake them, and He didn't. Today 25 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren remind her of God's bountiful mercy and grace.

Every Sunday, excluding Mother's Day and the Sunday nearest her birthday, most of the ten children with their families descend on the old home place for a taste of Mom's down-home cooking.

In 1985, WNCT-TV chose Miss Margaret as "Consummate Mother" and featured her in the local newspaper.

Miss Margaret's first goal in life was to raise a Christian family, which she accomplished. Another goal was to graduate from high school, which she did—at age 64! We're still waiting for her to fulfill another dream—learning to ride the bicycle!

"I wish everyone could have a Mama like ours," Miss Margaret's children testify. Members and friends of the Mt. Olive FWB Church, Plymouth, NC, echo, "Amen!"

— Mary Norris

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

Here they Are!

WINNING POETRY ENTRIES

These poems were selected by the judges as the best from the 143 poetry entries. Send in your poems now for the new contest. Get a head start on the March 1, 1992 deadline.

The Rock and the Rose

by Jan Elsen

If my life were like a desert
as I take my journey's walk,
And I chance to see a big red rose
growing from a rock.

There's no rich soil for it to grow
no rain to give it drink;
Why is it here in this atmosphere?
Where does it get its strength?

I then look down and see the ground,
so brown and dead and dry;
I raise my head and look ahead
at a hot and burning sky.

The sun's too strong, I can't go on;
How does the flower bloom?
I have to feel, make sure its real
and smell its sweet perfume.

No more afraid, I'm just amazed,
a smile comes to my face;
God isn't dead as other said,
even in this dreadful place.

Others cry as they pass by,
and yet they keep on going;
They missed the rose because they
chose
a life where nothing's growing.

I bow my head, a prayer is said,
I feel such calm relief;
If a rose can live, no less he'd give,
the same or more for me.

In a quiet state, I meditate.
I feel such peace come o'er me;
I realize, when I lift my eyes,
a change is now before me.

A different scene, the ground is green,
'cause grass is at my feet;
Out of no where comes fresh cool air
erasing all the heat.

The POET'S CORNER



Am I blind or out of my mind,
or is that a tree I see?
And I feel my hair as I'm standing
there
a blowing in the breeze.

The sky is blue, could it be true
the sun has disappeared?
Is this a dream, or is that a stream
flowing over there?

Now the point I make is plain and
straight,
God can change a life.
From the ugliness of a wilderness
He can make it paradise.

So as I walk and the heat gets hot
and nothing seems to grow,
I'll be safe in a sheltered place
'Cause He's my Rock
And I'm His rose.

Dust Covered Memories

Today I'll clean the attic
And at least, I started out
To throw away that awful mess
That we could do without.

In a corner, partly hidden
Was a broken wooden crate;
Memories began to haunt me—
Children's toys from yesterday.

Quickly I moved to another
With those things I could not part
Then I found a trunk of mother's
Things so precious to her heart.

Wrapped in tissue was her Bible
Stained with tears on every page;
Cotton stockings stuffed in slippers
Just before she went away.

A porcelain doll, so very tiny,
The only one she ever had;
Small tin boxes, old love letters,
Every one of them from Dad.

Then I found a dress of Grandma's.
Pretty gingham, trimmed in lace;
And a picture of my grandpa,
What a happy, handsome face.

The day is gone, and I'm no closer
To the finish of my task;
So I'll leave dust covered memories,
But I promise I'll be back.

A Mom's Lament

by Cheryl Riley

Such a busy life
Running here and there
Full of strain and strife
Needed everywhere.

Do the dishes
Cook the meals
Sort the laundry
Pay the bills

To the orthodontist
"Mom, a game tonight"
Tuesday's music lessons
"Is this problem right?"

Do the shopping
Mop the floor
Pick up kids
(an extra four!)

Ball practice after school
Brownies for my den
Phone ringing off the hook
The dog's out again!

"Read me a story"
"Where's my shoe?"
"What's for supper?"
"There's nothing to do!"

You ask how I made it
Through this day?
First thing this morning
I remembered to pray.

APPOINTED to PRAY
Be a Prayer Missionary

The Difficult Art of Receiving

by Ed H. Arensen

Being on the receiving end all the time can be humbling. Therefore learning to accept gifts graciously becomes in itself a gift.

My wife and I learned the truth of that in the early 1940's. Newly-married and newly-accepted as missionary candidates, we faced the horrendous task of raising funds for passage to Africa and for monthly support.

Our missions policy did not allow us to solicit funds. But, we wondered, how else were we to raise them? The task seemed as impossible as asking a man to swim without using hands or feet.

Then the mission sent word that it had suggested our names to a church asking for a missionary to support. We latched onto the contact like the drowning candidates we were.

The church was located in a logging community in the mountains. The afternoon we arrived, we met the pastor and he took us to see the church building.

Built of logs, scarcely bigger than an Alaskan's cache (the kind trappers build atop four poles to keep bears out of their groceries), the little church was beautifully sealed inside with knotty-pine—the same wood used for its pews and pulpit.

But a long-armed backslider in the back row could have reached the pulpit to shake hands with the preacher. Surely this was the smallest church in the world wanting to support a missionary.

After we saw the church building, the pastor delivered us to the head elder's home. Then he excused himself, saying he had to

How do you feel after eating the widow's pet bantams?

get back to his job as he was partially supporting himself.

We felt like orphans in the big woods. Our trip was certainly a dead-end.

For the next two days we were shuffled around from home to

home, getting acquainted with the people. We enjoyed the experience, but with each visit our hopes of support dwindled.

We did, however, begin to experience the need for grace in receiving.

One widow served us a chicken dinner in her small house. Its shrunkened siding let in damp drafts and made us glad we didn't have to winter there.

After the meal she told us she had killed her three bantam chickens because that was all she had.

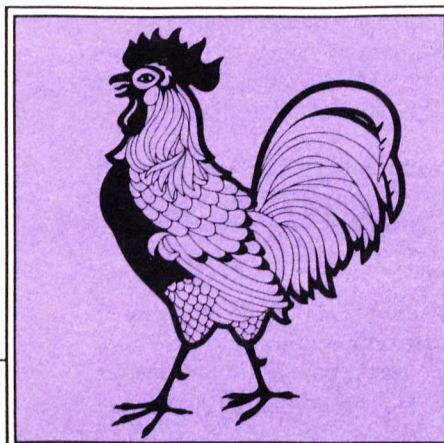
Bantams are kept for pets. How do you feel after eating a lady's pet chicken?

Sad, friend. Real sad.

On our last day the Ladies Aid presented us with a big shiny pressure cooker. They had decided that was what we needed and they'd bought the best one they could get.

(In the years to follow, it would prove an excellent gift. Many a haunch of wild game and tough Tanzania beef was tenderized in that big cooker.)

We drove back home with happy memories and a pressure cooker. "Support" hadn't been mentioned. Now we didn't want any—not from them, that is. They needed all the support they could get for themselves. The chickens, →



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. Ron and Linda Callaway and Lynette Morgan are furloughing missionaries. Send their cards to the Nashville address.

Jesus

Lois Mundovff

If I am the night time sky,
You are the guiding moon.

You composed a song for my soul
When it had not a single tune.

You are the strong sea wind
And the gentle desert breeze.

Just knowing You protect me
Puts my heart at ease.

What is the springtime flower
Without the soft, sweet smell?

What was my life without You?
A story too sad to tell.

friendship and pressure cooker
were all that we would take.

A few weeks later we received
from them a check for
\$600—enough to support one of
us in Africa for one year. We
didn't know whether to laugh or
cry. I guess we did a little of both.
We'd had our first lesson that re-
ceiving wasn't easy.

I've got a feeling there would be
a lot more people on their way to
heaven if they could make it on
brownie points. But heaven is like
a Masai house. You have to get
down real low to get in—low
enough to recognize that sin has
put you in beggar's row.

We're all spiritually bankrupt.
It's like the old hymn says,

"Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling."

But we soon find that we don't
have to beg for salvation either.
It's free—on God's house!

I took salvation as a kid many
years ago and I've been taking
ever since. God's grace never
runs out, but during thirty-four

Call to Prayer

A missionary said, "I have
found the joy of following with-
out reservation. I have discov-
ered there are no dead ends, no
blind alleys in God's will."

God does not intend for us to
say, "I missed my calling. I
should have gone as a mission-
ary." He is saying to us, "It's
what you are willing to do
today. It is what you will let Me
do through you." What are you
willing to share today and for all
of your tomorrows?

Before we come with our
gifts, listen:

Lord, I have listened this week
to missionary stories.

They are up against some im-
possible odds, serving You.
I know You give them strength,
power.

But please do something about
this world.

How can You make a world
where iron curtains and
bamboo curtains exist,
Tidal waves wipe out whole
cities, famine and sickness
stalk the land?

What is wrong with You, Lord?
Can't You do something about
it?

You mean, You expect *me* to do
something about it?

years in Africa, we've used up a
lot of it, just taking.

We realize our Heavenly Father
is rich and we can easily accept
what He sends anonymously.

It's the widow's bantams
that are hard to swallow.



*This article originally appeared in
Moody Monthly. The Arensens served
in Kenya with the African Inland Mis-
sion.*

WNAC's Prayer Bookmark

Week of July 1-6

Many youth are now attending youth
camp. Pray for the missionary empha-
sis.

Ask God to:

Transform lives by His power

Impart a permanent vision of a lost
world

Empower the missionaries and mis-
sions teachers

Birthdays this week: David Burgess, 2
(IL); Mark Vandivort 3 (AZ); Hope Nason, 6
(SC)

Week of July 7-13

Pray for potential missionaries among
the 50 young people in the Truth and
Peace leadership group for three weeks
culminating at the national association.

Ask God to:

Give special anointing to Jim Lauth-
ern, director; Sarah Malone, Sam
McVay, Dean Jones and others who as-
sist in the program

A spirit of unity and purpose to the
young people

Wisdom as they choose a college

Birthdays this week: Wanda McClary, 7
(NE); Luther Burns, 9 (GA); Barbara Jones,
11 (Mexico)

Week of July 14-20

July 14 is Day of Prayer for the Na-
tional Association in Charleston, WV,
July 20-24

Pray for:

Moderator Ralph Hampton and the
other officers of the association

Anointed speakers and musicians

Record missions offering

Traveling mercies

Heaven-sent revival

Birthdays this week: Gail Fender, 19 (TN);
Robert Bryan, 20 (C'I); Fred Hersey, 20
(Japan) Steve Reeves, 17 (Spain)

Week of July 21-27

WNAC meets this week in Charleston.

Pray for:

Steve Lytle and the missionary ser-
vice

Mary Wisehart, speaker, at the Fel-
lowship Dinner

FWBBC Drama Team Tuesday after-
noon

New Officers of God's choosing

Birthdays this week: Roy Roach, 22 (OH);
Lynette Morgan, 27 (C'I); Ron Callaway, 27
(Spain)

Week of July 28-August 3

Pray for the newly elected WNAC officers.

That they would:

Make a lasting contribution for good to the cause of Woman's Auxiliary

Serve as effective promotional chairmen in their area

See God's wisdom and direction

Birthdays this week: Larry Haggard, 29 (OK); Dennis Teague, 29 (France); Alyne Maness (NJ); Deleen Cousineau, 1 (C'I); Judy Bryan, 2 (C'I); Jerry Banks, 3 (Japan); Carlisle Hanna, 3 (India);

Week of August 4-10

Foreign Missions Retreat for missionaries meets 5-8 on the Free Will Baptist Bible College campus.

Pray for:

A deeper commitment and vision

Rich fellowship and spiritual refreshing

A challenging program and missionary presentation

Birthdays this week: Dennis Owen, 5 (Uruguay); Darrel Nichols, 6 (C'I); Vicki Sturgill, 7 (Brazil); Jim Munsey, 10 (Mexico)

Week of August 11-17

Continue to pray for WNAC's study committee.

That they might:

Experience unity in planning

Seek God's leadership and direction

Enjoy widespread participation

Wisdom in formulating and combining opinions

Birthdays this week: Pat Nason, 12 (NH); Jim Sturgill, 17 (Brazil)

Week of August 18-24

This week and next is Bible college registrations. Pray for enrolling missions and potential missions students

That they might have:

A clear vision of their calling and a lost world

Financial provision

Strong spiritual influence on campus

Effective FMF chapters

Birthdays this week: Judy Smith, 18 (Japan)

Week of August 25-31

Pray for the local Woman's Auxiliaries on our Bible college campuses.

Pray for:

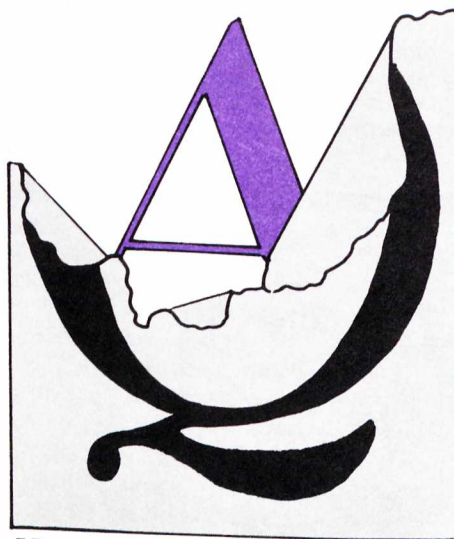
Interested sponsors

Good officers and plan of work

Wide student involvement

Training of future Auxiliary workers

Birthdays this week: Sandra Bishop, 27 (Japan); Linda Callaway 29 (Spain) Curtis Alligood, 31 (FL)



Your questions answered on:

Woman's Auxiliary

by Mary Neal
WNAC President

Where does the money go that is received for the WNAC Remembrance Book?

All funds for the Remembrance Book go into the general fund.

Some want to change our name to Women's Fellowship. If we did, would we still be a Woman's Auxiliary?

Local Auxiliaries may name their groups any name they like. My hope and prayer is that we will always be laborers together with God. Continue to pray, support and love all our missionaries. Continue to report to your district. Be a constant witness for Christ and your Auxiliary will grow, regardless of the name.

I know all Auxiliary and Missions monies should be channeled through the district, state and

national treasurers. What about money for state projects and children's homes? Or for social concerns as MADD or MOMS? Should they be channeled?

No. Money for state ministries should be channeled from the district to the state, but not to the national. The state treasurer should send these monies to the state office for distribution or directly to the ministry itself.

Contributions to organizations such as MADD should be sent directly to that organization.

What happens to the money designated to the National Student Fund for a specific student if he is no longer enrolled in school?

The money will stay in the National Student Loan Fund until another student is selected to receive the student scholarship. The executive committee recommends the student to the convention and the convention votes on the recommendation.

The last time we had a study committee to evaluate Woman's Auxiliary, it was four years before we had a new Manual. Do you foresee a new Manual coming from this new study committee? How long do you project it taking?

The present manuals could use some updating already. No doubt there will be a new edition of the manuals when the committee finishes its work. The committee is thinking of gradual changes with deadlines for specific changes or modifications. Really, however, the committee is not far enough along in its study to give any definite ideas about either changes or times. The committee plans to meet before the National Convention and will report to the convention about its study thus far.



LETTERS

Co-Laborers Write

I read CO-LABORER from cover to cover and many times over. It's such an inspiration. If any lady needs a "picker-upper," CO-LABORER will surely do the trick.

*Grace McKinster
Louisa, KY*

The Bible lessons...(by Mildred Daniel)...are very good. We had to cancel our meetings due to 50-60 degree below zero weather. The lessons come in handy as we can do them on our own.

*Sandy Williams
North Pole, Alaska*

The members of the Rose Hill Auxiliary especially enjoyed the program "Concerned or Curious."

*Leo Kellum
Monticello, AR*

We think CO-LABORER is so interesting. Thanks for the many good lessons and helps for the officers.

*Juanita Smith
Weldon, MO*

I read CO-LABORER from back to front the first whack. They read easier that way. Thanks a lot.

*Ordealia Martin
Stigler, OK*

From our Missionaries

Your love and support wraps around me like a warm blanket making me feel secure and confident to go back to Japan.

*Debbie Griffin
Japan*

David and I were able to go through the Provision Closet recently to get some needed items before we headed up to Chicago. I could sense the love from all the Auxiliaries. Thank you so very much for everything.

*David and Pam Potete
Chicago, IL*

After 32 years ministry in Brazil, we...are reassigned to a Stateside

WORDS FOR WOMEN



*by Mary Ruth
Wisehart*

"But he is going to win, isn't he?" My seven-year-old nephew and I were watching the stage presentation of *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Christian and Apollyon were locked in battle, and the monster warned Christian to prepare for death.

Although Christian was wearing his armor, the battle seemed to be going against him. Now his helmet was gone, his shield had fallen and Apollyon had knocked his sword to the floor.

Christian looked quite vulnerable, and Apollyon roared, "Now I have you." Jeffrey had just a shadow of a doubt in his voice when he leaned over and asked me, "But he is going to win, isn't he?"

"Yes, he's going to win," I whispered, so glad that I could reassure him. In my heart an exulting cry of triumph began. "Yes, yes, we're going to win."

Sometimes the battle may look grim. Evil seems triumphant. The wicked prosper. The good seem to be losing the day. But never mind, we know the end of the story, Jeffrey. We are on the winning side, and some day we will join the Conqueror in the triumph song.

Sometimes in our own private lives the battle with sin and Satan may become fierce. We stagger and almost fall, but look up. "Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world."

"More than conquerors"—that is what God wants us to be through the One who loved us and gave Himself for us, here right now in the midst of everyday conflicts and problems.

Maybe in these hot, dry summer months of our lives, like a flash of brilliant lightening across our skies He will come in glory and power. Summer is a wonderful time to contemplate His coming.

We await His coming, knowing the struggle will continue until then. While we wait, we rejoice because we know the end of the story.

Yes, Jeffrey, never fear. Christian is going to win.

ministry because adequate medical insurance could not be provided after April 1 due to age and foreign residence.

Ken and Marvis Eagleton

Our house is filled with constant reminders of the love, generosity and faithfulness of Free Will Baptist women, who in one way or other, are co-laborers with us here.

*Allan and LaRue Crowson
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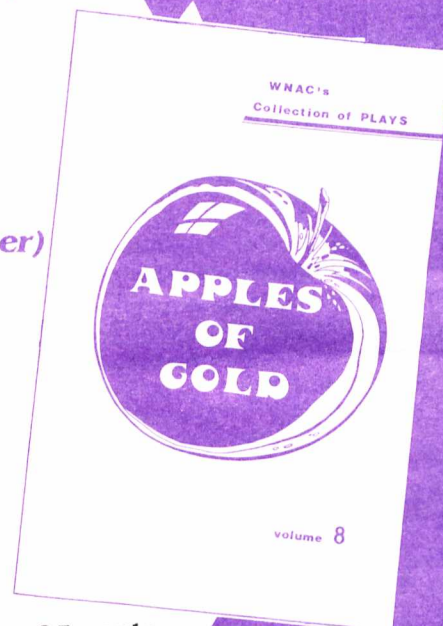
Last week I visited the Provision Closet. I had heard about it for years and once visited it with my mother-in-law. I am truly amazed at the generosity of our ladies. The closet is so well stocked and the items are so beautiful. Thanks for this wonderful help to missionaries.

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