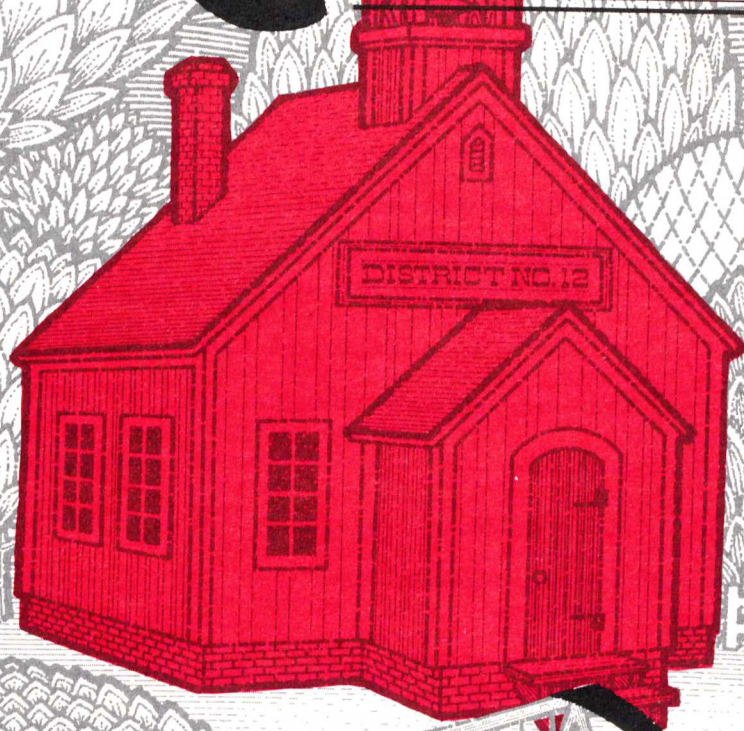


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Editorial

One genuine threat of the woman in ministry is stress. Stress carried to the extreme often results in burnout.

Possibly because I'm a Type B personality (as contrasted with the more stress-prone Type A), this has never been a particular problem for me. I like to think that my years on the mission field helped. My African sisters set their clock with the sun. I hope a little of it rubbed off on me.

Too, I've always found my work challenging and stimulating. I remember more than once walking over to the clinic and finding my spirits lifted in anticipation. What would today be like, I wondered. No two days were the same. Something exciting always happened to make it different from all other days.

To a degree, working with CO-LABORER, offers that same exhilaration. This year we begin an exciting new theme with brand new possibilities. Each morning as I unlock the door, I find myself filled with anticipation.

But what about those who don't find their work exciting? The key is motivation and balance. God knows you far better than you know yourself. He created you with unique talents and personality. He gave you spiritual gifts. Ask Him to fill you with His spirit and empower you to do all He desires.

Setting priorities is a must. The woman in ministry is often pulled in all directions. How to balance her home and work responsibilities with her obligation to the church? To God? Some activities may have to be canceled in order to allow time for the things of God.

The oil of the Holy Spirit keeps the machinery of our service running smoothly. Without it, we either rust out or burn out. Holy Spirit, do Your work in each of us.

—Lorene Miley

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A Woman God is Using

Elizabeth Creech Hodges, pastor's wife from Hendersonville, Tennessee, manifests a tender heart toward God. She is a woman God is using.

Elizabeth invited Jesus into her heart following family devotions at about age 4. Immediately her tiny life began to display the fruits of the spirit—love, joy, peace and compassion oozed from her. They are as much a part of her today as are her soft brown hair, penetrating dark eyes, and tall lean body.

Since second grade, Elizabeth aspired to be a teacher and has taught most of her life. Today, in addition to helping with the church music—she both sings and plays—and teaching adult women in Sunday school, she teaches first grade at Colonial Heights Christian Academy.

Preparing for these responsibilities probably takes all her free time. She tries to read through the Bible each year. She enjoys reading and probably has read all the Janette Oke books. She collects Precious Moments figurines.

Elizabeth is a paragon of servanthood. She's one of the most selfless people you'll find anywhere. She doesn't know when to quit and she rarely says no. She isn't exactly a perfectionist, but she borders on it. "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing right," is her motto. If she had a pet peeve, it would be sloppy performance.

She and husband Eddie have three children—Samuel, 8; Stephen, 6; and Sarah, 4. She helped lead the two older ones to the Lord. Her home is her castle. Tastefully furnished, it exudes warmth, hospitality and her homey touch. Nutrition conscious, she plans attractive, healthy, as well as economical, meals. Rather than a gourmet cook, Elizabeth might fall into the meat and potatoes category.

Long before her brother, Paul, left for the mission field, Elizabeth's heart beat for missions. She loves the missionaries, she loves lost souls, and she lets them know it in countless ways.

Count on Elizabeth in Auxiliary. As president of the Cumberland district, she presides with intelligence, enthusiasm and sensitivity. WNAC salutes this young woman whom God is using.



ENLISTMENT PROGRAM



Present this humorous skit to enlist new members as well as interest those not too faithful. Auxiliary is for every woman in the church.

You Want **ME** to Come to Auxiliary?

by Mary Holland

Excuses Women Give for Skipping Auxiliary

Characters:

Ten characterizations are given. For fewer women, double up on parts. Or choose those that best apply to your women.

Assign parts ahead of time so they may arrange for their outfits.

1. "All Tied Up"—Hands and feet are tied; has a gag in her mouth.

2. "Nothing To Wear"—Wears out-of-style, mismatched, wrinkled clothing.

3. "What To Do With The Kids?"—She carries assorted dolls in her arms and pushes a stroller full of dolls.

4. "Migraine Headache"—Carries a large Tylenol and other pill bottles; wears an Ace bandage around her head.

5. "Must Prepare Supper"—Wears a chef hat and apron; carries a big pot which she stirs with a wooden spoon.

6. "Too Tired"—Wears an over-size housecoat, houseslippers and nightcap.

7. "Angry"—Stalks out with hands on hips, glaring at everyone. Two chips, one labeled "Hurt Feelings" and the other, "Grudge," are attached to her shoulders.

8. "House Work To Do"—Wears old clothing and tennis shoes; carries a laundry basket in one hand and a feather duster in the other. She waves at everyone and dusts everything.

9. "Too Old"—Wears a wig, shawl, huge glasses, and old clothing. Humped back and stooped, she uses a cane.

10. "What's Auxiliary?"—Wears a question mark on her forehead; enters with an air of indecision.

Helps in Presentation

- Ladies in the skit gather off stage before the skit begins.
- Each enters, playing her part, as the Narrator describes her.
- Ladies remain inactive on stage after their parts.
- Prepare three posters:

WHY OUR AUXILIARY NEEDS YOU
WHY OUR MISSIONARIES NEED YOU

WHY GOD NEEDS YOU
List the various reasons underneath each.

Presentation

NARRATOR: Woman's Auxiliary. We've all heard about it, but what do we really know about it? The Woman's Auxiliary helps our churches teach and support missions.

Before our Lord ascended to heaven, He left a job for us to do—we were to evangelize the world. We call it the Great Commission. All four gospels and the book of Acts spell it out. (*Read these verses:* Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:48; John 20:22; and Acts 1:8.) The purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary is to help each woman find her place in that last commission of our Lord.

Since Auxiliary is so important, why are not more women involved

in it? Oh sure, they have their excuses. Let's look at a few of them.

Our first lady cannot attend Auxiliary because she is All-Tied-Up. Perhaps company dropped in. She had to work late. Traffic pileup. Long phone conversation. Long line at check-out. Perhaps her husband—or children—tied her up. Whatever the excuse, she won't be at Auxiliary tonight.

Our second lady will not be at Auxiliary because she has nothing to wear. It's either wrinkled, doesn't match, too tight, out of style, in the laundry, or at the cleaners. Sure, there's that cute little blue outfit, but she wore that last time. Whatever the excuse, she can't possibly be at Auxiliary tonight with "nothing to wear."

Our third lady offers this excuse: "But what can I do with the kids?" Like the poor woman in the shoe, she has so many she doesn't know what to do. She can't take them with her—you should see how they behave! Something urgent always calls her husband away from home on Auxiliary night. She can't trust them alone. Besides one of them is always sick with something or another. So kids is her excuse and she won't be at Auxiliary tonight.

Our fourth lady has a blinding migraine—or is it sinus?—headache. She has yet to find a remedy that helps. Tylenol and other pain killers haven't touched it, so how can Auxiliary help? It's amazing what total rest during that one Auxiliary hour can do! Whatever the pain associated with her headache, don't count on her at Auxiliary tonight.

Our next lady has to stay home to fix supper. Her husband gets home from work late and insists on a hot meal. No sandwiches or casseroles for him. She owes it to her family to see they are well fed. Why, they would probably starve to death if she wasn't there to serve them their food. No, she has to take care of her family so she won't be at Auxiliary.

Our next lady is simply too tired to come to Auxiliary. Maybe she worked late. Chased kids all day. Cleaned the house. Spent all day shopping. Went on a field trip with her child's class. Missed too much sleep. Whatever her excuse, she won't be at Auxiliary. You surely wouldn't want her to fall asleep during the meeting, would you?

Our next lady got her feelings hurt once at Auxiliary and told herself she would never go back again. She admits it wasn't all that important—someone ignored her, made some cutting remark, or didn't appreciate the dumplings she brought to the Auxiliary picnic. But if they had wanted her to attend, they shouldn't have acted like that. Besides she doesn't like the new president. Whatever it was that made her mad, she won't forget and she won't be at Auxiliary tonight.

Our next lady can't come to Auxiliary because she has to clean house and do the laundry. Why tonight, you ask? Why not last night or tomorrow night? She's quick to explain that her house is so filthy it threatens condemnation by the health department. Besides her poor family has not a clean stitch to wear. Whatever cleaning has to be done, it will not wait so don't look for her at Auxiliary.

Once upon a time our next lady was involved in Auxiliary. She's probably filled most of the offices, and did a good job, too. But that was when she was younger. When she was in better health and could think more rationally and get around better. Actually she could still make a worthwhile contribution to the Auxiliary, but she has decided to stay home and leave it to the younger ones. She thinks she's too old.

Our last lady is full of questions: Auxiliary? What's Auxiliary? She'd like to find out, but she doesn't want to go to the meeting alone. And what if they asked her to do something? What if she didn't know anyone? How could it help

her learn about missions? How much would it cost? Her questions are too overwhelming so she won't be at the meeting tonight.

How many of these excuses have you heard? How many have you made? Ladies, you are needed in Auxiliary (display the first poster). We need you to:

☐ Pray With Us. Our prayers form a chain that encircle the world.

☐ Study With Us. The woman who knows is a woman who grows.

☐ Work together With us. We reach out to a hurting world in the name of Jesus.

☐ Fellowship With Us. We share our joys and heartaches in Christian love.

Our missionaries need you in Auxiliary. Why?

☐ To Undergird Them With Our Prayers

☐ To Help Provide Financial Support

☐ To Encourage and Uplift Them

But most of all, God needs you in Woman's Auxiliary. Why?

☐ It provides a place of service.

☐ It helps the woman find her place in the Great Commission.

☐ It gives an opportunity to support missions.

☐ It helps you grow spiritually.

☐ It helps you express God's love to others.

Conclusion

Auxiliary is not just a meeting. It's feeding on God's Word. Fellowship with the saints. Praying for our church and missions. Working together to proclaim Christ. Sharing ideas. Giving, learning, helping.

Won't you join our team? Find a remedy for your excuse and become an active supporter of the Woman's Auxiliary. Each woman is special and has a special place in His service.



Introduction

All we know about Phoebe is found in the first two verses of Romans 16. No other written records or legends have been found. No documentation or biography. But to have a place in Scripture, even such a small place, is certainly a memorial to her for generations to come. And certainly, if women in the church today would learn the lessons she teaches so well in Romans 16:1,2, we could make a revolutionary difference.

Two verses? We can surely master two verses during our Auxiliary. Sorry, friends. Some of Phoebe's lessons may take us a lifetime to learn. But at least, now is a good time to begin.

Phoebe—our Sister

Paul begins this salutation chapter by introducing Phoebe as "our sister." This is our first lesson. It's square one, the letter A, first base, the ready-set-go of whatever else the Lord may have in store for us.

We begin with our salvation experience—a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We must establish that we are forgiven through the precious blood of Christ and cleansed from sin. If we continue to battle doubts about the finished work of Christ in our hearts the devil will defeat us in many other battles. You can know that you are saved, and when you know it you can live like it.

Is the devil troubling you with doubts? Then settle it now. Paul clearly explains the route to salvation in Romans 10: 9, 10, and 13. Follow it. Claim it. Rejoice in it. Write it down. Talk it up. Nail the stakes down firmly. Settle it once and for all. Explain it to your pastor. You may even want to be baptized again. Do whatever you need to do to bury the issue and firmly establish your membership in the family of God.

Now as a member of this family, wear your name proudly. Treat your brothers and sisters like brothers and sisters. Do your share

of the chores. Don't miss family reunions (even if they are three or four times each week!). Enjoy feasting together on God's Word. Honor your heavenly Father by the way you live.

Remember your salvation is the key to everything else in your Christian life. Without this essential, you are a hypocrite, an impostor. But because of your salvation, you have incentive to do what God would have you do.

Remember Peter's mother-in-law? Only Peter would invite Jesus and all of the disciples over to his house when his mother-in-law lay seriously ill with a fever! But Christ's loving touch made her well immediately. Mark 1:31 tells of her natural response to the healing of the Master: "she served them." What better motive for service do any of us have than Jesus' healing in our sinsick lives?

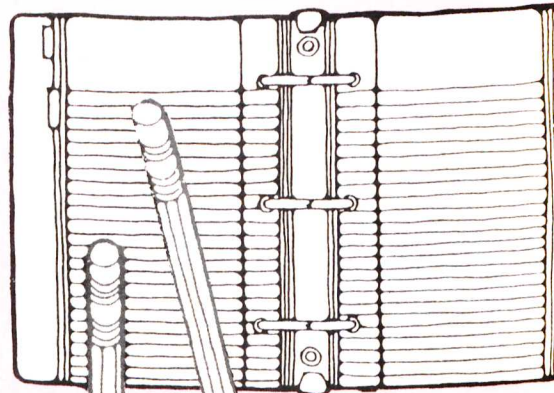
Phoebe—our Servant

Servant is rather out of vogue nowadays. In the 1990's, women want to be assertive, not a servant. They want high-powered jobs, not Higher-Power service. We live in a "me" generation.

Phoebe's choice was to serve the church. She gave of herself willingly to do the Lord's work. Many have held the viewpoint that Phoebe's position was an official one—a deaconess, which is the Greek feminine equivalent of the office of deacon. Perhaps she was. But it doesn't matter. Official or not, she served the church. She did the work that needed to be done.

Too often we do our appointed jobs just as that. We do what we are supposed to do and no more. We rush from our Sunday school class to our seat in the choir to our Auxiliary committee meeting with hardly a moment to catch our breath. We forget that our service is unto the Lord and for His church. We overlook the individuals whose needs cry for our touch, our word, our concern.

Lessons



Another danger waiting to snag us is to consider our volunteer work at church on another plane with our paid work in the business world. It's easier to make excuses to miss our turn in the nursery or our lesson in Children's Church than it is to miss a day at work or a report to the boss. We would be embarrassed to make presentations at the office on the same quality scale that we accept so readily at church. Is our service truly unto the Lord?

We are also in danger of a warped perspective on service. We limit our definition of service to those visible, performance-oriented aspects of ministry. If I can't preach, sing, or play the piano, I can't serve. We restrain our church outreach to two or three hours of group meetings on Sundays and Wednesdays. Somehow we must remind ourselves that Jesus defined service in a much larger sense. He pointed out the hungry, sick, the strangers, prisoners, and the needy and told us that ministry to them is equivalent to ministry to the Lord Jesus Himself. Even more, He says, our failure to minister to them, to serve them, is a failure to serve the Lord. His words are strong and plain in Matthew 25: 35-46. His promise is sweet in Matthew 10:42: even a cup of water given in His name will be rewarded.

by Carol Reid

Phoebe—our Succourer

No, "succourer" is not a natural part of our vocabulary. But helper is, and that is how Paul describes Phoebe's ministry to himself and others. Some have suggested she was a patron, financially supporting the apostle and his co-workers. In any case, this descriptive phrase is one that anyone's referral would proudly bear: "she has been a helper of many and myself also."

You may be able to be a helper financially. Your resources may stretch far enough to help equip missionaries for service on their fields, to pay the light bill at your church, to buy gospel tracts or Russian Bibles, to provide food and shelter for orphaned children, to run the Bible college for a day, or to endow a wing at your hospital. God is not so concerned about the amount as he is your willing cheerfulness as you serve.

You may be a helper physically. You may minister in a hospital or nursing home to physically, emotionally and spiritually needy people. You may feed and bathe and clothe a family. You may clean and cook and plan for an institution or a household. You may minister through your hospitality and your generous open door.

Martha, the sister of Lazarus and Mary, learned that even in doing these tasks, she could please the Lord when she kept her priorities straight (see John 12:2). God does not look at the "bigness" of the task, but at the heart that serves as unto Him.

You ARE able to be a helper in prayer. Any Christian can pray. Oh, of course, it takes some practice to pray effectively and powerfully. It takes a life free from sin and a heart full of devotion. But you can pray. You can get in touch with heaven on behalf of someone else and minister and serve even if you're strapped in a straight jacket and locked in a trunk. Don't limit the power at your disposal. God has chosen to use prayer, your prayers, to be the means for accomplishing His work.

From Phoebe

Is your service properly motivated? Is it the best you can give to the Master? Does it reach those who need it most? Then you'll learn that the by-product of service is joy.

The Tale of the Mustard Seed

A woman who had lost her only son was swallowed up in grief. She asked a wise man for comfort from her sorrow. He told her to bring him a mustard seed from a house that had never known sorrow and he would ease her pain. She stopped first at the luxurious home of a wealthy official. "Surely this fine home has known no sorrow; they have all they could want." But there she found a weeping mother nursing her sick infant. After helping to quiet the child, she went farther, from house to house, seeking a place that had not known sorrow.

In her journeys, she met need after need, heartache after heartache. She shared a word of comfort, a helping hand, a coin or two with the needy ones she met. Soon she forgot her quest for the mustard seed. The wise man's advice had been sound. In serving the needs of others, we forget our own.

Pray for our missionaries. Pray for more laborers. Pray for your pastor, for your family, for your neighbors. Pray for those struggling with sin, for those suffering in pain, for those starving for the bread of life. Pray for those whose marriage is on rocky ground, for those facing difficult decisions, for children in school, for young parents, for those with aging parents, for those who have financial or physical difficulties. Pray as a service to others. And God will open the doors and windows of heaven with His answers. He is able. Ask Him.

Any Phobes out There?

Sister, servant, succourer. Try them on for size. The roles may be a bit new and stiff at first, but as you wear them and they mold to your personality and gifts, they'll fit just fine.

The key is to possess the mind of Christ, Who is our joint-heir (Rom. 8:17), Who took on Himself the "form of a servant" (Phil. 2:5-8). Who is "able to succour" us (Heb. 2:18).

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

Program Helps

- Read the first two verses in Romans 16.
- Suggested Hymns: "In the Service of the King" and "Make me a Blessing." Use "The Longer I Serve Him" as special music, perhaps to close the program.
- Prepare "lesson sheets" for each woman. Cut sheets of typing paper in quarters. Fasten four sheets together. Allow one sheet (four pieces) for each. On the first page, print, "Lessons from Phoebe." On each of the other three pages, write the name of the topics at the top: Phoebe, our Sister; Phoebe, our Servant; Phoebe, our Succourer.

Ask the women to listen as the topics are given and write down one outstanding lesson that spoke to them on each page. At the end of the program, ask a few women to share what they had written.

Discover Your

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY

Spiritual



And Use it!

by June R. Critcher

Introduction

"Church" is every day and every where we find believers. The Church is a called-out group of people, called not just to enter a building to pray, sing and listen to a sermon, but those called to serve the Lord by exercising the gifts He has given us. We do not "go to church"—we ARE the Church. God sets His called-out body of specially-gifted people in the place of His choosing.

To many, "church" is when believers meet in a building and go through a ritual. But what happens when the service ends? As a body, we are responsible to care for and serve one another. Paul exhorted the Corinthian congregation to regard themselves as "servants of Christ" (1 Cor. 4:1). He wrote that he served them "for Jesus' sake" (2 Cor. 4:5). Does God call us today to serve one another? Absolutely!

Our highest motive in serving the Lord is to bring glory to Him. Regrettably, many Christians serve from impure motives. Some serve "to be seen," others because they are afraid to say no, some to compensate for unresolved guilt, while others for power or prestige. However, the call of God is the only reason for service. And when He calls us to service, He provides us with the equipment (spiritual gifts) to serve him joyfully and effectively.

What is a Spiritual Gift?

A spiritual gift is not the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22, 23), a talent,

the baptism or fullness of the Spirit, or Christian roles as praying, witnessing, or encouraging. A spiritual gift consists of areas of giftedness in which God enables His people to serve one another. The Holy Spirit gives to each as He wills on an individual basis.

My spiritual gift is my ability or skill that enables me to effectively minister to other believers with joy and delight and ease. It is my area of strength, one in which I peak out in my Christian life. It is a supernatural ability given by God to every Christian to enable him or her to serve the body of Christ. "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Pet. 4:10).

Spiritual gifts are all of grace and are freely given by God to His people. The Greek word for grace is *charis*; therefore, *charisma* is a gift prompted by God's grace. Because grace is unmerited, undeserved favor, *charisma* focuses on God rather than man.

Where are the Gifts Listed?

Believers in the early church saw themselves as servants to one another though not all served in the same way. Many different forms of ministry blended together, depending on the abilities and qualifications given by God (Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11, 28-20; Eph. 4:7-12; 1 Pet. 4:10). Some gifts equipped believers with basic inner motivations to declare God's truth.

- to serve practical needs
- to teach and clarify fact

- to exhort concerning application of God's truth
- to use money and possessions for the needs of fellow believers,
- to administer activities and to hurt with people in pain.

Other gifts equipped a believer to serve as a missionary, preacher, teacher, worker of miracles, healer, helper, administrator, speaker in tongues, evangelist or pastor. Still other gifts enabled the Christian to pour redemptive love into a discouraged believer or dismal situation.

Paul's lists of spiritual gifts (Rom. 12, 1 Cor. 12 and Eph. 4) were probably not intended to be exhaustive but only suggestive of the different ways God enables His family to carry out His directives. Other New Testament passages mention one or more of the gifts: 1 Pet. 4:9-11; 1 Cor. 1:5-7, 13:1-3, 8-10; 2 Cor. 8:7; 1 Thes. 5:20; 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6-7; Heb. 2:4.

Spiritual gifts are sovereignly bestowed. God alone determines who receives which gift (1 Cor. 12:11). When He places you into the body, He determines your place of service (1 Cor. 12:18). He also determines which gift, or gifts, you need for that place of service.

What is the Purpose of Gifts?

Gifts of the Spirit are given to perfect the body of Christ. They should never foster pride in believers. When exercised with a pure motive, spiritual gifts benefit members of Christ's body. One experiences personal joy and fulfillment.

Our needs within the family of God are varied. No one knows this better than our Creator. He who knows our needs and how best to meet those needs equips His children to meet them through the exercising of different spiritual gifts.

According to Ephesians 4, our gifts should help preserve unity in the body of Christ. The human body contains many parts yet functions smoothly as one body. Christ desires the same smooth functioning in His body. Proper exercising of our spiritual gifts helps maintain unity among believers.

How Can I Identify My Gift?

Our spiritual gift (or gift-set) is usually in accord with our unique set of personal desires or inclinations. The following suggestions will help you determine your area of giftedness:

1. Pray for wisdom (see James 1:5). God has not blindfolded you in a guessing game. Ask Him to help you recognize your gift and use it for Him.

2. Examine your heart's desires. When God bestows a spiritual gift, He also gives the believer a desire to be actively engaged in that area of service. What do you enjoy doing?—working with people...or ideas...or both? Or tasks?

3. Study passages that deal with spiritual gifts. Read books on the subject and listen to tapes on the gifts of the Spirit. The more we know about spiritual gifts, the more we are able to identify and exercise our own gift(s).

4. See what others commend you for (read Acts 6:1-6). In what areas do others look up to you? Are others spiritually blessed, edified or ministered to when you exercise your gift?

5. Spiritual gifts inventory tests can be helpful as long as we recognize they are not authoritative. They can be useful in identifying spiritual gifts and responding to some probing and helpful questions regarding which gifts we might have.*

Conclusion

In the power of God's Spirit, let's discover and exercise our spiritual gifts. Develop your own style of ministry and give others the freedom to develop their own unique styles. As Charles Swindoll says: "Rabbits don't fly. Eagles don't

swim. Ducks look funny trying to climb. Squirrels don't have feathers. Stop comparing. There's plenty of room in the forest."

*For a Gifts Inventory Test, write: June R. Critcher, 518 Scholarship Drive, Nashville, TN 37209.

Let's Be Sure to Remember ... ✓

- Always exalt the Giver of the gifts and not the gifts. Jesus Christ is the Head of the body (Col. 1:18). In all things He must be first.
- Leave the results in God's hands. He determines the effects of your gift (1 Cor. 12:6).
- Let's recognize and appreciate the uniqueness of each individual. God does not go around with a cookie cutter in hand shaping every believer into the same pattern. He is a God of infinite variety. He uses us in ways that are particularly suited to our personalities and spiritual gifts.
- While we might have the same gift as another person, we might well serve in a different type of ministry. Say your gift is exhortation and you are on staff with a Christian counseling center. A friend with the same gift may exhort through letter-writing or the telephone. Still another may use her gift as she applies Scriptural truth with believers in her home.
- Never neglect to obey Biblical commands by hiding behind your spiritual gift. All of God's commands apply to all of God's people.
- Daily bathe your gift in love. Let God's love flow through you as you exercise your gift for Him. Remember that the Holy Spirit placed the love chapter (1 Cor. 13) right in the middle of the discussion of spiritual gifts.
- Every believer is a minister and should help one another grow and mature, not just on Sunday, but Monday through Saturday, too. "We don't please God any more in church," insists Ralph Mattson, "than at the stove or in the shop or lab or classroom or office."
- The proof of the Holy Spirit's fullness is His fruit, not His gifts. You may win hundreds to Christ, give thousands of dollars to Kingdom work, speak in tongues and work miracles, but if you are judgmental, arrogant, rude, critical, selfish, or refuse to control your tongue, you are not filled with God's Spirit (see Gal. 5:22,23).
- We are not accountable for the type of gift nor the number, but for using them in the body of Christ. The number and strength of your gifts establishes no merit or superiority.
- As you continue to exercise your gift for the Lord, you will grow in sensitivity to the power and direction of the Holy Spirit. Being under His control helps you to say "yes" when you feel your gift fits and sometimes say "no"—without feeling guilty.
- Enjoy sharing your giftedness with others. Those arrogant or presumptuous may not want to be held accountable. Recognize and appreciate one another's gifts.
- Apart from the Lord Jesus, we can do nothing. He who commands us to serve one another lives in us to carry out His commands. He always empowers us to obey His directives.

News from The National Office

Communicator ...

January Is Enlistment Month

January is enlistment month for WNAC. In the first month of the year when people are beginning anew may be the best time to invite women to join your group.

If another month is a better time for you, choose another time for the enlistment emphasis, but do set some goals for growth this year.

The local Auxiliary, the district and state conventions should set some goals for growth this year. Get the district and state field workers involved in reaching churches where there are no Auxiliaries.

The more women we enlist, the more we can do for our Lord Jesus Christ.

February Is Foreign Student Scholarship Month

At the convention July, 1991, delegates voted to give scholarships to the students attending the Ivory Coast Bible Institute in the next session.

The prediction is that eight to ten students will enroll in the next session. With \$3,000 WNAC can supply for these students the amount allotted to churches in the United States for their support.

This amount will almost deplete the scholarship funds. Give generously this year so that more students in our works abroad may receive training for ministry.

Does WNAC Have Needs?

WNAC, like any other organization, needs funds for operation. WNAC depends entirely on Free Will Baptist women for its support.

Through the years Free Will Baptist women have given thousands of dollars to other ministries. Sometimes in their concern for other ministries, they have forgotten to give regular, consistent support to WNAC's general fund.

Is the women's work in your budget for a regular gift each month? Do you remember to increase this amount as the cost of living rises?

WNAC's greatest need is regular, systematic support.

Provision Closet Needs

Sheet sets, all sizes

In the last decade of the 20th Century we have set

OUR FACES TOWARD TOMORROW

Hebrews 12:1-2

Do you have questions about tomorrow?
What about my children, my family?
What's my place in my world, in the church?
Who will lead the way?
What direction will missions take?

Join Free Will Baptist women from across the USA for the 7th National Retreat, Ridgecrest Conference Center, September 17-19, 1992 and

Consider TOMORROW'S WONDERS.

Hear some favorites. Meet new speakers. Renew friendships.

Cost per Person

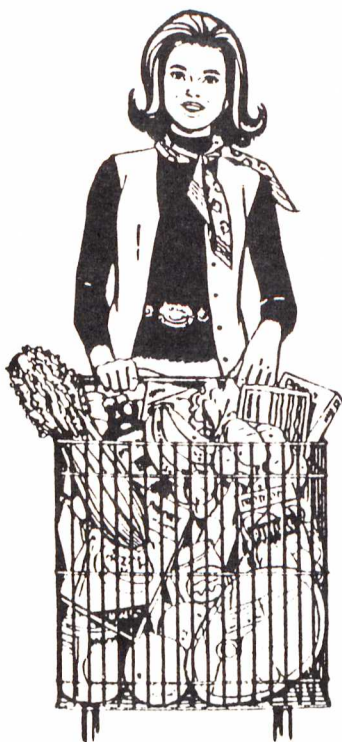
Includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and retreat fee. No provision for children.

NO. IN ROOM	COST EACH
1	\$122.25
2	86.25
3	78.25
4	74.25

DEPOSIT OF \$23.60 PER PERSON REQUIRED. Applied to total cost. Refund available if canceled before August 17. Walk-ons must register and pay \$23.60 (Accepting reservations Jan. 1, 1992)

Air and ground travel discounts available. Call or write WNAC or Ridgecrest for information.

Auxiliary Shopping Spree



We stand on the threshold of a brand new year. May God help us to take advantage of each opportunity and privilege to make this the best Auxiliary year we have ever known.

Preparing for a new year is a lot like preparing for company. We clean house, do laundry, plan meals and go grocery shopping. In Auxiliary, we clean up our act, evaluate what needs to be done, then prepare to carry out our plans.

Let's go on an Auxiliary Shopping Spree. Let's look for all the items that will equip us to be a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

A carton of commitment. Commitment to a cause is a jewel worth wearing...anchor worth weighing...thread worth weaving...battle worth winning.

A large box of cooperation. This basic ingredient is vital to any successful venture.

Two dozen ideas (mixed variety) plus inspiration. You won't find these on every shopping tour, so pick them up whenever you see them. Ideas may be stored for awhile, but inspiration is best when its served fresh.

One gallon of enthusiasm. Enthusiasm, like mumps and a cold, is highly contagious. But unlike mumps and a cold, it is good for you. Sprinkle liberally on meeting plans and projects. It's astonishing what even a few drops can do.

A soupcon of compromise. This may appear to be a bitter pill to swallow. In reality, it is often a magic catalyst which results in stimulating programs and good human relations.

Wrapping material of tact and tolerance. Attractive wrapping prepares us to accept what is inside. A little of this one will go a long way.

Several packages of patience. Keep a good supply on hand. It's so easy to run out of this useful item at the most inconvenient times.

A matched pair of appreciation and interest. No matter how often they are used, they are invariably

"seasoned to the taste" of everyone.

A bottle of loving care. Be sensitive to people's needs and minister to them in the name of Jesus. Have a heart of compassion, tenderness and kindness. Be transparent, gentle, patient, sensitive, forgiving, loving and lovable.

A spool of understanding. This spool is indispensable for mending hurt feelings and patching up torn situations. In fact, you'd better get two spools.

Giant box of prayer. A meeting that has not been anointed with prayer is only so much wood, hay and stubble sent to the throne of God.

Two orders of confidence and poise. You don't want to use too much of these at any one time, yet each provides a certain balance and stability. If you find these items out of stock—they are much in demand—ask them to reorder for you.

Large economy size of common sense. This versatile item comes in handy when other ingredients are not available. Buy the largest size possible because you simply cannot afford to be without.

A jewel of humor. Treat yourself to this gem which can be used on almost any occasion. It adds sparkle to any circumstance. Like pearls, it should be worn often to maintain its special glow. Though "dear," it is not expensive.

Perhaps you aren't able to find every item on your list on this first shopping spree. Don't despair. Keep on trying, for this is a list that lasts.



Use this as an illustrated object lesson or a devotional for the new year. Scrounge around your kitchen for appropriate containers and label them with the items on your shopping list. For example, label a gallon bleach bottle with "ENTHUSIASM." "Two Orders of Confidence and Poise" could be illustrated with salt and pepper shakers.

RESERVATION FORM - WNAC'S SEVENTH RETREAT

Please reserve _____ rooms for the Free Will Baptist WNAC retreat, September 17-19, 1992, for the following: (Please list all names and addresses. List all roommates together.)

(name) _____

(name) _____

(address) _____

(address) _____

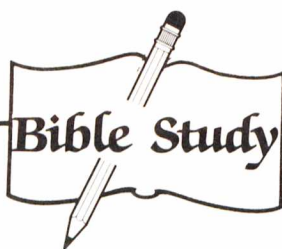
(name) _____

(name) _____

(address) _____

(address) _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ deposit. Make check payable to Ridgecrest and mail to Ridgecrest Conference Center, P.O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770. Tel. (704) 669-8022



Titus Chapter 2 Part 2

REVIEW: As noted in the first study of this brief but important epistle, one writer stated: "Creed and life are never divorced." This terse statement could apply to any Bible book. God has always required His children to demonstrate their beliefs outwardly. Our actions will either give credence to our claim to salvation or nullify it in the eyes of family, friends or co-workers. The drastic change within cannot help but express itself outwardly in daily living. Compare 1 Cor. 6:19, 20 and 2 Cor. 5:17.

ADORNING THE DOCTRINE (2:9,10)

The opening verse of chapter 2 admonishes believers to "speak thou the things which become (are becoming to) sound doctrine." Verses 2-8 give particular advice to both men and women. All are expected to be a "pattern of good works," demonstrating sound doctrinal principles. This advice continues into the work place.

2:9—"Exhort _____ to be _____ unto their own masters, and to please them _____ in all things, not _____ again." Some believers hesitate in demonstrating Christian principles at work, perhaps because of being in a minority. However, God calls for obedience with a good attitude and a desire to please those who pay their wages, without backtalk.

2:10—"Not _____ (stealing), but showing all _____ (loyalty) that they may _____ the doctrine of God." Obedience, performing duties as instructed—never pilfering, and demonstrating a loyal spirit are outward "adornings" of an inward change. If these qualities are missing in a person's secular work, the antonym of "stripped bare" is suspected by way of contrast.

UNTIL HE COMES (2:11-12)

2:11,12 —"For the _____ of God that bringeth _____ hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying _____ and worldly _____, we should live _____ (serious minded), righteously, and _____ in this _____ world." We are saved to serve our Savior. To do this effectively, our thoughts, actions and attitudes must reflect the fact that we no longer march to the world's drumbeat. Its system of success measured by material gain and its motivating force, that of self-indulgence, should no longer control our lives. Thanks to a "heart transplant," the believer's motivation and desire is to live serious-mindedly and right in God's eyes. Though not an easy task, it is commanded while in this present world and possible by His everpresent grace "until He comes."

GREAT EXPECTATIONS (2:13-15)

2:13—"Looking for that _____ hope, and the _____ appearing of the great God and our _____ Jesus

Christ." The word "looking" is an active verb. Not to be expectantly looking for Jesus to come again as He promised is to become guilty of disregarding or ignoring this everpresent fact, thus slipping into lethargy and becoming vulnerable to Satan's devices.

2:14—"Who gave _____ for us that He might _____ us from all iniquity and _____ unto Himself a _____ people, zealous of _____ works." Jesus paid the supreme penalty for our sins for the purpose stated in this verse. It was the only way to redeem (buy us back) from iniquity (the depravity of a sinful nature) as well as to "purify" us to Himself. Are we willing to be judged "peculiar" in the sight of the unsaved? Are we "zealous" (eager, ardent and earnest) in working for Him until He comes?

2:15—"These things speak, and _____ and _____ with all authority. Let no man _____ thee." God's undershepherd is required to authoritatively speak, exhort and rebuke, based on "thus saith the word." Believers are to listen, learn and put into practice the principles taught.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is meant by the statement "Creed and life are never divorced"?
2. Name at least three qualities present in the life of a God-honoring employee.
3. Discuss some practical ways Christianity can be demonstrated in the workplace, with neither show nor fanfare.
4. In light of His imminent (at any time) coming, what does it mean to "live soberly" in this present world?
5. Why should believers be continually looking for Christ's coming?
6. Discuss what qualities, attitudes and actions make believers seem "peculiar" in the eyes of the unsaved majority.

Writer's note: A new name has been given to the series of Bible Studies available for deeper study. They are now called "Basic Bible Studies." The price remains the same (\$2.25 per set of study sheets and review questions, or \$19 for all 9 sets. Postage and handling is included.)

AIRPLANE VIEW OF ALL 66 BOOKS (Bible Survey)

FOUNDATION OF THE FAITH (Romans)

WALKING WORTHY (Ephesians)

JOY UNDER STRESS (Philippians)

WISDOM vs. PHILOSOPHY (Colossians)

FAITH IN ACTION (James)

BLESSED ASSURANCE (I John)

GOD'S PLAN OF THE AGES (Revelation)

Order from : M. M. Daniel, 5860 Washington Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

HELPS for LEADERS

VICE PRESIDENT

JANUARY

January is Enlistment Month. "Enlistment Ideas" by Mary Ruth Wisehart is a revision of both "Enlistment Challenge" and the "Enlistment Packet" with some new ideas thrown in. Its handy size matches the Officers' Guide Books. For your copy, send \$1.50 plus 95 cents postage and handling to WNAC, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

FEBRUARY

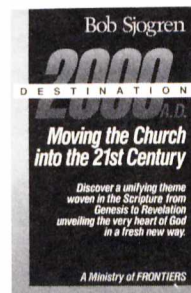
Program Helps for "Discover Your Spiritual Gift"

Prepare a check sheet and give to each one following the program.

1. I sense gifting in these areas:
2. I succeed at and enjoy using these abilities and skills:
3. Others affirm these gifts in me:
4. The gifts others most often call on me to use are:
5. Some of the ways I can exercise my spiritual gift(s) are:

MISSION STUDY

DESTINATION 2000 A.D.
Moving the Church into the 21st Century
by Bob Sjogren
Frontiers, 231 pp, \$5



I can't remember reading a "heavy" book in such a captivating manner as is DESTINATION 2000. The large print (not giant size) and interesting typestyle, occasional art

and fascinating writing keep one turning the pages. I would certainly recommend it as a study book for your Auxiliary.

Frontiers, the ministry which published the book, is committed primarily to reaching the Muslim population of the world. However, DESTINATION 2000 focuses on the Biblical concept of missions rather than dwelling on one particular group.

The Great Commission was given at the call of Abraham, contends the author. Jesus merely reviewed it. From Genesis to Revelation, he weaves together the story of redemption in one cohesive theme. God desires disciples from every tongue, tribe and nation.

Word Search

Do You Have a Goal for 1992 That Will Help You Become a More Christ-like Christian?

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- to be friendly
- to be more faithful
in church and
Auxiliary atten-
dance
- to trust God in all
things
- to be a worker
- to share God's love
with others
- to read the Bible
- to be a witness
- to spend more time
in prayer

—Judy Lewis

Mission Study continued ...

How long has it been since your Auxiliary had a "real" study course? By that, I mean each woman has a textbook, she prepares an assignment, and discussion is made on what has been studied. Not just one session, but a series of sessions. This book lends itself well to several class periods. Perhaps your pastor would consider teaching this book over a series of Wednesday nights. I guarantee it would enrich your missionary prayer time.

The book is available on both audio cassette and video. While these could serve as teachers, you would still need a leader to make assignments and direct the discussion periods.

A section, "For Further Thought," follows each of the ten chapters. These suggestions help make it a thorough study. For example, one reads: "As if you were preparing an open-book quiz for the class, write out five key questions on the material in this chapter. Then be sure you could answer them from memory!"

The book lists five appendices. One of them gives 59 creative ways to implement our missionary vision. No. 6 was interesting: "Raise an 'Ebenezer' (1 Sam. 7:12). Actually build a monument (a pile of stones? a plaque? a slab of wet concrete?) to acknowledge your determination to align your life with God's unchangeable purpose; then annually spend a full day commemorating and renewing your commitment." The last appendix lists resource material:

Destination 2000 A.D. The \$6.95 price is reduced to \$5

Video, \$100; may be rented for \$20 monthly

Audio cassette, \$25

T-shirts and sweatshirts, pictures, and posters are also available.

WNAC does not handle these materials. Order books and supplies from:

Frontiers
P.O. Box 40159
Pasadena, CA 91104
Phone: (818) 798-0807

MISSION PRAYER MISSION

January

Getting Acquainted with the Missionary Prayer Calendar

Encourage your women to use the missionary prayer calendar. Demonstrate the following ways it may be used.

Tear it from the magazine (or make a copy), fold in half, and slip it in your Bible as a reminder to pray.

Leave the sheet whole and insert in a plastic page protector. This will keep it like new for a whole year.

Cut the months apart and glue to the proper months on your favorite calendar.

With their calendars before them, ask the following questions:

1. Which month has more missionaries than any other? Which has the least?

2. What do the asterisks indicate?

3. Do you have state missionaries, associates or tentmakers? Add their names and birthdates to your calendar.

4. At least six couples have birthdays in the same month. How many can you find?

5. Who has a birthday on the following holidays? New Year's Day, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Eve.

6. Which birthday cards should be sent directly to the field? Which ones to the Missions office in Antioch?

7. On which day are six birthdays celebrated?

8. Which month has the fewest birthdays? Which two months tie for the most?

9. How many names would you estimate are on the prayer calendar? (Give recognition to the one who comes the closest.)

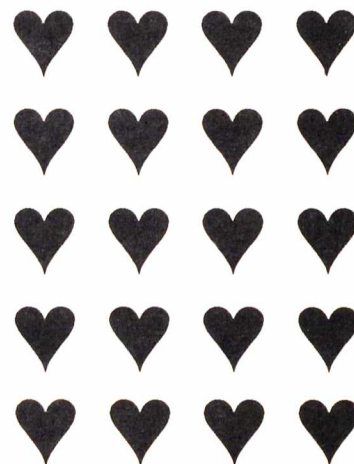
10. Do you share a birthday with a missionary?

February

Encourage your women to use the prayer book mark (pages 29 and 30) in their daily devotions.

Make a prayer reminder for each lady expected and distribute them at your meeting. Encourage them to attach them in a prominent place as a reminder to pray—on the refrigerator, bathroom mirror, above the stove or sink, car dashboard, or wherever it would catch your attention.

Put your  in Missions



Glue missionary prayer cards to red hearts. Make a display for your church vestibule.

Answer to puzzle on page 13.

w e r t e r t y u i p o q a z u r t z
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WNAC Supplies

- This is your order form for Auxiliary supplies. Send the entire leaflet when you order. A new one will be sent with your order.
- The form contains sections number 1-6. Check the items desired in each section. Total up the amount owed in each section. When all six have been checked, transfer the amounts to the order blank on the back page.
- Now total up the columns. Figure in the postage and handling. Check any free material.
- Mail with remittance to our new address:
 Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
 P.O. Box 5002
 Antioch, TN 37011-5002
- Orders may be phoned in. Dial 615-731-6812.
 Office hours are 7:30-4:00 CST, Monday through Friday.

Thanks

Postage Scale:

\$1 to \$5 40¢ per dollar
 \$6 to \$10 35¢ per dollar
 \$11 to \$20 30¢ per dollar
 \$21 & above \$7 total postage
 Special postal rates for pins.
 1-3-.35; 4-6-.70; 6 or more \$1.25



Ann, You're Super

Cleo Pursell

Randall House

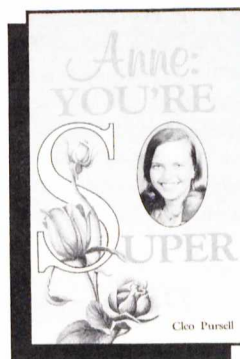
64pp/\$1.50

Biography of the author's spiritual daughter, a young woman who died of an incurable illness.

Other books by Mrs. Pursell

☐ Facing Death and Dying \$1.25

☐ Triumph Over Suffering \$1.25



Free Materials

- ☐ Folders with all free brochures
 (first 20 free; 10¢ each above 20)
- ☐ Calendar Key
- ☐ Creative Arts Contest
- ☐ Co-Laborer Offering Plan
- ☐ Eunice Edwards Loan Fund
- ☐ Prayer Fellowship Cards
- ☐ WNAC Gift Plan
- ☐ Mission Prayers—NEW (for shut-ins) (first 10 free; 10 cents each additional one)
- ☐ Emphasis Packet

Return to:

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
 P.O. Box 5002
 Antioch, TN 37011-5002

Totals

Column 1 _____

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Column 3 _____

Column 4 _____

Column 5 _____

Column 6 _____

Total \$ _____

Postage and Handling \$ _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please enclose this entire form with your order. A new one will be sent with your order.

CHURCH _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ - _____

BILL (Please enclose payment for orders less than \$5)

WNAC, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002

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Auxiliary Supplies

— MANUALS —

- ☐ **Woman's Auxiliary Manual**
Picirilli & Wisheart — The official guide book for organizing and operating a local Woman's Auxiliary.
32pp \$1.00

- ☐ **Associational Manual**
Picirilli, Wisheart & Pursell — Explains the purpose and work of a district, state or national organization.
32pp \$1.00

- ☐ **Time for Everything**
Mary Ruth Wisheart — A Leader's Guide to the Auxiliary Manual. Makes learning enjoyable in a classroom atmosphere. Includes 12 8 1/2x11 visuals which may be used as posters, transparency masters, or as a flip chart. 12 visuals with 14 page guide \$1.50

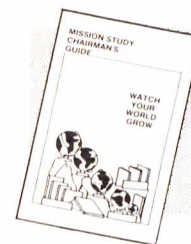
- ☐ **President-Vice President** \$1.00



- ☐ **Secretary-Treasurer** \$1.00



- ☐ **Mission Study Chairman** \$1.00



- ☐ **Mission Prayer Chairman** \$1.00



- ☐ **Mission Action Chairman** \$1.00



- ☐ **Enlistment Ideas** \$1.00



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Plays/Skits

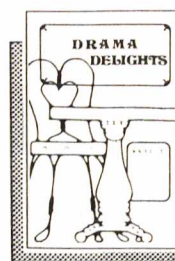
- ☐ **No Room Volume 6**
An Auxiliary, A Place Setting by Maizie Sevits (Installation)
Are We Thankful? by Frances Owens (Thanksgiving)
Eternal Friendships by Maurine Lee (Missions)
Do What You Can With What You Have Where You Are by Dorothy Hamilton (Mission Action)
Go and Do Thou Likewise by Anne Worthington
No Room by Rubenia Dobbs (Christmas)
Rejoice! He's Alive! by Lee Ann Wilfong (Easter)
The Gospel According to the Auxiliary by Genny Waddell

\$1.25



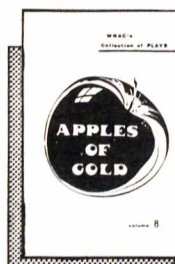
- ☐ **Drama Delights Volume 7**
Chains of Service by Shirley Kennedy (Installation)
If Thorns Could Talk (Easter)
Late Night Visitors by Susan Burgess (Auxiliary)
Let Lizzie Go by Teresa Hilton (Missions)
Mattie's Plight by Ordealia Martin (Christian Living)
Motherhood by Barbara Fletcher (Mother's Day)
The Toy Shoppe by Sharon Brown (Christmas)

\$1.25



- ☐ **New!**
Apples of Gold Volume 8
Apples of Gold by Vicki Turner (Christian Living)
Challenge of Easter by LaCrecia McFaddin
Family of God by Wanda Powell (Installation)
Little is Much by Anita Haney (Thanksgiving)
Mother of the Year by Nancy Harris
Not MY Daughter by Ordealia Martin (Missions)
The Perfect Auxiliary by Lorene Miley
Who Would Believe? by Lee Ann Wilfong (Easter)

\$1.25



Total \$ _____

— ENLISTMENT AIDS —

- ☐ **Field Worker's Packet**—Contains materials needed to organize a new Auxiliary \$1.75
- ☐ **Enlistment Leaflet**
This two-color leaflet briefly states the aims and purposes of the Woman's Auxiliary. 10/.75
- ☐ **Invitation Cards**
Two-color postcard to publicize meetings and invite new members to the Auxiliary. 10/.75

— RECORDS AND REPORTS —

- ☐ **Secretary's Record and Report Book**—Space for membership roll and Auxiliary minutes. \$1.00
- ☐ **Treasurer's Record and Report Book**—Provides space to record receipts and disbursements for a year. \$1.00
- ☐ **Treasurer's monthly report forms** local (pink), district (blue), state (yellow) 12/\$1.00
- ☐ **Auxiliary annual report blanks** local (pink), district (blue), state (yellow) free
- ☐ **Membership Cards**—These bill-fold size cards identify members of a Woman's Auxiliary. 12/.70

Total \$ _____

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Books

- ☐ **Basic Principles of Parliamentary Law and Protocol,**
Marguerite Grumme

68pp/\$5.00

- ☐ **Guide to Better Poetry,**
Lorene Miley

.25

- ☐ **Sparks into Flame: A History of WNAC, Mary Ruth Wisehart.** History of WNAC 1935-1985

154pp/\$4.95

New!

- ☐ **Study Guide to accompany Sparks Into Flame**

\$1.50

- ☐ **Free Will Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Reprinted (WNAC)**

146pp \$3.00

- ☐ **Treat Yourself to a Retreat, Donna Carr.** Helps for planning a woman's retreat.

28pp/\$1.00

- ☐ **Gifts for Missionaries, Lorene Miley.** Offers suggestions for missionary giving with instructions for mailing.

29pp/\$1.25

Total \$ _____

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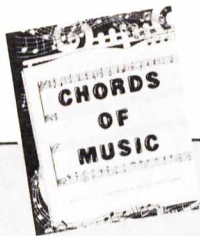
Collections of Poetry

Compiled from entries in WNAC's annual creative arts contests, these 8 1/2 x 11 volumes contain poems on Christian living, home and family, seasonal, inspirational and missions. Make excellent gifts.

- ☐ **Poem Strewn Pathways Volume 3**
☐ **Come to the Water Volume 4**
☐ **Tapestry Volume 6**
☐ **Sparks From the Fireplace Volume 7**
☐ **Chords of Music Volume 8**
☐ **Frosting on the Cake Volume 9**
☐ **Gems in Diadems Volume 10**
☐ **So Send I You**

\$3.00 each

Total \$ _____

**So Send I You**

WNAC's first collection of missionary poems written by Free Will Baptist women. Just what you need to add spice to Auxiliary meetings and other programs with a missionary emphasis.



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General

-PINS-

New

WNAC emblem pins. Cloisonne, clutch, WNAC colors.

Gold or silver metal color.

- ☐ gold/lavender/white \$3.00
☐ silver/lavender/white \$3.00

-GAVEL GUARD-

Attaches to the pin with a chain and worn by the Auxiliary president.

- ☐ gold tone ☐ silver \$4.50

-SEALS-

These white and lavender seals are designed with the Auxiliary logo and come in two sizes. Great for decorations.

- ☐ 2x1" 24/.50 ☐ 2x4" 24/.75

-NOTEBOOKS-

White plastic 3-ring binder with the WNAC logo.

- ☐ white \$3.50
☐ file strips (for preserving CO-LABORER magazines) 12/\$2.50

Total \$ _____

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Actionettes

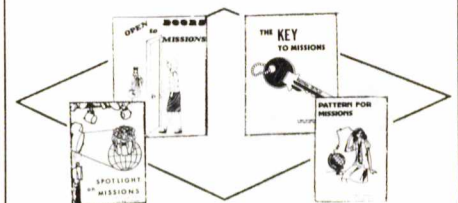
WNAC's missionary program for the Youth of our churches.

- ☐ Pattern for Missions (volume 1)
☐ Key to Missions (volume 2)
☐ Open Door to Missions (volume 3)
☐ Spotlight on Missions (volume 4)

Yearbook \$2.00

Leader's Packet \$2.50

Suggested constitution and by-laws for Actionettes free upon request.



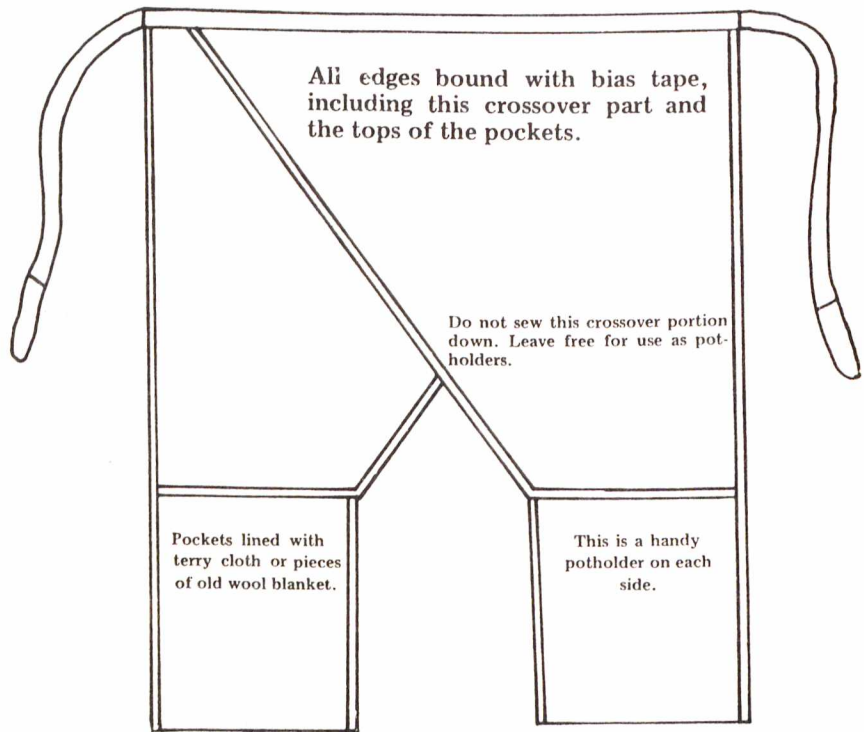
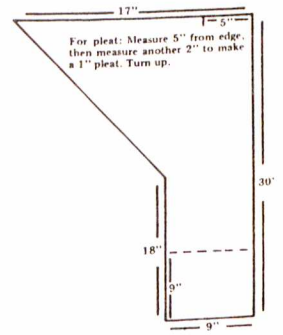
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MISSION ACTION MISSION

ENGLISH POTHOLDER-APRON

Cut 4 pieces of pretty print or checked gingham according to the measurements on the diagram. Cut 2 pieces terry cloth, (or pieces of old wool blanket) 9x18". These will line the pockets ... the pockets are actually potholders.

Make the pleats as indicated, then pin two of the apron pieces together wrong side to wrong side, smoothing out and pinning close to edges. With the pocket lining in place between the 2 pieces of print, bind entire apron with gray bias tape. Turn up pocket portion 9" and sew sides together. Now make the second side of apron. Overlap apron pieces to within 2" of edges and stitch on a belt and strings. You do not sew the crossover portion at all, as the two parts of the apron must be free when you use them as potholders.



ACTIONETTES

First FWB Church Greeneville, Tennessee



Front row, left to right

Merle Archer, sponsor; Ashland Wills, April Ball, and Rose Carter, sponsor.

Back row

Angie Tullock, Gloria Ball, Krystal Franklin, Lori Shelton, and Monica Dixon

- Some of their recent projects:
- Sent baby rattles to the pro-life rally in Nashville, Tennessee
- Visited nursing homes
- Adopted the TSAC plan of work
- Contributed to the World Missions offering
- Bought prizes for the father-son banquet
- Distributed brochures at the election against liquor by the drink
- Prepared dinner for the visiting evangelist
- Drew names for secret sisters

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Missionaries supported by both the National Home Missions and Foreign Missions departments are listed by their birthdays. Detach these sheets and use as a reminder to pray during the year.

Please add your own state missionaries, associates and tentmakers to this list.

November

- 2—Laura McFall (Brazil)
- 14—Marcia Ellison (Uruguay)
- 14—Patsy Vanhook (France)
- *22—Jim Nason (NH)
- **23—Linda Osborne (VA)
- 27—Bessie Richards (C'I)
- 28—Bobby Poole (Brazil)
- 28—Mark Daniel (C'I)
- 30—Dwain Crosby (Spain)

October

- ** 1—Paula Roach (OH)
- ** 2—Dennis Keen (SC)
- * 3—Adelaida Vera (PR)
- 5—Dave Franks (Brazil)
- 6—Carol Pinkerton (C'I)
- 6—Rebecca Franks (Uruguay)
- 8—Clint Morgan (C'I)
- ** 9—Dot Gore (MS)
- 11—Paul Creech (C'I)
- 13—Jerry Gibbs (France)
- *13—Kathy Coats (SD)
- **14—Jim Mertz (MO)
- **16—Jim Williams (MO)
- **17—Deanna White (KY)
- 17—Geneva Poole (Brazil)
- *18—Bob Thomas (CO)
- 18—Jalayn Martens (C'I)
- 18—Becky Riggs (France)
- **21—Debbie Lynn (GA)
- 23—Mike Cousineau (C'I)
- 23—Lila Nichols (C'I)
- 23—Robert West (C'I)
- *23—Louise Vandivort (AZ)
- **23—Gerald Fender (TN)
- *27—Donna Thomas (CO)
- **28—Susan Burgess (IL)
- 31—Earnie Deeds (Brazil)

December

- ** 1—Rose Mertz (MO)
- ** 2—Sandra Atwood (DE)
- ** 2—J.L. Gore (MS)
- * 6—Vergel Maness (NJ)
- 6—Juli Riggs (Spain)
- * 8—Russell Johnson (WY)
- 9—Debbie Griffin (Japan)
- *11—Fred Jones (Mexico)
- **12—Richard Atwood (DE)
- 14—Lonnie Sparks (Spain)
- *14—Rosa Lee Thomas (CO)
- 18—Tom Hughes (Brazil)
- 19—Molly Barker (Uruguay)
- *21—Tammy Miller (RI)
- 22—Tom McCullough (France)
- 24—Louis Coscia (Brazil)
- **24—Rex Lynn (GA)
- **24—Mary Nell Whitehead (FL)
- *27—Patsy Gwartney (AZ)
- 27—Dave Franks, Jr. (Uruguay)
- 30—Ariella Wode (C'I)
- **31—Carol Keen (SC)

February

- 1—Linda Reeves (Spain)
- 2—Jim Cowart (Brazil)
- 5—Judy Bailey (Japan)
- * 5—Bill Reagan (Canada)
- 7—Pam West (C'I)
- 8—Don McDonald (Japan)
- * 9—Carlie Lloyd (WI)
- *11—Willie Johnson (KY)
- 11—Norman McFall (Brazil)
- 13—Rejane Eagleton (C'I)
- **14—Janice Sasser (MD)
- *14—Mitzi Munsey (Mexico)
- *15—Louie Nix (Hawaii)
- *16—Sherry Reynolds (AZ)
- 17—Barbara Gibbs (France)
- **19—Richard Hendrix (AL)
- **20—Robert Clyatt (FL)
- 20—Tammy Gentuso (C'I)
- 21—Judy Lytle (Panama)
- 24—Glennnda Leatherbury (C'I)
- 26—Paul Gentuso (C'I)
- **27—David McGowan (OH)
- *27—Larry Reynolds (AZ)

January

- 1—Florine Coscia (Brazil)
- ** 1—Odis Whitehead (FL)
- ** 3—Bob White (KY)
- * 4—Mark Thomas (CO)
- 5—Donna Daniel (C'I)
- 11—Walter Ellison (Uruguay)
- 13—Jim Combs (Brazil)
- 13—Karen Cowart (Brazil)
- 14—Shirley Combs (Brazil)
- 24—Jerry Pinkerton (C'I)
- 26—Cathy Crawford (France)
- *27—Linda Harvey (AZ)

March

- 2—Evelyn Hersey (Japan)
- ** 5—Willie Booth (OH)
- * 5—Vonda Johnson (WY)
- 7—Patty McCullough (France)
- 13—Vada Lee (C'I)
- 14—Allan Crowson (France)
- 15—Linda Moore (C'I)
- *15—Lynda Hunt (WA)
- 19—Anita Sparks (Spain)
- 20—Trena Owen (Uruguay)
- **21—David Potete (IL)
- *23—Margaret Lloyd (WI)
- **24—James Sasser (MD)
- **25—Pamela Potete (IL)
- *25—Howard Gwartney (AZ)
- *26—Tom Hunt (WA)
- 27—Olana McLain (Japan)
- *29—Lois Reagan (Canada)



* National Home Missionary

** Joint Project worker

Unless a missionary is on furlough, send cards directly to the field. Directories give field addresses. Furloughing missionaries may receive cards at P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

April

- 1—Bobby Aycock (Brazil)
- 9—Marie Hanna (India)
- 13—Charolette Tallent (France)
- *15—Donna Nix (Hawaii)
- *18—Miguel Vera (Puerto Rico)
- *24—Tim Coats (SD)
- *25—Bill Johnson (KY)
- *29—Mike Criswell (OR)

May

- 4—Ron Moore (C'I)
- * 6—Rose Haggard (KS)
- **10—Delores Burns (GA)
- 11—Elaine Holland (C'I)
- 13—Amy Robinson (Uruguay)
- 15—Mark Riggs (Spain)
- 16—Dale Bishop (Japan)
- *16—Elaine Parker (LA)
- **17—Ora Booth (OH)
- 17—Steve Reeves (Spain)
- 21—Ernest Holland (C'I)
- 25—Lynn Midgett (Spain)
- 26—Kenneth Eagleton (C'I)
- 30—Alice Smith (C'I)

August

- * 1—Alyne Maness (NJ)
- 1—Deleen Cousineau (C'I)
- 2—Judy Bryan (C'I)
- 3—Carlisle Hanna (India)
- 5—Dennis Owen (Uruguay)
- 6—Darrel Nichols (C'I)
- 7—Vicki Sturgill (Brazil)
- *10—James Munsey (Mexico)
- *12—Pat Nason (NH)
- 17—Jim Sturgill (Brazil)
- 18—Judy Smith (Japan)
- 27—Sandra Bishop (Japan)
- 29—Linda Callaway (Spain)
- **31—Curtis Alligood (FL)

September

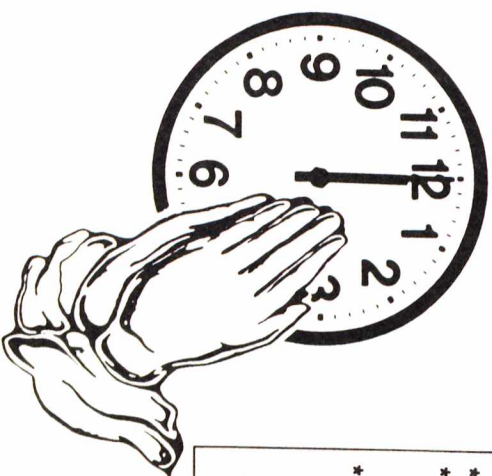
- 1—Rhoda Creach (C'I)
- ** 1—Grace Williams (MO)
- 2—Ken Bailey (Japan)
- 3—Sue Aycock (Brazil)
- 7—Susan Turnbough (Spain)
- 7—Mirial Gainer (Japan)
- 8—Jeff Turnbough (Spain)
- * 8—Jerry McClary (NE)
- ** 9—Gloria Ciyatt (FL)
- * 9—Nancy Hughes (Brazil)
- *10—Cliff Donoho (IA)
- *11—Terry Miller (RI)
- *11—Sandra McGowan (OH)
- **12—Joel Nason (SC)
- 14—Carol Teague (France)
- 16—Sherwood Lee (C'I)
- *17—Gail Criswell (OR)
- **17—Laverne Alligood (FL)
- 20—Debbie Crosby (Spain)
- **20—Carolyn Hendrix (AL)
- *25—George Harvey (AZ)
- 27—LaRue Crowson (France)
- 28—Brenda Bunch (Panama)
- 29—Pat Franks (Brazil)
- 29—Ruth McDonald (Japan)
- 30—Norman Richards (C'I)
- **30—Earl Hanna (SC)

June

- 2—Jean Deeds (Brazil)
- 6—Stan Bunch (Panama)
- *11—Kathy Donoho (IA)
- 14—Steve Lytle (Panama)
- 20—Paul Robinson (Uruguay)
- **22—Bernice Hanna (SC)
- 24—Jim McLain (Japan)
- *28—Ron Parker (LA)
- 29—Steve Riggs (France)

July

- ** 2—David Burgess (IL)
- * 3—Mark Vandivort (AZ)
- ** 6—Hope Nason (SC)
- * 7—Wanda McClary (NE)
- ** 9—Luther Burns (GA)
- *11—Barbara Jones (Mexico)
- **14—Willie Osborne (VA)
- **19—Gail Fender (TN)
- 20—Robert Bryan (C'I)
- 20—Fred Hersey (Japan)
- **22—Roy Roach (OH)
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I Sat Where They Sat

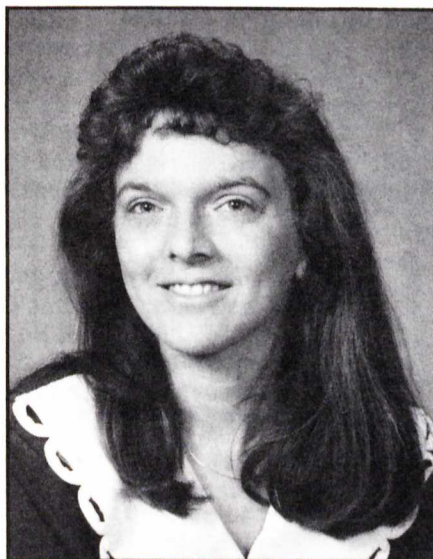
by Pam Jones

I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days" (Ezek. 3:15). These words continued to ring in my ears as the Lord burdened me for our people.

Both my husband and I were saved at age 16. The next year, God called him into the ministry. At age 17, we married and Tommy began pastoring his home church, Pleasant Valley FWB Church, Berryville, Arkansas. This small country church composed of mostly older folks proved a great learning experience for the young pastor. We stayed here three and a half years.

In spite of the blessings, two things hindered us in this first pastorate. First was our inability to totally depend upon God. By no stretch of the imagination could we be called wealthy, but we lacked for nothing we needed, or for that matter, wanted. Secondly, we needed a better understanding of others and the different trials they experienced in life.

*We can never
understand people
until we sit
where they sit.*



One day my husband began asking God to teach him how to lean on Him. If you've thought of praying this prayer, hang on, because God will answer your prayer. Six years later God is still teaching us to lean on Him. Some lessons were hard to learn, like the time we sold our home in Green Forest. According to the figures, we should have made a profit, when, in reality, we had to pay to sell our house. We had bought a vehicle on credit planning to pay it off with the profit. The Lord sure taught us an important lesson about planning.

Before Ezekiel could minister to His people, he had to better understand them. So God put His hand upon His prophet and placed him right in the middle. He sat there "astonished among them" for many days.

I can picture Ezekiel sitting in silence, soaking up all the things God allowed him to see. Gradually an understanding of their hurts and heartaches penetrated his being. He became one with his

God will allow us to love others with His love when ours is inadequate.

people as he felt what they felt and saw through their eyes.

As I sat where our people sat, I became one with them. God allowed sickness, financial worries, moving to a new city, and other personal and spiritual matters to enter our lives so that I might better identify with our people. Now I can look back and thank God for each trial because now I can help someone else who may be going through a similar problem. Before, I was somewhat critical of others. I couldn't understand why they did the things they did. But now that I've sat where they sat, I feel only compassion and understanding. Not condemnation.

We have three children, ages 2, 6 and 9. We homeschool the two oldest. A few months ago we found ourselves in a financial bind and I had to work for a couple of months. On top of my other responsibilities, I put in 45-50 hours on the job. I was totally exhausted when I came home each night. I found it hard to pray and prepare to teach my teen Sunday school class.

Oh sure, before this experience, I had compassion on working mothers. I pitied some of them. But now that I have sat where they sat, I have understanding, or empathy. Compassion, pity and understanding are worlds apart. Only until you have walked in another's shoes are the three blended.

This is illustrated by a man who fell into the water at the end of a pier. Pity, Compassion and Empathy stood nearby. "Help!" called the man as he went under.

Pity wrung his hands and wailed, "Look, a man is drowning! Someone should help him!" Compassion plunged bravely into the water, clothes and all, forgetting that he couldn't even swim! But Empathy, calm, cool and collected, secured a rope to the pier and threw it out to the drowning man.

Pity is the feeling for a person, compassion a feeling toward a person, but empathy is feeling with a person.

I realize I haven't learned it all. God isn't finished with me yet. I'm certain He has much more to teach me. I will never be able to fully understand every problem that others face—and I don't expect to—but I'm claiming God's wisdom in dealing with the ones that do come.

Some things are only learned by experience. I pray I won't have to

experience some things others go through in order to understand. I pray that He will help me reach out to others with His love and love them with His love when mine is inadequate.

In 1988, God led us to Harrison, Arkansas, to pastor a mission church. I love this city and the people God has led to our church. Yes, it has been hard physically, financially, and in other ways. But the love we have for God's work and His people makes me glad that I am sitting where they sit.

Service or Blessing?

by Brenda Lewis

While making the church nursery list, I was reminded of those who so willingly volunteer. Why, I wondered? For the glory they receive? Hardly, for their service is forgotten once the service is dismissed. For the blessing they receive? Perhaps, but does one receive a blessing from holding a crying baby for an hour?

What about those who so faithfully clean the church each week? Have they nothing better to do? Maybe they enjoy scrubbing, vacuuming and dusting! Only one reason prompts us to take these less-desirable positions—because we are servants! Servants to our church and to each other, but mainly to our Lord.

Ask a child to help pass out workbooks and watch him jump at the opportunity. Need someone to receive the offering? Ask for a volunteer and watch those little hands fly up.

We seem to lose our eagerness to serve as we grow older. We give less and less time as we acquire more and more responsibilities. What then determines our service to God?

Sometimes one turns down a position because she does not "feel led." Does one feel led to clean the church, cut the grass, or maintain the building? These are not the most exciting jobs, but very necessary ones.

Throughout the Bible we see examples of great Christians who displayed a servant's attitude toward the work of God. Our greatest example yet is our Jesus Christ who "took upon him the form of a servant" (Phil. 2:7). If He so willingly gave of Himself, should we not be more than willing to return service to Him?

Rather than receiving a blessing, let's be a blessing!

Brenda and her husband, Bob, are home missionaries in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They have three teenage sons.

WOMEN in ACTION



Using the theme: "Jesus, the Bread of Life," the First Auxiliary, Erwin, Tennessee, served breads representative of different sections in the world.

A basket filled with an open Bible from which Bread of Life streamers radiated formed the centerpiece. Each of five sections was decorated with artifacts from that area and featured a bread product with a spread. For example,

Latin America—tortilla chips and jalapeno cheese dip

Orient—rice cakes and tuna

Western Europe—Jewish rye bread with salami and sharp cheese

Eastern Europe—bagels with olives and cream cheese

North America—corn bread and biscuits with apple butter and grape jelly



Nola Ramsey, First Auxiliary, Erwin, TN, presents a check for \$100 to Judy Lytle, missionary to Panama. Following her presentation, they surprised her with a personal shower.



Harris Memorial Auxiliary, Greeneville, TN, boost their emphasis of offering fivefold by selling each state for \$5. They colored the states as they were sold. They sold all 50 of them and began on the countries. This project netted \$342.49 for WNAC. Thanks, ladies!



Philadelphia Auxilliary, Mt. Clemens, MI, sponsor a Tupperware party with part of the proceeds for the missionary provision closet.

They also distributed **Current** catalogs and asked the women to order one or more items for the missionaries. These will be sent to the provision closet.



Kingview Auxiliary, Oklahoma City, OK, presents the proceeds of a garage sale (\$385) to missionary appointees to Brazil, Curt and Mary Holland.

How to Make 1992 a Happy New Year



Get Real!

by Lois Smallwood

My sister marveled how five-year-old Lindsay helped her mother. "Do you think she'll be as eager to help when her efforts mean more?" she asked.

Without hesitation, Lindsay's mother—mother of two older children—replied, "Get real!"

Some Auxiliaries need to get real in their expectations of what others will do. Do we assume all members will fully cooperate with every project? Get real! Remember what Paul said about the body: "If all were the eye...or the hand...?" If we have a talent (and even helplessness can be a talent if it gets others to work—chew on that!) we are obligated to God to use that talent. If you see something that needs doing, chances are God is telling you to do it.

Of course, we don't want others to think we're trying to run the show. We'd gladly turn our job over to another. But if no one is running for the office and will not serve if elected—get real! Go the second mile and exert more willing effort. God is faithful and you'll see results, at least in your own heart.

Let's get real about following Paul's advice to praise. Our praise opens up paths for God to work. It changes hardened stony hearts into the mellow soil where growth can and will begin.

Praise the Lord!



Give Me a Servant's Heart

Jesus, Use Me

by Margaret Lloyd

My heart panicked as the dear lady asked, "Could you help us out?"

"Of course, I'll be glad to help." I answered. My calm voice belied a panicked heart. If there's anything that frightens me to death, it's speaking before a group of adults. It's worse than spiders and almost as scary as dogs!

Not long ago I told the Lord, "I want to work for You. Please use me." Once in a while that prayer has led to opportunities that frightened me.

I believe all Christians have a sincere desire to be used in God's service. Have you found a way to serve?

A couple of ladies in our church love to care for babies, so I never hesitate to ask them to take nursery duty. Some talented ladies handle our Vacation Bible School crafts. Some have a flair for hospitality and serve God with their food and homes. Homebound ladies can use their pen to write and send cards.

We recently had a "Fix-It" month at church. Each repair and improvement illustrated Colossians 3:23,24: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

Joy comes as we daily serve Jesus. Have you prayed, "Lord, use me anywhere." He will—if you will!



Books to stimulate spiritual growth

Book Highlights ...

Spiritual Reading for the New Year

UNLOCKING YOUR SIXTH SUITCASE

How to Love What You Do and Do What You Love
by John Bradley and Jay Carty

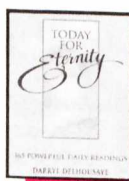
Navpress, 200 pp, \$9.95

Reviewed by Tammy Keiffer

It is no secret that God has given each of us different talents and abilities. The tricky part can be figuring out what talents God has given you and how to best use them.

Part One of the book helps you identify your God-given talents (the sixth suitcase) by using the "Talent Discovery Guide." Part Two offers exercises to help you recognize the occupations, church work and even the hobbies to which you are best suited.

A special section offers questions for individual reflection and exploration of Scripture as well as guidelines for adapting the book to small group use. This information is also available in seminar form. Our churches could benefit greatly from members who realize the talents they possess and choose to use them for God.



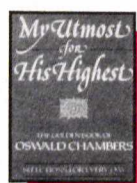
TODAY FOR ETERNITY

by Darryl Delhousaye
Questar Publishers, hardback, small-format, 384 pp, \$10.99

This soul-stirring book of devotionals, which is Christ-centered, life-centered and Bible-centered, offers guidelines for consistent godly living. It includes a dated, one-page reading for each day of the year. An extensive topical index in the back references hundreds of topics, everything from "ambition" to "work."

The publishers believe so strongly in TODAY FOR ETERNITY that they make this guarantee: If this book is not spiritually enriching for you, we'll refund your purchase price.

As God opens His Word to us, He renews our strength, not only for today but for eternity.



MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST

by Oswald Chambers

Barbour and Co, 272 pp, hardback

Reviewed by Ruth Creech Mullen

If we aren't careful, personal devotions can slip into pure routine. Particularly at risk is the mature Christian who falls in a rut. Drudgery sets in when we do the same thing over and over again year after year.

If that describes your devotional time, why not try this book for a year? Oswald Chambers will definitely wake you up and shake you out of your lethargy. Though written in the early 1900s, it continues to speak to hearts today, attesting to the timelessness of truth presented clearly and concisely.

The book challenged me to return to the basics I believed but needed to be reminded of—keeping Christ first, checking my motives in Christian service, and assessing my willingness to do whatever God asks. →

Christian service, and assessing my willingness to do whatever God asks.

Chambers uses a surgical knife to cut through all the peripheral issues. The incision is deep, even painful, but necessary to bring us back to the central relationship of our lives—our relationship to God.

SAY YES

How to Renew Your Spiritual Passion

by Luis Palau

Multnomah, \$8.95

Reviewed by Debbie Anderson

Some books should have a warning label attached to their front cover: "Contents may be volatile to a person's spiritual status quo." SAY YES is that kind of book.

From an author who has been greatly used by God around the world to win the lost, comes a powerful message to shake stagnant, ritualized Christianity. Palau says sometimes we mistakenly believe that if we read our Bible, pray, attend church, tithe and witness, we will be guaranteed a vibrant Christian experience. Not so! Palau tells us why, and how to rise above a substandard Christian life.

Many Christian books over the centuries have dealt with how to experience a "deeper" relationship with Christ, but never have I read a book that discusses the issue more simply.

If you are tired of working hard for the Lord yet not feeling His presence daily, and if you are willing to change any area of your life, let the Holy Spirit use SAY YES to be an oasis in the desert of your heart.

WNAC does not stock these books. Please order them from your state bookstore, or from Randall Book Store, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37211.

The poet's CORNER



These poems, all written anonymously and copied from other sources, relate to the theme, "Reaching the Young Woman...In the Church." Future issues will spotlight the woman on the job, in the home, with a world focus, in the community and the well-rounded woman.

Send us your poems now on these themes. CO-LABORER hopes to publish the outstanding ones. Each one received will be entered in our annual creative arts contest.

The Good Lord's Work

The Lord had a job for me, but I
had so much to do.
I said, "You get somebody else, or
wait 'til I get through."
I don't know how the Lord came
out, but He seemed to get
along—
And yet, I felt so sneakin'like, a-
doing God a wrong.

One day I needed the Lord,
needed Him right away—
But He never answered me at all,
yet I could hear Him say
Down in my guilty heart, "I've sim-
ply got too much to do,
You get somebody else, or wait 'til
I get through."

Now when the Lord has a job, I
never try to shirk,
I drop the thing I have on hand and
do the good Lord's work.
And my affairs can run along, or
wait 'til I get through.
'Cause nobody else can do the job
the Lord's marked out for you.

Contradictions

I'll go where You want me to go,
dear Lord;
Real service is what I desire;

I'll say what You want me to say,
dear Lord—
But don't ask me to sing in the
choir.

I'll say what You want me to say,
dear Lord;
I like to see things come to pass;
But don't ask me to teach girls
and boys, dear Lord—
I'd rather just stay in my class.

I'll do what You want me to do,
dear Lord;
I yearn for the Kingdom to thrive;
I'll give You my nickels and dimes,
dear Lord—
But please don't ask me to tithe.

I'll go where You want me to go,
dear Lord;
I'll say what You want me to say;
I'm busy just now with myself,
dear Lord—
I'll help You some other day.

Are You An Active Member?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the crowd,
Or do you miss and stay at home
And crab both long and loud?
Do you take an active part
To help the group along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?
Do you ever go to visit
Some member who is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?
We've quite a program scheduled
It means success, if done,
And it can be accomplished
With the help of everyone.
So come to the meetings often
And help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.

Be a Prayer Missionary

Appointed to Pray ... Someone Prayed—Was it You?

This experience by Mary Sutherland, missionary Columbia, South America, appeared in *A Watered Garden*.

The tunnel of her testing seemed so long. Finally she prayed, "Dear God, please let someone write to say he's praying for us."
She knew many people were. They had promised to pray when they left for Columbia. If only one of them would write and tell them. She thought of several people who might write, but no word came from them. Then the following letter arrived.

Dear Mary and Bob,

Please don't try to remember when you met me, for you've never heard of me. I am a middle-aged widow from a tiny town in Australia. You can't find it on the map, but God knows where it is.

I used to worry because I couldn't give money to missions the way I wanted to. Then God showed me I could reach the world by prayer. At times my praying seems futile, though I've been overjoyed that so often my prayers have joined those of many others and been wonderfully answered. I am still in the school of prayer. It is an exciting thought that God does not depend on my "good praying." Jesus is interceding, and the Holy Spirit makes our feeble prayers presentable to the Father.

I have often prayed for you over the years. Today there was a special burden when your prayer card came to the front of my box of missionary prayer cards. So I prayed throughout the day for your:

Marriage—that you will be one in the Lord.

Family—that you may be given wisdom and patience, and your children will grow in the knowledge of the Lord and be strong in body.

Home—that it will be a real haven to all whom the Spirit sends.

Health and Safety—that you will be kept from illness and danger.

Contacts with Fellow Missionaries and National Christians—to be free from tension and lubricated with the oil of love.

Insight and Wisdom—in contacts with those who do not know the Savior.

Protection—from the evil of this world.

Witness—that it will bear fruit.

Again tonight I am praying for you.

With Love,
Lillian

"It was enough to make me shout with joy," writes Mary. And day by day God is faithfully answering that woman's prayers.

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 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002: Missionaries home at this time: Florine Coscia, Jim and Karen Cowart (Brazil), Glenda Leatherbury, Paul and Tammy Gentuso (C'I). Send these cards to the Antioch address.

Why Don't Missionaries Meet the Young?

by a puzzled missionary

Why don't missionaries meet the young? Simply because we're not invited. It may have something to do with the custom in our society of separating age groups. The age groups designated to listen to missionaries are usually the middle-aged and the old. Most of us enjoy speaking to these groups—usually we are one or the other—but we wonder why we don't have youth in the meeting. I don't mean instead of, I mean as well as.

Of course, I'm assuming that we all think missionary reports are a good thing. We're all in the Lord's work together. Presumably it's wise for the grape-pickers in one part of the vineyard to check with the ones in the other corner. Missionaries need the advice, help and prayers of God's people at home. And the home people need the information about the work in Kollegal and Cayenne. We need each other—all ages.

Why, then, are missionary speakers restricted to one side of the generation gap? Why don't you under-30's invite us to your youth group? And why don't you come to missionary meetings? I've been given some reasons:

1. Missionaries are bores. All the more reason to spread us around and give the middle-aged some relief. They don't have exclusive rights to boredom.

2. They're not with it. We never will be if we can't come near an under-30. If you throw your missionary into a den of youth, he may emerge with a groovy tie

and the currently approved opinions on ecology, Judge Thomas, and poverty. And the youth might rethink this matter of with-it-ness. See Romans 12:2 for an elaboration of this point.

3. Young people don't want to be talked at. Maybe their parents don't either. Instead of the usual missionary address, have a panel discussion, or a buzz session, or a question-and-answer thing. Some of us are not eloquent. Somehow when we make a speech, we may not give you a good idea of our work. We learn more from each other in an informal situation.

What about slides? Some missionaries do have effective ones. Others of us think you really want to see those Fangalese lined up on chapel steps. If you know your missionary has boring slides but loves to show them, ask him to cut them down to a 20-minute presentation. And get that photographer in your assembly to teach him how to take informative slides. We'll never know any better if you don't tell us—gently.

4. It's the older ones who do the praying. How can you say that so calmly? Prayer is not the sole prerogative of pensioners. When God's people of all ages pray together, people will be saved in Kollegal and Cayenne. Missionaries will grow spiritually. And both young and old will be more concerned about serving the Master than such irrelevancies as the ages of their fellow servants.

Give us a chance.

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WNAC's Prayer Bookmark

Week of January 1-11

Pray for the enlistment efforts in our Auxiliaries this month. Ask God to give your Auxiliary some exciting ideas to involve more of your women in the work. Pray for each of your Auxiliary officers.

Birthdays this week: 1—Florine Coscia (Brazil) and Odis Whitehead (FL); 3—Bob White (KY); 4—Mark Thomas (CO); 5—Donna Daniel (C'I); 11—Walter Ellison (Uruguay).

Week of January 12-18

Pray for our students beginning a new semester on our campuses, especially for our MKs separated from their families. Pray for the recently appointed student missionaries as they seek to raise their support for the summer.

Birthdays this week: 13—Jim Combs and Karen Cowart (Brazil); 14—Shirley Combs (Brazil).

Week of January 19-25

Pray for the annual Alabama missionary conference where many missionaries participate. Ask God to send a revival among our youth which would result in many dedicating their lives to full time Christian service. Pray for a strong missionary emphasis in our Auxiliaries.

Birthdays this week: 24—Jerry Pinkerton (C'I)

Week of January 26-31

Construction of the new hospital building in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa is scheduled to begin this month. The building was destroyed last May. Pray for sufficiency of funds, help and grace.

Birthdays this week: 26—Cathy Crawford (France); 27—Linda Harvey (AZ)

Week of February 1-8

Pray for the foreign student emphasis in our Auxiliaries this month. Funds support students enrolled in the Bible Institute in Cote d'Ivoire. Pray for Mike Cousineau and Clint Morgan, directors.

Birthdays this week: 1—Linda Reeves (Spain); 2—Jim Cowart (Brazil); 5—Judy Bailey (Japan) and Bill Reagan (Canada); 7—Pam West (C'I); 8—Carlie Lloyd (WI) and Don McDonald (Japan).

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

Week of February 9-15

Pray for the church construction in Villaba, Spain. This church is being built with funds from the Eunice Edwards Loan Fund for Churches Abroad. The money will stay in a revolving fund to help establish other churches in that country. The Reeves and Turnboughs work with this thriving congregation.

Birthdays this week: 11—Willa Johnson (KY) and Norman McFall (Brazil); 13—Rejane Eagleton (C'I); 14—Janice Sasser (MD) and Mitzi Munsey (MX); 15—Loule Nix (HI)

February 16-22

Ken Bailey, Japan, is due for furlough in June. He doesn't feel the church can make it alone and has received permission to stay for two more years...IF...he can raise his money. For every dollar a missionary raises on deputation, it costs. Pray sufficient funds will come in so he can stay with his fledgling church.

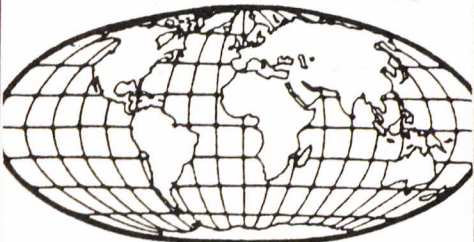
Birthdays this week: 16—Sherry Reynolds (AZ); 17—Barbara Gibbs (France); 19—Richard Hendrix (AL); 20—Robert Clyatt (FL) and Tammy Gentuso (C'I); 21—Judy Lytle (Panama)

February 23-29

Pray for those working in each of our missions departments, especially for Eugene Waddell, Foreign Missions director, and Roy Thomas, director of Home Missions. Ask God to protect and use them—as well as our missionaries—as they travel from place to place.

Birthdays this week: 24—Glennnda Leatherbury (C'I); 26—Paul Gentuso (C'I); 27—David McGowan (OH) and Larry Reynolds (AZ).

Missions Hotline



Update Your Prayers
615-731-3839

Emphasis Month

Enclosed please find our Emphasis offering. Our ladies used both the July vacation page and the August weather project ... Thank you for letting us help.

Hope Teel
Milan, IL

Provision Closet Support

I'm so slow making quilts, but do hope sometime I can make and send one or more to the Provision Closet.

Evola Osborne
Murray, KY

No More Bottles For Now

We now have a large supply of empty medicine bottles which should last us for several months. Please hold others until further notice. We do need non-aspirin pain relievers.

Dr. Kenneth Eagleton
Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa

Thanks

We really enjoy the programs and helps in CO-LABORER. Keep up the good work.

Bernice Peterson
Mountain Grove, MO

Please accept our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all you have done for us. We feel very privileged to receive birthday cards and gifts from local Auxiliaries.

Fred and Barbara Jones,
Mexico

Community Outreach

In order to reach neighbors who have never visited our church, we are offering free guitar, chess, computer, painting, hair cutting, manicuring, and gymnastic classes. Between the two-hour classes, there is a devotional time at-

tended by the students and families.

Results? Neighbors thank us. City officials commend us. Students visit our services. Christians are involved. Lonely people talk and Christians listen.

Jim and Shirley Combs, Brazil

Help Them Stay in Japan

Our furlough is scheduled for June, 1992. Since our church would not be able to go on its own by then, we have received permission to stay an extra two years...IF...if we can raise the necessary money without going home. We have to hear from you as soon as possible if you can help.

Ken and Judy Bailey, Japan

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Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

Some define Christianity as a system of ethics. Others as a way of life. Both are true, but neither gives any idea of what the Christian life is really like. It cannot be defined in words or concepts (1 John 5:11-13).

I see Christianity as a stream of power coming from God through Christ through His church to His people. This power is called grace. God invites us to step into the streams of His power.

We see it demonstrated in the lives of those who take real trouble to help others. They are few, but thank God, there are some. And when we find them, being with them creates a desire to be like them.

We must be open to the stream of God's power. Our lives and our hearts must be clean and free from that which would clog them.

God gave each of us abilities, at least one. We must use it. Looking around for a different talent or ability instead of using what God has already given us is not pleasing to God.

Why don't people step into the stream of God's power? Some fear they can't live up to their pledge. Others don't want to give up their pet ideas, biases, prejudices, aims and goals. God has not promised to bless them. Only as we are in Him can we expect the fullness of His power and blessing.

We're all prone to step out of the stream at times. We choose our own way or assume our wisdom is better than God's. We allow selfishness to come in. Or disobedience hinders our fellowship. Once we have tasted the goodness of the Lord, we're miserable away from Him.

Prayer and the Word of God are the mainstays that keep us in the stream. When we remain in the stream we are held up by the

Words for Women

You are an example. What? You can't imagine someone holding you up and saying, "Now follow Ruth. She is an example." Remember Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 10:6? He had pointed out the sins of some of God's people. Then he said that these were examples for us. Negative examples, true. Someone is watching you. It's up to you to make your example positive. "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

You are a teacher. You are teaching every day by your words, by your actions. Someone is observing and learning good or bad things from your life. Have you chosen to be a teacher of "good things"? As a believer your life should be teaching holiness, love, purity, a sense of true values. Check out your lesson plans.

You are a jewel. I didn't say it. God did. Malachi 3:17, "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." What are the qualifications for being a jewel among His treasures? Fear the Lord and think upon His name. (Malachi 3:16-17)

Through days of trouble and pressure from the world, God's people can remain true and faithful to Him. But we need each other as we set examples, teach and speak often of Him.

Young, old, north, south, east or west—let's join hands in 1992 and the years ahead. Let's set good examples, teach good things and be ready for the day when He makes up His jewels.



Mary Ruth Wisehart

buoyancy of the stream itself. We commit ourselves to God as a ship commits itself to the ocean.

One word of caution. Don't be surprised if the stream leads to a place of Calvary where we shall

undergo some sort of crucifixion as did our Lord.

Do you need to come into the stream so God can give you all He has for you? It's a big question. It demands a sincere answer. 



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