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My Mom is awesome.

My Mom takes me shopping.

My Mom hugs me and says I'm special.

My Mom tries to be like Jesus.

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Editorial

Goodbye to the Hills

We followed the hearse as it wound its way across the Northeast Missouri hills. We had come to sever the last thread holding us to these hills and to bury the one who had bound us here—my mother-in-law.

The bleak December day hindered long visibility, but we knew. Just ahead, a rotting farmstead signaled the place where a young Czechoslovakian immigrant brought his Irish wife and raised their eight children. No trace remains of the historical colony on the other side of the river, but from its German roots came the young man who married the eldest daughter of the immigrant and took her a few miles up the road to begin a country store. For nigh onto 50 years, my husband's parents operated it in this tiny community.

The hearse pulled into the drive of the country church and stopped alongside a row of graves. A generous sprinkling of stones labeled "MILEY" marked it as a family cemetery dating back to the late 1800's. LaVerne's mother would probably be the last from our family.

"If Daddy had never left," Larry, our youngest son, pointed out, "if he had stayed and run the store, you would carry on the tradition of being buried here."

If...if.

But he didn't stay. At age 17, he took those first steps to the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville which later led him to the far corners of the earth. We had come back—often—but never to stay. But now our reason to come back was gone.

The limousine began the 10 mile trek back to town. I turned for one last look at some of the most beautiful country on God's green earth. Goodbye? Perhaps. But some good-byes aren't forever.

—Lorene Miley

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A Woman God is Using

The die for Sarah's future was cast early—Daddy's sweet little girl, best-all around camper, and girl most likely to succeed. She has always been a woman after God's heart.

Sarah Blades Fletcher was born and raised in Johnston City, Illinois. She married her childhood sweetheart of 13 years just before their last year at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Their path of service led them into a pastoral, education, and music ministry in North Carolina, Oklahoma and Southern Illinois.

Keith and Sarah were involved in Foreign Missions Fellowship at college (Keith as president), so it was no wonder they should respond to the call for help in the new missions work in Chicago. When David Potete returned to his native city to establish a church, he requested church planting volunteers. Keith and Sarah help in the music and teaching ministry. Sarah both sings and plays the piano.

The Fletchers are self-supporting—Keith as associate editor at Scripture Press, and Sarah as 5th grade kindergarten teacher at the Desplaines Christian school where their three children are enrolled—Aaron, 9; Jesse, 7; and Hannah, 3. Keith and Sarah wrote teens material for Randall House before signing a contract with Scripture Press.

Sarah is a born homemaker, frugal, imaginative and enthusiastic. She specializes in home made yeast breads which netted her a regular income for a time. Warm and hospitable, she concocts sun tea, cabbage rolls, and other from-scratch delicacies. She loves to sew and fashions much of the clothing for her family.

Sarah gave her heart and life to the Lord Jesus as a child and has remained true to that commitment. WNAC salutes her as a young woman whom God is using.



Teachers of Good Things

by Laura Thigpen

Introduction

In Charles Colson's book *Against the Night*, he tells of a woman who without warning leaves her husband and children. Later they found her in Hawaii working in a store that sold hand-dipped chocolates. When asked to explain, she said she was sorry to cause her family pain, but she had needed "to find herself." She reasoned that what she did was acceptable as long as she was "true to herself."

This woman reflects the confusion that many women, even Christian women, have concerning their role in home and society. The voices of the world—mass media, educators, lawyers—tell her she must live her own life, do her own thing, seek self-fulfillment, develop her full potential. Add to these, broken family relationships, working mothers, transient families, little or no extended family, and peer pressure. No wonder young women find it difficult to follow God's pattern for their lives.

Our challenge is found in Titus 2:3-5 (*read*). We are to be teachers of good things.

The Need

Lucibel Van Atta in *Women Encouraging Women* says, "Many young women long for a hiding place from life's storms and look for someone who will bend down to listen and help bear the burdens that press so fiercely upon them." Young women today want to live out their beliefs but need someone to show them how to make it happen. They need someone to teach and encourage them.

Women from non-Christian homes have special needs. They have no concept of what a Christian home should be. They need role models to follow.

Our churches are filled with **young women suffering from deep emotional wounds.** They may be victims of physical or sexual abuse, divorce, or long extended illness. Perhaps they made a poor choice of a husband, lost a job, suffered rejection by parents, endured an unwanted pregnancy, became enslaved by drugs or deep depression. They need someone to listen, pray for them, and explain to them Scriptural truths that will enable them to face and conquer their fears.

Other young women, such as **college students**, may have Christian mothers, but miles separate them. A job in the city may take them from home. Some may be away in a Christian ministry. Whatever the case, in their loneliness they need the concern and encouragement of an older woman.

Single women have special needs. Single mothers need moral support and understanding, someone to help them in the complex task of child rearing. The young widow needs comfort and strength that an older woman can give. Young singles need to know that their worth does not depend on having a husband, but in finding and doing God's will.

What can we as Christian women, co-laborers in our Woman's Auxiliaries, do to help meet these needs?

Meeting The Need

God's plan is clearly outlined in Titus 2:3-5. The older, mature Christian woman in the body of Christ is to assume the task of teaching and instructing the young woman. They are role models and mentors. They instruct, encourage, pray for and with them, and provide them with accountability.



Certainly mothers, grandmothers and aunts are the time-honored and natural choices for role models, but we can also include teachers, pastors' wives, youth workers, neighbors, or any Christian woman who is older spiritually.

Women who are no longer as active in Christian service as they once were can find a God-given ministry designed just for them—teachers of good things.

The Woman God Can Use

This passage in Titus gives a description of the kind of woman God can use in reaching and teaching younger women. First, she is to be "in behaviour as becometh holiness," or reverent in behavior. Her lifestyle earns respect. Her daily conversation, attitudes, use of time, money, energy and leisure all reflect her holy fear of God.

She is neither a slanderer or a gossip—"false accuser." She guards the reputation of others. She keeps confidences sacred. Young women can trust even the smallest detail of their lives to her.

Paul describes her as "not given to much wine." She exercises self-control, totally abstains from all forms of alcohol, and is not addicted to caffeine, nicotine or television. She knows her body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Teacher of Good Things

Paul lists some of the "good things" this older woman should teach. Evidently God thinks they are very important.

•to be sober—and to take seriously God's plan for their lives. They should be sensible and practical, not foolish, silly or frivolous. Young mothers shape

lives and destinies as they instill moral values and character traits in the children entrusted to them.

- love their husbands...and children—Sin may have weakened or destroyed that love, but Christianity recovers, energizes and makes love in a family abound.

- to be discreet—wise, discerning, careful in the way they look and act, and things they say. They are to be “chaste”—pure in thought and act, reflecting a life filled with virtue.

- Young women should be taught “to be keepers at home.” Women face their greatest fulfillment and challenges as homemakers. Keeping a neat, attractive house, preparing nourishing meals, providing clean, comfortable clothes for the family, learning homemaking techniques, and giving children spiritual training along with other parenting responsibilities requires the best use of all the gifts and abilities God has given.

- good—kind and caring about others.

- obedient to their own husbands—This is in conflict with the advice given by militant feminists who demand total equality. Submission is essential to a healthy, happy Christian home. It no way implies an inferior position, but acknowledges the leadership role God has entrusted to her husband.

As these good things are developed in the lives of younger women, God is glorified and His Word of great effect.

Ways To Teach

How can these good things be taught to younger women? Godly example is the primary method. Younger women are not impressed by what her role model professes at church, but they observe her day by day living. A Sunday school teacher sent a note to her pastor's wife:

I want to thank you for giving me the honor of working with your little girls...I've watched you and watched the girls. The Biblical principles you have instilled in them are now a practicing part of their lives. You are a wonderful, godly mother. I've learned so much through watching you.

Not only does the older woman teach by example, but also through a more structured one-on-one method. In her book, *Anne: You're Super*, Cleo Pursell

tells of teaching, encouraging and discipling a young woman whom she met following her cancer surgery. Anne wrote just before her death:

When I first went to the hospital, I got a taste of what was to come. It was you who showed me the way to Someone who would (the only one who could) help me in days to come...It's still nice to know you are there and ready and willing to help me through the rough places.

Younger women can also be taught in small group meetings. Karen Maines, a well-known Christian writer and speaker, says, “I started a number of ‘growth groups’ among women of our church for the purpose of accelerating Christian growth.” In these group meetings, the younger woman may feel less threatened and more willing to enter into discussion.

WOMEN ENCOURAGING WOMEN
by Lucibel VanAtta
Multnomah Press, 169pp, \$7.95



This book, based on Titus 2:3-5 and referred to by Mrs. Thigpen, is an excellent blueprint in discipling the younger woman. It contains a wealth of to-dos and not-to-dos for mentoring other women.

See that this book is available for your role models. Ask someone to give a book review in connection with this program.

WNAC has committed itself to reaching and teaching the younger woman in 1992. We can go to greater lengths to plan programs designed to meet the needs of our younger women. We can arrange meetings at a time convenient to them and offer care for their small children. We may have to organize a separate group for them.

In many Auxiliaries, the women have Secret Pals. Why not have each older woman select a “younger sister?” She would nurture, encourage, pray for, invite into her home, call, send cards, offer to babysit and disciple spiritually as the Lord provides opportunity.

Actionettes is a marvelous way to teach good things to our young girls.

This program prepares them to live Godly lives, build Christian homes, gives them a burden for worldwide missions and prepares them for a ministry in another culture.

These opportunities offer great challenges to the older woman who wants to be used by God.

Conclusion

The need is great! God's plan will satisfy the need, but are you willing to let God use you as a mentor and role model for girls and younger women?

“I'm not a good role model” you say? God can make you one if you are willing to let Him change you. “I'm not a Bible scholar.” God is looking for those who long to know God's Word better. “I can't measure up!” Be realistic. It is only as God works in us that anyone can measure up to His standard.

God needs older women who are willing to share their lives with others and spiritually reproduce themselves by getting involved in the lives of younger women with deep needs. May God help us respond, “I am available, Lord. Show me and my Auxiliary sisters how we can reach and teach younger women for Your glory.”

My Mother's Example

I grew up on a small farm during the Great Depression. We had plenty to eat, but money was scarce. My mother prayed for worldwide missions daily and had a deep desire to support it financially.

Each day as I gathered the eggs, Mother instructed me to count them carefully and place the tenth of them in a special missions basket. At the end of the week, I walked over a sandy, dusty road to the small country store and sold the eggs. Mother took the change I brought back and placed in her Missions Coin Purse.

Each month, with a joyful heart, Mother gave the money in that coin purse to the missionary offering at her Woman's Missionary Society Meeting. As my father prospered, the missionary offering continued to increase.

Is it any wonder that each month after writing out my tithe check, I also write a check for missions? My mother taught me well by her example.

—Laura Thigpen

Aim: To show how soul winning is the basis of Home Missions; to promote State Home Missions. Scripture: Ephesians 6:15; Isaiah 52:7; and Romans 10:15
Hymns: "Here Am I, Send Me" and "Ready"

PROGRAM FOR JUNE

Why Don't We?

Almost two thousand years ago God showed His remarkable, un-failing love for us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to walk on earth in the form of man. Fully God, yet fully human, He stands our perfect example for living in fellowship with our heavenly Father—"...leaving us an example, that ye should follow in His steps" (1 Pet. 2:21).

Today we are surrounded by books, radio, television, and an un-ending barrage of how-to seminars on sharing the light of the gospel of Christ. Yet the majority of the world remains in great darkness. How can we explain this when God's Word teaches us that spreading the gospel is a prime directive (Matt. 28:19, 20)? As we go about our daily lives we should be making disciples. Why aren't we?

Consider the case of the barefoot Christians.

The Case of the Barefoot Christians

I arrived in the city quite early one morning. It was cold with flurries of snow on the ground. As I stepped from the train to the plat-

form I noticed that the baggage man and the redcap were warmly attired in heavy coats and gloves, but oddly enough, they wore no shoes. Repressing my impulse to ask the reason for this odd practice, I entered the station and inquired the way to the hotel. My curiosity, however, was increased by the discovery that no one in the station wore shoes.

Boarding the streetcar, I saw that my fellow travelers were likewise barefoot. And upon arriving at the hotel, I found the bellhop, clerk, and the residents were all devoid of shoes. Unable to restrain myself longer, I asked the manager what the practice meant.

"What practice?" he asked.

"Why," said I, pointing to his bare feet, "why don't you wear shoes in this town?"

"Ah," said he, "that is just it. Why don't we?"

"But what is the matter? Don't you believe in shoes?"

"Believe in shoes, my friend! I should say we do. That is the first article of our creed—shoes. They are indispensable to the well-being of humanity. Such frostbite, cuts, sores and suffering as shoes prevent! They are wonderful!"

"Well then, why don't you wear them?"

"Ah," he said, thoughtfully, "that is just it. Why don't we?"

Though considerably nonplused, I checked in, secured my room,

Responsive Reading

(Or divide the women into two singing groups. One group sings the first hymn while the other responds with the second.)

**Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
"Who will go and work today?"**

Ready to go, ready to bear,
ready to watch and pray.

**Fields are white, and harvest
waiting. Who will bear the sheaves
away?**

Ready to stand aside and give,
Til He shall clear the way.

**Loud and long the Master cal-
leth, Rich rewards He offers free.**

Ready to go, ready to stay,
Ready my place to fill.

**Who will answer gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me?"**

Ready for service, lowly or great,
Ready to do his will.

Barefoot Christians

by Sandy Hollis

"Why don't we? Why don't we? Why don't we?"

—taken from "Witness is Withness" by David Augsburg.

Promote State Missions

• Draw an outline of your state on white poster board, signifying a field white to harvest. Cut out and glue to a sheet of black poster board. This represents a sin-darkened world. Using a red marker, circle cities where your state has a mission church. Glue pictures of your state missionaries close to their locations. Pictures are available from your state missions board or the National Home Missions office, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

• Plan a potluck supper preceding your program with proceeds going to State Missions.

• Invite your state missionary or tentmaker as guest speaker. Inquire ahead of time of any special needs and be prepared to help meet them.

• The sacrificial offering for state missions is in honor of Alice Lupton, WNAC's first president. Order a copy for each of your ladies (35 cents each or 3/\$1.00. Add 40 cents postage for each dollar).

Start Where You Are

This parable, as modern as tomorrow, was written a hundred years ago by an English clergyman, Hugh Price Hughes. He calls the city Everywhere. Is it Springfield? Tulsa? Atlanta? Fresno? It is anywhere and everywhere. It is where people know but don't do. Where people understand but do not act. Where people believe but do not follow through. It is where I live. It is where you live.

Many Christians go barefoot when all around are storehouses filled with shoes. Knowing is not the problem. Refusing to step into the shoes of preparedness is the cause of our failure. It takes time,

effort and total commitment. James tells us that if we know what to do and do not do it, it is sin (4:17).

This sin affects not only ourselves, but one that embraces everyone around us. "If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity: but his blood will I require at thine hand." How much blood will be required at the hands of shoeless Christians when we stand before God?

So what do we do? Start where you are! Put on your Gospel Shoes and carry the message to all around you. You don't have to be appointed by a specified home or foreign missions board. The lost are all around you—at home, at work, at school, in the stores—everywhere! Count the number of people you come in contact with in just one single day or a week. It will surprise you how many there are! You may be the only Christian who steps across the path of some of these people. Don't be caught barefoot!

God has promised to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory (Phil. 4:19). This certainly includes shoes!

One man awake
can awaken another;
The second can awaken
His next door neighbor.
The three awake can
rouse the town
By turning the whole place
upside down.
The many awake
can make such a fuss,
That it finally awakens the
rest of us!

One man up
With dawn in his eyes
Multiplies!

—Helen Lenore Kramer

Program Helps

• Make large bare footprints from sheets of typing paper and attach to your meeting wall. Label each: "Are You A Barefoot Christian?"

and went directly to the coffee shop. I deliberately sat down by an amiable-looking, but barefoot gentleman. Friendly enough, he suggested, after we had eaten, that we look about the city. The first thing we noticed upon emerging from the hotel was a huge brick structure of impressive proportions.

He pointed to this building with great pride. "You see that?" he asked. "That is one of our outstanding shoe manufacturing establishments!"

"A what?" I asked in amazement. "You mean you make shoes there?"

"Well, not exactly," he answered, a bit abashed. "We talk about making shoes there, and believe me, we have one of the most brilliant young fellows you have ever heard. He talks most thrillingly and convincingly every week on this great subject of shoes. Just yesterday he moved the people profoundly with his exposition of the necessity of shoe-wearing. Many broke down and wept. It was really wonderful!"

"But why don't they wear them?" said I insistently.

"Ah, that is just it. Why don't we?"

Just then, as we turned down a side street, I saw through a cellar window a cobbler actually making a pair of shoes. Excusing myself from my friend, I burst into the little shop and asked the shoemaker how it happened that his shop was not overrun with customers.

"Nobody wants my shoes," he said. "They just talk about them."

"Give me what pairs you have ready," I said eagerly and paid him thrice the amount he modestly asked.

Hurriedly I returned to my friend and offered them to him, saying, "Here, my friend, one of these pairs will surely fit you. Take them. Wear them. They will save untold suffering."

"Ah, thank you," he said with embarrassment. "But you don't understand. It just isn't being done. Well, that is just it. Why don't we?"

And coming out of the city of Everywhere, over and over and over that question rang in my ears:

A Play for your Mother-Daughter Special

Julie Chooses a Mother

by Alice Grant

Characters:

Mother

Daughter Julie

Angelica

Five Mother-Possibilities:

Ms. Smith

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Wilson

Mrs. Van Der Pellon

MOTHER: Julie, I need you to dry the dishes, please.

JULIE: In a minute, Mom.

MOTHER: NOW, Julie.

JULIE: I'm on the phone.

MOTHER: You've been on that phone for over an hour. Tell her you have to dry the dishes.

JULIE: In a minute, Mom. When I get finished.

MOTHER: (*walks toward Julie and pushes the button on the phone*). You're finished!

JULIE: Why did you do that? I was talking to Sally.

MOTHER: You've been talking to Sally all evening, besides being with her all day at school. Now you're going to dry the dishes.

JULIE: What am I—a slave? I've got a life, too.

MOTHER: That you do, and right now it includes doing the dishes.

JULIE: Oh, all right, I'll dry the stupid dishes. Then I'll call Sally back.

MOTHER: Then you'll clean your room, take out the trash and put

away your laundry. It's already 9:30, so you only have half an hour until bedtime.

JULIE: Bedtime! Mom! I'm 14 and surely I can stay up later than 10 o'clock! Sally's mom lets her stay up as late as she wants.

MOTHER: Then aren't you lucky you don't have her for a mother.

JULIE: Funny, Mom. Besides I have homework to do. I don't have time to do housework. I thought that was your job.

MOTHER: You mean you've waited until 9:30 to start your homework?

JULIE: I have better things to do than stick my nose in some old book.

MOTHER: Like stick your nose in the telephone all evening? Now march yourself into that bedroom and do your homework. I'll do your dishes—again. But starting tomorrow, no phone calls until you have finished your homework—understand?

Julie, Sweetie, you know our agreement—you help with the chores and you get an allowance. So tomorrow night just expect to help with dinner and the dishes. Now scoot! Don't forget to go over your memory verse before you go to sleep.

JULIE: Wow! You do think I'm a slave! Sally's mom doesn't make her do anything around the house. And she doesn't have to memorize verses for Sunday school either. Matter of fact, she doesn't even have to go to church.

MOTHER: You really are lucky

she's not your mother. Now get yourself to your room and get to work!

JULIE: (*picks up school book and leaves mumbling*) Who does she think she is? Sending me to my room like some little kid! Well, I'll show her. I'm not studying this stupid English book and I'm not cleaning this room. If she wants it cleaned, she can clean it herself. (*yawns*) Oh my, but I'm tired! (*yawns again*) I'm going to bed. (*She stretches out on the bed.*) Sometimes I wish I could choose a new mother. (*yawns and falls asleep*)

ANGELICA: (*enters and stands over Julie*) Julie! Julie! Wake up! We must hurry so there's no time to waste.

JULIE: (*sitting up and rubbing her eyes*) What? Huh? Who are you? What are you doing here?

ANGELICA: My name is Angelica and I'm here to help you.

JULIE: Help me? Help me do what?

ANGELICA: Choose a new mother. That's what you want, isn't it?

JULIE: What? A new mother? Oh, right, I remember. Can I do that—choose a new mother, I mean?

ANGELICA: Sure, you can do anything you want. That is what you want, isn't it—to be able to do anything you want?

JULIE: Right! But how do we do this? Can we start right now?

ANGELICA: Right now! Let's go!
(*She pulls Julie to her feet and they start toward the door.*)

JULIE: Wait, I forgot. I have to tell Mom where I'm going. She gets real mad if I don't tell her where I'm going.

ANGELICA: You forget. She isn't your mother anymore. You're going to choose a brand new one.

JULIE: Oh yeah...but isn't this going to hurt Mom? She will get over it, won't she?

ANGELICA: Of course, she'll be hurt, and no, she won't get over losing you. But that's what mothers do best. They hide their hurt and go on. But that isn't your concern anymore. Let's go! Look over there—that's a good place to start.

JULIE: That's Sally's mother! Great! She'll be a terrific mother!

ANGELICA: Mrs. Anderson, Julie wants to choose a new mother. Can you tell her what she can expect as your daughter?

MRS. ANDERSON: Why would I need another daughter? I've already got one too many as it is! Well, let's see, as my daughter, I'd expect her to stay out of my way. She'd have to fend for herself. I don't cook and I don't clean. Don't expect me to attend any school functions either—that's not my thing. Weekends are mine, too. I need my space. She'd have to be out of here from Friday evening to Sunday evening—just like Sally does. That's when my friends come and we don't want any children around, if you know what I mean. No, I guess you don't.

ANGELICA: (*turning to Julie*)
Heard enough?

JULIE: I had no idea. Poor Sally. Can we look somewhere else?

ANGELICA: Sure. Let's try that one over there. Mrs. Smith, this is Julie and she's looking for a new

mother. Will you be her mother?

MS. SMITH: In the first place, it's Ms., not Mrs. And no, I won't be anybody's mother. I have this very important job and I'm on my way to the top. My career comes first. Nothing or nobody is going to stand in my way.

ANGELICA: Julie?

JULIE: Let's keep looking.

ANGELICA: Let's try Mrs. Jones over there. (*They exchange greetings.*) Mrs. Jones, Julie wants to choose a new mother. Are you available?

MRS. JONES: A mother? Me? You gotta be kiddin'! I ain't never had no babies. I've been real lucky and never been caught that way. What with all the husbands I've had, yep, I've been real lucky.

What would I do with a daughter? I only got me a little shack, hardly big enough for me and my...husband. Nope, I ain't got no room for a daughter.

ANGELICA: Thanks. (*then looking at Julie*)

JULIE: Let's go.

ANGELICA: What about Mrs. Wilson over there? She already has several children. One more won't make any difference. Mrs. Wilson—yoo-hoo! Mrs. Wilson!

MRS. WILSON: Oh, no! Which one is in trouble now?

ANGELICA: No, no, it's nothing like that. This is Julia. She wants to choose a new mother.

MRS. WILSON: Another child! Good heavens, I've already got seven all under age 5. How old are you, Child?

JULIE: Almost 14.

MRS. WILSON: Fourteen. Well, I could certainly use some help around the house with the cooking and cleaning and laundry, not to mention taking care of the babies.

Yes, I could use somebody to help me change diapers.

JULIE: How many do you have in diapers?

MRS. WILSON: Only five, but a couple of them are almost potty trained. Can you cook? You can't imagine how much that tribe of mine can eat! And the laundry you wouldn't believe! There must be millions of diapers.

JULIE: Don't you use disposable diapers?

MRS. WILSON: Certainly not! We're into ecology. You know, solid waste, the ozone layer and the rain forest—that sort of thing.

JULIE: You have seven children under age five and you're worried about the ozone layer? Let's go, Angelica. Let's keep looking.

ANGELICA: There's always Mrs. Van der Pellon.

JULIE: Mrs. Van der Pellon? Sounds impressive. What's she like?

ANGELICA: Perhaps you should see for yourself. Oh, there she is! Mrs. Van der Pellon, may we speak with you?

MRS. VAN DER PELLON: Yes? What is it? I'm a very busy person and only have a minute. Well, speak up, I haven't all day. My time is extremely valuable.

ANGELICA: I know how important you are, Mrs. Van der Pellon, and we only need a moment of your precious time. This is Julie and she is looking for a new mother. Would you be interested in the job?

MRS. VAN DER PELLON: A child? What a novel idea! Just think of all the things I could do with a child. Why, I could join the PTA. I've always wanted to run the school system. I could give her piano lessons, voice and ballet and she could entertain at all my social gatherings. I would dress

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News from The National Office

Communicator ...

Indianapolis welcomes you!

"We've got it all covered," is a slogan for the Indianapolis Convention Center, where the National Convention will convene July 21, 1992.

Make it easy on yourself and the registration workers by preregistering. See the form inside this issue. The Omni Severin is the headquarters hotel for WNAC. Located just across from the Union Station shops and about a block and a half from the Convention Center, it is convenient and comfortable.

Preregister and get your tickets (\$16) for the Fellowship Dinner now. Trula Cronk will be the speaker. Indiana women are setting the tables in the 500 Ballroom at the Convention Center with special delights for you.

Steve Riggs from France is the speaker for the missionary service Tuesday, July 21, at 11:00 a.m.

"Everything You Wanted to Know About Missionaries But Were Afraid to Ask." Hear the answers as missionaries participate at 1:30 that afternoon on a panel with Pam Wood presiding. Don't miss this delightful time of fun and information.

Make sure you have delegates there to participate in the business session on Tuesday, July 21. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. the delegates will consider the financial report and the 1993 budget, resolutions

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Steve Riggs



Joan Wood



Jean Deeds

and suggested changes from the Study Committee. (See Q & A column on page 16).

In cooperation with the Indiana women, WNAC has planned a special fellowship for ministers' wives Monday, July 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fisher Ballroom at the Omni Severin Hotel. A panel of ministers' wives—Winona Riggs, Sandra Atwood, Louise Vandivort, Teresa Runion, and Mary Bullard—will answer questions from the audience. Joan Wood, a minister's wife herself, is presiding.

How does a woman in a busy world with multiple demands, determine what is most important and do those things? Find out in the WNAC seminar Monday, July 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Allison Ballroom of the Omni Severin Hotel. The speaker will consider the topic "Women's Priorities."

At 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 20, state presidents and field workers will meet in the Allison Ballroom of the Omni Severin Hotel. The Study Committee wants reactions to the suggested changes before

they come to the floor of the convention. These state leaders have a chance to study them beforehand and hear from the women in their states. The committee will be in Allison Ballroom to listen to reactions, ideas and suggestions.

Nominating Committee Forms

This year a new nominating committee will form to present a slate of officers in 1993. To function on the committee a member must be present Monday, July 20, in Conference Room A at the Omni Severin Hotel. A member may send a proxy, but the proxy should come with written confirmation to present to Delois Lovelless, vice president of WNAC. She will be present in Conference Room A to help the committee organize.

Annual Reports Are Due

Annual reports from each state, district convention without a state convention, and local Auxiliaries without larger organizations should have their annual reports in by July 1 at the latest.

Make sure members reported equals the amount of dues sent to the WNAC office.

Reminder

Remember your
MISSIONARIES
See that they receive free tickets to

WNAC'S

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

When you order your tickets, order one for a missionary, too. Send your request to WNAC and we will see the missionary gets it. Or pick them up at the ticket booth in Indianapolis.

Home Mission churches. Order free tickets for your pastor and his wife.

**Our Faces
Toward**

Tomorrow

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. Watch for the program in the next issue of Co-Laborer.

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.

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

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



Once Upon a Dream

I dreamed of being a missionary in foreign places, bringing to God great numbers of swarthy-faced souls. But God set me among familiar scenes and gave me the dirty faces of my own children.

I dreamed of being a nurse. But God made me a scrubwoman, a kitchen maid, a washer of greasy dishes, dirty clothes and smeared windows.

I dreamed of being musically trained. But God gave me the noise of crying babies and the clamor of quarreling boys.

I dreamed of being a landscape artist. But God gave me a kitchen window to look out of and diapers to hang against the summer sky.

I dreamed of writing poems. But God gave me baby records to

keep, excuse slips to fill out, and report cards to sign.

I dreamed of being a teacher. But God chose to let me learn—the hard way—through the discipline of daily household chores, the tribulation of hard-to-manage children, restriction of freedom to come and go as I wished, and through the confines of an ever-tight budget.

I dreamed of being faithful in great things. But God asked me to be faithful in little things—tying shoes, wiping noses, putting wheels on trucks, getting that “one more drink of water,” applying Band-Aids, answering questions, scraping clay from the floor, making slingshots, and removing gum from blonde hair.

I dreamed of being a saint. But God gave me BOYS!

And so it was that my dreams died. Or did they? Perhaps I should say that my dreams became realities. For...

I am a missionary! In my keeping are living souls no less precious to God than the souls of the Indians and Africans that I hoped to win. My children can learn from me the strength of love, the power of prayer, and the efficiency of faith in Christ. From me they can learn to forgive, to live honestly, to love mercy, and to walk with God. They can learn from me if I can be the missionary I dreamed of being.

And I am a nurse. Through feverish days and restless nights of

sickness, I take temperatures, fluff pillows, give soothing baths, decide when to call the doctor and follow his orders. What does it matter to my child that I am not a registered nurse in starched uniforms? I am his mother! He wants his mother and it is she who makes him feel better.

I am musically trained, too. Nothing like a lullaby to give body to the thin voice. Singing those songs "Mommy sang when she was a little girl" gives lightness to a heavy voice. Teaching the great hymns of the church gives strength and depth to the tired, shallow voice.

I am an artist. My five-year old will tell you that his mother draws better houses than anyone. And little Mister Three-Year Old will add, "An da pigs...and chickens...and rabbits!" Who but an artist could satisfactorily fill an order for an orangey-green birthday cake with purple frosting?

I am a writer, too. Every day I write, not on paper for perhaps several hundred to read and forget, but on four little minds. Those memories can neither be erased, torn or destroyed.

I am a teacher. I teach not only in the obvious way, but in the tone of voice, facial expression, or the manner in which the experiences of every day are accepted or rebelled against. I am a teacher, whether or not I want to be, but I am not underpaid as most members of that profession seem to be. In spring I receive fistfuls of wild flowers; in summer, bugs of green and orange; in fall, vases of bright leaves. And all year round come the unexpected bonuses..."I love you, Mother!" And "Daddy, I'm so glad you married a good mother."

Once I dreamed of being faithful in great things. But God who gives me little things to strengthen my patience and to discipline my waywardness has promised that if I am faithful in little things, I can be trusted with greater things. By His grace, I want to be faithful in the great task—the stewardship of the souls he has put in my care.

—Copied

My

Father

the Builder

by Avis Williams Sublette

My father was known to his many friends as a quick tempered man...one who never held a grudge...good neighbor...an honest man...Bible scholar and Sunday school teacher...carpenter...law man...a friend whom they could trust. Those friends knew that after the breakfast hour he might arrest one of them or decide a lawsuit against another. By sunset, he could easily share a meal with those same friends. He earned their respect.

As a tribute to my father, at the time of his death, more visitors came to the funeral home at a given time than in its 40 year history. They loved the man and came to tell his family.

His family, though well aware of his explosive temper, knew him as a loving husband and father. He spoiled his daughters by buying them beautiful things until the day came when no one had money for gifts. That didn't stop him. He took the girls exploring for ginseng to dig, May apples to pop, frogs to gig, or a brook to follow, picking water cress or searching for unusual rocks and Indian relics. They walked for miles to

watch the wheat harvest and eat dinner with the threshers. It was a time of learning, but best of all, the girls were building memories of a father who cared.

My father was a dreamer. He dabbled with photography, creative writing and painting. He could have done it all. Sadly, he did not take the time to realize those dreams.

The portrait his family would have the artist paint is that of a man sitting in his favorite chair beside his treasury of books, his Bible open on his lap and a thoughtful expression deepening his furrowed brow. Just as he desired each home be built more perfect than the one before, so did he study to show himself approved before God, as nearly perfect as possible in the teaching of His Word.

Thus the builder built beautiful homes and a sturdy bridge for those who would cross the chasm behind him.

Avis Sublette, veteran Auxiliary worker, leads her Auxiliary at Horton Heights FWB Church, Nashville, TN. Her father was Naylor Williams of the New Hope community, Joelton, TN.

I Timothy

Bible Study

BACKGROUND

Writer: The apostle Paul, in later life

Date: AD 63-67

Theme: Instruction in church order

Key Verse: "...that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (3:15).

Addressee: Timothy who was 1) a young pastor/evangelist of the church (assembly) in Ephesus, 2) a convert of Paul and companion in the ministry, and 3) son of a Greek father, Jewish mother, Eunice, and grandmother Lois (see 2 Tim. 1:5).

Brief Outline

chapter 1—A Charge Given

chapter 2—The Order of the Assembly

chapter 3—The Offices of the Assembly

chapter 4—The Walk of a Good Minister

chapter 5—The Work of a Good Minister

chapter 6—Warnings to a Good Minister

FROM FATHER TO SON (1:1-4)

1:1,2—"Paul, an _____ of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our _____, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our _____; unto Timothy, my own _____ in the faith: Grace, _____ and peace, from God our _____ and Jesus Christ our _____."

The aged apostle Paul pens this letter to his "son in the faith," young Timothy, whom he had left in charge of further organizing and establishing church order in this coastal city of Ephesus. The predominant religion was the worship of the goddess Diana (see Acts 19:35).

1:3,4—"As I besought thee to _____ still at _____ when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest _____ some that they _____ no other doctrine, neither give heed to _____ and endless _____, which minister _____, rather than _____ which is in _____, so do."

With the closing of the apostolic era and the infiltration of false teachers and Judaizers into the assemblies of believers, the need for teaching and practicing sound doctrine redoubled in importance and urgency. Timothy, though younger in years than some he would counsel in the true faith, is given Paul's authoritative "charge."

Mere hearsay (rumor) and matters that argue genealogies serve to stir up questions that are divisive. The real ministry of church leaders is to edify or build up believers, and not to plant doubts, stir up divisions or corrupt the gospel by their own additions or omissions.

THE END IS ... (1:5-7)

1:5—"Now the end of the commandment is _____ (love) out of a _____ heart, and of a _____ conscience, and of faith _____."

Teachers of scripture should do so out of unfeigned love (see Rom. 8:13 and John 13:35), purity of heart and from a right motive. Then and only then can truth be imparted with a clear conscience before God and others. The lack of these basic qualities will lead to a double standard and lifestyle and will nullify the message and bring shame to the messenger when the facts are uncovered.

1:6,7—"From which some having _____ have turned aside unto _____ jangling; desiring to be _____ of the law; _____ neither what they say, nor whereof they _____." Some (church leaders) have "swerved"! What an indictment! They allowed disputing over inconsequential matters which resulted in "vain (senseless and futile) jangling." They allowed teachers to teach with no clear understanding of the gospel. This led to only more confusion and controversy.

A desire for an office or position in the church without the calling, enablement and blessing of God on the service rendered will not only be fruitless, but will sow discord among the brethren. One main business of the church is to edify and equip believers to serve God out of a heart of love. The church is His body on earth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How can you tell the difference between an honest doctrinal question and what may be "vain jangling?" (Find the criteria in 1:4.)
2. What qualities do you think young Timothy possessed that caused Paul to trust him to teach others in Paul's stead?
3. Was the greater enemy to the teaching of sound doctrine in the church in Ephesus the idolatrous worshipers of Diana or the Judaizers who endeavored to mix law and grace? Why? How does this principle apply to today's church?
4. Paul calls love (charity) the "end of the commandment" in verse 5. Can a church leader preach or teach with purity of heart, having a good conscience and with a sincere (unfeigned) faith, and yet be lacking in love toward those to whom he ministers? Why or why not?

Writer's Note: A series of 10 Basic Bible Studies are now available for further study by individuals or groups. Each set contains a study outline with review questions on standard size, 3-hole punched, easy to follow pages. Sets are \$2.50 each or \$22.00 for all ten. This price includes postage and handling. Titles: HOW DID WE GET IT? (Bible Background) AIRPLANE VIEW OF ALL 66 BOOKS (Bible Survey) FOUNDATION OF THE FAITH (Romans) WALKING WORTHY (Ephesians) JOY UNDER STRESS (Philippians) WISDOM vs PHILOSOPHY (Colossians) THE KING IS COMING (1 Thessalonians) FAITH IN ACTION (James) BLESSED ASSURANCE (1 John) GOD'S PLAN OF THE AGES (Revelation)

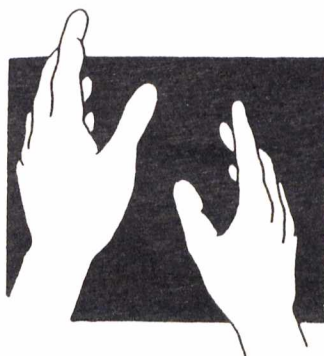
HELPS for LEADERS

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Resources for Mothers Who Choose to Stay at Home

1. "Welcome Home" is a 32 page monthly newsletter distributed by **Mothers at Home**, Washington, DC
2. **Home by Choice, Inc.**, P.O. Box 103, Vienna, VA 22183, is a national organization dedicated to supporting and encouraging mothers at home.
3. **Mothers in Moms in Touch** meet together to pray for their children and schools. A guide book is available for \$4. Write **Moms in Touch**, P.O. Box 1120, Poway, CA 92074-1120.
4. **Tightwad Digest** is a monthly publication for an annual subscription of \$12. It features such practical articles as "How to Feed and Cloth your Family on a Shoe String." Write to: Leeds, MA 01053
5. Elisabeth Elliott, an advocate of mothers at home, mails out a monthly newsletter for a free will offering. Write:
Gateway to Joy
Box 18500
Lincoln, NE 68501



Mother-Daughter Banquet

Mother's Hands

Plan a banquet that includes all the women and girls in your church. Some may have to be adopted as mothers or daughters. Include your bus mothers and unchurched relatives of church members.

My Mother's Hands. Using felt or construction paper, cut around your hand. Cut out five hands, one in pink, green, yellow, blue and white. Label these as indicated. Assign five people one of the topics and ask them to share an experience of how it describes their own mothers.

Hands of love (pink)

Hands that instruct or teach (green)

Hands that correct or discipline (yellow)

Hands of consolation (blue)

Hands that wave goodbye (white)

Portable Hugs. Use long pieces of paper such as newsprint or butcher paper. Have someone lie down across the paper with outstretched arms. Draw around the right arm and then the left. When he gets up, draw a line connecting the two at the top and the bottom. Cut out the portable hug. Make one for each person expected.

Print inside: When you feel lonely and blue or just need to be loved, wrap me around your shoulders and know that you are really loved.

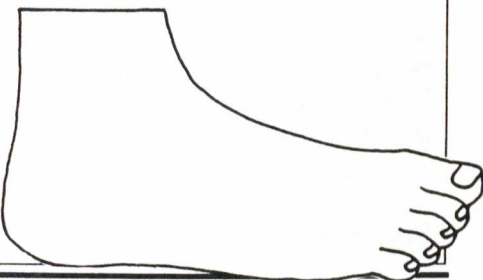
Beginning at one hand, roll to the end. Tie with colorful ribbons and add a spring of baby's breath. Place the hugs in a pretty basket until time to distribute them.



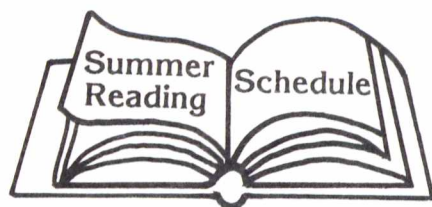
Sermon in Feet

Sing the chorus, "Sermon in Shoes." What do we learn from these verses about feet?

1. God guides our feet in the way of _____ (Luke 1:79).
2. Mary _____ our Lord's feet with _____ (Luke 7:46).
3. Where is the place of blessing? (Luke 10:39).
4. What miracle did Peter perform in Acts 3:7?
5. John the Baptist said One would come after him "whose....." (Acts 13:25).
6. What did the crippled man at Lystra do? (Acts 14:10).
7. "... Your feet shod with the _____" (Eph. 6:15).
8. God keeps our feet from _____ (Ps. 116:8).
9. We should be feet to the _____ (Job 29:15).
10. God's _____ is a _____ to our feet (Ps. 119:105).



MISSION STUDY MISSION



Read in the summer, you ask? You must be kidding! Who has time to read what with Youth Camps, DVBS, gardening, vacation, National Convention, not to mention the kids underfoot!

⇒ Read, not for study but the sheer pleasure of reading. Curl up in an easy chair, soak in a tub of bubble bath, or relax in the park with an enchanting book. Get lost in words that bring life to your imagination. Thrill to the adventures of a missionary, travel to far-away lands, lose yourself in the lives of others.

⇒ It's all a matter of priority. We do what we want to do. And if reading will enrich our spiritual lives, let's decide to read a book this summer. Here's how.

⇒ Get Ready. Decide to read one book this summer. Or maybe you can read one book a month. Fast readers may read one a week.

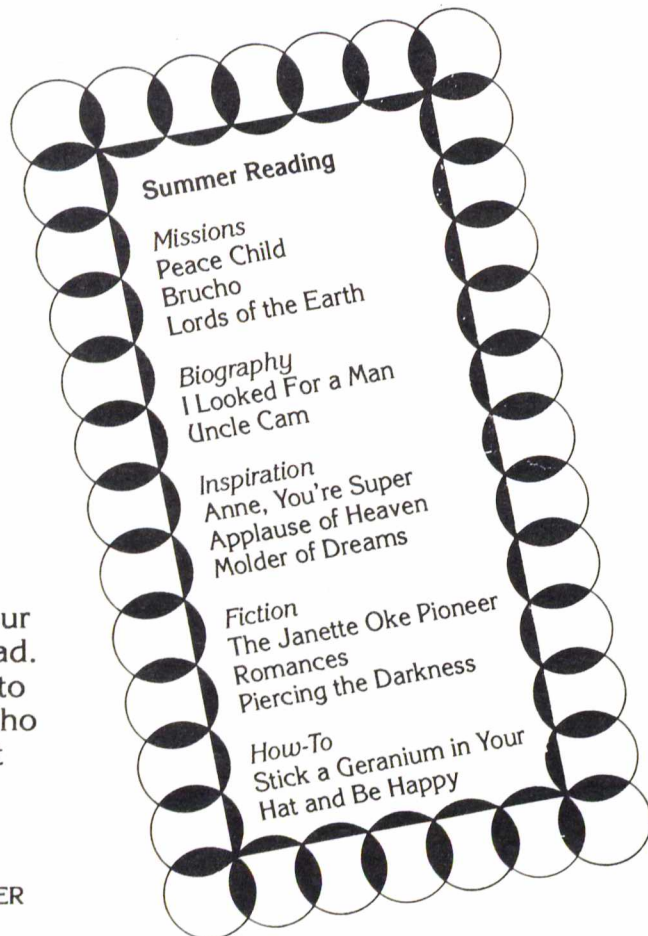
⇒ Choose a Book. The bookmark lists some suggestions but your church library may contain some good ones you've missed. Check out your public library. Some real gems may be hidden away on the shelves.

⇒ Cut out the Bookmark. Cover with clear contact paper for added stability.

⇒ Open the Book and Begin.

Then What? Prepare a wrap-up at the end of the summer. Every woman should be prepared to share in the "Book Night Special" at your August meeting. Watch for helps in the next issue of CO-LABORER.

Encourage your Women to Read. Offer Awards to the Women Who Read the Most Books This Summer.



Q We've been praying for the study committee. Are they suggesting some dramatic changes?

A The Study Committee, elected in 1990, asked for two additional years to formulate plans. At their meeting in December, 1991, they suggested the following changes:

NAME: Women Nationally Active for Christ

PURPOSE: The purpose of this organization is to provide opportunities for women to understand and fulfill their responsibilities in the family, in the church, in the community, and around the world.

SONG: "People Need the Lord"

LOCAL NAMES: WNAC is an umbrella name for Free Will Baptist women's organizations. Local, district, and state groups may choose their own names.

OFFICERS: Coordinator, assistant coordinator, secretary-treasurer, missions chairman, study chairman, prayer chairman, service chairman. Others as needed.

YEARBOOK: to include calendar of events (dates of national convention, retreat, special emphasis weeks, special days, executive committee meetings, Leadership Conference), ideas for promoting work, program helps, goals, directory, catalog of materials, planning sheets.

GUIDES: officers' guides under one cover.

MANUALS: revised into one enlarged edition.

The committee is eager to receive your reaction before the report is finalized and voted on in July. Please send suggestions to WNAC or a committee member.

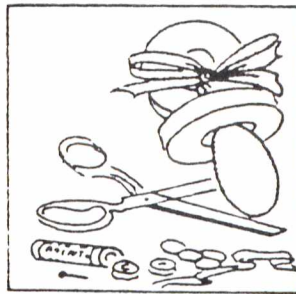
MISSION PRAYER MISSION

May

Missionary Mothers and Daughters

Match these mothers with their teenage daughters.

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| ___ 1. Karen Cowart | a. Michelle, near 13 |
| ___ 2. LaRue Crowson | b. Marie, 18 |
| ___ 3. Vicki Sturgill | c. Melissa, 15 |
| ___ 4. Trena Owens | d. Rachel, 15 |
| ___ 5. Pat Franks | e. Bethany, 13 |
| ___ 6. Debbie Crosby | f. Miranda, 17 |
| ___ 7. Judy Bailey | g. Regina, 17 |
| ___ 8. Linda Callaway | h. Tracy, 16 |
| ___ 9. Pam West | i. Valerie, 16 |



June

Write to the Home Missions office and request prayer cards of those missionaries working in your state. If you have none, perhaps you can adopt a neighboring state. Distribute these as prayer reminders.

Pacify Our Missionaries

Pray for Them

Select very narrow satin ribbon in pink or blue. Cut a 9-inch length. Slip ribbon through hole of life saver and tie in a bow. Insert dressmaker pin in ribbon, point sticking up. Over pin, slip another life saver. Insert a pink jelly bean into pin.

Prepare one for each woman expected and give as prayer reminders. Print a prayer reminder on a slip of paper. Punch a hole in one end. Insert this on the ribbon before you make a bow.

Julie Chooses a Mother ... (continued from page 9)

her in frilly dresses and patent leather shoes. Then there would be riding lessons, violin, tennis, and we mustn't forget golf at the country club. Of course, she'd have to be on her best behavior at all times or we'd be obligated to ship her off to boarding school.

JULIE: Quick, Angelica, let's look somewhere else!

MRS. VAN DER PELLON: Well, I never!

ANGELICA: Time to go, Julie. (They walk back to Julie's room.)

JULIE: I'm tired, Angelica. Are we ever going to find the right mother?

ANGELICA: Finding it hard to choose?

JULIE: No, there's been nothing to choose from. None of these women would be nearly as good as the mother I already have.

ANGELICA: Do you mean it?

JULIE: I really do. Not one of them mentioned hugging me or praising me when I do something right, or tucking me into bed when I'm sick. No one said anything about taking me shopping, family picnics, or vacations. And what about Sunday school? Doesn't anyone go to church anymore?

ANGELICA: Unfortunately, few people think of God or the church anymore. Your parents are some of the last of the good ones.

JULIE: Am I supposed to be learning something from all this? (She climbs back into bed.)

ANGELICA: Are you learning something?

JULIE: Maybe. Yeah, I guess I am. I'm learning that I really can't choose a new mother because there is no better mother than the one I have now. Maybe I should learn to be a better daughter, help more around the house, do my homework, memorize my Scripture verses without being prodded. Maybe Mom's the best after all.

ANGELICA: I think you've learned a lot. Maybe you should tell your mother that sometime. (Tucks her in and leaves.)

JULIE: (After a brief pause, she awakens and rubs her eyes.) Mom! Mom! Are you here, Mom? (she rises and starts to the kitchen) Mom, can I help you with anything? Do the dishes, cook breakfast, iron your clothes, carry out the trash? Anything, Mom? Just, please, please, don't ever stop being my mother!



Pre-Registration Form

for

National Association of Free Will Baptists
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
National Youth Conference
Indianapolis, IN / July 19 - 23, 1992

Only one person per form

Please Print

Name: _____ Phone #: _____/_____
LAST FIRST or NAME DESIRED ON BADGE

Address: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Church: _____ City: _____

Hotel (if known): _____ Completed form(s) must be mailed to

Convention Registration

P.O. Box 5002

Antioch, TN 37011-5002

and received on or before **June 19, 1992.**

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

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

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: _____

(Check only one of the following:)

MINISTER: ☐ Ordained(MIO) ☐ Licensed(MIL)
(I certify that I am a member in good standing with the above named church and association which belong to the National Association.)

MISSIONARY: ☐ Foreign(MIF) (Country) _____
☐ Home(MIH)

DELEGATE: ☐ Ordained Deacon(ORD)
☐ State(STD)
☐ Local Church (\$10.00)(LCD)
☐ National Board Member(NBM)
☐ National Officer(NTO)

VISITOR: ☐ (VIS)

Banquet Tickets:

Quantity

Music Ministries Breakfast _____ x \$9.50 = _____
Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon _____ x \$15.00 = _____
FWBBC Alumni Luncheon _____ x \$13.00 = _____
Master's Men Dinner _____ x \$18.00 = _____
Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner _____ x \$19.50 = _____
Fellowship of Fundamentalists Dinner _____ x \$16.50 = _____

Delegate Fee

Local Church Delegate _____ x \$10.00 = _____

SUBTOTAL _____

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

(Check only one of the following:)

DELEGATE: ☐ Local (\$3.00)(WLD)
☐ State(WSD)
☐ State President or Field Worker(WPF)
☐ National Officer(WNO)

VISITOR: ☐ (WVI)

Banquet Tickets:

Quantity

WNAC Fellowship Dinner _____ x \$16.00 = _____

Delegate Fee

Local Delegate _____ x \$3.00 = _____

SUBTOTAL _____

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

Grade just completed: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____

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

Youth Leader's name: _____

Are you a youthworker? ☐ yes ☐ no

Are you in NYC competition this year? ☐ yes ☐ no

Banquet Tickets:

Quantity

Children's Banquet (grades 1-6) _____ x \$7.00 = _____
Youth Banquet (must be in grade 7 to
age 24 or an accompanying youthworker) _____ x \$12.50 = _____
Youth Workers Breakfast _____ x \$9.00 = _____

Registration Fee

Pre-Registration Fee _____ x \$11.00 = _____

On-site registration fee is \$12.00.
Adults over 24 do not pay NYC fees.

SUBTOTAL _____

For Office Use Only

Date _____ CK/MO # _____ AMT \$ _____

PERS. CK _____ CH. CK _____

Make Checks payable to
FWB Convention. No
refunds mailed after June
19, 1992.

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

INSTRUCTIONS for Pre-Registration Form

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

Filling Out the Form

1. Fill out the top portion of the form. Please complete *all* of the information. You may register for one, two or all three conventions. You need to fill out only **one** form even if you register for more than one convention (National Association, WNAC, NYC). Fill out one form for each person.
2. Fill out the first block if you are registering for the **National Association**. Fill in your *District Association*. Check only *one* of the choices. Indicate the number of banquet tickets you wish to purchase (Enclose check payable to **FWB Convention**).
3. Fill out the second block if you are registering for the **Woman's National Auxiliary Convention**. Check only *one* of the choices. Indicate the number of banquet tickets you wish to purchase (Enclose check payable to **FWB Convention**).
4. Fill out the last block if you are registering for the **National Youth Conference**. Complete the other information in the block. The fees are as follows:
\$11.00 per person, or
\$12.00 if registering on-site.
Adults over 24 do not pay NYC fees.

Indicate the number of banquet tickets you wish to purchase (Enclose check for registration and tickets payable to **FWB Convention**). **NOTE:** Before July 20, Youth Banquet tickets will be sold only to those in grades seven to age 24 and youthworkers accompanying their group. Others may purchase tickets at the convention after this date.

Additional Information

1. Completed forms must be mailed to **Convention Registration~P.O. Box 5002~Antioch, TN~37011-5002** and received on or before **June 19, 1992**.
2. Enclose one check to cover all fees and tickets.
3. Make additional copies of the Pre-Registration Form if they are needed. Only one person per form please.
4. You may purchase banquet tickets from any block even if you do not register in that block. No refunds mailed after June 19, 1992.

Fellowship of Encouragement Dinner/\$19.50

Monday, July 20/4:45 PM
Westin Hotel/Grand Hall 4

Music Ministries Breakfast/\$9.50

Tuesday, July 21/7:00 AM
Indiana Convention Center/Room 226

WNAC Fellowship Dinner/\$16.00

Tuesday, July 21/5:00 PM
Indiana Convention Center/500 Ballroom

Youth Workers Fellowship Breakfast/\$9.00

Wednesday, July 22/7:00 AM
Marriott Hotel/Keystone Room

Master's Men Dinner/\$18.00 (\$19.00 on-site)

Wednesday, July 22/4:45 PM
Indiana Convention Center/Rooms 210-212

Children's Banquet/\$7.00

Monday, July 20/5:00 PM
Indiana Convention Center/500 Ballroom

Hillsdale FWB College Luncheon/\$15.00

Tuesday, July 21/12:15 PM
Hyatt Regency/Mountain Suites

Youth Banquet/\$12.50

Tuesday, July 21/9:00 PM
Indiana Roof Ballroom

FWBBC Luncheon/\$13.00

Wednesday, July 22/12:00 Noon
Indiana Convention Center/Rooms 210-212

Fellowship of Fundamentalists Dinner/\$16.50

Wednesday, July 22/4:45 PM
Indiana Convention Center/Rooms 123-124

The Minister's Wife

Newsletter

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First-Year Musings

Observations from a Brand New Pastor's Wife

by Mary Miller

You have no idea what it's like to live in a fish-bowl until you have experienced it. It's tough when you picture yourself as just a sinner saved by grace and the congregation thinks you should be perfect.

Because I set perfection as my standard, I'm usually disappointed in myself. My best may not be perfect, but it is better than nothing which may be the only option. Many will not even try because they feel unqualified. Having Jesus in our hearts is our first qualification.

Every Christian should find a job in the church suited to his individual interests, talents and spiritual gifts. As we volunteer for these jobs, however insignificant they may seem, there is no end to what God can accomplish through us.

The Bible tells us in Luke 19:12-27 that God has given each Christian at least one talent. If we don't use it to further the kingdom, He may take it and give it to another. The more we use our talents, the more He gives us.

Ephesians 4 also teaches that God has given each believer one

or more spiritual gifts. These are not natural abilities, as are talents, but are spiritual enablements to build up the body of Christ.

Many people tend to overlook their gifts and talents because they seem insignificant. Some recognize the needs of others and pray for them. Some are able to comfort with the right words at just the right moment. Some are great encouragers. Others make phone calls or write notes to the sick or absentees. Others visit. Someone other than the pastor should visit the shut-ins, sick, absentees, new neighbors and the lost. These acts of mercy are quite necessary to the well-rounded church.

These tasks often go overlooked, but someone needs to pick up the candy wrappers and notes after the church service. Return hymnals to the racks. Wash the linens following a dinner or communion service. Clean or replace the flower arrangements when they become dirty. The church needs participants in all its activities. Oh yes, they need someone to plan them, too!

The life of a church hinges on faithful, involved workers. It needs singers and musicians, teachers, nursery workers, puppeteers, and

Auxiliary workers. What can you do?

All can be soul winners. We should invite our friends, neighbors, relatives and fellow workers to church where they can be saved and disciplined in the Christian faith. The pastor and his wife value those who come to church each time the doors are open and participate in everything for which they are able.

The pastorate is not without its discouragements. Low attendance can be depressing. My husband tries to visit four hours each day. It can be especially discouraging when folks promise to be at church and then fail to show up. Or when he preaches his heart out under the anointing of the Spirit and no one comes to the altar. It's heartbreaking to watch someone on his deathbed refuse to accept the Lord, even though he acknowledges his need. You both know he has no tomorrow.

No matter how low the pitfalls may plunge, the rewards reach equally as high. When a pastor takes a church, he not only gets a job, he gains a family—complete

with parents, grandparents, siblings, children and lots and lots of cousins. Some may be more distant than others, but in time you become a part of them all. They decide how close a family member they want to be.

Regardless of how close they become, you learn to love each of them for who they are. They are all important in your life and the life of the church. That's why it hurts so much when one of them moves away, drops out of church or quits coming. You try not to take it personally, but let's face it—family is personal! Our rejoicing soars when someone accepts the Lord as Savior. Now we have a new family member!

Words cannot describe the joy I feel when a child from my Sunday school class is saved, or when someone I have invited to church comes—and stays. It's terrific when the kids from children's church have so much fun they tell their friends and get them to come, too. These are some of the pluses of the pastorate.

Since I'm not employed outside the home, the church has become my whole world. I live 900 miles from my birth family and those I knew before. I have no acquaintances from a job or outside interests, so everyone I know, I've met through the church. They are my social life as well as my spiritual. Because my life revolves around the church, everything they do, or don't do, affects the pastor and his family in a deep and personal way.

Jesus went all the way to the cross for me. I thank Him for the privilege of serving as a pastor's wife.

Mary is married to Carl, pastor of Deep Creek FWB Church, Midville, Georgia. They have one daughter, Bethany, 4. Mary teaches the Primary Sunday school class and serves as field worker of the Ogeechee district. Her hobbies include crafts, embroidery and ventriloquism.

Tidbits Along the Way

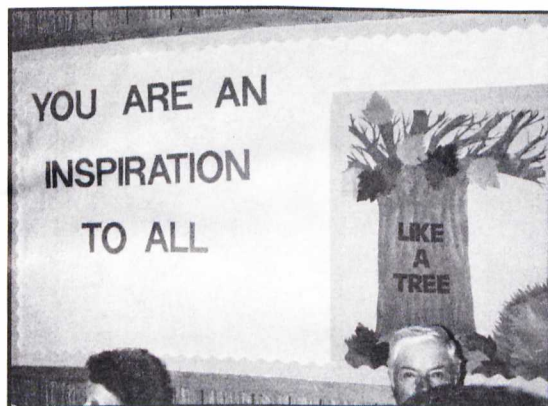
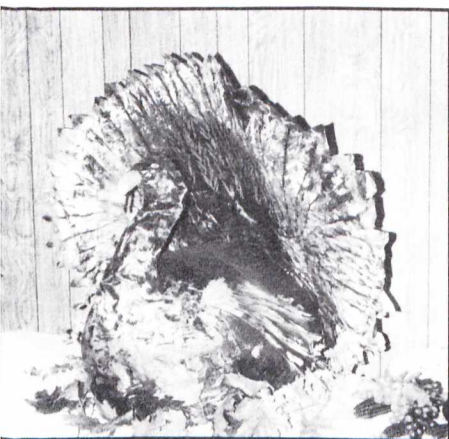
by Genelle Scott

Here are some tidbits I've learned along the way. Accepting them and putting them into practice will help you to "keep it going" in your church relationships.

- ☐ You cannot please people. We serve only Christ and should try to please Him, not people.
- ☐ Don't run after everyone who's leaving the church. If you do, you'll stay in tiptop shape physically without jogging or aerobics.
- ☐ We are examples. Second Samuel 13:18 indicates we are daughters of the King. We can make some sacrifices for the cause.
- ☐ We are responsible for our own attitudes and not for the attitudes of others. We are never, no never, to pick up stones or throw mud. It only gets our hands dirty, too.
- ☐ Most church members don't want the preacher and his family to have too much of this world's goods.
- ☐ Don't spend it if you don't have it. Keep your WANTER simple and you'll be much happier.
- ☐ Take things that are given to you although you may have to be a bit hypocritical at times.
- ☐ Accept people for who they are and what they do. We may see their potential and wish they'd do it differently, but take the service they offer.
- ☐ Don't react to criticism of your husband or children. Most of us can take what's dished out to us about ourselves rather than about our families.
- ☐ Most churches and their pastors enjoy a honeymoon period. Watch for a crisis to arise, even on the most trifling of issues, which indicates the honeymoon has ended.
- ☐ Most members don't want the pastor's family around all the time. Expect to be lonely some of the time.
- ☐ Your house is a public place, especially if you live in a parsonage.
- ☐ The minister's family lives in a fishbowl setting. Accept this fact and learn to be yourself.
- ☐ "The joy of the Lord is your strength." When pressures become heavy, His joy and strength can help you "keep it going."

Genelle is the wife of Ben Scott, long-time pastor of the First FWB Church, North Little Rock, AR. She is the mother of three married sons who are ministers: Len, Fred and Randy.

WOMEN in ACTION



above: Harmony Auxiliary, Leighton, Alabama, honor their senior members at a golden age banquet. Servers wore caps, aprons and collars. A paper-mâché turkey helped with the decor.

below: Wise County District Auxiliary Convention, Virginia, with Annette Smith, president.



Ladies in the Philadelphia Auxiliary, Mt. Clemens, MI, donate books valued at \$178 to the Missionary Provision Closet. They chose the theme, "The Greatest Story Every Told" for their December banquet and invited guest speaker, Sandy Krinze, director of a local crisis pregnancy center.



First Auxiliary, Deerfield Beach, Florida, enjoy a Mother/Daughter banquet with about 46 mothers and daughters. Jeannie Buser of the West Palm Auxiliary spoke on the theme, "Precious Moments." They voted Dorothy Lethco as Mother of the Year.



Jennifer Shaw, Pontiac, Michigan, collects doctor's bills during an "epidemic" which struck the congregation. Women are assigned specific illnesses for which a fee had to be paid to be cured. Money helped fill the play doctor bags which the Wolverine district filled for the work in Africa.

Nadine Hood, new pastor's wife at the Blue Bell FWB Church, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, has organized 13 of their ladies into a Woman's Auxiliary. For Christmas they enjoyed an ornament exchange. New officers elected are: Betty Smoot; Alta Tuttle, president; Sandy Tennison; Nadine Hood, pastor's wife; Merrilly Robinson; and Ann Kinsey.



I think I've always loved Randy (not his real name). Neither of us were Christians so we did a lot of things we shouldn't have. Even before we were married, Randy could not keep a steady job. He drank, smoked, did drugs and ran with the wrong crowd. He cheated on me and abused me both verbally and physically.

Still I loved him. Finally after several close calls with drugs and a few nights in the hospital, he decided to get it together. We moved out of state and our lives took a complete turnaround. Randy stopped drinking, smoking, doing drugs and got a good job. We married and our happiness knew no bounds. I wish I could say that we lived happily thereafter. But we didn't. We couldn't because we didn't know the Lord.

Our roller coaster marriage took us from one state to another, from the brink of divorce to the heights of ecstasy. One day it was unmistakably clear—Randy was having an affair with a girl at work. I left him for a time, but couldn't stay away. I did all the things a jealous wife does—spied on him at work, pushed the redial button when I came home from work, followed them and confronted him. We talked for hours on end and for a time it seemed we were starting over, but he pursued her with an intensity greater than before.

One night in a heated argument, he yelled, "I can't leave her! She's pregnant." My heart shattered in a million pieces, yet I felt no pain. A deep loneliness engulfed me.

I don't remember the next few

CROSSWINDS

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

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

... For Better or For Worse

Anonymous

months. When the numbness passed, a pain too great to be born took over. I decided to leave.

To my surprise, Randy decided to go with me. He loved me, he said. Now it was "our" turn. I know now he only intended to help me settle in so he could return to her.

The day the baby was born, Randy quit his job. He tried to explain why he had to leave for good and we cried in each other's arms—I, because I was losing everything I dreamed of and never had and he, perhaps because he couldn't provide it. He packed on Sunday afternoon and was gone by sundown.

I honestly thought it was over. I saw no hope for reconciliation. She could have him, I decided. I had had enough. No one was going to take care of me except me, so I put the past behind me

and got on with my life.

Or at least I tried. Randy wasn't finding it so easy either to determine where he belonged—guilt for my sake and obligation to the mother of his child at the same time.

One night I awakened to a knock at the door and there he stood! He had decided to accept responsibility for the child, but he wanted to fulfill his marriage vows to me. We knew we would need help beyond ourselves and began attending a small Free Will Baptist church nearby. The pastor visited us several times and one night we both made a decision to follow the Lord. Our marriage wasn't transformed overnight, but it was certainly on the way. As we grow stronger in our Christian walk, the Lord blesses our marriage more and more.

That was over two years ago. We now have a baby of our own. The entire childbirth experience has given our marriage a warmth it never knew. We have weathered so much and grown stronger because of it. The Lord helped me to hang in there even when friends urged me to kick him out. "Just wait...in time, you'll be happy. Trust me for now," He seemed to be telling me.

He promises, "My grace is sufficient for thee." I know it to be true. It was and still is. Thank You, God!



Williams Road Woman's Auxiliary, Columbus, Ohio, sponsors a "Christ-mas in September" for the Children's Home in Greeneville, Tennessee. Over \$900 in cash and gifts was donated by the ladies and the youth department. "What a pleasure to visit with these children and the staff of the Home," writes Ellen Sargent.



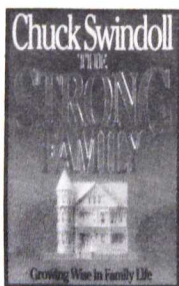
Books to stimulate spiritual growth

Book Highlights ...

THE STRONG FAMILY

Growing Wise in Family Life
(Re-Titled)

by Charles R. Swindoll
Multnomah, \$10.99



In thirteen warm and lively chapters, the author examines numerous aspects of the strong family, including weathering crises, discipline, affirmation, transitions, the roles of

mom and dad, and how to have fun together.

This book in the hardcover edition won ECPA's Gold Medallion Award and was named *Virtue* magazine's "Book of the Year."

HOME BY CHOICE

Creating Emotional Security in Children

by Brenda Hunter
Multnomah, \$12.99



Women at home "caught in the deceitful web of working mother statistics" believe they are a minority and have little value. The author shows how these statistics are not

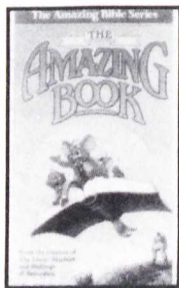
reliable due to purposeful distortion. The majority of mothers in traditional families have chosen to stay home.

Dr. Hunter is co-founder and president of "Home by Choice", a national organization for mothers who choose to stay home either full or part time. Her book includes information about in-home businesses and support networks.

THE AMAZING BOOK

A Bible Translation for Young Readers

by Kohlenberger and Wescombe
Multnomah, \$16.99



The Amazing Book characters now present a Bible reader for kids. Covering main stories and themes of the Bible in chronological order, children are presented with easy to read excerpts from the Bible at a third grade reading level.

Full color throughout, this book is the only translation of the Bible specifically for young readers. It provides all the favorite stories plus an introduction to Psalms, Proverbs, prophecy and epistles. *Amazing Reader* makes an excellent family devotional tool.

THE BIG BOOK OF HOME LEARNING

by Mary Pride
Crossway Books



This four-volume set is a complete guide to education for parents, teachers and others interested in teaching children at home.

The 8 1/2x11, 1" thick, newsprint paper format bulges with resource material as Curriculum Buyer's Guide and Supplier's Index.

Besides "Getting Started", volume 1, other titles are: "Preschool and Elementary," "Teen and Adult," and "Afterschooling and Extras."

HOME REMEDIES: Timeless Prescriptions for Today's Family
by Gary Smalley and John Trent
Multnomah, \$17.99

Home Remedies brings you 15 timeless prescriptions that have proven effective for a wide variety of family ailments such as hurt feelings and a lack of communication. The book offers a virtual medicine chest of encouragement, counsel and practical wisdom combined with generous doses of love.

This attractive book with Norman Rockwell prints for cover and chapter divisions makes an ideal gift for any family.

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 Room That Nobody Sees by Betty Jane Jones

I have a room within my heart,
A room that no one can see;
A very private, secret place
Just for my Lord and me.

There's only room for God and me
In this room that nobody sees;
I try to keep it neat and clean
For I mop it with my knees.

God won't sit amid a clutter
Or stand on a dirty floor;
He wants my heart all in order
Whenever He opens the door.

No dust must gather in this room,
It's here I seek his face;
This room wherein my Lord's a guest
Is indeed a holy place

I bid my lord to please enter
I wait for Him on my knees;
For only He can open the door
To this room that nobody sees.

The poet's CORNER



These poems were submitted in WNAC's annual creative arts contest and illustrate the theme "The Woman at Home." We welcome your poetry. Poems received between now and March 1, 1992, are entered in the new contest.

Everyday Things by Carla Jones

I awaken to the baby's hungry cry,
He wakes up so early, goodness knows
why.

I smile as I count ten fingers and toes,
Now he's just fine—Mommy's here, he
knows.

Just everyday things, they seem so
small,
But God is watching and He sees
them all.

Sewing on buttons and shopping at Wal-
Marts,
Patching up jeans as well as sad hearts,
Choir practice early, class party late,
I read by the phone as I patiently wait.
Just everyday things, they don't
seem like much,
But life is composed and enriched
with such.

As I finish my coffee, I answer the
phone—
A friend's baby is sick—what can be
done?
I allay her fears with the recipe
Of a tonic my mother passed down to
me.
Just everyday things—time passes so
fast,
And memories are all we have left of
the past.

So let's treasure each day as a gift from
above,
Performing each task with purpose and
love,
For our Lord and Savior has given us all
A job to be finished, no matter how
small.

Be faithful in what each new morn-
ing brings,
Make your life a blessing in every-
day things.

Whose Job is This? by Lois Smallwood

Sometimes, Lord,
I get so confused and
You probably are a little amused
As I try to draw a line
Separating Your work from mine.

If I bake a pie for my spouse
Or use the broom to clean my house,
It's as plain as the nose on my face—
That's my job, my time, my space.

But if the pie is for the church dinner,
Does that count for saint or sinner?
And if the house I'm going to sweep
Is Yours,
Which side on the ledger You keep?

And the letter I write to my dear
mother,
Is it not as worthy
As one to a missionary brother?
The call I make to cheer up my friend,
And this package of cookies
I'm going to send,
Washing dishes
Making stew
I'm not doing these for You,
But they simply must be done.
Just my job.
No gold stars won.

A shepherd once stood on desert sand
And You asked,
"What is that in thine hand?"
You used his every-day tool
To break the power of Pharaoh's rule.

Lord, make my work Yours
And Your work mine.
Let's forget to draw a line.

Be a Prayer Missionary

Appointed to Pray ...

Her Name is Sewa

by Carol Pinkerton
Missionary to Côte d'Ivoire

One hot afternoon at the Foyer (reading room), Silas and I took a breather on the porch under the grass roof. We looked up to see Sewa walking toward us.

"I've never seen anyone like her," he said. "She doesn't have a Bible at home so she comes here to read. Look in her hand. She always brings a scrap piece of paper to take notes."

Sewa looks just like any young school girl dressed in her checkered uniform, but she's not. She's different! A desire to learn and a thirst for knowledge drive her to the Foyer operated by our mission. Here she finds a wealth of material to help satisfy her hunger and willing people to help.

Her mother lives in another village, so she stays with her father, two older sisters and a younger brother. When I asked her age, she replied as any eager-to-be-older child would, "Next year I'll have eleven years!"

"Have you memorized any scriptures?" I asked.

"Have I!" Her look implied as she picked up a Bible from the table and asked me to find Isaiah 41. She watched beside me until I found the correct reference, then she began. She rattled off the first twenty verses like a freight train, bringing up the caboose with a huge smile. She chose this passage because of the promise in verse ten, she told me.

I gave Sewa a paperback copy of the gospel of John and assigned her some parts to memorize. The next day she recited John 1:1-5. Each time she came, she added five more verses. Perfectly, with clarity and understanding, she recites verse after verse. She has already completed the first three chapters.

When Christmas came, she wanted to memorize the story of the birth of Christ, so she did from the gospel of Luke. Impressed with a poster in the foyer listing the names of Christ, she memorized them, too!

Sewa longed for a Bible all her own. When Agnes Frazier, Auxiliary pioneer and missionary

prayer warrior, heard of Sewa and her talent, she sent money so the little girl could have the Word of God with her at all times. We presented it to her one day at the foyer.

Awe-struck, she reached out to claim her treasure. She stroked it gently and rubbed her fingers across its fresh newness. When the realization struck her that it was her very own, her face exploded in a smile. We wrote the date and her name on the front cover hoping that nobody would ever take it from her. She promised to read it every day and share it with others.

"Merci" (thank you). "Merci beaucoup" (thank you very much), Sewa beamed with a firm handshake and skipped homeward.

And thank you for giving Sewa and others like her the opportunity to learn more about Jesus. You have a part in this single-purpose (drawing others to Jesus), multi-phase (books, cassettes and personal witnessing) ministry.

We, too, say, "Merci. Merci beaucoup."



Sermon in the Pew

by Betty Johnson

My mother always marked her Bible. She taught me to mark mine. Now my daughter, 4, is learning to mark hers.

My mother took my first New Testament and marked a few verses in red and put a star by them. I remember she marked John 3:16 and Romans 3:23.

My mother kept a red pencil in her Bible. Sometimes she used one which was red on one end and blue on the other. I'd borrow it and color until she needed it to mark something special. Her marking was a sermon in the pew to me.

As I grew older, I began marking some verses in my Bible. At first they had no special meaning to me, I only wanted to mark my Bible like Mom's. But gradually I learned what Mom already knew. When you find a treasure, mark its place so you can return often to enjoy its riches.

One evening Pamela sat by me with her Bible (Hardy Boys mystery book). She spotted a bulletin and inserted it in the front of her "Bible." Then she turned to me and whispered she needed a pen. She put it in front of her "Bible"

just like mine. Later during the sermon she leaned over to watch me write notes in the margin of my Bible. Then she took her pen and began making marks in the margin of her book in the same place she saw me writing. She was learning by imitation just as I had years earlier.

Now, I teach my child to love and respect books and that means **never scribbling on the pages.** However, this was only a 25 cent garage sale find. Small price indeed for the valuable lessons she was learning. She finished making her notes, then turned her sweet face toward mine.

"That's nice," I commended.

The lesson was more important than the book. She was learning to love God's Word by marking its special treasures and jotting down notes for future reference. Thanks, Mom, for your sermon in the pew which I am now passing along to my daughter.

Betty Johnson, full-time wife and mother, is president of the Philadelphia Auxiliary, Mt. Clemens, Michigan. She and husband, Glenn, have two children, Bradley, 8 and Pamela, 4. She enjoys reading, baking, and making all kinds of crafts.



From such as these come our missionaries of tomorrow!

WNAC'S Prayer Bookmark

Week of May 3-9

Pray for the Home Missions Board meeting this week. Ask God to give wisdom in all its deliberations and for Rue Dell Smith, board chairman.

Birthdays this week: 4—Ron Moore (C'I); 6—Rose Haggard (KS)

Week of May 10-16

Patty McCullough continues to recover from surgery for a malignancy in the abdomen. Pray for

- complete recovery
- effective deputation
- speedy return to France

Birthdays this week: 10—Delores Burns (GA); 11—Elaine Holland (C'I); 15—Mark Riggs (Spain); 16—Dale Bishop (Japan) and Elaine Parker (LA)

Week of May 17-23

Some home missionaries are still meeting in rented facilities. Pray that land may be purchased soon and a building erected for the glory of God.

Tim Coats, Rapid City, SD; George Harvey, Phoenix, AZ; Louie Nix, Hawaii; David Potete, Chicago, IL; Larry Reynolds, Chandler, AZ; and Miguel Vera, Puerto Rico.

Birthdays this week: 17—Steve Reeves (Spain) and Ora Booth (OH); 21—Ernest Holland (C'I)

Week of May 24-31

Pray for the Candidate School on May 26-June 5 and Jimmy Aldridge, director. Ask God to bless the missionaries attending. They hope to leave on assignment this year.

- Curt and Mary Holland, Brazil
- Paul and Tammy Gentuso, Côte d'Ivoire
- Dave and Becky Franks, Uruguay
- Susan Bumpus, Uruguay

Birthdays this week: 25—Lynn Midgett (Spain); 26—Kenneth Eagleton (C'I); 30—Alice Smith (C'I)

Week of June 1-6

Pray for high school MK graduates (and parents) as they make plans for their future education:

- Trey Morgan, Côte d'Ivoire
- Miranda Owen, Uruguay

Birthdays this week: 2—Jean Deeds (Brazil) and Levan Hubbard (AR); 6—Stan Bunch (Panama)

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

Week of June 7-13

Pray for home missionaries entering new states:

- Carlie Lloyd family to Madison, Wisconsin
- Ron McMillan family to Plymouth, Massachusetts
- Cliff Donoho family to Davenport, Iowa, a state with only one other Free Will Baptist church. Pray for Dale and Lana Mitchell, tentmakers

Birthdays this week: 11—Kathy Donoho (IA); 13—Vicki Hubbard (AR)

Week of June 14-20

Mark Riggs and Lonnie Sparks are opening a new work on the northern coast of Spain in Santurce (population 80,000) and near the city limits of Portugalete (population 50,000). Ask God to:

- open hearts in these two cities
- open doors of opportunity

Birthday this week: 14—Steve Lytle (Panama)

Week of June 21-30

Three Free Will Baptist chaplains serve our armed forces overseas. Pray for an effective ministry among our service personnel.

- Major James Bishop
- Capt. Bill Conlon
- Major Larry Langford
- Dennis and Mary Heath who work with the military community in Germany; Kim Zeiglen who helps them

Birthdays this week: 22—Bernice Hanna (SC); 24—Jim McLain (Japan); 28—Ron Parker (LA); 29—Steve Riggs (France)



**Update Your Prayers
615-731-3839**

Send cards to the field unless on furlough.

Letters

Day Group Organized

We have organized a Day Group in our local Auxiliary. Please send 5 CO-LABORERS...Thanks for making it possible for all our women to share in our mission work. The articles, programs, poems, data concerning our missionaries, and other information is very helpful and interesting

*Mrs. Van Clements
Dothan, AL*

Missions Focus

For the first time in a long time our Auxiliary (Watauga Valley) is in a position to financially help our missionaries. We have decided to supply one need a month for a different missionary...invite missionary speakers...continue sending birthday cards to our missionaries...give a "shower of needs" to a missionary.

*Robin Williams
Elizabethton, TN*

Eunice Edwards Loan Fund

Please accept our thanks for your kind and generous gift to the Villalba Church. It means so much to know of your concern and burden for our ministry here in Spain.

*Jeff and Susan Turnbough
Steve and Linda Reeves*

A Very Busy MK

I take care of some African violets, orchids and many other plants. I gather fruit from the orchard. Cleaning is a big job. Mom puts everyone to work to keep things clean. Sometimes I do not like that.

The church is full of small children. I often keep the nursery and help with the teaching.

*Vera Sturgill (age 12)
Brazil*

Revamped Auxiliary

We now have about 12 regulars attending our newly revamped Ladies Hour. We changed the format and are delighted to have someone new attend each meeting.

Debbie Griffin, Japan

The Christmas Story

The youngsters at Tanda put on the Christmas story. Angels had white cloths thrown over their heads and Baby Jesus was a Teddy Bear wearing sunglasses! The props were different, but the message was the true one found in the Bible. That's what counts.

Carol Pinkerton, Côte d'Ivoire



Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

In 1 Chron. 21:24-26, Satan provokes King David to sin in numbering the children of Israel.

David listened to Satan, and as a result, made an extremely poor decision. Can we point the finger at David and not acknowledge that we are just as guilty? David repented and confessed his sin and God forgave him. Endeavoring to show God that he was truly repentant, David requested Ornan to sell his threshing floor to him that he might "build an altar therein unto the Lord...that the plague may be stayed." Ornan graciously offered it as a gift, but David refused. He would not "offer burnt offerings without cost."

David paid full cost for his sin. Sin still costs. Families cost tears, sleeplessness and anguish. It's better to bear the cost than deny our response. Peace of heart is priceless and only comes when we are at peace with God.

A nation's peace is not without cost. America was bought with the blood of many young men.

Religion costs. Our Christian parents sacrificed their love, prayers and dollars to keep the doors of God's church open. Do we sacrifice anything? Our apathy, indifference and cold hearts must break the heart of God. How can we honestly ask Him to delay our judgment? We can only plead for mercy.

Dear hearts, if you've grown cold and indifferent and wandered far from his side, return to the place where you left Him. He's waiting with arms opened wide to give you peace that passes understanding. Only then will judgment be averted.



Words for Women

Do you ever have one of those dreams so frightening that you awaken with your body still responding to the fear? Maybe you don't even remember what it was, but it was so threatening that you wake up trembling.

Life catches us like that sometimes. It is so threatening and hurts so that we want to think it is just a bad dream. It will go away, when the sun comes up, when we awaken. But it doesn't go away.

Perhaps a dear friend dies suddenly. A family you thought invulnerable breaks apart. A trusted brother or sister in the Lord falls into sin. A family member discovers a malignant, deadly tumor.

What do we do when it hurts? When everything around us seems to be crumbling and we're tempted to cry, "I can't bear it? When we cry out with Job, "The thing which I greatly feared is come upon me?"

Remember Naomi? She felt that the Lord had dealt very bitterly with her. "Call me not Naomi (Pleasant)" she said, "call me Mara (Bitter)." That's one way to react. She had suffered, but through that suffering God blessed her with Ruth and she held in her arms Obed, the father of Jesse, the grandfather of David.

Remember Job? "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him," Job said. Out of his distress and sufferings Job caught a new vision of God, and God richly blessed him.

React with the assurance of the psalmist, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Even though I am walking even now in that valley, no need to fear, "For thou art with me."

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." Psalm 46:1-2

Though all around us changes, falls, decays, God is always there, faithful and unchanging. Cling to Him, and when you can't even cling, He will hold you close.



Mary Ruth Wisehart

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THEME: Teachers of Good Things

SCRIPTURE: Titus 2:3-5

HYMN: Lord, Speak to Me

Music Coordinator: Angie Deel

Pianist: Susan Forlines

Organist: Carol Reid

Registration Chairman: Helen Phipps

Headquarters Hotel: Omni Severin

9:00 Congregational Singing

Devotion: Jean Deeds

Special Music: Randy and Beverly Riggs

Welcome: Loretta Trogdon

Creative Arts Awards: Lorene Miley

Credentials Committee Report/Seating of
Delegates

Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report:

Mary R. Wisehart

Resolutions Committee Report

Appreciation Committee Report

11:10 Missionary Service

Congregational Singing

Offering

Music: Camille Scott

Message: Steve Riggs

12:00 Recess

1:30 Congregational Singing

Music: Rejoice, Free Will Baptist Bible College

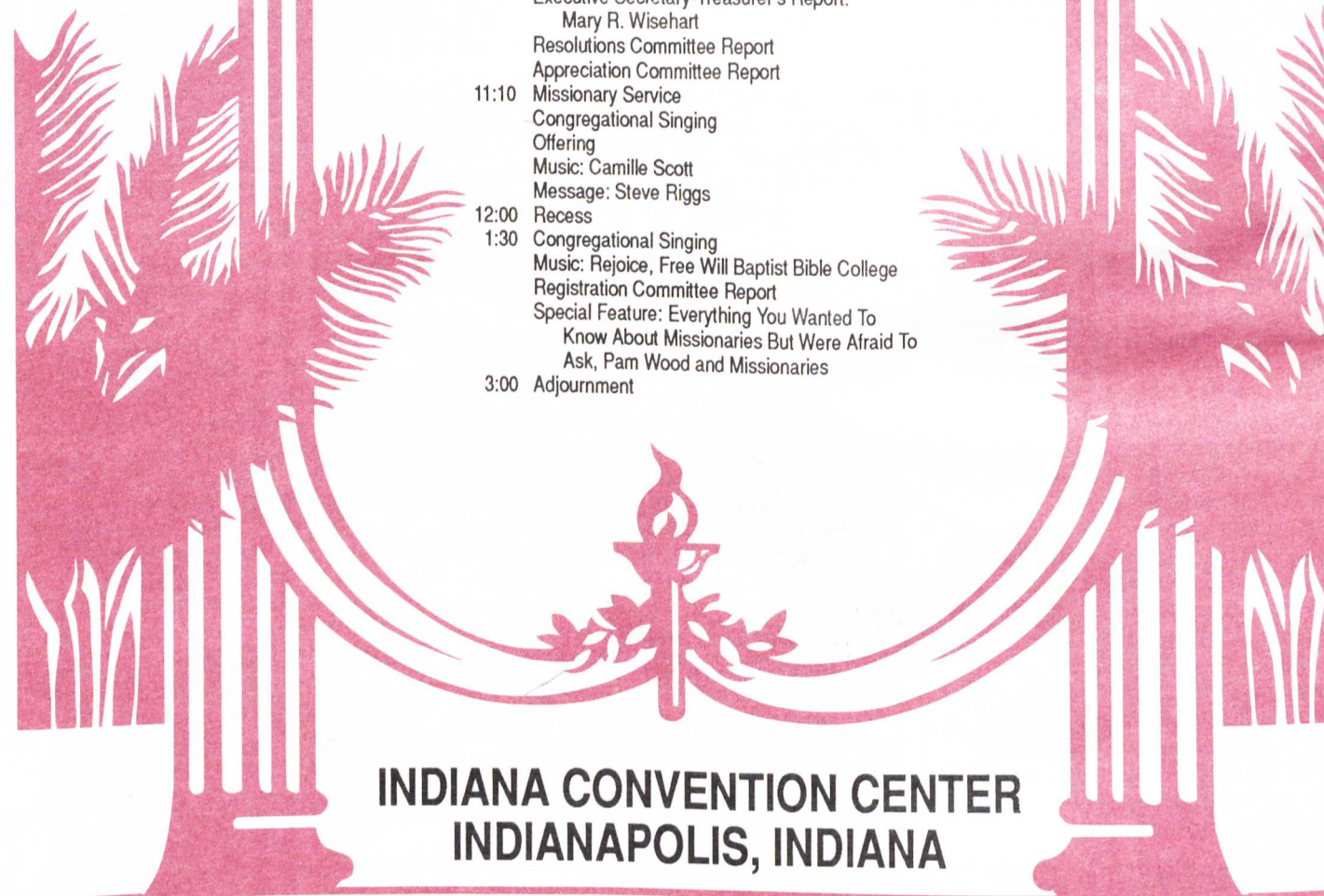
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3:00 Adjournment



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