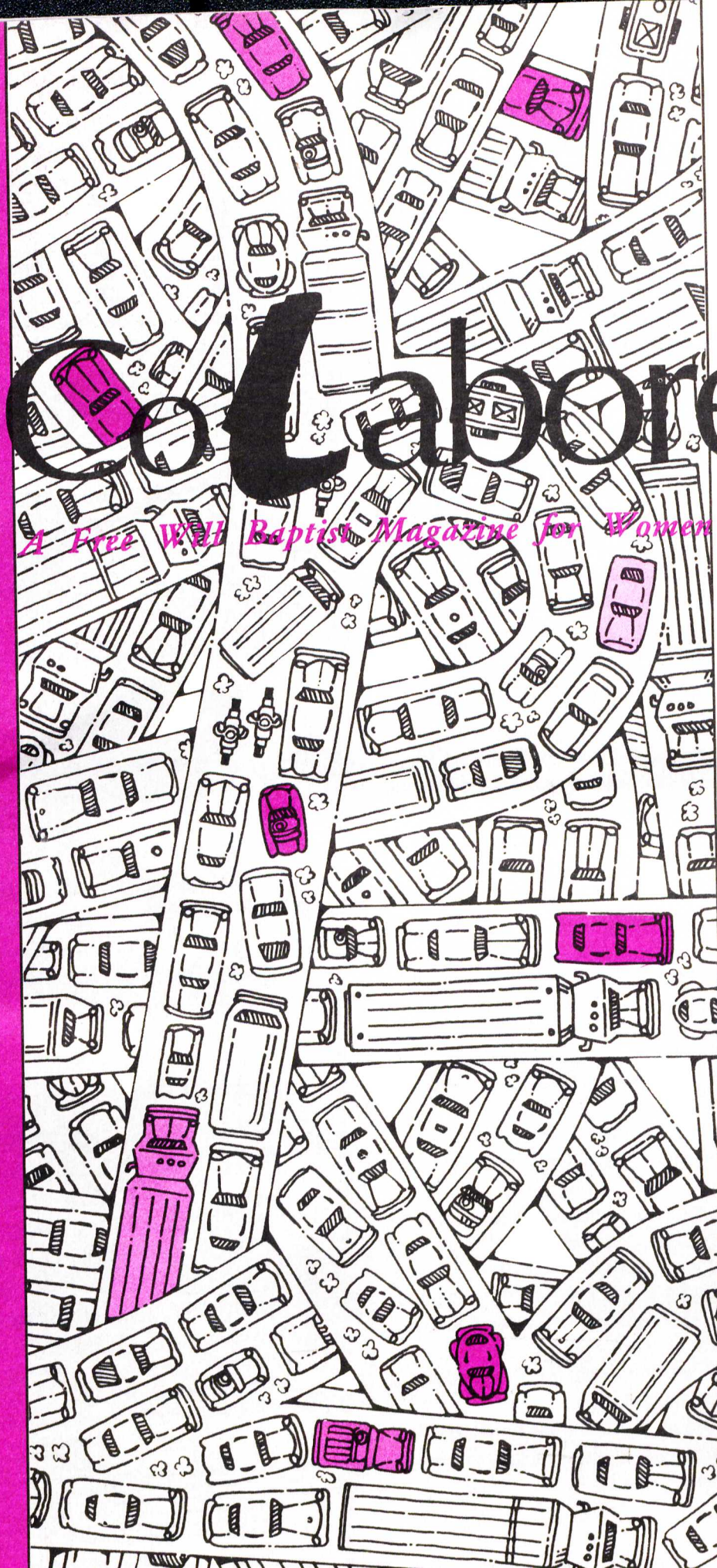




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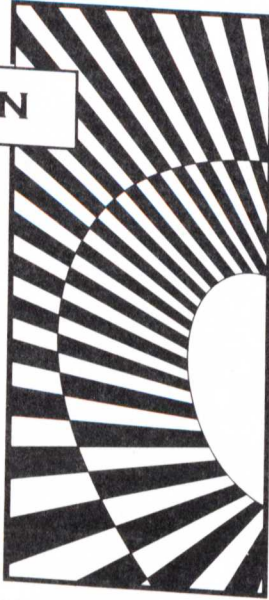
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Buffet Style

My mother, my sister, and I ate lunch at a local buffet. We stood in line with our trays and silverware. Dozens of foods begged to be chosen.

My sister eyed the salads. Fruit salads. Carrot salads. Chef salads. Greek salads. Some were mayonaise-based, some vinegar and oil. Others were gelatin-based. A few had cream cheese or whipped cream.

My mother stood indecisively by the vegetables. The potatoes came fried, boiled new, and hash browned. Alongside lay corn and squash and okra and cabbage and tomatoes. And further down, a rainbow of beans: green beans, black beans, white beans, lima beans, navy beans, and baked barbequed beans . . . all steaming hot. And, of course, peas please--green peas, black-eyed peas, early peas, and snow peas.

Meanwhile, I lingered over the entrees, awed at the selection: honey-cured ham; meatloaf; baked, broiled, or fried fish; lasagna; spaghetti; beef stew; chicken pie; roast beef; baked, broiled or fried chicken; filet mignon; and turkey with dressing. (Try not to drool on this page.)

As skinny as she is, you'd think my sister would indulge, but n-o-o! She chose a puny, little carrot salad and a bowl of green beans. My mother, who al-l-lways gets the same thing, encited a riot of unruly vegetables on her plate. And I, who should have chosen a salad, opted instead for the baked cod, not so much because I love fish, but because I liked the way the lemon curled on top.

We were each happy with our choices.

CoLaborer magazine is like a buffet. It is different things to many different women.

An article praised by some will be too bland for others. Some add butter, spices, or a fancy garnish to better meet the needs of their women. Some enjoy the poetry, and some think it too sweet. There's no rule that says you have to like and/or sample everything offered. Take what you like; use what you take. Pass over what you don't care for, realizing that others relish what may sting your palate.

And what a deal! It's the most economical buffet around, costing less than half what you'd pay for a similar buffet.

Don't forget: You have a say in what goes on the buffet. Let the chefs know what you'd like. Or better yet, if your specialty is the talk of the town, cook up a batch, and mail it to us.

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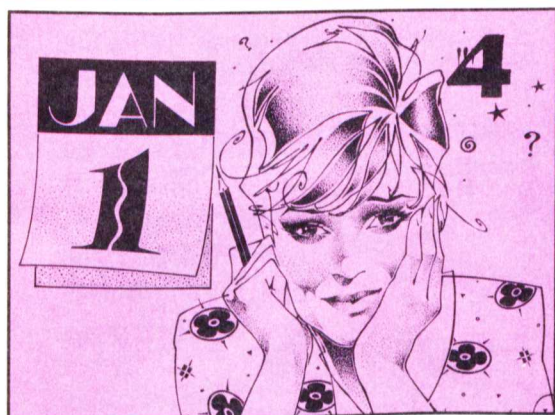
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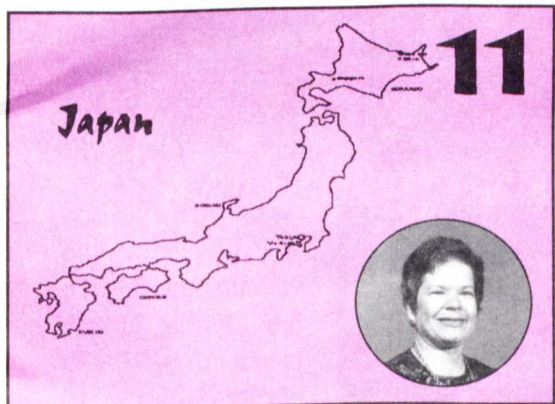
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Real Resolutions

by
Cheryl Akers

Purpose: To encourage WNAC women to make spiritual resolutions and to keep them all year long.

Scripture: Daniel 1:8

Songs: "I Am Resolved" Rejoice Hymnal #278 and/or "Another Year is Dawning" #716

New Beginnings

What New Year's resolutions are you planning to make? To lose weight for the tenth time? To quit yelling at the kids? To be on time? To clean out all the closets?

Among all these, is there a place for spiritual resolutions, specific commitments to enhance our growth in Christ? And if so, are these spiritual resolutions more than just well-meant words or impossible goals?

The Israelites observed special days and seasons with feasts and festivals. The book of Numbers speaks of trumpets being blown to signal the beginning of memorial months when offerings were made to God (10:10; 28:11+). Just as these new beginnings were special to the Hebrews, the new year can be a special time of offering for the modern-day believer.

What kind of resolutions have you made in the past? (*Initiate a brief discussion period about past resolutions, their successes and failures.*)

Here are a few examples of people who made spiritual resolutions:



Jacob

Jacob, the supplanter, the fugitive from his brother's wrath, "vowed a vow" (Genesis 18:20-22). Things had not been going well for him. On his trip to Haran, stones were his only pillows, but God became real to him, revealing the promise of land, posterity, and divine

guidance (18:13-15). Jacob took one of the stone pillows and made it into a stone pillar, calling it Bethel. There he resolved to follow God and give a tithe of all that God had given him.

This resolution changed Jacob's life. Family troubles still plagued him, but God's guidance sustained him. Years later, Jacob warmly remembered his decision at Bethel and was comforted and encouraged by it. To him, Bethel always meant an open line of communication to God.

Joshua

Joshua, the great warrior/leader, saw the need to make

a public commitment at a special gathering of the tribes of Israel. Joshua's charge to the people included a short history lesson of God's leadership in lives. Then, he charged the people to make a firm commitment and set an example for them by sharing his own resolution to God (Joshua 24:14-15). He was adamant about his decision. There were no

Lessons to Learn from 3 Resolution Makers

1. Circumstances do not have to be favorable to make a resolution.
2. God blesses when promises are kept.
3. Previous commitments bring encouragement when looked back upon.
4. One is never too old or too young to make a commitment to God.
5. A personal decision made public can influence others.
6. God's blessings, the results of a resolution, can be seen again and again.
7. A period of change is a good time for new or renewed commitments.
8. A commitment kept requires provable action.

would suffer for refusing the rich diet of the royals. But God blessed them, not just at the time of decision, but daily as they carried out their commitment to Him. Daniel maintained his testimony despite great obstacles and temptations.

Begin at the Beginning

Is your personal commitment to God an active, growing one? Does your life have evidence of your commitment

maybes or perhapses. He would follow the Lord!

He made this resolution near the end of his life, a promise that reflected what he had believed and practiced for 110 years. Evidently, he knew it was never too late too make a commitment to God.

Daniel

As a young man, Daniel, "purposed in his heart" (Daniel 1:8). He resolved not to corrupt nor pollute himself with the king's food or drink. Daniel made his resolution and led three of his friends to honor God in that manner. For ten days, they were watched carefully to see if they

to Him? If these questions are unanswerable, consider recommitting yourself to Christ for this new year. Begin at the beginning, asking God to forgive and work through you to do His perfect will everyday. Resolve to be a student of God's Word, to memorize scripture, to share Christ with others, to tithe and attend church regularly.

If your commitment to Christ is strong and advanced beyond the basics, resolve to be more personally involved in evangelism and Christian service. Get involved with your neighbors, involved in your communities to the glory of God. Could you visit a nursing home once a month?

Could you pray daily for your pastor? Could you be faithful and attend every women's meeting this year?

Remember, every true resolution has a plan of provable action. For every commitment you make, there is a strategy for keeping it. Prayer is the first essential of any resolution, so pray earnestly before you resolve and continue to pray for God's help in keeping your promise. He will not fail you.

Conclusion

Spiritual resolutions help us stay focused on God, mark our progress and growth as believers, and challenge us to new levels of maturity in Christ. We cannot keep resolutions we do not make.

(Lessons to Learn from 3 Resolution Makers is for group discussion. Which lessons apply to the Jacob, Joshua, and Daniel? This could be done in groups of 2-3 or by two teams competing for the quickest answer.)

Have one or more women read stanzas from "Another Year is Dawning," #716 in Rejoice. Make copies and pass out New Year's Resolution card from Springboard, page 17, for each woman to prayerfully consider. End with prayer of dedication and commitment for the year.)



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LOVE IS AN ACTION



*"Though I speak
with the
tongues of men
and of angels, and
have not LOVE,
I am become as
sounding brass,
or a tinkling
symbol . . ."*

Scripture: I Corinthians 13

Hymn:

Love Lifted Me (or another favorite hymn/chorus about love)

Aim:

To recognize love as an action and acknowledge inspiring acts of love, both great and small, as examples to follow.

Introduction:

In today's society, no one seems to know what love really is. The T.V., the music, the newspapers--they all say it's a feeling, it's never having to say you're sorry, it's what you say when you want something. What a sad definition of the most important word in our language!

For Christians, *love is an action word*. If we can't show it, we don't have it. Love isn't necessarily a big concept. It can be wonderfully small and timely--a card, a call, or a smile. Love can also be a grand gesture--travel, money, fulfilling large needs. Love is the demonstration of companionship, devotion, loyalty, and sacrifice, all rolled up into one.

As you read or share these examples of love, think about the significance of even the smallest, selfless act, and thank the Lord for these people.

Read Aloud: verses 1-3

Love . . . despite the weather

Jerry Pinkerton rode a motorcycle over rough, pot-holed roads in stormy weather to teach the Pastoral Epistles at the Bible Institute in Cote d'Ivoire.

Love . . . for the long trip home
Ben Abe, a Free Will Baptist businessman in Japan, gave a substantial gift toward missionary Tom McCullough's travel back to France when he returned to cover for other missionaries on furlough.

Love . . . gives 'em a break

Sheila Scarborough knows what it is like to care for a handicapped child because she has one of her own. But on the weekends, she gives other parents of handicapped children some free time, by caring for their children, too.

Love . . . and a word well spoken

Eddie Payne, former missionary and teacher at FWBBC, introduced the Heaths, missionaries to Germany, to the Jesus film. Once the film arrived in Germany, three of the six Idrizi children accepted Christ as Savior.

Love . . . on a lawn mower

Jeff Warner took time off from work to cut the grass for the Millers, FWB home missionaries in Coventry, Rhode Island. He and his friend Bob

Barron are helping the Millers work on the "fixer upper" house they recently purchased.

Love . . . results in land

The youth group at Bethel FWB Church in Ashland City, Tennessee raised over \$1,400 for the "Great Phoenix Land Rush," the land fund of the Harveys, home missionaries in Arizona.

Love . . . despite the pain

Lucille Steward, although continually in pain from cancer, goes on a one-woman crusade before the Christmas holidays to collect toys for underprivileged children.

Love . . . from Uruguayan children

The children of the northern border of Uruguay raised 60 dollars during VBS for the Plunkett's to go to Cote d' Ivoire.

Read Aloud: verses 4-7

Love . . . and a French missionary

Noemie and Caroline have been attending the children's Bible club in St. Nazaire, France for over seven years. Enrique, their younger brother was baptized last year and claims he is going to be a missionary!

Love . . . doesn't wait

Mrs. Fannie Polston, the first field secretary for WNAC, wanted to leave something in her will for FWBBC. When she thought she was going to live too long to leave much behind, she insisted on giving all that she had while she was still living.

Love . . . for God and His cheep-cheeps

The Bondoukou children's church sang a special in the adult service. They sang the "Creation Song," and how God made the cheep-cheeps on the 5th day.

Love . . . travels West

Ten teenagers from Central FWB

Church in Alabaster, Alabama spent five days ministering at the home mission church in Madison, Wisconsin, where Carlie Lloyd pastors. They sang, worked in VBS, and challenged those attending through drama.

Love . . . tears down walls

Darin Alvis, summer missionary to Germany, helped renovate the Youth Center by tearing out a wall, peeling off layers of wall paper, and repainting.

Love . . . knows no distance

A man and a pre-school girl have been walking to the Bondoukou church--six and a half miles one way.

Love . . . clips coupons

Gladys Gragg uses manufacturer's coupons to save money for groceries. The amount she saves, she gives to foreign missions.

Read Aloud: verses 8-12

Love . . . sacrifices to serve

Catalina Barquero went to Panama in the summer of 1993 to help missionaries Steve and Judy Lytle. She went even though she knew it would be hard on her financially. Her sacrifice means she'll have to work extra long hours during the school year to pay off her student loan.

Love . . . crosses the border

A group of Tulsa, Oklahoma young people traveled many miles to visit the Allende and Tamaulipas churches in Mexico, bringing money to help build the Allende building.

Love . . . does for others when they can't

Jane Greenway regularly visited Agnes Frazier at the McKendree Manor. When she could not read, Jane read for her. When she could not write, Jane wrote for her. Most of all, though, Jane was just there, visiting, talking, and caring.

Love . . . puts missionaries back on the field

The South Carolina Auxiliary women raised \$6,000 to top off the cash needed for Ron and Linda Moore to return to Cote d' Ivoire.

Love . . . gives what you'd like to own

The Provision Closet is open for missionaries like Linda Moore, who says, "I am always amazed at the generosity of our women each time I go. As I picked out a beautiful flowered shower curtain and bath set, I was reminded that our women buy things they would want in their own homes to stock the closet. We realize that the women across our denomination have played a major role in helping us get back to the field."

Love . . . from Brazilian Christians to others

The Women's Bible Study group at Uberlandia, Brazil meets every Wednesday to pray, study, fellowship, and afterwards, to visit people in the community who need to hear about Christ.

Love . . . spends her weekends for the Lord

Suzanne, who helps with music and children's ministries at the Belo Horizonte church in Brazil, travels four hours every weekend to work with the Franks.

Love . . . does great things

The Saline District Woman's Auxiliary raised almost \$5,000 for the home missions effort in Phoenix, Arizona.

Read Aloud: verse 13

Take a few minutes to share with each other stories of people who love through actions. Then make or send a special Valentine to them (or someone else), acknowledging and thanking them for their example of love to you. ❖

If Time Flies, Mine's In Turbo!



by Kathy Tippett Henderson

*I have only just a minute,
only sixty seconds in it,
Forced upon me,
can't refuse it,
Didn't see it,
didn't choose it.
I must suffer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it.
Yes, just a tiny, little minute,
But all eternity is in it.*

Our daily battle cry rings across the land, "I just don't have enough time!" It's true. Our "To Do" lists grow, with less and less checked off. The President and the pauper have the same 24 hours in any given day. If we can't buy or manufacture more time, then how can we, as Christians, especially busy wives and mothers, "redeem the time" we do have?

To save time is to have more time. Time is life itself, a precious commodity. We should spend time like we should spend money. . . wisely. Here are 21 ways to save time and make life easier:

1. Handle it once. Whether it's the mail, groceries, or laundry, get it to homebase the first time you pick it up.

2. Pray first. Never be too busy to begin your day with God. He'll handle your schedule for you if you ask Him.

3. Plan errands in sequence, 1 or 2 days a week, rather than scurrying about daily.

4. If you tend to chatter too much or get stuck on the phone, use children/husband to deliver phone messages.

The phone can become an inconvenience, rather than a convenience if we allow it to control our time.

5. Cook meals in bulk and freeze. It takes the same amount of electricity and dirty dishes to double the recipe.

6. 30 minutes x 5 people = a clean house. We should not only train our children for their own good, but for ours. I used to spend hours cleaning solo, until I recruited my family to help. Now we enjoy more leisure time together.

7. Do two or more jobs at once (i.e. polish silverware while talking on the telephone).

8. Always keep work, reading material, stationery, etc. with you for time **when you're kept waiting.**

9. If you do #1, you'll **save time searching.** We spend so much time searching through drawers, closets, and purses. My grandmother used to say, "Everything has a home—keep it there."

10. Avoid last minute rush hours—like Sunday mornings. If it can be done the night before, do it. Set that table, lay out the clothes, put the car keys on the Bible, fill the coffeemaker and set the cups nearby.

11. Make orderly lists to help plan work efficiently: make grocery lists in aisle order, and don't waste time driving around looking for a close parking space; use stick-on notes everywhere as reminders of plans, work, needs, etc.

12. Housework? **Do the worst job first**, and the rest will go easier. Herbert Hoover once said, "Wisdom often times consists of knowing what to do next." Don't toil and spin, tackle that toilet!

13. Make lunches ahead and freeze, using leftovers from dinner.

14. Buy cleaning supplies for each bathroom: bucket with sponge, cleanser, window cleaner and paper towels. I keep three buckets for three bathrooms. No time spent running back and forth for the tub and tile

Procrastination
is my sin,
it causes me great sorrow.
But I've made up my mind
to quit,
and I'll begin
... tomorrow!

cleaner.

15. Take clothes from dryer slightly damp. Saves ironing time and electricity.

16. Keep a low maintenance yard with weed killer, soil neutralizer, and black plastic. Weed right after a rain. Ask yourself re: vegetable/flower garden, "Is it worth it to me? Do I really enjoy/need this?"

17. Use ministry time wisely. For example, instead of an hour long practice, have four 15 minute practices over a month's time. Use audio tapes to teach music or other lessons. Combine visitation time with scripture memory, prayer, time with children, etc. Use time in the car for spiritual growth.

18. Keep a trash bag in your car and use it.

19. Sale shop all year long, especially off-season, for Christmas, birthdays, etc. Avoid holiday rush and debt. Devote one closet or large box for gifts and keep tally and size list in your wallet.

20. Keep your grocery list handy and

up-to-date by adding items before you run out completely. When you notice that the furniture polish can is almost empty, add it to the list then.

21. Cut meal clean-up time drastically with, "Okay, everyone take your own dishes plus one serving dish to the dishwasher (or sink) before you leave." Training children to share the load will make them better spouses one day. That's what being a Christian servant and family member is all about.

But most importantly, protect the time most precious to you—family time, devotions, the supper hour. Make time for these and schedule all else around them. That may mean new rules: no TV tonight or take the phone off the hook while we eat. We may need to grab our emergency brakes, screech to a halt, and reevaluate how we spend our time.

Time is life. Ours belongs to Christ. Is He the Lord of our schedules? ❖



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Divorce Country: It's a tough place to live.

"Divorce Country" is a strange place to live. It's a world of different rules and regulations, different friends and acquaintances, and different hopes and fears. No one in her right mind wants to go there. Many people use every ounce of might they have *not* to go there, but they go anyway. I did.

*It's like
a death in
the family.*

Throughout eleven years of marriage, I never imagined I would end up in this strange land. Watching my world crumble, I began feeling emotions I had never felt before: shock, denial, guilt, anger, bitterness, and pain. Getting a divorce is like experiencing a death in the family, except no one physically dies. I was used to sharing my life with a husband, but I found myself alone, with no one to help me raise our two children. I had no idea what life would be like for us. I tried to talk about my feelings, but many times, I couldn't talk without crying.

Fortunately, I had a tremendous amount of support from my family. They stood beside me on my journey to this frightening land of divorce. Even after all the papers were signed, and I became an official divorcee, my family continued to love and encourage me.

Support from my friends, how-

ever, was awkward in coming, with many of my married friends seeming uncomfortable around me. After being known as half of a couple, as Mrs., it was difficult for them to see me as a divorced, single person. Either they didn't know what to say or were embarrassed to bring the subject up. Most just didn't understand because they had never experienced divorce.

I had been very active in my church, but having moved to this new country, I suddenly wasn't sure where I belonged. How I would fit in the church family? What if I didn't fit in anywhere? These questions became an inward struggle for me.

Although hesitant at first, I visited the single's Sunday school class, made up mostly of adults who had never been married. To my surprise, we had a lot in common. They faced many of the struggles I

*It's a
strange land.*

thought were common only to married people. They accepted me and made me feel welcome.

My church recognized the need to reach out to those who are hurting and offered a divorce support group. We met for 10-12 weeks, and for many of us, healing began. We learned that we can't live in the past but must try to accept and understand our circumstances and choose

to live in the present, fully committed to living for Christ.

I never gave much thought to how divorced people feel before I

*Everything is
different here.*

became one. But now that I live everyday as a divorced, single parent, I know. I know we don't want to be pitied or judged for having passed through to this country. I know we want to be treated as if marital status is irrelevant to God's acceptance and love. We want to be accepted, with all our weaknesses and strengths. Divorce should not be a terminal illness that keeps us from worshipping, serving, and growing in a loving church family.

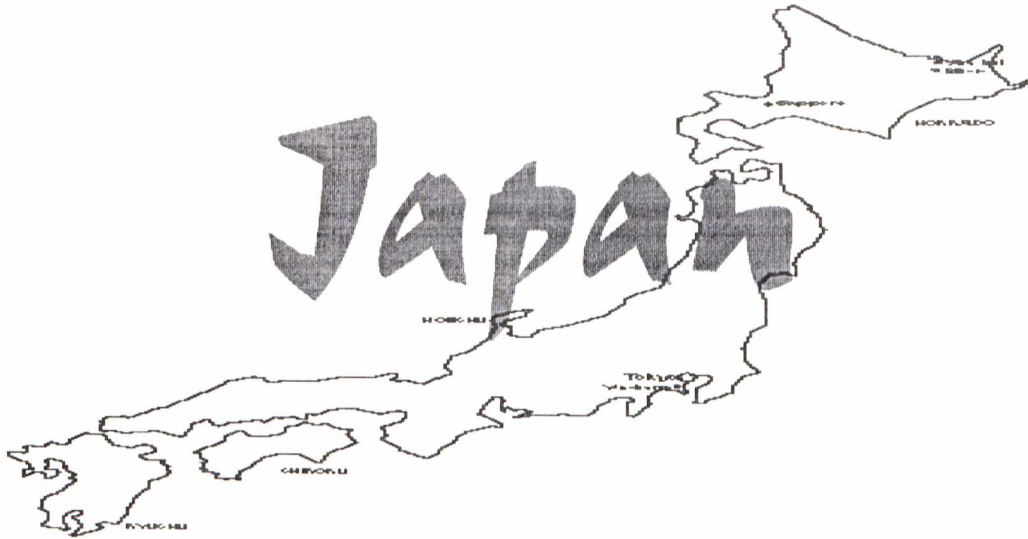
Go out on a limb. You can help someone struggling in "Divorce Country." Get a qualified person to begin a divorce support group in your church, and invite those in your church and in your community to begin the healing process. Befriend a divorced person in your church. Invite her to dinner, or call just to ask how she is doing. Volunteer to help with childcare or car repairs. Yes, "Divorce Country" is a tough place to live, but you can remind us that we are still family, that you see our struggle, and you still care. ♦

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MISSIONCALL

In 1994, *CoLaborer* Magazine is focusing on what is often an overlooked group of Free Will Baptist missionaries: our single women. These women work hard to raise their support singlehandedly, and they face unique challenges on the field. To date, there are 11 single missionaries on 6 foreign fields, all making a difference for Christ's Kingdom.

We begin this series with the country of Japan, where **Debbie Griffin** and **Mirial Gainer** currently minister. **Mirial answers the following questions to give us better insight into what life is like as a single missionary in Japan.** At the end, she shares with you specific prayer needs. Make them a part of your prayer time for missions.



1. When did you feel God's leading you to Japan?

The Lord has been preparing me for some time—my teaching background, in music, and with my counseling experience—but I never thought of Japan as a field of service. I was looking toward Europe or India, but when I went to Japan in 1972 as a member of the Good News Team, I had the feeling of coming home. The Holy Spirit gave me the assurance that Japan was God's place for me. And now, I know He is preparing me for the new challenges awaiting at the churches in Abashiri and Bihoro.

2. What has been the most frustrating thing about missionary work?

Time—or the lack of it—related to my self-supporting status has been very frustrating. I was working fulltime which took more and more time away from ministering to the students and in the church. We need time to develop contacts and relationships with those people. After someone is

saved, we need time to disciple those people. I was always constrained by the administrative duties of "the job." On the mission field, that pressure is intensified because of the great need all around us to share Christ.

3. What are some surprising things about the Japanese that we may not know?

Eating raw fish usually gets a reaction out of Americans, but you might be surprised to know that the Japanese are getting taller, the result of a changing diet and less sitting on the floor. Also, the Japanese women, most of whom shave their faces (including eyebrows), are beginning to shave under their arms, even though they have yet to shave their legs. Most entertaining is done outside of the home, at restaurants or resorts, by the men only. Wives are not included, not invited. Pretty different, huh?

Arranged marriages are still very common, although the couples have

more input now. The divorce rate is lower for arranged marriages than for non-arranged ones. And the big business now is "leisure time consulting." These consultants give seminars to Japanese businessmen on how to spend their leisure time, time most have to be forced into taking. Most of us know what to do with it, if we just had it! Right?

4. How do you handle loneliness on the field?

The key to loneliness for me was learning how to like and enjoy myself. Rather than feel negative about being alone, I use the time to explore something of interest, like a new craft. Right now, I am crocheting and juggling. These take my mind off my loneliness and usually move me to laughter before I'm finished.

Making new traditions is another way of handling loneliness, especially at times when I can't be with my own family. I try to focus on what I can do instead of what I can't do. God wants to turn my loneliness into

something precious if I will only let him.

5. How are you treated differently by the Japanese because of your single female status?

I am treated differently, but there are some advantages. I am probably more mobile without a family, which makes for a lot of invitations, not only to meals, but to overnight stays and other adventures. They see me as needing them since I don't have a resident family, so they often include me in family activities. I think, too, I am less of a threat to the Japanese men because I'm not as large as them, and because I don't have the same position in their eyes as do men. I had to work very hard to be accepted on a professional level at the University—a Japanese woman would never have been.

6. Who encourages you?

My mother has always been a strong support for me. Her letters, constant prayers, and recently, her phone calls, were true encouragements. My friend, Cornelia, a missionary teacher in Japan is also. We began a support group 12 years ago in Japan for Christian singles ministering there. I've been so thankful for her. I don't think missionaries on the field can last without some kind of encouragement and support from the others at their mission. I know I've needed it for the 16 years I've been in Japan. Also, a number of Christian women have encouraged me through the years. Mrs. Fujita and I have been bound in the Holy Spirit, even when the language barrier kept us from talking at length. Her love and kindness has been precious.

7. What are some of the most exciting experiences you have had sharing Christ in Japan?

One student, Satoko, showed a great interest in Christianity after having attended several Bible studies. After several years, she accepted Christ, and two years later, she was

baptized. Now she teaches Japanese to missionaries at the OMF Language School and she interprets sermons to foreigners at the International church of Sapporo.

For many years now, I have been witnessing to Kazuko, a housewife I met while working at the Uni-

versity, over tea and at Bible studies. She is still seeking, but as our relationship develops, we are building trust, and she continues to ask about Jesus Christ. The key to sharing Christ in Japan is hospitality and availability. The people are open to building friendships.

8. Give a Japanese phrase you use often. Have you ever embarrassed yourself struggling with the language?

"Gomen, ne!" is one I use all the time. It's helpful when I accidentally bump someone or step on toes in the bus or on the subway. "Sumimasen" is similar to it, covering all those times when you're sure you should say something, but you're not sure what.

One of the worst things I've said, I said after dinner with a Japanese family with whom I was close. The McLains and I were at dinner with them, and Jim and I had to leave to go to class. At the end of the meal, I bowed politely and said "Gokuro sama deshita," what I thought was "it was delicious, I enjoyed it." But what I really said was "Well, I guess you've done your duty by me." Needless to say there was stunned silence. Then the grandfather gravely bowed to me

and said, "Yes, we've done our duty." The look on my face was priceless, I'm told. Everyone cracked up and laughed for several minutes. That family still laughs about my language mix-up.

9. What would you like FWB women to pray for concerning you?

As I move to a different location in Japan and a new ministry, pray: that I'll settle in quickly; that I'll be able to get to know the Christians in the churches quickly; that the Lord will prepare hearts and open doors for my witness

Concerning my health, please pray: that I can keep my diabetes under control; that I can continue to move toward my target weight and once there, maintain it; that I will exercise consistently; that I will be safe as I commute between two cities

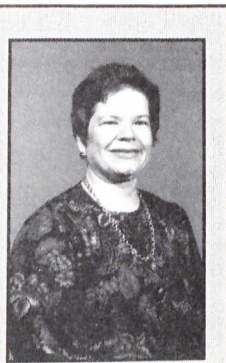
For my spiritual life, pray: that others will see Jesus in me; that I will walk more closely with Him; that Satan will have no occasion to triumph in my life

I'll be the only missionary in the cities of Abashiri and Bihoro, and unless something changes, the only foreigner. The support group I've had for the past 12 years will no longer be nearby. Pray that God will provide me with the support group I need.

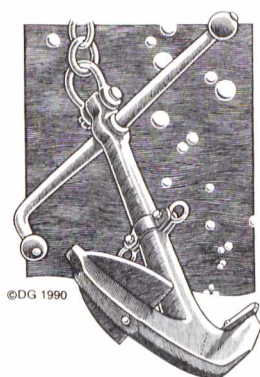
10. Is there anything else you want the women to know?

Yes, just to remind them that when they send cards or letters, please send them to the field address, not to the missions department. Why? because when they are mailed from the missions office, the postage comes out of our accounts. It seems a little strange to pay postage on my own birthday card. And also, please include a complete return address. We want to be able to thank you.

And I want to give a big "thank you" to all the Auxiliary ladies who give to the Provision Closet. There are so many beautiful things, and it is such a help. I wish I could give you all a big hug!❖



"When I went to Japan in 1972, I had the feeling of coming home."



Women Who Followed Jesus

Primary Study Passage: Luke 7:36-8:3; 23:49-24:11

Other Scriptures: Matthew 26:6-13; 27:55-61; 28:1-10;
Mark 14:3-9; 15:40-47; 16:1-8; John 12:1-8; 19:25-27; 20:1-2

Introduction: Luke's gospel is sometimes called the woman's gospel because the writer mentions women frequently. Luke draws striking portraits and relates beautiful stories of women's love for their Lord and Jesus' love for them. This study concentrates on one woman and the group of women who traveled with Jesus.

The other gospels include references to some of these same women. These references are listed for further study. Some commentators think the three other gospels are speaking of the same woman as the one in Luke 7. Others think different women are involved. You may want to study them to decide for yourself. The lessons from the incident are the focus of this study.

Consider This:

List all the women's names in all the gospel accounts of those who traveled with Jesus, stood at the cross, saw the sepulchre, and came early to the tomb. Can you give any further account of these women?

Read Luke 7:36-50

Although some have tried to give this woman a name, her identity is uncertain. However, we do know some things about her:

1. She was a sinner. v. 37 (Aren't we all?)
2. She had a bad reputation around town. v. 39
3. She came just as she was to Jesus. vv. 37, 38

Jesus used her example to teach the Pharisees a lesson, but what about the woman herself? How does Jesus react to the woman?

He knew her as she was—a sinner. He knew her heart. (He also knew Simon's heart just as He knows ours.) Matthew 9:4; 18:35; Luke 5:22

Jesus accepted her as she was. While Jesus was reclining for His meal, the woman came to the couch at

His feet and behind Him. Even before the tears began to fall, He knew she was there and He knew who she was. As she began to dry the tears with her hair and anoint His feet, He made no objection. He received gladly her act of repentance and love.

The first striking thing about the woman is that she was uninhibited in her expression of love and adoration for Jesus. She may have felt unworthy, but she did not let the crowd of men reclining at the table stop her out pouring of love to her Lord.

Washing the guest's feet and anointing His head with oil were tasks for a servant. What made it possible for her, a known sinner in the town, to come in and perform these acts of service?

Jesus said it was her great love. She was a sinner, yes, but she met the one who forgives and cleanses from sin. She believed and felt the sorrow of repentance and the joy of acceptance. F. B. Meyer writes, "A woman's love must always find something to do for its beloved." Surely this is true of all love.

Jesus asked Simon to check himself against the woman. Why not check yourself against her?

1. Have I asked and am I rejoicing in God's forgiveness and acceptance?
3. Am I willing to be a servant?
4. Am I as uninhibited as she in pouring out my love for my Lord?
5. What are some ways I express my love to Him?

Luke 8:1-3

Wouldn't you like to go on one of those preaching trips with Jesus and His disciples? The scripture says there were many women along, but only a few are named.

These women followed Jesus because of their great love. According to Luke, they had been healed. Some of them had been freed from physical bondage. Some had

been freed from evil spirits' control. All of them had been freed from sin.

Jesus has freed us from sin, from the power of Satan, from the fear of death—should we not pour out our love for Him?

These women expressed their love in a very practical way. A crowd of men on a preaching tour needs food, clean clothes and other supplies. The women used their possessions to meet those needs. What they had become a means of ministry for them. v.3

Consider This:

1. Have I accepted Jesus' emotional and spiritual healing?
2. Am I serving the way He would have me to?
3. Am I using my possessions in ministry for Him and His servants?

Luke 23:49-56

These same women stood, watching the crucifixion. Imagine, if you can, the anguish at what they saw. Yet they stayed to the end.

They wanted to do what they could for one they loved. They watched as Joseph took the body of Jesus down from the cross and wrapped it in the customary linen shroud. They didn't have time to anoint the body with spices. They followed Joseph and the little procession to the garden where the tomb was.

Can you hear them whispering to one another, noticing landmarks, saying, "We must remember where He is lying. We must return when the Sabbath is over. Then we can anoint His body and put in the spices." They prepared the ointments and the spices, but they rested on the Sabbath day, as the law demanded.

Luke 24:1-11

When the Sabbath ended, the women hurried toward the garden. No doubt they questioned as they walked how they would get into the tomb, since Joseph had secured it with a large stone across the opening.

To their amazement, the stone was rolled aside and the tomb was empty. Their Lord had broken the bands of death, becoming the first fruits of the resurrection. But the women did not understand at first. They were perplexed.

Then suddenly two angels appeared with answers. They were looking for a dead body, but the angel said, "He is among the living, not among the dead." What thrilling words they heard that day, "He is not here, but is risen." Gently the angels reminded the women of Jesus' words. He had told them that He must die by crucifixion. He had assured them that on the third day He would rise

from the dead. Now the women joyfully remembered those words and understood the meaning.

They had the privilege of carrying the glad news to the eleven apostles and the others who waited in grief.

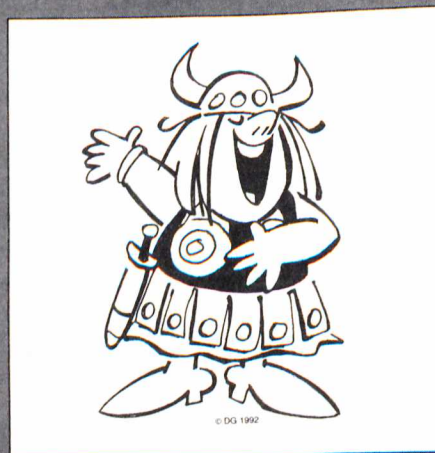
Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary, and other women. Can you hear their excited voices and see the joy in their faces as they share the news? "Jesus is no longer dead. He is risen, as He said He would. Come, let us rejoice."

What kind of reception did the apostles and the others give the women? "Their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not." Perhaps the women were a bit disappointed at this reception. Perhaps they felt sad for these unbelievers. But nothing could stop their rejoicing. They knew that Jesus was alive, and they had delivered the message. They were not responsible for the reaction of the others.

Consider This:

1. Am I willing to follow Christ, even in death?
2. Can I accept, by faith, God's words about this life and the life to come?
3. Am I willing to deliver the gospel message no matter what kind of response I get?❖

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Springboard:

Innovative Ideas for WNAC Officers

Coordinator:

January is Enlistment Month for WNAC, a time to focus on getting more women involved in your group. Call a special meeting of all your officers to brainstorm for ideas to enlist more women. Perhaps you'll want to have your officers over for a small brunch on a Saturday morning or for tea at the church on a Saturday afternoon. It doesn't matter when, but schedule some time to plan a strategy for getting the non-members in your church to attend the January or February program. Make it special--an evening they can't resist.

WNAC, as the missions/service arm of the church, is an organization all the women in your church should want to be a part of. Who doesn't want to reach out and help others? Who doesn't want to provide for missionaries who faithfully share the gospel with a lost world? Take a poll of the non-members in your church and consider the reasons for their uninvolvedness? There should always be room for diversity and change.

Assistant Coordinator:

Along with the Coordinator, make a questionnaire to find out why women in your church aren't involved in your women's group. Then discuss a strategy for overcoming those obstacles for a growing, all-inclusive group of Women Nationally Active for Christ.

During February, most churches plan a special Valentine's Day banquet. If your Women's group isn't already involved, ask to see how you can incorporate missions into the celebration--"Love Them to Christ." Perhaps a love offering could be received or the proceeds from the banquet could go toward a missionary's account. Perhaps you can enlist the Service Chairman to oversee the creation of missions centerpieces for each table.

Also, plan to do something special for your pastor and his wife for Valentine's Day. Treat them to a special dinner out or complete some much-needed task at the church or their home as a gift of love for them.

Enlistment Ideas



Many groups have their regularly monthly meeting and a special Enlistment meeting during the month of January. Some groups have only one meeting in January and make that a special occasion for non-members to get to know their group. However your group approaches Enlistment month, these suggestions will help you stir up the excitement among your women:

1. Program: If you have one meeting only, use the January Program, "Real Resolutions" to interest both members and non-members alike. Most women make new commitments every year to do this or that, so this is a perfect opportunity to get women to commit to participate in an active, important group like WNAC. If you normally have two meetings, consider having only one meeting, using the January program, but also introducing the work of WNAC, your group's plans for the upcoming year, and the need for more involvement. The women in your church, more than likely, are aware of your group and what you do, so perhaps a get-acquainted time of fellowship and a program that

Enlistment Ideas, cont.

encourages new commitments will be enough to get them involved.

If none of these ideas appeal to you, just write us, and we'll send you an Enlistment Program to use in your meeting--complete with suggestions for presentation. Also, *you can order the new, 1994 "Enlistment Ideas"* by writing to WNAC, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002. The cost is \$2, plus postage and handling.

2. Variety: Don't just have women sit there while someone reads the program or a few people take turns reading different sections. Get every woman present involved. Make the meeting a time of discussion and interaction. Change the order of the meeting so that the non-members feel at home. Business should be handled quickly to allow more time for fellowship and the program. Start and end on time--nothing leaves a worse impression than a meeting starting or ending late.

5. Music: Consider having some special music to compliment the program you present. A solo, duet, trio, or even a time of singing choruses will add tremendously to the meeting.

4. Invitations: Handwrite invitations for all women who attend your church but do not participate in WNAC. Make them as individual and encouraging as possible.



Secretary/Treasurer:

Beginning this month, WNAC dues have been increased to \$10 per member per year. If you need more information about this increase or local and state reports, please write or call the WNAC office: P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002. (615)731-6812.

Missions Chairman:

In 1994, *CoLaborer* Magazine will be focusing on the unique ministries of our single missionaries. In each issue there will be an interview/article highlighting individual women, their fields of service, and the challenges and difficulties of the single missionary life. We will try to present specific prayer requests and needs of these women, as well as suggestions for how your group might meet these needs. Begin now to discuss with your Prayer Chairman and Service Chairman how to share these ministries with your group.

Prayer Chairman:

Jeremiah 33:3 says, "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things thou knowest not." Remind your women that God has great and mighty things in store for those who are faithful to pray. Have we ever been in greater need of prayer than we are today?

Start the new year out right. Make sure your women have access to updated prayer calendars, cards, and other materials from denominational agencies: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and FWBBC. For the most part, these are free for the asking, so help your women have the resources they need to pray more specifically.

Discuss with other Missions officers how to emphasize our single missionaries this year (see Missions Chairman, above).

In conjunction with the January program, "Real Resolutions," take a few minutes to talk about renewing commitments to pray. There are so many needs among our people--sickness, broken families, financial burdens, disharmony among sisters and brothers. Ask your women to consider making a resolution to pray for each other, as well as for missions.

Service Chairman:

Wouldn't it be wonderful if at the end of 1994 you could say that your women's group accomplished more for the cause of Christ than in past years, that you gave more, witnessed more, cared more, and served more people than ever before? It can be more than just an aspiration. God can do great and mighty things through us if we are only willing. Which of the following will your group get involved in this year?

- visiting the sick and elderly
- food, clothing, and toy drives for the poor in your community
- care packages for home and foreign missionary kids
- crisis pregnancy counseling and pro-life activism
- women's prison ministry
- spring cleaning and repair work for the church facilities
- ministering to troubled youths
- encouraging brothers and sisters in Christ
- writing to politicians about issues of concern

Establish projects early this year, and your service goals will be accomplished. Somebody out there needs the care and attention your women can give. And please, let us here at *CoLaborer* Magazine know what you are doing. Our readers love to see what Free Will Baptist Women In Action are doing to serve Christ by serving others. Take pictures of your activities and projects, so others can be inspired by your example.

**Real Resolutions
for 1994**

Because I want to grow in Christ this year, I resolve to do the following:

1.
Plan of Action (How?):
2.
Plan of Action (How?):
3.
Plan of Action (How?):

For accountability, I will share my resolutions with:

Signed:
Date:

Lucy and Marge and the Valentine's Day Change of Heart

Scene: *Sitting at Lucy's kitchen table or at a restaurant table*

Marge: Did you hear about Pastor Greene's Valentine's Day surprise from Velda?

Lucy: *(Excitedly)* No, what did she do this year? She couldn't have possibly topped last year's "Lady in Red candlelight dinner without the kids."

Marge: Oh, yes she could! *(Begins whispering in Lucy's ear where audience cannot hear, telling her the details.)*

Lucy: Gasp. . .GASP. . .GASP!!! *(As Marge whispers, your gasps of amazement get louder and louder, and when she finishes,) OH MY!*

Marge: Yes, and to think, on Valentine's Day, me and Rayburn were sitting in the lazyboys watchin' Tom Brokaw, and I turned to him and said, "Oh by the way, hon, happy Valentine's Day." To which he said, "Oh yeah, right, you too."

Lucy: That was me and Buck last year. This year I remembered and picked him up a card at Smallmarks.

Marge: *(Sarcastically)* We sure are romantics at heart, aren't we Lucy?

Lucy: Well, at least there aren't embarrassing little stories all over town about us being all kissy-kissy in public or sweet little notes bein' found in Buck or Rayburn's lunches!

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(Lucy and Marge, continued)

Marge: (*Dreamy-eyed at the thought, but then snapping back into reality.*) That's right! At least when our names are brought up, people don't snicker at the thought of mushy lovebirds.

Lucy: (*Dreamy-eyed at the thought, half-heartedly agrees*) Yeah, at least people don't snicker.

(*They both think to themselves for a second, looks of disappointment on their faces.*)

Lucy: (*Coyly*) You know, Smallmark is having a 50% off sale on their Valentine's Day stuff. . .

Marge: (*Inspired to action*) And I still have that heart-shaped pan from my cake-decorating days. . .

Lucy: (*Grabbing Marge by the hand and heading for the door*) Right! Why should Velda have all the fun?!❖

The Lucy and Marge vignettes can be used as openers for meetings, promotional "commercials" for group events, or just for fun. They can be used to introduce a program, a craft project, or an issue for discussion. Little to no props are needed for these plays, and little preparation or rehearsal is required.

For best results, have the same two women play these roles each time, bringing their unique personalities to the characters. Both characters are about the same age, and they should typify the average woman in your Auxiliary group.

And, as always, we welcome your suggestions. Write and tell us how these vignettes can better suit your needs.

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Springboard Illustrated: Stories to Grow By Volume 34/ No. 1 THIS CANDLE by Gloria Wilde

In a shop I saw a candle, carved with intricate design,
Richly scented, proudly boasting of its beauty, rare and fine.
There it stood, all highly polished, made of wax, so hard and cold,
Hadh't warmed a single person since it came out of its mould.
Then I thought, "I'm like that candle--made for spreading warmth and light,
Yet resisting flame and fire to remain a lovely sight.
Though I'm only one small taper, melt me, Lord, and make me Thine;
Set my wick to burning brightly that for others I might shine!
Change my careless lack of service, help me share and love and give,
Shining only for my Savior, showing others how to live.
Then, when all my wax has vanished, of my wick--there's not a thread,
May no one recall this candle, but remember *warmth* instead."

MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR

Missionaries supported by both Foreign and Home Missions departments are listed here by birthdays in January/February. Brighten their special days with your cards and prayers. Missionaries on furlough are indicated by *.

January

1	Odis Whitehead, FL	9	Ava Cooper, CA
3	Bob White, KY	9	Carlie Lloyd, WI
4	Mark Thomas, CO	11	Willa Johnson, KY
11	Walter Ellison, Uruguay	11	Vicky Rager, IN
13	Jim Combs, Brazil	11	Norman McFall, Brazil
14	Shirley Combs, Brazil	11	Linda Snow, Japan
24	Jerry Pinkerton, C'I	13	Rejane Eagleton, C'I
26	Cathy Crawford, France	14	Mitzi Munsey, TX
27	Linda Harvey, AZ	14	Janice Sasser, MD
		16	Sherry Reynolds, AZ

February

1	Linda Reeves, Spain	17	Barbara Gibbs, France
2	Jim Cowart, Brazil	17	Ron Dail, VI
4	Mona Austin, NC	19	Richard Hendrix, AL
5	Judy Bailey, Japan	20	Tammy Gentuso, C'I
5	Bill Reagan, Canada	20	Bobby Clyatt, FL
7	Larry Williams, GA	26	Paul Gentuso, C'I
7	Pam West, C'I*	27	David McGowan, OH
8	Don McDonald, Japan	27	Larry Reynolds, AZ

Daniel's Real Resolution

Daniel 1:8,15,20 "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. And at the end of ten days, their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm."

COMMUNICATOR

BY MARY RUTH WISEHART

Back to Basics

"Let's begin praying right now that God will have His way in the women who gather in North Carolina, that He will melt us together in a strong determination to 'get back to the basics,'" writes Lois Miller.

Let's join with Lois to make the national retreat at Ridgecrest, September 15-17, 1994 the beginning of revival in our hearts and in our churches. In addition to Lois Miller, Alice Wood, a Bible teacher from Oklahoma, will give basic instructions on Bible study. Pam Wood will direct our hearts toward prayer.

Eight small groups will meet to give us an opportunity to put into practice the principles shared about Bible study. The same groups will meet to share prayer requests and time in prayer for one another, the USA, and God's work around the world.

Look for registration material in the next issue of *Co-Laborer* magazine.

Absent from the Body, Present with the Lord

Evelyn Hersey, missionary to Japan, died Monday, October 4, 1993. She had struggled with cancer and cancer treatments for a number of months. The family rejoiced that Evelyn, absent from the body, was present with her Lord.

January is Enlistment Month

The beginning of a new year--a good time to make a New Year's resolution to be a part of WNAC. Notice the enlistment suggestions in this issue. Perhaps a special meeting for inviting visitors would be a good way to enlist new members.

If January is not a good month for planning something special, choose another month. But sometime this year, set a goal and try to enlist all the women of your church in service for Him.

New Dues Now in Effect

The delegates voted in July to raise annual dues to WNAC from \$2 to \$10, beginning January 1994.

What that means to you is that you will pay, whenever your annual dues become payable, \$10 plus whatever is required at the district and state level. For example, in Florida, the amount will be \$12, \$10 per person to the WNAC office, \$1 to the district, \$1 to the state.

The Foreign Student Scholarship

Since 1980 WNAC has maintained the Foreign Student Scholarship Fund. The fund began as an attempt to help Ugandan students. It was made permanent in 1981 and February was designated as the month for special offerings to the fund.

In the years since 1980, scholarships have gone to students from Brazil, Haiti, Panama, and Mexico.

The last scholarship awarded went to Silvestre de Silveira Pinto Neto of Brazil. He is working toward a master's degree.

Provision Closet Needs:

Bedspreads, all sizes

SHEET SETS, all sizes
(we are almost out of
twin and full sheet sets)

Food Processors

Coffee Makers

Cotton blankets

***Please see note below.**

*Due to the overwhelming generosity of WNAC women all over the country, the provision closet is running over with Tupperware®. Until further notice, when you plan to give to the closet, please consider giving the listed items above instead.

Also, if your Auxiliary has not received a letter acknowledging your gift of Tupperware® to the Provision Closet, there may be a very good reason: when you ship direct, the manufacturer does not include the name and address of the giver; therefore, we have no idea who sent the gift. Please be sure to have the manufacturer include your church name and address on the invoice, so we will be able to acknowledge your gift.

Women In Action



A. Haases in Beulah Land

The Melvin Haas family landed in Beulah Land (Beulah FWB Church in Pamplico, SC) on Tuesday, August 13, 1993. On Wednesday night, the Woman's Auxiliary and the Actionettes sponsored an old fashioned pounding for them. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments and the "getting to know you" time. The Haas family received a big variety of groceries and paper products. Pictured are Shelia, Melvin, James, Michelle, Miriam, and Joseph Haas.

Also, their Actionette group, organized in 1990, is really going strong. They are very faithful in their service to the community, especially in visiting the sick and shut-in. Now they have another group to help them. The boys have organized a group for community outreach/service called Actioneers. Their fearless leader is Melvin Haas.

B. Unbounded Vision in Oklahoma

On August 14, 1993, the First Mission Woman's Auxiliary of Oklahoma had their district meeting, using the theme "Unbounded Vision." Twenty-four women were present to hear missionary Ruth Bivens share her vision for Mexico. Pictured are: Tracy Payno, First Mission Pres.; Robin Haskins, who provided special music; and Ruth Bivens, missionary.

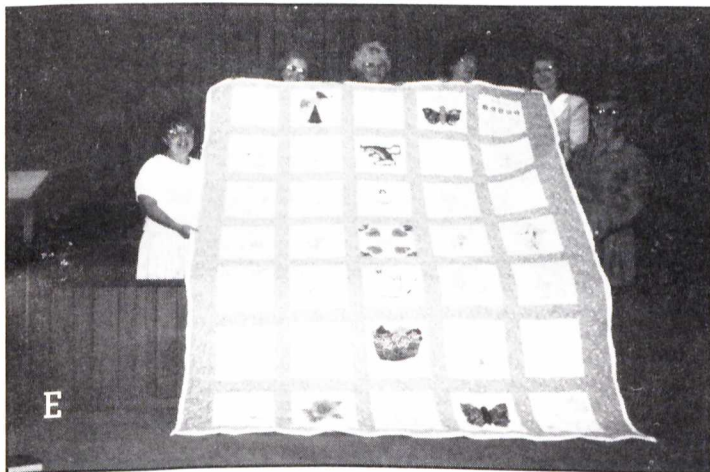


C. New Texas State Officers Elected

The Texas State meeting in McAllen, TX, netted a fine crew of state officers for 1993-1995. They are (L to R): Bettie Ferguson, Treasurer; Judy Posner, Vice-President; Helen Sanders, President; Judy Smith, Secretary; Joy Jones, Member-At-Large; and Ruth Jennische, Field Worker. Not pictured are Nell Stell, Field Worker, and Brenda Blankenship, Member-At-Large.

D. Pine Hill Hosts Hubbard Family

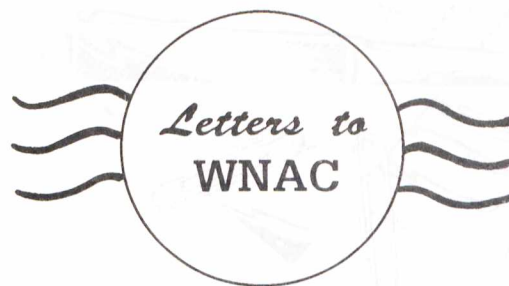
In April of 1993, the Pine Hill Woman's Auxiliary was honored to have the Lavan Hubbard family as guests as their meeting. The Hubbards, home missionaries to Maumelle, AR, shared with the women how God is working in their mission church, along with pictures of the church building from start to finish. The women gave them a love offering of \$104. Pictured are: (front) Lavan, Hollie, Heath, Vicki, and Haylee Hubbard; (back) Theresa McGriff, Secr/Treas; Mary



Kelton, Pres.; Marceil Morgan, Member; Linda Butler, Member; Angie Morgan, Member; Karen Robertson, V-Pres.; and Janet Matthews, Member.

E. A Quilt of Friendship for the McGowans

The Bethel Auxiliary of Festus, MO, has completed a friendship quilt for home missionaries, David and Sandra McGowan of Hamilton, OH. Pictured are: Janet Politte, Bonnie Day, Rose Huddleston, Aileen Estes, Sandra Skiles, and Edna Gebhart. Wilma Lowry, Mary Frazier, Velna Crouthers, Thelma Brashears, and Anna Robinson also contributed to the quilt project. ❖



Dear WNAC,

Please be assured that you are a vital link in the world missions outreach. Little indeed could be accomplished without supporters like you. The sender and the sent will sit together in Heaven.

Lloyd Plunket
Cote d'Ivoire

Dear WNAC,

The article, "Porch Sale," in *CoLaborer* inspired our Auxiliary to have a missions yard sale. Enclosed is a check for \$90 to buy things for the provision closet.

Wilson FWB Auxiliary
Belleville, Arkansas

Dear WNAC,

We are so thankful for your gift of \$180.50 this month. Only the Lord knows what your contribution to our ministry will mean in eternity.

Tom and Patty McCullough
Berkley, Michigan

Dear WNAC,

I would like to subscribe to *CoLaborer* magazine. I am almost positive your rates have increased since 1989 (the issue I have), so I am enclosing a check for \$10.

Kay Williams
Spartanburg, SC

Editor's Note: Mrs. Betty Johnson of Macomb, Michigan wrote in to let us know that she penned "Monsters and Warriors," an article (without an author) that appeared in the Sept/Oct 1993 issue. She is a full time mother of two who attends the Philadelphia FWB Church in Clinton Township, MI. Hers was a fine article, and we want to give credit where credit is due. ❖

THE BIBLE: LIGHT ON THE WAY

What is the Bible to you? History? Biography? Poetry? A love letter? A roadmap? Or all of these?

In 1994, WNAC is getting back to the basics and sharpening our focus on the importance of the Bible in our lives.



OVER MY COFFEE CUP

BY EUNICE EDWARDS

Joshua was one of more than 4,000 priests who returned from exile in Babylon. Malachi describes Joshua's spiritual condition: He had scorned God's name, offered unacceptable sacrifices to God, appeared before Him in filthy clothes, complained about the weariness of being God's servant, and, by example, caused many to stumble in the Law.

Sadly, we are guilty of these same offenses today. We are guilty of carelessness in preparing to serve Him. We offer to serve and then neglect to spend the time it takes to prepare well. The results are repetition of meaningless words and songs or prayers with more rhythm than sincerity.

Aren't there also times when our garments are less than acceptable to God? Time spent alone with God and His Word can help clean us up. Hurt feelings, irritability, and aimless wandering all melt away under the searchlight of the Holy Spirit. In James 1:27, we are reminded to keep ourselves "unspotted from the world."

The sense of shame at having failed to keep clean is most keenly felt when Sunday morning rolls around, and we're not ready or eager to teach that class or do that service. Comparing ourselves to others doesn't bring much comfort either. Isaiah, when confronted with his sin, cried out in agony, "Woe is me for I am undone." Only God, in His mercy, can fix our lives.

Joshua's undone condition was completely changed when God ordered a clean turban for his head and a clean robe. Genuine repentance always brings renewed spiritual praise. Then, and not until then, was Joshua told how he could maintain his acceptance with the Lord: "Thus saith the Lord of Hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by."

The pure joy of having a field in which to serve brings to me a grateful song of praise. As it must have come to Joshua then, "Praise the Lord!" ❖

The Family Altar

by Mary Neal

The Family Altar Begins Before the Family

I didn't know it, but when my husband and I first began dating, we were establishing our family altar. Much of our dating life was spent reading the Word, praying and sharing together.

Don accepted Christ as his Savior during that time, and I was blessed to be present at the altar with him.

After we married, Don said it was difficult for him to hear me pray that I loved the Lord with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. But as time passed, our marriage grew stronger, and Don grew in the Lord. He began to understand the meaning of those words. Our devotional time was essential to us as two young, growing Christians.

Two years later, when God blessed us with a beautiful baby girl, Angie, our family altar grew to include her. We decided I would stay at home to be with our daughter. Angie and I passed many hours together, sitting on the floor, singing, and clapping our hands.

Even then, I began to read aloud to her books about Jesus and other Bible stories. We sang about Jesus and prayed together.

Then, two years later, our son John was born, and we continued reading and singing and praying every day. We purchased records for them to play, songs about Jesus and His love. Our family altar was part of our every day routine.

The First Great Commandment

Deuteronomy 6 tells us to take our Lord's commandments and "teach them diligently to [our] children and talk of them when [we] sit at home and when [we] walk by the way, and when [we] lie down and when [we] get up." The NIV begins verse 7 with the word "impress." We are to start each day with talk of



God, as we ride in the car, around the dinner table, and at night when we thank Him for the day.

God's demand of this exclusive and intensive devotion to Himself is what Jesus called "the first and great commandment."

Our children both accepted Christ at a young age, and we were so excited and thankful for their decisions. Don and I knew it was important to keep good, Christian literature in their hands--books they'd enjoy and learn from. As they began having their own personal devotions, we were careful to keep age-appropriate resources close by.

The Importance of Consistency

While our children were growing up, my husband often worked out of town, even out of state, but we agreed that a consistent example was important. The loaf of bread scripture verses and prayer was a regular part of our dinner time. The children and I read and prayed together while Don was away.

The traffic in our house was heavy, with friends of our teens over almost daily. On the weekends, we'd feed them before ballgames. Our family altar grew to include

them, if not directly, through the little evidences of Christ in our lives.

We see many of those "kids" today and they still call us "Mom and Pop."

Even during the teen years, our family sang together. Our quartet sang at Sunday school class parties and revivals. And we emphasized the importance of Scripture memory. We had verses on the table, the refrigerator, the mirrors--from Sunday school, VBS, summer camps and from our devotional study.

If your children are still at home, there is no better pattern for Bible reading and prayer than your personal example. As they see and hear you pray, they will understand the nature of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray specifically, and they will have unforgettable memories of God's personalized answers to their problems.

Long-Lasting Results

Now that our children are grown, I look back and see how God has worked in our lives. Our efforts to keep Him as the center of our home have seen some beautiful results: our children are now serving Him and raising their children in Christian homes. These rewards satisfy our spirits like nothing else in life. Remember:

1. The family altar is important: make time for it.
2. Make it a quality experience: be mentally alert.
3. Don't try to cover too much scripture: little is much when you are sincere. Try reading aloud. Make the devotion age-appropriate.
4. Simplify your prayers. They are our conversations with God.

Our daily devotions should tie together the impressions of the day, giving us much needed fellowship together as a family and with the Lord. It is a process of learning and growing together in Christ. ❖



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

There has been some talk that perhaps the Great Midwestern Flood of 1993 was God's way of keeping gambling casinos from going afloat. Perhaps He just grew tired of people trying to control their own lives and decided to show us once and for all who's ultimately in control. During the floods, many people experienced utter helplessness for the first time in their lives. God is in control, yes, but He is waiting for people to acknowledge Him.

Chronicles 7:14-15:

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place."(NIV)❖

Poet's Corner

Family Evidence

by Katy Taylor

The day is new, it's half past nine.
The house is quiet now.
All around is evidence my family left
behind.

Rudy has gone to some new place
Yesterday's sports page marks his
space.

Muddy tracks are Rebekah's clue.
She had just one more thing to do.

Lindsey has left out her new book.
She'll find her shoes near the back
door, without having to look.

I see traces of Josh's late night snack,
and some tools he didn't put back.
Late night T.V. is his style,
I'll find his last channel after awhile.

Each one leaves a clue all their own,
Assuring me I'm not alone.

Mirror Image

by Linda Sligh

When I look in the mirror
What do I see?
What I really am, or
What I hope to be?

A head full of hair
That's turning to gray,
A crown of glory
Some folks might say.

A face that's wrinkled,
From smiles, a few frowns,
One that's weathered
Life's ups and downs.

Eyes that are filled
With compassion and love
Because of the grace of
My Father above.

The mirror image--
What I physically see,
The heart reflection--
What God wants me to be.

I Know You, Lord

by Barbara Mitchell

I know You Lord
for I've seen Your face
in the sculptured planes of the
mountains' rise
and in the darkened canyons that
steep below

I've caught a glimpse of You
in the lustrous thread of a silk
cocoon
and the fiery flame of a robin's
breast

I know You, Lord
for I've heard Your voice
in the gentle whisper of a passing
breeze,
I have sensed Your laughter in the
softest rustling
of emerald leaves

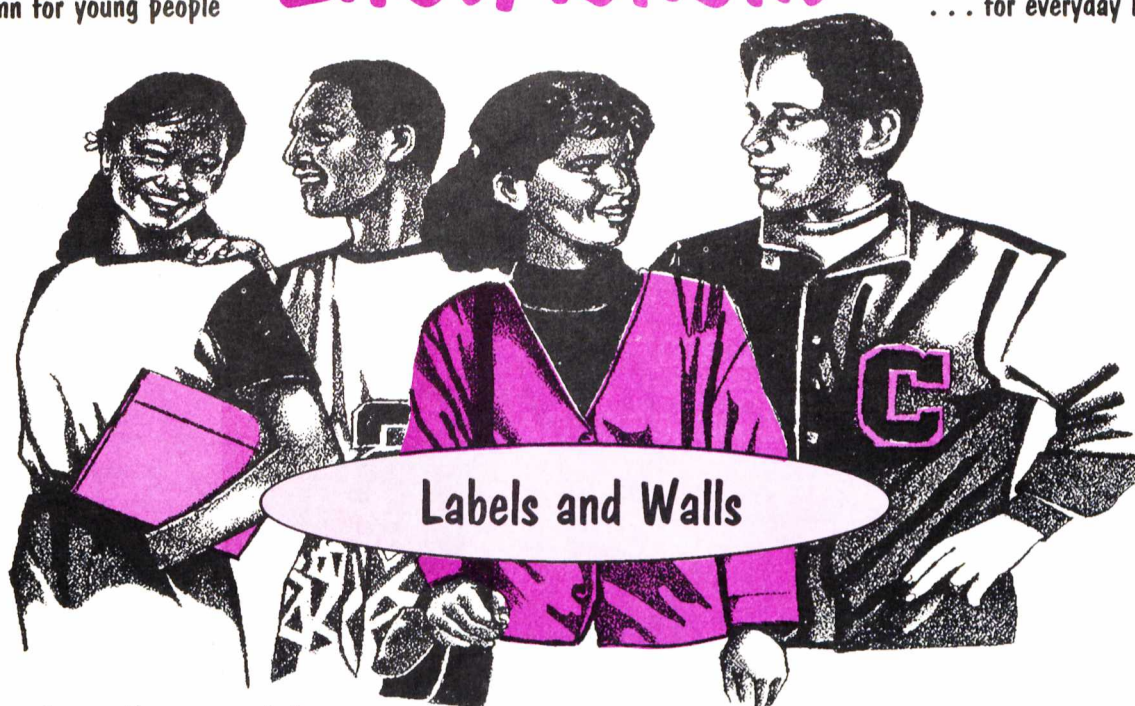
I know You, Lord
for You've lent me comfort
in the velvet hush of midnight's
hour,
I have calmed my soul with the
gentle song of rain

I've felt Your hand reach out and
touch the coldest spot within that
stirred to warmth
Once again I sing
for I have known You, Lord. ❖

a column for young people

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o you know these people?

Jennifer's makeup is always perfectly done. She wears the latest styles and wouldn't be caught dead wearing something she'd already worn this week. Everything she owns is designer, right down to her school supplies. Her boyfriend is a football player. Her friends are the cheerleaders. They're just like her.

Tommy's eyes are always bloodshot from drinking and partying. When he isn't absent, he spends much of his school time in the principal's office or in detention. Every other word out of his mouth is a curse word. He's been known to carry a knife. His friends are just like him.

Albert's face is always in a book or staring at a computer screen. He carries a huge book bag and a pocket full of pens and pencils. In class, he takes long pages of notes and answers every question asked correctly. He's in the Science Club and the Math Club. His friends show up around exam week.

Vera's shoes were in style two years ago. Her clothes are even older and usually too tight. She rarely wears makeup. Her hair is rather dull. For lunch, she brings leftovers if anything at all. She is teased for being overweight and plain, for living in a trailer on the poorer side of town. Her friends live there, too.

Unfortunately, kids at your school are forced into one of four social circles: the populars, the hoods, the nerds, and the rif-raff. They may be called by other names, but everyone is categorized as one or the other.

Labeling people creates an ill-spirit of conceit and prejudice that destroys self-esteem and builds unnecessary walls between people.

The truth is, there are many lonely, popular kids. Many confused but searching hoods. Many fun-loving, friendly nerds. And stylishly loyal rif-raff. Who do these kids talk to when they're desperate for the truth? Who listens to them when they're hurting?

Breaking out of these circles is difficult, but it can be done. It begins with one act of courage. Take one minute to put yourself in the shoes of another. Try to imagine his loneliness. Try to understand her point of view. Try to build a bridge between your two different worlds.

A Note From the Editor: Hey Actionettes (or any teenage readers), this page is for you—to help you grow in Christ and to let readers of *CoLaborer* know about the great ways you serve God. I invite you to send in material or topics you want to see talked about on this page, and pictures—we love seeing your fabulous smiles! Mail your ideas, etc., to *CoLaborer* Magazine, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, Tennessee, 37011-5002 ❖

Romancing the Reverend

by Wanda Powell

I've always been a romantic. You know, moonlight, carriage rides, roses, candy, our favorite song Isn't the husband supposed to do the romancing? After all, I'm the one who gets the most out of it, aren't I?

On our wedding day, the church had never been so beautiful, the music so lovely, the air so fragrant, my beloved so handsome. I wondered if the romance would last? I'd heard that romance is like a brown paper lantern left standing in the rain. After awhile, the light goes out, and you're left with a soggy, plain brown bag. After thirty-two years, I am glad to say I've not found a soggy plain brown bag yet!

Webster says that romance is "excitement, love, and adventure; to be fanciful or imaginative in thinking and talking." Yes, romancing the Reverend is one long adventure, and it takes more imagination as time goes by.

In the beginning, it was easy. We had everything except money, but that didn't matter because ten Krystal hamburgers for a dollar was just as good as prime rib. (When you're young, your taste buds aren't fully developed.) We were young, fit, attractive, energetic, and hopelessly in love. All we needed was a Pepsi, a blanket, and a walk in Centennial Park. I'd gather acorns in my pocket, and he'd gather beautiful fall leaves for me. We'd laugh and talk, sharing our goals and dreams of the future. That was romance!

Then came the children. Just when you think you're settled in for that much-anticipated quiet time together, it's feeding time or your little one crawls into bed with you to get away from a bad dream. It's hard to be romantic with peanut butter on your pillow.

When they're older, you're too busy running to this ballgame and that school function, helping with homework and doing laundry to cook up some romance with "Dad."

But don't lose heart, these are important times in



our marriages. We have to find ways to keep the romance alive in our relationships. It doesn't take a lot of money, but some rules have to be established for the children.

The bedroom is your private haven. Put up an electric fence, moat, or a barricade to let the children know that it is a private place. One day they will admire you for it and try to pattern their marriages after yours.

Call Grandma to babysit on occasion. Your marriage is important to her, too. If grandparents are too far away, call on someone in the church. You'd be surprised how many adoptee nannies there are just longing for a little one to hug or bake cookies with.

Now we have begun to enjoy our "empty nest." But I've heard some couples say that after their children left home, they had nothing to talk about anymore. What a shame! It is important to work at communication, listening, sharing, and laughing with your mate during the child-rearing years. Your relationship for the years ahead depends on developing a strong friendship with each other.

Too often, we ignore the fact that marriage is a fragile thing. All around us marriages are falling apart, not just in the world, but in our churches, and in our pulpits. Preachers and their wives are more at risk now than ever before. What a grave mistake we make if we think our marriages are exempt from turmoil, temptation, and sin. We must guard our relationships carefully by creating special moments, special times of togetherness in which to grow.

Good marriages are pleasing to God, fulfilling to both partners, and healthy for the church. Happily married pastors and pastors' wives make better servants and leaders. Because people change over time--physically, emotionally,

spiritually, economically--it's only natural for marriage to change too. Recognize and enjoy each season of change for what it is, and make the effort to keep your relationship exciting. Remember the little things (Chanel No. 5 is more appealing than Vicks or Ben Gay): it will be worth the effort.

It is never too late to make a marriage better. Ask God to work in you and your marriage to restore the joy of those first years together. Ask Him to show you ways to improve your relationship with your mate. After all, intimacy originated with God, and He created us, male and female, to be one flesh, to enjoy His gift of intimacy. With God's help, you can rediscover romance and strengthen your marriage.



Romancing the Reverend? Here are a few starters:

1. Reserve a "Date Night." Put it on your calendar and his.
2. Put love notes in his desk drawer, car, Bible, suitcase.
3. Men like flowers, plants, and candy too.
4. Get out those candles, light them, and have a romantic dinner for two--his favorite dish.
5. Take mini-trips--an afternoon or overnight (camping, picnics, parks, motels).
6. Do your best to stay fit and attractive.
7. Be flexible and understanding when emergencies arise.
8. Laugh--it's good medicine, you know.
9. Think fun. Be an exciting, creative mate.
10. Express your love in word and action specifically every day.
11. Touch--a pat on the back, a hug, holding hands, the little expressions mean so much. (After all, you are married.)❖



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tender thoughts

by pearl mitchell

***i** wish someone would open a restaurant named, "It Don't Matter." That way, when we're sitting around trying to decide where to eat dinner, there'd be no question which restaurant we'd go to. Instead, we go back and forth, "Oh, it don't matter to me. Well, it don't matter to me either."*

That's one of the big secrets to a good marriage: knowing how to say "it don't matter," knowing how to compromise with each other, knowing the importance of putting your spouse first.

Of course, it's a two-way street. It has not mattered to him as many times as it has not mattered to me. I've endured years of fishing and hunting and workaholicing, not allowing those things to frustrate me. He has sweated through years of books in every corner, yard sales, fruitless poetry, and occasional temper tantrums, not allowing those things to drive him crazy.

Love and marriage, if it's worth doing at all, is worth doing right. It's worth not letting it matter if your plumber-husband never gets around to fixing his own plumbing. It's worth not letting it matter if your teacher-wife doesn't keep an immaculate house, even when she has the whole summer off.

When supper isn't on the table, when your wife does everyone else's income taxes and files an extension for her own, and when your husband gives someone, perhaps undeserving, the shirt off his back, not letting it matter can make the difference between a strong marriage and a floundering one.

Sometimes only God can give you the strength to not let it matter when deep down inside it really does. Love is doing without and giving in, above and beyond what is human nature, because your spouse's happiness is more important than the matter.❖



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Jean Jones Hyman



"Give her the reward she
has earned, and let her
works bring her praise
at the city gate."

—Proverbs 31:31

This column is dedicated to Free Will Baptist Women who have been true examples of Proverbs 31.

Biography: A Woman of Virtue

During the Great Depression, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Jones of Leeds, Alabama. She was called Audrey Jean.

Through the influence of her godly parents, Audrey Jean attended church regularly. At the age of fourteen, during a revival conducted by the late Reverend K.V. Shutes, she accepted Christ as her Savior and dedicated her life to serving Him.

After high school, she attended Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, where she met a young ministerial student from South Carolina. His name was W. Irvin Hyman, and she married him.

Jean was devoted to sacred music and used her musical gifts to honor God. Throughout her life, she was faithful to play the organ and piano for her church. For twenty-five years, "Miss Jean" also taught private music lessons, passing her knowledge and the example of a godly life on to hundreds of students.

She shared her life and her faith in so many different ways: The beautiful recitations, the articles written for various periodicals, her wholehearted support for her husband's ministry, her loyalty and encouragement to friends and family, and her letter-writing ministry. These are only a few of the ways she touched others' lives.

Jean served as an Auxiliary officer on local, district, and state levels. Witnessing for Christ, fulfilling her part in the great commission, and supporting missions efforts around the world were important to her. She encouraged others to do the same.

Jean's smile radiated the love of God. Her impeccable Christian character and testimony revealed the depth of her commitment to Christ. She exemplified the beautiful heart that Peter describes as "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of a great price" (1 Peter 3:4b).

She went home to live with her Lord in 1985, but her influence and testimony lives on in many church musicians, Sunday school and VBS teachers, youth workers, choir members, prayer warriors, encouragers, and other believers whose lives she touched. ❖

The Woman Who Wasn't a Writer

Once upon a time, there was a woman who loved to write. She'd scribble little poems on the backs of things, and doodle on the phone book while talking on the phone. She had long since packed away her journal, but every now and then, she'd have this uncontrollable need to write out her thoughts. She had a lifetime of experience to share, lessons hard-learned, real-life dramas she'd starred in, and devotional thoughts that had comforted and encouraged her in days past. The words didn't always come easy, but they did always come. But she had never, would never, let a soul read them.

"After all," she'd say, "I'm not a writer! Who'd want to read my little, scraggly words? Surely there is nothing new under the sun—they've all heard this stuff before. And besides, there are plenty of people out there who can write better than me. Why should I share my little world?"

But then, one day the mail truck rolled up, delivering her *CoLaborer* magazine. She began reading on page 28: "Once upon a time, there was a woman who loved to write. . . ." It was as if God had pushed aside the clouds and said, "YOU. They're talking to you."

And so, that very day, she began praying and planning to enter one of her stories. She even remembered a good idea for an Auxiliary program that could be whipped into shape and entered in the contest.

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Evangelism News from Around the World

Nantes, France

Allan and LaRue Crowson share with us their burden for the FWB missionary children in France: "Unlike most FWB MKs, those in France attend public schools. Academically, French schools are among the best in the world. At the same time we are conscientious of the negative influences they encounter. Just like their counterparts in America, they are trying to live their Christianity in a non-Christian world. Pray for Timothy, Bethany, Natalie, Marc, Joel, Ryan, Daniel, Brian, Jered, Joel, and the babies, Laurie, Johanna, and Justin."

Bondoukou, Cote d'Ivoire

The youth groups in the African churches are accomplishing great things. Ernest Holland writes, "Because one is considered part of the youth group up to age 35, many of our youth are in leadership positions. They teach Sunday school, direct singing, translate messages, and preach in surrounding villages. Not only are they our church of tomorrow, they are also the Cote d'Ivoire of tomorrow. Please pray for them and for guidance as we work with these fine youths."

Nashville, Tennessee

Missionary to Japan, Evelyn Hersey, went home to be with the Lord on October 4th, 1993, after a long battle with cancer. Fred Hersey is planning to return to Japan, and he desires your prayers for the Lord's guidance. A special endowment fund has been established in Evelyn's memory to benefit missions work in Japan. Gifts may be sent to: FWB Retirement and Insurance, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37001-5002.

Uruguay, South America

August 1993 marked the 30th anniversary of service for Walter and Marcia Ellison. Marcia writes, "We came to South America when I was 24, and Dub was 29. Together we have seen so many changes, but the plan (our part in missions) remains the same. Daily it continues to offer challenges and rewards." She requests prayer for a young Christian, Maribel, whose brother, Jorge, has a brain tumor. He is only 33 and has a one year old son.

Eugene, Oregon

Mike Criswell reports, "We are in the process of converting the old farmhouse on the property into classroom and fellowship space. It needs a major facelift to compliment our new auditorium. However, my account is over \$7,000 in the red. I am praying that by Home Missions month next year, I will be self-supporting." Let's join Mike in praying for increased support toward reaching this goal.

Kennewick, Washington

The Tom Hunt family is celebrating the recent baptism of three and an average attendance of 46. They ask your prayer support for the following: more new contacts, more workers, a church sign, parking lot improvements, and renovation work on the building.

Manomet, Massachusetts

September was an exciting month of firsts for the Ron McMillans. For the first time, their church family parked their cars on a paved lot, and the church offerings have averaged over \$1,000 a week. The McMillans are rejoicing in what God is doing, and Ron says, "for the first time, I've been able to take my hands off the church and say, 'Lord, this is your church. Just help me to do my best and leave the results with You.'" He asks that you remember Paul, Dick, Laura, Steve, John, and Nick in your prayers.

New Durham, New Hampshire

The Nasons write, "A few weeks ago, we visited Parsonsfield, Maine and were able to see the old seminary established by Free Will Baptists a century ago. How sad it is to see what compromise and liberalism has done to a once astounding influence for Christ. May it never happen again. What a challenge it is to carry the gospel to the cities and towns of America." Joel also reports that the attendance at New Durham has surpassed 100 several times, and overall attendance is increasing. People have been saved, and new families are attending. Continue to uphold them in your prayers. ❖

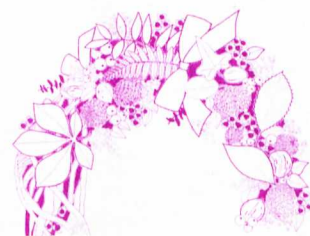


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Memories. What would we do without them?

Some memories are there because we have deliberately imprinted them on our minds. Such a lovely moment. Since we couldn't stop the world and freeze it there, we stamped the moment on our memory. We hold on to that moment and think "I'll always remember." In trying times, in the midst of trouble, we can call up that memory. Once again we can feel the warm glow of comfort and joy. Once things were better. They will be again.

Some memories are bittersweet. People we have loved who are no more, places eroded by weather, experiences that are casualties of time. They bring a sweet sadness.

Some memories rush in uninvited. We thought we had them locked away securely. But suddenly there they are. Those hateful, bitter, hurting memories. Only God can erase them or mitigate them.

Then there are the memories we are creating.

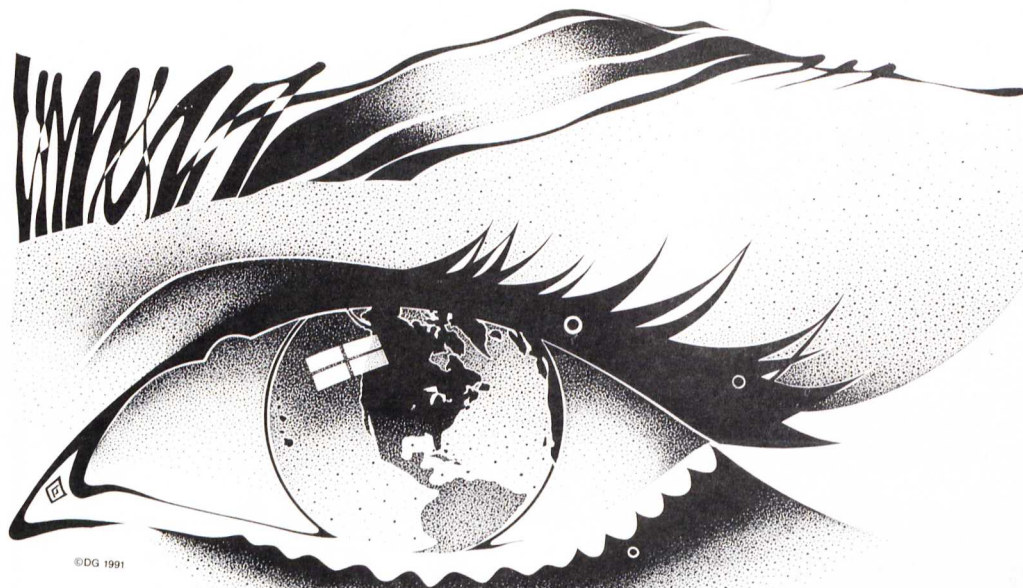
Today what memories will you leave for a child, a husband, a co-worker? As your life brushes theirs will it leave a memory with a sweet fragrance, one they'll want to stamp in their memory bank to draw on in hard times?

None of us would want to leave those bitter, hurting memories, would we? Of course not. Stop and consider the memories you are creating.

Soon enough we will become memories ourselves. If you could choose, what memory would you leave stamped on the minds of those you love?

I'd like to leave first and foremost the fragrance of the beauty of Christ.

Proverbs 10:7, "The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot." ❖



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