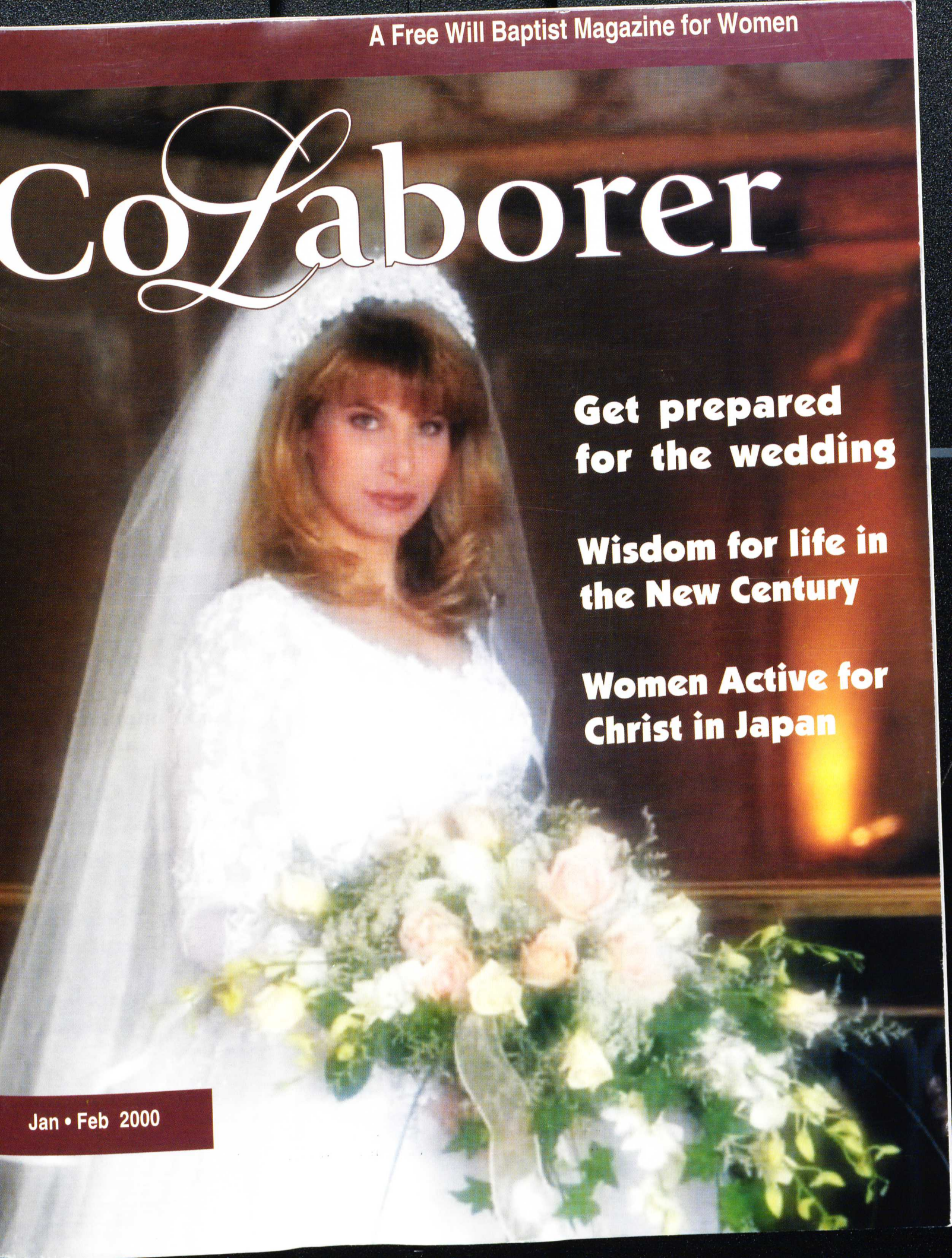


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CoLaborer

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for the wedding**

**Wisdom for life in
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VISION

Suzanne Franks

Lessons Learned



Five years ago, WNAC hired a mango-tree-climbing missionary's kid to sit behind an editor's desk. Sensing the tremendous responsibility the work entailed, all I could say was, "Lord, I'll do this only because You say You'll be with me." I was scared almost to death.

Five years later, God has opened a new door of opportunity for me. This new horizon is leading me away from the editor's desk at WNAC, but not away from Free Will Baptists. This is my last *Vision* in *CoLaborer*.

I've learned some valuable lessons during these five years. First, I learned that God uses willing vessels. The vessels are not always the most talented, but willing to be molded by the Master Potter.

I sat in God's classroom many times trying to complete the course called "God Supplies 101." Just yesterday when a financial crisis slapped me in the face, God sent me back to the same classroom to repeat the section, "God Provides Finances."

God is such a patient teacher. He gradually expands the GS101 course to fit my current situation. For example, at deadline time, God reminds me where my energy, health and strength come from. When I'm about to give up, He sends encouragers like Jack Williams and Debe Taylor. When I'm wondering if people read the magazine, a letter arrives from a reader who wants me to know she reads *CoLaborer* from cover to cover and appreciates what we do.

I've also learned about a group of great women who call themselves WNAC. You are the most dedicated, loving, supportive, talented and generous women I know. You don't hesitate to express your love and appreciation.

Free Will Baptist women love the Lord, His work and His workers. I can think of no other group of women I'd rather be associated with than WNAC. Thanks for the opportunity to serve through WNAC. What an honor.

I do have one final request. Pray for the new *CoLaborer* editor when she comes on board. Support her and encourage her like you did me. Oh ... and please pray for me as I move two exits up Interstate 24 and continue to minister in the Free Will Baptist extended family at Randall House Publications.❖

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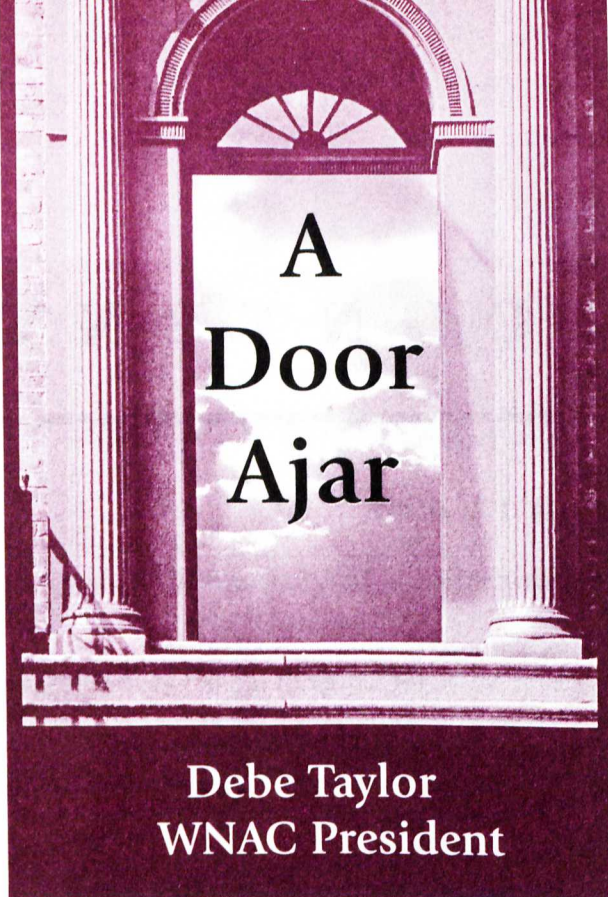
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In 1935, Free Will Baptist women noticed "a door ajar." They walked through that door and a new ministry of service was born. Mrs. Fannie Polston, first national field secretary, stated that the purpose for the organization was "to lead the women of the Free Will Baptist church into a larger share in the winning of the world to Christ." Women's National Auxiliary Convention "offered all the women of the church a place of service and purposed to develop their spiritual life, increase interest in missions, and unite them in a spirit of fellowship."

Since that day, missions has been the venue. WNAC has striven to help each woman find her place in the Great Commission. Over the years, WNAC has become known for financial and prayer support for missions. However, since its inception, WNAC has attempted to broaden the scope of service to aid women in understanding and fulfilling the Great Commission through their responsibilities in the family, in the church, in the community and around the world.

In 1993, a name change—Women Nationally Active for Christ—became necessary to de-

note the vastness of the women's ministry in our denomination.

As we face a new millennium, no doubt a strong need for Women Nationally Active for Christ still exists. Families desperately need togetherness; communities need cooperation; churches need unity; the world needs a Savior. For many years, we have heard that women hold the family and churches together. WNAC must accept the challenge of the Apostle Paul in Titus 2:3-4, "Likewise, the older women, that they be ... teachers of good things—that they admonish the young women ..."

Let us echo the words of Jon Mohr,

May all who come behind us find us faithful,
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave, lead them to
believe,
and the lives we live inspire them to obey.
May all who come behind us find us faithful.

A new door stands ajar. It opens to numerous opportunities for service—at home and around the world. Ladies, we must step over the threshold and seize the moment before time is no more and God closes the door.❖

Women Active for Christ in Japan

Sakamoto Hatsue



In 1954, Free Will Baptist missionaries came to Japan to spread the gospel. Many believed, resulting in the establishment of FWB churches in this country. From the beginning, the churches have met together twice yearly for encouragement and spiritual nourishment.

The first three churches in the northern island of Hokkaido were the Abashiri, Bihoro and Airin Chapel FWB churches. After these three churches became established, the women started meeting, as a part of the twice-yearly association meeting. However, because of the distance between Sapporo and the eastern part of the island, few women were able

to attend the meetings and fellowship was difficult.

In 1977, as a temporary step, a notebook was provided for the women of the churches to share their prayer requests, problems and announcements. This was mailed from church to church to aid and promote fellowship.

In January of 1986 at the association meeting, the women proposed and decided to meet at a separate time and place in a



1998 Hokkaido FWB Woman's Auxiliary Retreat

central location (near Asahikawa). The women of each geographical area discussed and drew the following conclusions:

1. The name will be the Hokkaido Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary
2. A constitution would be drawn up.

Japan at a glance

Population: 128 million

Main religions: 83% follow Sintoism and Buddhism

Barriers to reaching Japanese people with the gospel:

- materialism
- tradition

Prayer requests:

- Pray that God will call other missionaries to share the good news with the people in Japan.
- Ask God to raise up Japanese leaders.

3. A delegate will be chosen from each area to be the contact person and treasurer.
4. The meeting will be held in the Asahikawa area. (Approximately halfway between Sapporo and the eastern churches)
5. The choice of the meeting place and the responsibility for the program will be alternated between the Sapporo area and the eastern area.
6. The meeting will take place in September or October.

From the first meeting in October of 1986 until September of 1999, we met fourteen times. We have been blessed with good fellowship, encouragement and our faith has been strengthened. The meetings last one night and two days. Currently, two churches from the eastern area and four from the Sapporo area are involved in the women's fellowship.

We would like to include the churches in the

Kanto (Tokyo) area in our women's organization. Presently we are discussing possibilities. If this happens, the name would be changed to Japan FWB Woman's Auxiliary.

During the 13 years of our meetings, God has blessed us with many messengers, workers and prayer warriors. We praise His name and give thanks for what He has done.❖

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Rules:

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Wise Living in the 21st Century

Lorene Francen

Introduction

The keys to unlocking God's wisdom are: (1) the Bible and (2) our salvation. Godly wisdom enables us to love, fear, know Him, and learn His heart. Wisdom increases our insight and discernment in troubled times. Wisdom also keeps us focused on

lifting Him up so that He can draw men and women around us to Himself. We reflect Him to others. We are **not** the light, **He** is.

Thinking about the coming of the new century and its potential has been a **profitable** exercise. The season has been a time for thoughtful reflection.

By the time you read this, the twenty-first Century will have come. The predictions of inconvenience, even disaster will have come, also.

January 1, 2000 may have turned all our lives upside down. The predictions have gone from one extreme to the other. How **does** one prepare for the unknown? Prepare with God's own wisdom.

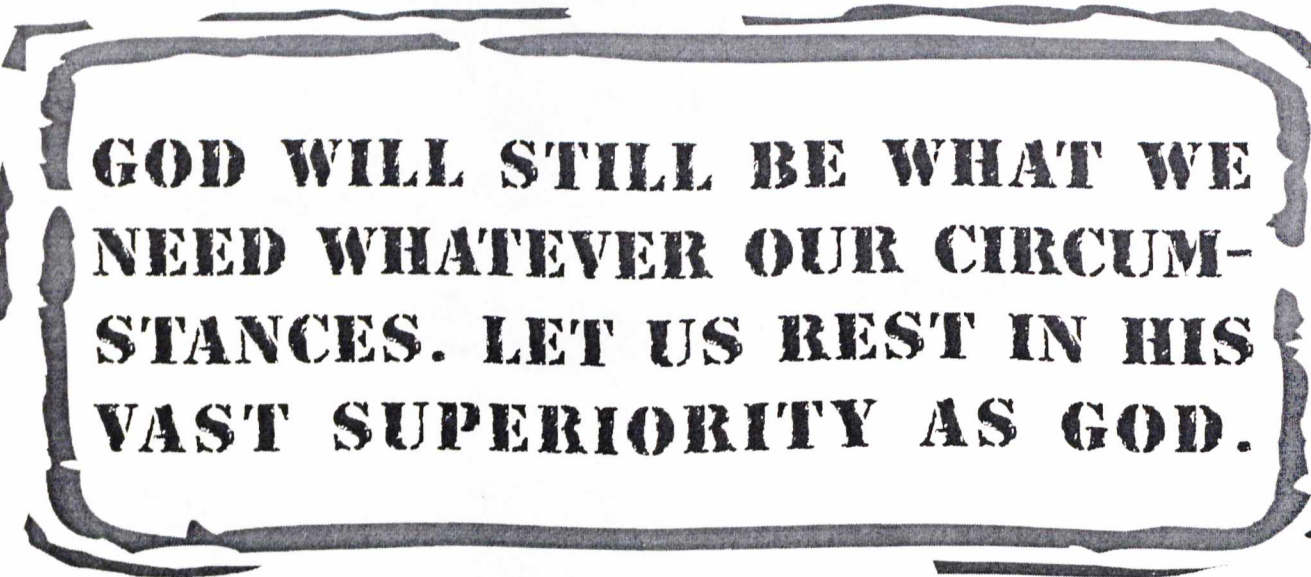
Thinking about the coming of the new century has provided an opportunity to rethink personal and family priorities. We were given time to prepare for potential problems. We've had an opportunity to plan for our families and ourselves. More importantly, the new millenium has provided the impetus to re-examine our relationship with God, with each other, and a lost world.

World-shaking movements of the Holy Spirit

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Psalm 110: 10a) Wisdom teaches us to stand in awe of God, to love Him, to spend time with Him and learn His ways, His longings, and His purpose for us. Time with GOD, as with time spent with any close companion, will alter us: Friendship with the God of Heaven changes a woman in wonderful ways.

1. It rearranges her priorities.
2. It alters her prejudices and preferences.
3. It opens her to wonder, joy and/or pain, and to both difficulty and opportunity.

"Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have my being" (Psalm 146:1-



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begin with individual believers who have, wisely, put their lives into alignment with God's word and His heart's longing for us. Wise women, let us be active for Christ. His coming is nearer than it was yesterday.

**True wisdom is to love God
worship and praise Him.**

Wisdom defined by a dictionary and the Bible is the ability to use knowledge and experience. Wisdom gives discernment, discretion (or good judgement), and spiritual insight.

2). We exist to praise the Lord. He is worthy of our worship! Women, we must get this right or nothing will be right.

"Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the Lord." (Psalm 150:6) (Add your own favorite praise verse or passage or your personal testimony).

Wisdom enriches and fulfills

Read books like *The Hiding Place*, by Corrie ten Boom; *Mary Slessor Of Calabar*, by W. P. Livingstone; or *The Small Woman* (about Gladys Aylward), by

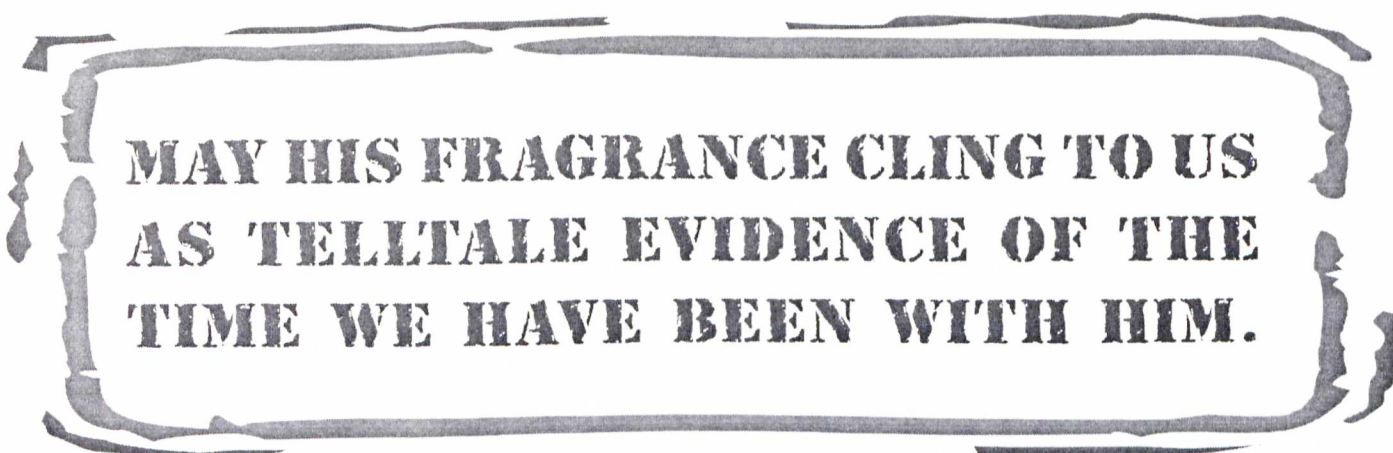
Alan Burgess. Through these lives, let God teach us lessons about how He is there with us in every situation He chooses to lead us into. We, too, can be fulfilled and content in His will for us. He is the God-Who-Is-Enough.

We want to be with the one(s) we love. The desire to be together is in direct proportion to the health of the loving relationship. We need to be

and our goals change.

May those around us see the difference that time spent with God makes (walking with God is a journey, not a destination, you know!). May His fragrance cling to us as telltale evidence of the time we have been with Him. This is how we touch lives.

For some, the changes may have led to a more frugal use of money. World outreach is more im-



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with God. He is ALL we need. This is the relationship that fulfills. It is He who leads us into this new century.

God will still be what we need whatever our circumstances. Let us rest in His vast superiority as God. He will put us where we can be all He wants of us and where, in turn, He can be all we want or need. May His kingdom come.

Wisdom provides us with understanding and discernment

Without understanding and discernment far beyond our natural abilities we cannot make consistently good choices. Who can tell the future?

The coming of Y2K caused many people (believer and unbeliever alike) to rethink their lifestyle and priorities. The believer lives to love the Lord, to extend His kingdom in the world. As we know the Lord better, our habits and desires change to be more like His. The focus of our lives goes in a new direction. How our marriages work, how our children are nurtured, how we use time become more aligned with His will. Our spending/buying habits

portant than designer clothing, etc. Yard sales and consignment shops might be included in our regular shopping. For good health and exercise and savings, the family might practice gardening and canning/freezing. Living very simply can free time and resources for the Lord's work. How God leads each individual will vary. (You cannot raise a garden when you live in a second-floor apartment!)

We walk with God in many different places. Our lives must not be a copy of someone else's. Our goal in life must be to follow God where He leads.

To varying degrees we made preparation for the new century and the potential for disruption to our daily lives. Did we plan well? Were we discerning and wise?

Wisdom regulates our priorities and keeps us focused

In John 12:32 Christ said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." He is "not willing that any should perish," (2 Peter 3:9).

Our lives must be in tune with the Savior in such a way that our presence creates thirst and hunger

for God. What we say and how we live affects the people around us. Our lives reflect Christ to people who may only read the gospel as they see it in us. We live to point to the One who is the **Living Bread**. May we carry the fragrance of the **Bread of Life**. May that fragrance cling to us and validate our words of witness.

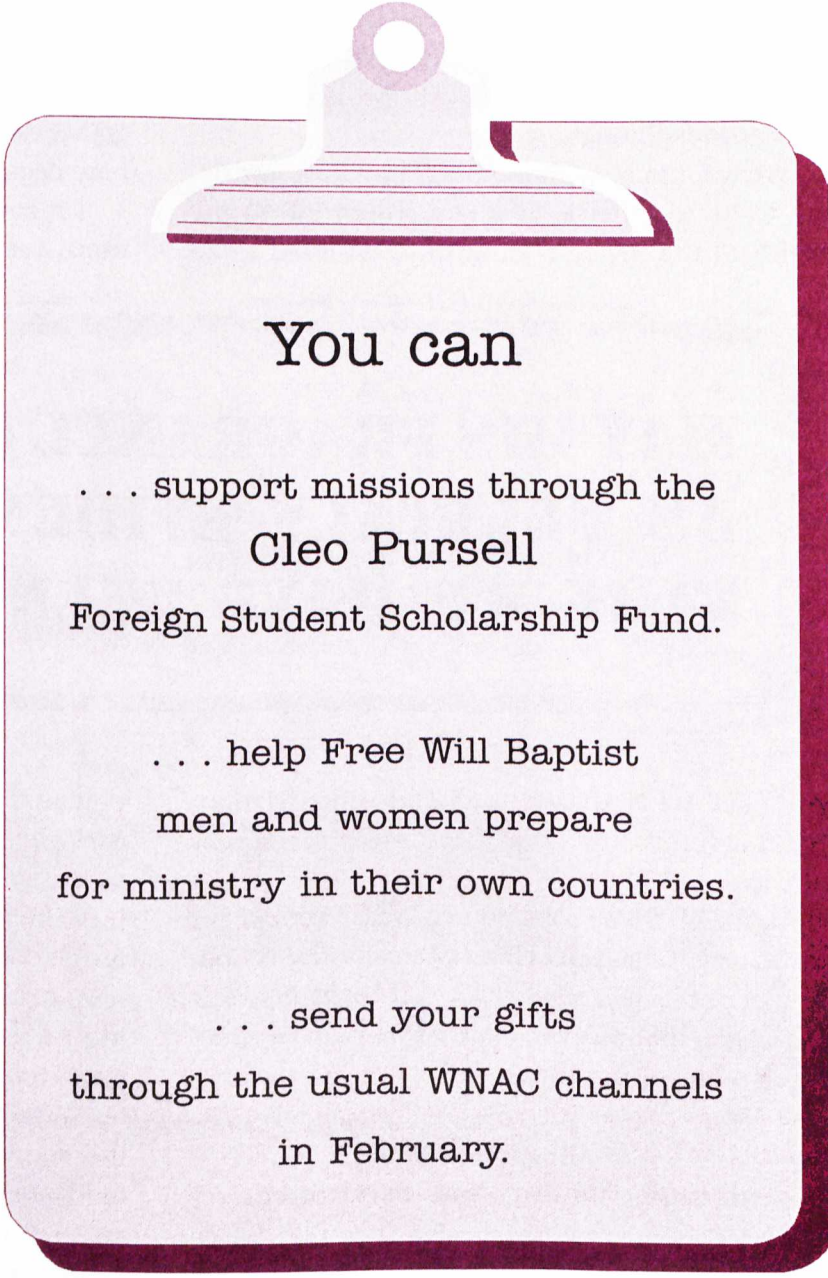
You and I model Christian living in front of the watching world. We are God's missionaries to people who are looking for something **real** to live for. You are assigned to work on your street, with your kids' play group, or the book discussion group you attend each month. Whatever your opportunities, God put you there. With His guidance and wisdom, be His personal witness.

Conclusion

To glorify God is the Christian woman's goal in life. Praise should be the gut reaction to any and all situations and circumstances. Extending His kingdom to anyone not fortunate enough to be already His twice-bought-child is what we do.

Living to glorify God transforms us (don't forget it is a lifelong journey). A life of praise will change us in strange and exciting ways. What time we get up, where we work, how we spend our leisure time, what we will do after retirement, where we live and worship, how we rear our children (who are our most unique and personal mission field!) all will be changed.

Once the life force of God enters us at salvation we are as different as the newborn baby is different from a pretty doll. The difference is Christ in us. We



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are alive in a new and wonderful way. Praise God! He is worthy to be praised (read Psalm 117 and/or Psalm 150:6).❖

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Get Prepared For The Wedding



*T*he Wedding of the Age is just around the corner, and you'll be there. Are you and your family prepared? The appointed hour draws closer each day.

When Jesus' disciples believed the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately, He told them a parable in Matthew 19:12-27. A nobleman, leaving for a far country, gave his servants ten pounds. He instructed those men to "occupy" until he returned. Jesus told His disciples to get on with the business of living and telling others about Him until

His Second Coming.

Now is the time for us to get ready for His impending arrival. Get organized and prioritize while waiting for those trumpets to blare.

Rebecca L. Deel

Prepare Yourself

Any marriage is guaranteed to fail if the bride does not learn about her bridegroom. Make this year the one in which you read through your Bible. Set aside 15 minutes a day for uninterrupted Scripture reading.

Good marriages thrive on communication. Be a woman of prayer. Spend time basking daily in the Father's presence.

Dust off your favorite workout video. Dig those jogging shoes out of the closet. It's time to get your physical body in shape. Preparing for the Bridegroom also means putting on your best possible appearance. The goal is to present the Master with a healthy bride, not shrink to size 4.

Make wise food selections. Let chocolate cake be a once-a-week treat instead of an every day staple. Gladly guzzle the requisite eight glasses of water daily.

Reflect on your schedule. Reduce unnecessary activities. Focus energy on one church position rather than four or five. Choose to serve on only one committee.

Be wise. Take time to read daily. Read a variety of topics. The Bridegroom deserves to be married to a knowledgeable conversationalist.

Plan ahead. Matthew 25 reveals the consequences of failing to follow this advice. The 5 foolish virgins did not consider the possibility of a delay in the bridegroom's arrival. They ran out of oil, rushed to obtain more, and found themselves shut out.

Simplify your life. Frazzled women tend to have homes that reflect their own images. Women filled with God's peace and control have homes which reflect His image.

Prepare Your Family

Encourage Fruits of the Spirit to blossom in your family. Exhibit gentleness and self-control in correcting your children. Make patience and kindness the unspoken rules that

dominate your home. Provide an atmosphere where love, joy and peace will flourish.

Help your children appreciate being in God's presence. Begin with a Bible story and prayers before bed when they are young. Encourage individual private time with the Father as they grow older. Exhort by example.

Knowing the time left to us is short, teach your family the value of prioritizing and planning ahead. Family needs take precedence over social or career aspirations. Homework completed at midnight will not represent your child's best effort. Help children learn to organize their time wisely.

Families must accept responsibility for the well being of the family unit. Each child should maintain order in his own room. Everyone shoulders responsibility for upkeep of general living areas.

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Prepare Your Home

If opening closet doors requires wearing a suit of armor or brushing against those paper piles causes an avalanche, it is time to kill the chaos. As you prepare for battle, remember the mess will get worse before it improves.

Find some large trash bags and an empty clothesbasket. Start sorting one area in a room. Be ruthless; if an item needs to be tossed, put it in the trash bag. Use the clothesbasket for returning objects to other rooms. When the pile is gone or your basket is full, take the clothesbasket to each room and put the appropriate items away.

Set a goal of one pile or 15 minutes of fast work per day. Continue this routine daily until everything in each room has a place. Encourage your family and yourself to put things back instead of simply putting them down. Clutter in the home multiplies rapidly and causes symptoms of disorganization to sneak into all other areas of life.

Avoid spring-cleaning hassles. Select one room for extra cleaning each week. Take a few minutes each day to complete one or two tasks like straightening drawers or washing windows and curtains. By the month's end, every room in your home will be ready for the Bridegroom's return. Repeat this cycle each month and you will never again experience the exhaustion and frustration of spring cleaning.

Plan your meals weekly or monthly to promote the most efficient use of grocery store time. Leave a blank grocery list accessible to the family for writing down used items. Then encourage them to use that list.

Invest some money in a slow cooker. And for days with circumstances even the best organizational skills can't control, use a pressure cooker.

Unload or reload the dishwasher while answering phone calls. The Bridegroom will not be interested in last night's menu or the morning's breakfast disasters. He will care about your family's health and safety promoted by a clean environment.

This is the beginning of a new millennium. Develop your organizational skills. Create order out of chaos. Challenge yourself and your family to be all the Father intended. The clouds are beginning to part and the trumpeters are warming up for the fanfare. There's a big wedding tomorrow, and you're marching down the aisle. Be ready! ♦



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Life!Action

a column for teens

teen on a mission

meet Ruth Lane

Age: 13

School: Lighthouse Christian School

Hometown: Nashville, Tennessee

Home church: Woodbine FWB Church

Favorite food: Rice

Hobbies: drawing, painting with acrylics, volleyball, piano



You went to Chicago with your church youth group last July. What was the purpose of your trip?

We went to help Brother David Potete who is a missionary pastor at Northwest FWB Church.

What were you required to do in order to go on this trip?

We had to read Acts and Romans and answer questions about what we read. This study lasted 15 weeks. Each of us also taught a lesson to the youth group. We raised money for the trip and for an offering for the work in Chicago.

Would you recommend a mission trip to other teens?

Yes.

Why?

It's great to experience fellowship with people from other parts of the country and you get to share the gospel.

What did you do on your trip?

We helped with the publicity. During the week, we handed out fliers. On Sunday we worshiped with Northwest FWB Church. The church meets in a rented store front. We also went sightseeing.

Did you do anything else special?

I got to play the piano and sing a solo at one of the services.

Compared to your hometown, what was different about Chicago?

The streets were busy. We saw lots of people, their accent was different, and the people seemed taller.

What did you learn from your experience?

I learned how to better tell others about God.

Would you go again?

Yes. In fact, we are planning a trip to Artesia, New Mexico, to help missionaries Tim and Lori Byers.❖

Springboard:

Innovative Ideas for WNAC Officers

Coordinator/Assistant Coordinator

The beginning of a new year, new decade, new century and new millennium—there's no better time to join a WNAC group. The 2000 Yearbook has an Enlistment program called *Come to WNAC for a Spot of Tea*. It comes with lots of ideas to help you put on a great tea party and enlistment program. You may order the Yearbook for \$6 or the program by itself for \$3. See the order form on pages 27–28.

The Yearbook also has a WNAC Emphasis play and helps for all of the 2000 monthly programs. Order the Yearbook today and get a head start on the rest of the year. Each WNAC officer should have a Yearbook.

Extra ideas: The February Program is full of timely advice on how to be more organized. If you present this program at your monthly meeting, add your own tips to each topic. Or better, get more participation by asking others ahead of time to share their tips.

Maybe your Study Chairman can review a few books related to each of the three topics in the program. For "Prepare Yourself" she could review a devotional. Randall House publishes a daily devotional *Depth* which takes you through the same scriptures covered in the adult Sunday school curriculum. Call 1-800-877-7030 to order *Depth*. For "Prepare your Family" she may want to recommend some child rearing books by James Dobson or Henry Cloud. And for "Prepare Your Home" she could review books such as, *Messies Manual* or *The Messies Motivator* by Sandra Felton.

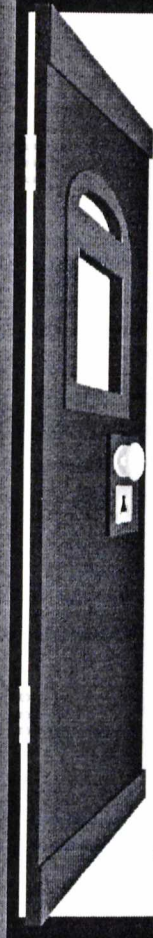
Missions Chairman/Prayer Chairman

The following Missionary Kids (MK's) are in college. Beside their name is the state or country where they are in school. In parentheses is the location where their parents work.

Benjamin Bailey, IL (Japan)	Amy Johnson, SC (Wyoming)
Jeff Bishop, GA (Japan)	David Lytle, TN (Panama)
Kevin Bishop, GA (Japan)	Phyllip Lytle, TN (Panama)
Jonathan Bunch, AR (Panama)	Stephanie McVay, TN (Spain)
Rachel Calloway, TN (Pan/Cuba)	Aaron Morgan, TN (Côte d'Ivoire)
Brooke Cousineau, GA (Côte d'Ivoire)	Adam Morgan, TN (Côte d'Ivoire)
Melissa Cowart, TN (Brazil)	Rebecca Nichols, OK (Côte d'Ivoire)
Ben Crabtree, TN (Canada)	Jonathan Owen, IL (Uruguay)
Michelle Crosby, TX (Texas)	Dawn Phillips, OK (Utah)
Jeff Elder, OK (Mississippi)	Will Phillips, ID (Utah)
Kimberly Elder, OK (Mississippi)	Becky Potete, TN (Illinois)
Joël Gibbs, France (France)	Vera Sturgill, TN (Brazil)
Stephen Hardison, NC (Wisconsin)	Matthew Turnbough, Spain (Spain)

Encourage your women to pray for each of these students. You may contact Home or Foreign Missions for their mailing addresses. Perhaps your group would like to adopt one MK for a school year. Another good project is the MK Provision Closet. See page 18 in this issue for current needs. ♦

Provision Closet Needs



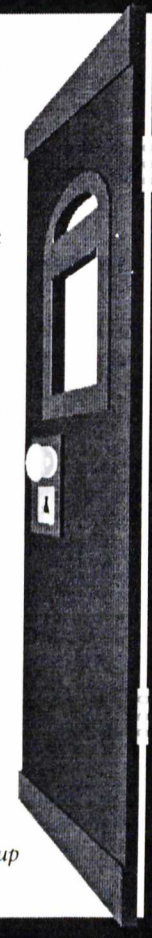
Urgent needs:

- Corelleware®
- Tupperware®
- Bakeware
- Heavy cookware
- Queen size mattress covers

Other needs:

- Queen and twin size bedspreads
- Sheet sets
- Electric blankets
- Kitchen towels
- Dish cloths
- Food processors
- Slow cookers
- Thank you note cards

Whenever possible,
leave prices on items
to help the office keep up
with inventory.



Holey Hat Helps with Holy Life

This study may be used as a program

Ruth Bivens

Hymn: Search Me, O God

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-8
(key verse 8)

Instructions for using this Bible study as a program.

1. Hat made of a bright colored plastic colander with flowers and a bow. It should have a tag attached that reads Philippians 4:8
2. A flour sifter underneath the colander
3. A small bag of sand with some small rocks in it and a container to sift it into.

Speaker brings items to the meeting concealed in a box.

Introduction

When fashion designers in Paris and Milan prepare their newest designs for the next year, skinny models walk up and down the runway wearing bizarre creations. How miserable and unhappy they look. Their professional poses, pasted on expressions, unnatural way of walking and bony frames don't attract me to do what they do for a living. Neither am I tempted to shell out what those dresses cost. But, the models are working for their boss, the designer and creator of their outfit, and their job is to please him.

How should we stand, look and walk in order to please our Designer and Creator? WNAC members may be of many different shapes, but our walk takes us right to church. If we

want to please our Lord and Creator, we must live a holy life every day, all around town.

Rules for Living

We are commanded to live holy lives following Christ's example (read 1 Peter 1:13-16).

(Speaker removes "hat" from box and places it on her head.)

I have here a new hat that is sure to help us with this problem of holy living. (Model the hat.) This hat comes from a special design house, Philippians 4:4-8. Their line is called **Rules for Living**.

Part 1: The Rules for Living come from Philippians 4:4-8. Ask someone to read passage. Ask the audience to help you list the Rules found in this passage. (Rejoice always. Do all things in moderation. Don't worry about anything. Pray, with thanksgiving, make requests to God.)

(Discuss each of the rules listed above.)

Part 2: The Promise: Peace. (Read in unison Philippians 4:7. Point out the magnitude of this peace. Discuss how the peace of God depends on the preceding rules being kept.)

Part 3: The Post Script: (Read Philippians 4:8.) Paul gives a list of things to think about. Satan attacks us through our thought life. So, as we control our thoughts, using Philippians 4:8 as a guide, our walk and talk will begin to improve.

Our talking and our living come

from our thinking.

(Ask yourself and the audience:) How much time do we spend thinking about things that are not true or honest, things that are unjust, impure and ugly?

The purpose of this hat is to remind us that we need to carefully strain out our thoughts. The name of this creation is (read the tag) Philippians 4:8. (Remove the flowers and bow from colander and begin to shake handfuls of sand through it as you give the following examples.)

Are these things we should think about?

Did you hear what Jane Doe's daughter did?

Did you know that my neighbor is cheating on her husband?

Had you heard that he beat her?

I heard they were separated.

He spends all his money on beer.

Did you know that the pastor's son is on drugs?

He is dipping into the company's funds.

She slept her way into that job.

Our lives reflect what we are thinking.

(Show the rocks that stay inside the colander.) The things that will not pass through Philippians 4:8 should be discarded. Bad thoughts are bound to come, but

mandy's prayer garden

by Clemasue Elder Volk

don't mess around with them, get rid of them. (*Dump the rocks into the trash.*)

Sift the Truth

At times we know the truth and, it can be as harmful as a lie. Truth hurts. Sometimes the truth can hurt a person's reputation or position in the community. Many times that truth should be left unsaid. (*Take out the sifter.*) At these times, we should sift the truth over and over.

If you are making a special cake, you buy special cake flour, sift it before you measure it, then sift it three more times. The end result depends on how well you sifted the flour.

At times, we must keep sifting the truth with much prayer then let the Lord take care of the issue.

To be like Christ, we must live our lives in a way that will please our Designer and Creator. Wear your Philippians 4:8 hat at all times. We should never stop carefully straining out the thoughts that drift our way.

We must follow His rules for living. You may never get to slink down a runway in a \$5,000 gown, but one day you will be clothed with a robe of righteousness that is reserved for those who live holy lives.

Ruth Bivens resides in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, where she and husband, Bud, work as home missionary church planters.

My Grandmother was born Miss Amanda Clematine Martindale, but she has always been known around here as "Aunt Mandy" Elder. I have always had a great admiration for my Grandmother, especially for her devotion to her prayer life. I never learned about her special prayer garden though, until I was seven years old.

She invited me to go and see her little "church" one sun-kissed June day. I went with anticipation, but I was in for a big surprise. I expected to see a little church house of some sort, I suppose, but I marveled none-the-less at what I **did** see.

Nestled deep among moss-covered boulders and radiant flowers sat a smaller concrete piece in which was carved simply "Mandy's Prayer Garden."

Some of the flowers, I knew, had been planted by my Grandmother, but I marveled at the variety and color—topaz daisies, pink gladioli, spiky mother-in-law tongues, and feathery princesses. Dew-laden mountain huckleberries sprang up here and there and a brilliant carpet of wild flowers finished the landscape.

The different fragrance from each flower filled my nostrils—violet, rose and mint, along with the pungent smells of cedar and pine.

Later, while we sang *In the Garden* and *Rock of Ages*, rowdy frogs in a nearby pond echoed our sentiments. Huge, lovely butterflies of bronze and silver lightly pranced from flower to flower.

My Grandmother prayed a short prayer of thanks for the beautiful day we hoped to have and distant thunder grumbled at her request. Sprinkles of rain tickled our faces.

"Mr. Scamper", she called to the pet squirrel that frequented her garden, "Have an acorn. We human-folk have got to run put the windows down in the living room."

With that, we left the beautiful garden, laced with cedar and tall pines swaying in the summer breeze.

Since I have grown up, I have visited the garden often, but I will never forget that first visit when little birds sang *Good Morning Sky!* and a gentle rain chased us down the hillside.❖

Clemasue Elder Volk resides in Pocola, Oklahoma. She is a member of United Free Will Baptist Church in Red Oak.

Lucy & Marge

(Lucy is all dressed up, holding a pretty package. Marge enters.)

Marge: My Lucy, don't you look pretty. Are you going somewhere special?

Lucy: Yes, I'm going to my niece's wedding.

Marge: Who is she marrying? Do you know the fellow?

Lucy: I know he's rich and handsome! Isn't that all that counts?

Marge: Lucy, You know better than that.

Lucy: Actually, I don't know much about him. And I don't think she does either. I hope she isn't making a mistake.

Marge: Now, Lucy. What makes you say that?

Lucy: Well, they haven't dated for long. They aren't from the same location, they haven't met one another's families, and they don't attend the same church. Actually I don't think he's a Christian.

Marge: Now that could be a problem. You know the Bible warns against being unequally yoked.

Lucy: I tried to find out as much as possible about my husband before I said, "I do." Still sometimes, I think I'm married to a stranger!

Marge: It's important for couples to be prepared before they settle down together for a lifetime. Spending time with each other is the best way I know to avoid unpleasant surprises.

Lucy: I've surprised my husband nearly every day since we got married! Was he ever surprised to find out how much I love to go to garage sales ... and that I like eating ice cream every night before I go to bed ... and I have a hard time sitting still ... and I drive too fast ... and my hair is really brown instead of blond and....

Marge: Lucy, how did you keep all that a secret until after you got married?

Lucy: Well, Marge, a girl has to have *some* secrets, you know!

Marge: So I've heard. Lucy, I hope you're planning to attend the next Women Active for Christ meeting. We're going to hear about the perfect bridegroom and His bride.

Lucy: Is he rich?

Marge: Of course! He's perfect! He's everything a bride could want! I'm talking about Christ,



MK Provision Closet

The Provision Closet at WNAC has designated some space to store school supplies and other items that missionary kids can use. MK Ministries Coordinator, Tanya Harts, explains that there is a need for items for older (teenage) MKs especially. As needs vary, check with WNAC for current needs.

Suggested items:

- Walkman cassette players
- Christian music on CD or cassette

the bridegroom and His bride, the church—that's us, Lucy.

Lucy: Yes, I want to be His perfect bride. When is the meeting?

Marge: Well, then come to the meeting (*give time, date and location of the meeting*) and find out how to be the perfect bride.

Lucy: What makes you think I wasn't a perfect bride?

Marge: Well, you said your husband was surprised about several things.

Lucy: How do you know my husband doesn't like surprises?

Marge: Maybe he does. But, I'm glad there are no secrets or unpleasant surprises with God.

Lucy: (*emphatically*) Me too! ❖

Lucy & Marge in this issue is written by Mary R. Wisehart and Yvonne Hampton.





Poet's Corner

My Service

Lori Marshall, Surprise, Arizona

Lord, help me to see
this world full of pain.
Through your eyes of love
untouched and unstained.

And give me a heart
that can love those in sin.
To tell them of Jesus
that they may come in.

For, if I could see them
the way that you do.
I would give anything
to bring them to you.

For, this is my mission,
my calling from thee.
That whatever my service,
to serve faithfully.

Not My Will

Loretta Masters, Wise, Virginia

When the storm clouds gather
round me, I would quickly
run away

To a place of peace and beauty
where the sun shines every day.

But I know that in the tempest
When the billows o'er me roll,

As my faith is tried and tested
God is strengthening my soul;

Making me through heartaches
suffered more dependent
upon Him.

Knowing that each tear that's
fallen causes things of earth
to dim,

Leading me to bright tomorrows
where the sun will always shine

As I walk through earthly
sorrows praying, "Not my will
but thine".

The New Day

M. Gail Hyden, College Station, Texas

As the will of God orders the
darkness away

And His brilliant oranges, reds,
and pinks begin to paint a
new day,

The light slices into my window
to waken me from a blissful
sleep.

I arise, wrap my robe 'round me
as chill into my bones does
creep.

There is One waiting for me to
come to Him,

The Lover of my soul, the Great
I Am.

His Words of Life lay on the
table by the old easy chair,

As I begin to read, I whisper to
Him a morning prayer.

Go with me, My Lord and
Master above,

Throughout this day, your gift of
love;

Let me find Your Will and
follow Your Light;

Let me bring Your Strength to
the plight of the world, so
many unsaved;

So many by Satan completely
enslaved.

Let me be your witness as I walk
with You in joy and sorrow;

And Lord, if it's Your Will, take
me home with You tomor-
row.

Stay with me, Lord, as I begin
Your day;

Show me Your Light; Show me
the Way

To help others see that I praise
and sing

The comfort, the strength, the
joy Your Love will bring.❖

Communicator

by Marjorie Workman

Stop! Look back! Just as the children of Israel were constantly instructed to remember what God had done for them, we need to remember our blessings. Looking back over the Century boosts our appreciation for WNAC. Helps us indentify our progress, our dreams, our mission and keeps us on track for the future.

The past in review

Executive Secretary-Treasurers:

- 1947 Mrs. Huey Gower elected to serve as the first executive secretary-treasurer. Her home was her office.
- 1950 Mrs. Agnes Frazier was elected as the first paid executive secretary-treasurer. She received \$50 monthly.
- 1953 Mrs. Gladys Sloan was elected and served while working for Foreign Missions.
- 1956 Mrs. Eunice Edwards became the first full-time executive secretary-treasurer. She was paid \$200 a month.
- 1963 Mrs. Cleo Pursell became the longest term executive secretary-treasurer serving twenty-two years.
- 1985 Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart was elected as the only doctor and single woman to serve as executive secretary-treasurer.
- 1998 Marjorie Workman was elected and is currently serving as executive secretary-treasurer.

Projects of the Century:

- 1949 Voted to send offering to Mrs. Mabel Willey to buy a sewing machine.

- 1953 Purchased organ for Free Will Baptist Bible College.
- 1955 Set \$1,000 goal for equipment (slide projector, mimeograph machine, record player) for mission work in India.
- 1956 Set \$2,000 goal to purchase a tent for Home Missions.
- 1957 Voted to raise \$10,000 to build one of four mission stations needed in Ivory Coast, Africa.
- 1958 Set goal of \$10,600 to build missionary residence in Hokkaido, Japan.
- 1959 \$12,000 project set to build a mission station in Mexico.
- 1960 Voted to supply medical facilities and equipment for the Bondoukou Circle in Africa. Project resulted in over \$13,000 raised.
- 1961 Suggested that projects be adopted by states and districts rather than having a national project.
- 1962 The Missionary Provision Closet began and continues to exist to provide linens, dishes and household items to both foreign and home missionaries. Cash and noncash gifts to the provision closet for 1999 amounted to approximately \$50,000.
- 1986 Eunice Edwards Loan Fund for Churches Abroad was established with a goal of \$50,000.
- 1997 Redecorated the guest house in Abidjan, Côte d' Ivoire.
- 1998 Established an organ fund for FWBBC in honor of Dr. Mary R. Wisheart's retirement.

Office Locations:

In the beginning, literature and correspondence was mailed from the home of Mrs. Fannie Polston, Nashville, Tennessee.

- 1952 A tiny room on the campus of FWB Bible College became the mailing room.
- 1954 The office moved into the National Association Office Building at 3801 Richland Avenue.
- 1964 Moved to the newly purchased National Office Building at 1134 Murfreesboro Road.
- 1991 5233 Mt. View Road, Antioch, Tennessee, became the current location of WNAC.

Literature:

Literature has always played an important part in WNAC. After the 1911 merger and before the 1935 organizational meeting, the women published a booklet to help local groups organize.

- 1935 Revisions of the earlier materials became the handbook and was called *Handbook for Free Will Baptist Auxiliary Societies*.
- 1940 Mrs. Agnes Frazier offered the convention the first Manual of Woman's Auxiliary Methods.
- 1951 Manuals were developed for the youth groups, GTA's (Go Tell Auxiliary) and YPA's (Young People's Auxiliary).
- 1961 *Co-Laborer* magazine came into existence as a quarterly publication.
- 1971 The study committee appointed in 1967 recommended manual revisions that led to the publishing of two separate manuals, one for local groups and one for the district, state and national organization.



- 1972 Creative Writing Contest originated.
- 1987 *Co-Laborer* became a bimonthly magazine.

Retreats:

- 1980 The first National Retreat was held at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and turned into two back-to-back retreats due to soaring registration.
- 1982 The retreat went to the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
- 1984 The National Retreat moved to Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and found a good home.
- 1995 The first Western Retreat met at Glorieta, New Mexico.
- 1999 The Western Retreat returned to Glorieta, New Mexico, for the third time and became the final retreat of the century.❖

*Historical facts from *Sparks into Flame* by Mary R. Wisheart.

Women In Action

Alabama Women Meet for Annual Convention



Inez Jones, Elwanda Oakes (President), Carolyn Hendrix (Vice-President), Virginia Tatum (Member-at-Large), Dot Reeves (Field Worker), Ann Kennedy (Secretary), Alicia Phenicie and Brenda Purser (Members-at-Large)



June Hersey

The 52nd Annual Convention of Alabama FWB Women Active for Christ met at Soul's Harbor Church in Vinemont on May 1, 1999. Passing the Torch was the theme and 103 attendees registered. Marjorie Workman was the keynote speaker. Wynette Cagle delivered the morning devotional and retired missionary June Hersey spoke in the afternoon. Inez Jones installed state officers.

Alabama WAC established a scholarship in honor of Alabama missionaries Jimmy and Janie Aldridge. The first \$500 Jimmy and Janie Aldridge Scholarship went to Jami R. King, a junior at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

California Local Auxiliary Adopts Missionary Families

In 1998, the women of Eastside FWB Church in Petaluma, California, adopted a home missionary family for the year. They chose the Mark Wheatly family who is planting a church in Louisville, Kentucky. Each woman adopted one family member and remembered them on their birthday and at Christmas. The group invited Mark and Susan Wheatley to participate in the special Home Missions emphasis at Thanksgiving.

Various families in the church showed them the sights of the Bay area. Susan spoke on Wednesday night. Mark spoke at the church's annual



Eastside Women: Stacey Uffelman (Missions Chairman), Mary Young (President), Shirley Apr (Secretary), Susan Wheatley, Jeanne Grasse (Treasurer), Mark Wheatley (back row)

Thanksgiving Dinner and preached at the Sunday services. According to Eastside WNAC President, Mary Young, the Wheatleys were a blessing to the entire church.

In 1999 the church adopted the Jeff Sloan family in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They plan to continue adopting a different family each year.❖

Mission Alert

Evangelism News from Around the World



North and South India/Nepal

Missionary Carlisle Hanna invited Leroy and Fay Forlines to go to India for a short-term assignment. At press time they were scheduled to leave the United States on December 11, 1999, and return on January 12, 2000. Their ministry was to include the churches in North and South India, as well as Nepal where Indian pastors have established churches.

Chelyabinsk, Russia

Missionaries Mike and Cathy Corley have been asked to direct the Sunday school program at the Good News church in Chelyabinsk. Pray for them as they take on this new responsibility.

Seoul, South Korea

Foreign Missions General Director James Forlines was among several Free Will Baptist representatives who attended a pastor's conference in Seoul. Of the 173 who attended, 140 were pastors. Dr. Paul Park, Home

Missions Korean Coordinator, interpreted for James Forlines, Jimmy Aldridge and Eddie Payne. Thirteen Korean pastors have committed to join the FWB movement and 54 more indicated they were interested in learning more.

Barbacena, Brazil

Missionaries Bobby and Sue Aycock in Brazil are rejoicing that nine people made professions of faith at Barbacena and two at Antonio Carlos during August 1999. The Barbacena FWB Church is mothering a new work in the town of Dores as well as the one in Antonio Carlos. The Antonio Carlos work dedicated a new building in October. Pray for the Aycocks as they minister in these works as well as teach in the seminary program at Barbacena.

Nashville, Tennessee

According to cross-cultural missionary Carlos Rubio, 17 persons accepted Christ as Savior within a few months at Gethsemani FWB Church.

In June 1999, every church member showed spiritual growth by participating in a rotation schedule to fast and pray for the church. The church saw immediate results. A woman

called asking for help that resulted in a husband and wife accepting Christ.

Rubio urges everyone to pray for spiritual growth in the lives of these new converts. The devil tried to discourage by attaching every church family after the conversions. Church members have continued to fast and pray and God is helping them stand strong.

Mascoutah, Illinois

The church in Mascoutah is averaging 37 on Sunday mornings. New families visit nearly every Sunday.

Vacation Bible School in August had an average of 32 kids and 12 adults. Ten people were saved during the week. Several of the children who were saved do not live in Christian homes. Missionary Jon Cannon requests prayer for the parents of these children that they will be saved.

Aiken, South Carolina

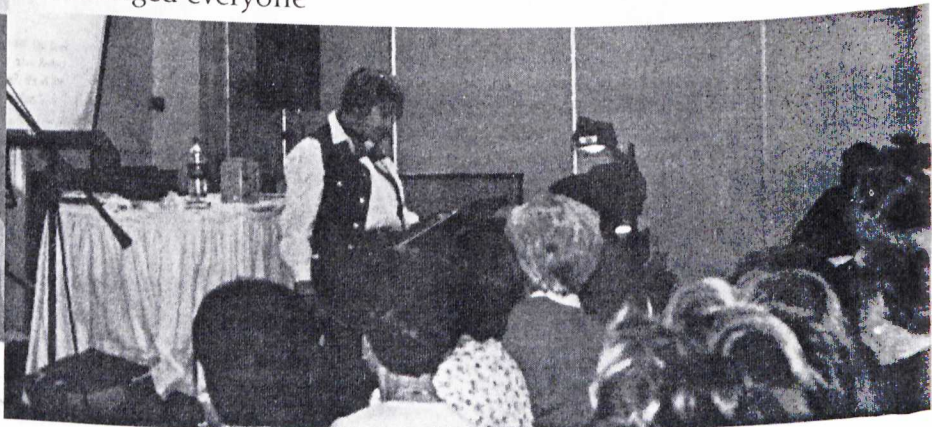
Missionary Todd Smith writes, "Recently, visiting door to door, my prayer was to have one new person visit our church. After many unsuccessful attempts, I came to the end of an apartment complex and was moving on to the next door when I heard a little voice behind me say, 'Sir, can I go to your church on Sunday?' God answered my prayer. Seven-year-old Justin just moved to Aiken with his grandmother, who was praying for someone to take Justin to Sunday school." ♦

Third Western WNAC Retreat

♥ SPLASHES OF LOVE



Barbara Tompkins, keynote speaker, charmed and challenged everyone



Magnificent New Mexico skies, towering aspens and breathtaking Glorieta Conference Center provided the setting for the 134 women on hand for the WNAC Retreat. Warm fellowship characterized the group of women who gathered on September 24-26, 1999.

WNAC President Debe Taylor introduced Barbara Tompkins the special guest speaker. A tall, vivacious woman gets up and plops a huge notebook on the table and broke the ice with, "I'm going to teach you all of this in three days." She did cover a great deal of material around the retreat theme "Ya Gotta Have Heart." The audience laughed and cried as she touched hearts with her stories. Her love for books became obvious as she read a children's book to introduce each session.

Barbara Tompkins spoke on four topics: A Heart for Friends, A Heart for Family, A Disciplined Heart, and A Heart for God.

A Heart for Friends

In the first two sessions, she taught the meaning of true friendship. A friend is creative, communicative, committed, loyal, affirming and yielded.



Pious Personalities, fun time skit presented by some Arkansas women



Women from Daisy, Arkansas, wore t-shirts with retreat theme

To win over friends, a woman must show herself friendly. Barbara Tompkins arrived at Glorieta armed with an arsenal of gifts. These gifts filled what she called an Ebenezer basket. Ebenezer, meaning "help received from God," referred to a large plastic bowl filled with greeting cards and gifts which she used to emphasize points and stimulate listeners to take initiative in friendships.

A Heart for Your Family

Barbara loves helping young mothers. On Tuesday mornings, Barbara teaches a Mom's class called the Titus Tutelage. She drew from her experience as a mother of three grown children and from mentoring young mothers. Every child asks two questions all the time: "Do you love me?" and "Who's in charge?" Discipline is love and it takes time. The goal of discipline is not control but self-control.

A Disciplined Heart

"You're not your feelings. You're your choices," declared Barbara Tompkins. A disciplined heart means choosing to take up your cross daily. Everyone received a retreat packet with 36 pages of handouts and a list of books that Barbara recommended. Two of the books on the reading list that she recommended during this session were *Five Vows for Spiritual Power* by A. W. Tozer and *A Woman's Journey into the Heart of God* by Cynthia Heard.

A Heart for God

Using the acrostic OBEY, Barbara spoke on having a heart for God in the final session. To have a heart for God one must obey and observe, believe, endure, yearn and yield to the Master.

A Heart for Prayer

WNAC President Debe Taylor delivered a meaty message entitled "A Heart for Prayer." Afterwards attendees divided into eight groups to pray. Each group prayed for a specific ministry: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, our country, WNAC, other FWB agencies, FWB colleges, churches and families.

A Heart for the World

Missionaries Patsy Vanhook (France), Shirley Combs (Brazil), Lila Nichols (Côte

d'Ivoire), Susie Robinson (Flagstaff, AZ), Linda Harvey (Phoenix, AZ) and Brenda Rayburn (Sierra Vista, AZ) attended the retreat. Each missionary gave a testimony and led in prayer. Attendees showed their heart for missions by giving an offering of \$1228. The offering was divided equally among the six missionaries present.

Music

WNAC Board Members Debbie Burden and Diana Bryant blessed everyone with their musical talent. Debbie led singing as Diana accompanied on the piano. The following women sang solos: Marian Wilson (AR), Jean Marie Rogers (OK), Cindy Bilbrey (AZ), Mary R. Wisheart (TN) and Martha Harris (TN).

Those who attended the retreat laughed, cried, prayed, made new friends, caught up on old friendships and went home blessed. ♦

Tape Order Form

1999 WNAC Retreat, Glorieta, NM

You may place an order for any of the tapes below. Please indicate how many you want of each. Each tape is \$4.00, which includes postage and handling.

Quantity

- _____ Friday Evening: "A Heart for Friends: Part 1"
- _____ Saturday Morning (8:30): "A Heart for Prayer" (Debe Taylor)
- _____ Saturday Morning (9:45): "A Heart for Friends: Part 2"
- _____ Saturday Morning (11:00): "A Heart for Your Family"
- _____ Saturday Evening: "A Disciplined Heart"
- _____ Sunday Morning: "A Heart for God"

Total Order _____ @ \$4.00 = \$ _____

Please print your name and address clearly below.

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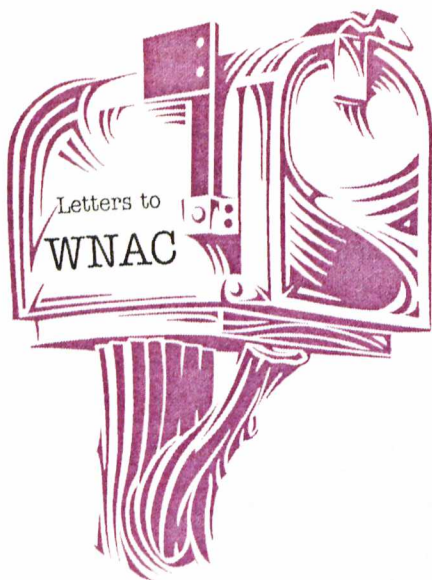
To place an order: Phone: 615-731-4950 ext. 211

Email: WNAC@nafwb.org

Mail: WNAC

P.O. Box 5002

Antioch, TN 37011-5002



WNAC Retreat at Glorieta

Dear WNAC,

Thank you so much for the wonderful National Retreat at Glorieta. I was so blessed and encouraged. Thank you for all the work you did so that we might be uplifted.

Thanks also for letting me speak with the women about our work here in Flagstaff and for your generous offering for our account.

You are all a blessing to us.

Susie Robinson, Missionary to Flagstaff, Arizona

Dear WNAC,

I thoroughly enjoyed the WNAC retreat and appreciate all the work that went into it. Marjorie Workman is doing a great job as Executive Secretary. Barbara Tompkins did an excellent job ministering to us. The Tucson women will continue to support a retreat in the West.

Dixie Guild, Tucson, Arizona

Dear WNAC,

Thank you for a good retreat at Glorieta. Our women enjoyed everything. At our local meeting Tuesday evening, I asked them to give a report and they didn't want to stop talking about the retreat.

We are making plans to raise funds to fly to Ridgcrest for next year's retreat.

We appreciate all the office staff does.

Linda Harvey, Missionary to Phoenix, Arizona

Dear WNAC,

Thank you for a wonderful retreat. The ladies of Collin Creek are still talking about it and are looking forward to the next one. I think we should have called this one a "recharge." I came home sifted and settled and ready to serve the Lord joyfully. It was very refreshing.

God is great!

Judy Posner, Plano, Texas

April 1999 Program

Dear WNAC,

I received a copy of the March/April 1999 *CoLaborer* from a friend. What a delight to read Marcia Ellison's article, "Who, Me? A Pioneer?" about Cresia and Mildred. Both of these women were also very important in my life! Both played a role in my coming to know the Lord many years ago.

Cresia Creech was more than my first Sunday school teacher, she became my friend and mother-in-law. The timing of the article seemed especially appropriate since she died on April 14, 1999.

Cresia gave in so many ways both as a public school teacher and in her church. She died after a long battle with Alzheimer's. In my mind, I can see her in heaven greeting her husband, her son (my husband), other family members, and all the others whose lives were changed because of her giving to the Lord.

Jean Creech, Madison Heights, Michigan ❖

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Alabama Free Will Baptist Children's Home

Adapted from an article by
Carlton Lambert and Roger Bennett

A Safe Haven

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

Perhaps this verse, and other Scriptures, admonishing us to provide care for children in need is what prompted Alabama Free Will Baptist people to consider establishing a home for needy children like Molly. This concern had been evident for quite some time and many ministers and lay people were
(continued on next page)

Fact Sheet

Name: Free Will Baptist Children's Home

Acting Director: Linda Berry

Founded: 1943, acquired property
1948, first children arrived

Capacity: 26 children

Currently serving: 14 children

Accepting: children ages 6-14

Address: P.O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554

Telephone: 205-924-9751

Molly* lived in a home broken by divorce. Her mother couldn't provide adequate care for her. Also, she was born with a physical handicap and needed multiple surgeries. At age 10 she went to live at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama. There she received love and guidance.

In spite of the grueling medical treatments, Molly excelled in school. Although she didn't want to leave the Home when she finished high school, she tackled college entirely on her own with no relatives to help her. With scholarships and hard work, she paid for college.

Today she works at a group home for the physically and mentally handicapped. As a child she received help from the FWB Children's Home in Alabama, and now it's her turn to help out those in need.

Molly is just one of about 1,000 children who have benefitted from the ministry of the FWB Children's Home. The purpose of the Home is to provide a safe, stable, loving place for children in need.

*Not her real name.

interested in the project. At the state association meeting in 1942, a committee was appointed to look into this matter.

The association decided to purchase the 8.79 acres that had been the main campus of the Eldridge Baptist Academy from 1897–1940. The Trustees of



the Alabama Free Will Baptist Convention signed the mortgage papers on March 5, 1943.

Each association in Alabama had a field worker or board member representing the Home. The state moderator and clerk signed credentials for the field workers so they could get gasoline rations. This was during World War II.

A great deal of work needed to be done on the property. Brother Walter Fields and his wife Frances were the first to live on and care for the property. Piles and piles of paperwork were processed before the first children went to live at the Home in 1948.

Through the years many changes have taken place. Initially, the Home residents farmed, raised cattle, pigs and chickens. Today, farming and raising livestock is not practical due to the shortage of staff. The land is located in a remote area and cattle rustling and vandalism was a problem. When adequate staff is added, the home may resume farming.

Housing has also changed. All residents and staff once lived in one large building. Through the years new buildings were added as the need arose.

Every effort is made to maintain a home-like atmosphere on the campus. Today small groups of eight to ten children live with loving houseparents in the homey atmosphere of their own cottage. There are three cottages: little boys, teen boys and teen girls.

The Children's Home plans to add other cottages. Currently, the Home is constructing a multipurpose building to house offices, kitchen, dining room, guest rooms and space for indoor activities.

Linda Berry and the Children's Home staff covet your prayers and support for this ministry. What better way to fulfill God's commands than to provide a safe haven for children in need of love?❖

If you want more information about how to assist the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Alabama, or if you know of a child who needs the services of the home, you may contact Linda Berry or Gina Lambert at 205-924-9751.



Words for Women

*Marjorie H.
Workman*

Good Bye, Suzanne

Surprises. I like them . . . usually. They pump the adrenalin, make your eyes sparkle, or draw an unexpected scream. However, not all surprises are happy ones. Some make you sad or throw a curve. Like this one. . . .

My day had been an ordinary run of phone calls, letters and people when my editor, Suzanne Franks, walked in. Holding a paper in her hand, she announced that she has something to say. I nodded for her to go ahead with whatever was on her mind. She made a few comments and then said, "I'm resigning as editor of *CoLaborer* effective this issue." I grinned back at her thinking, "Oh, yeah, what kind of joke is this?" She continued her resignation speech, and suddenly my eyes widened, my adrenaline was pumping—she was serious. She was leaving after five short years.

She assured me that she had enjoyed serving as editor, working with the office staff, and even putting up with me. But it was time to move on to a different ministry. The praying was done and the decision already made.

With deep appreciation for her ability as a writer, editor and journalist we say, "Good-bye, Suzanne." She grew up in Brazil with her missionary parents, Dave and Pat Franks, and has a keen insight for global missions. Her firsthand experiences of living in two cultures, extensive travel on deputation, and separation from family gave an intimacy for reporting mission prayer needs. Whether she's sharing the seven Hannah principles, explaining stewardship from the Greek word *oikonomia*, or detailing a computer crash, Suzanne writes with a pizzazz that grabs.

Her editorials mirror what she has learned such as: "Soft words accomplish

more than angry accusations." "We don't have to wait until we are as rich as Ted Turner to make a significant contribution to a good cause." "Instead of fretting . . . take comfort in God Who stirs the hearts of kings, dictators and presidents."

Her life models her writings. "Let God be the Master Designer in your life." "Be indomitable." I looked it up. It means don't be discouraged, defeated or unyielding. When facing problems, she writes, "If we perceive a situation as a challenge, vigor replaces agitation, caution replaces worry." On another occasion she wrote, "Return to God 100 percent of what He entrusts to you."

Suzanne, you're a winner. You dared, inspired, admonished and encouraged us. We will miss you, your love for WNAC, and your gentle way with words. ❖

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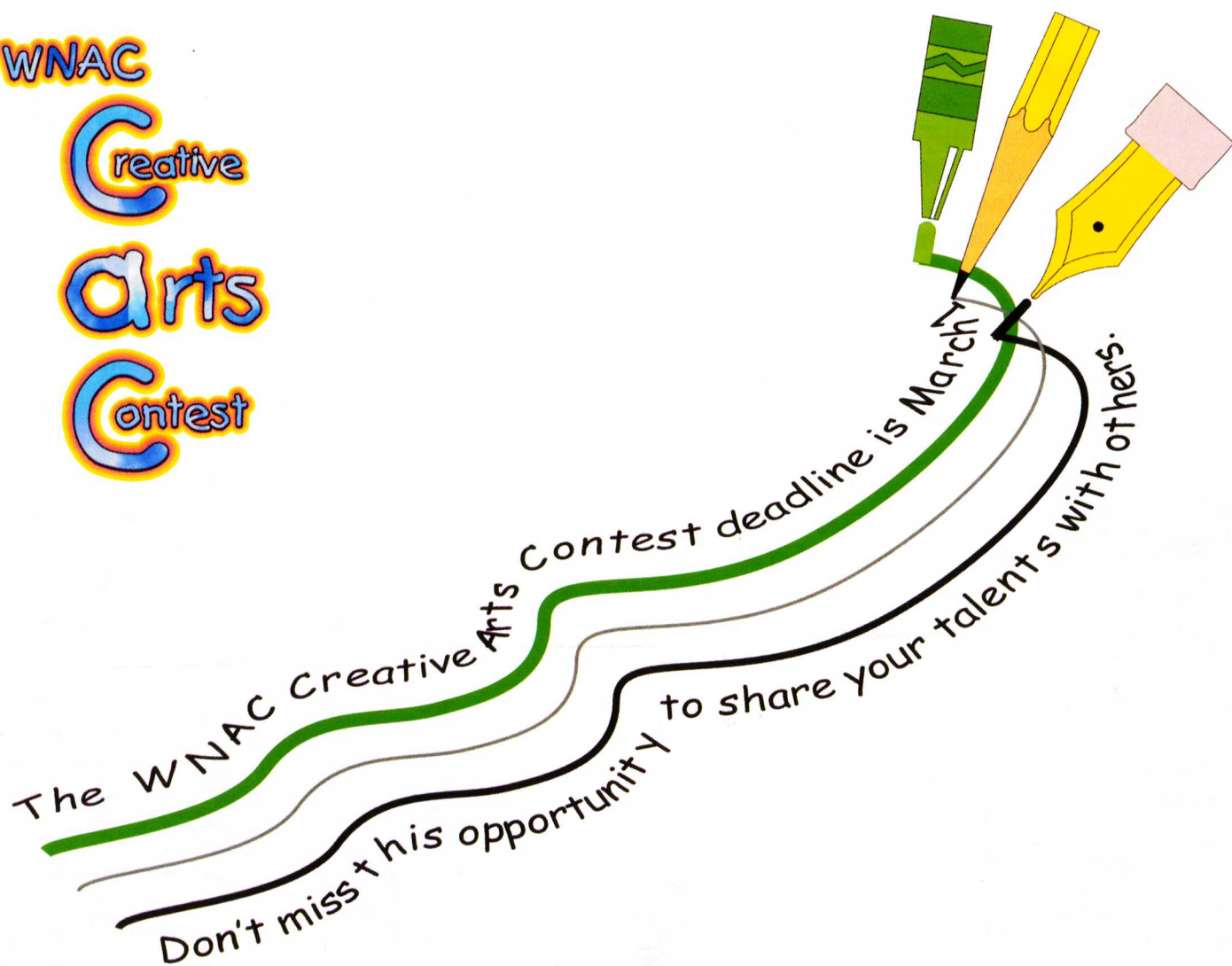
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