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## My Baby

YOU LOOK INTO MY EYES—Do you see my dreams for you? Do I know what they are myself?

That you grow up strong in body, lithe in limb, glad and joyous in spirit. Yes, but more. Strength may be devoted to wrong ends. Men may move blithely to foolish acts. You could be gay because you had no concern or were blind to people and their needs. My dreams are more than these then, for I long that you give your increasing strength and buoyancy of soul to righteous causes that will uplift all mankind.

All mothers want the best for their children. There are babies loved as I love you for whom their mothers can have no actual hope, only wishful desires. They have not food enough to rear the life they have borne. They have not clothes enough to dress their children decently, much less protect them from the cold. There is no school system sufficient in those other lands stricken by war or held back by long years of ignorance. You must grow up, my baby, to care for all the children of the world, to share with them your Christian good fortune.

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WHEN you are grown the world must be kinder of heart, more generous of hand than now. I say must be as I look at you, for I know that unless Christians understand the Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man new achievements in atomic power, new possibilities of poisonous gas or deadly bacteria will blot out civilization. Tortured fear and selfish injustices drive wedges between nations. Continued failure to see the worth of man's personality beneath skin of any color, will foster the hatred that breeds the ghastliness of war.

You must demonstrate love, you must

manifest unselfishness—you and thousands of treasured babies like you must not kill and die, but must live for peace.

And how will you learn this broader patriotism, this world love, this devotion to the holy cause of peace?

Once a mother taught her Baby wondrous lessons from the Word of God. Once a Baby grew to manhood, faultless, pure, the Son of God. Did he not bless mothers like me? Did he not their children call?

From him, let me learn this love, then; to him let me give you, my all.

## MY CHRISTIAN FAMILY

by Wu Hsiu Mei

MY FAMILY has been Christian for about thirty-two years. We live in the country. The first person who believed in Jesus was my grandfather. He first found God in Chengchow. As he was passing the church, an old man invited him to come in. The preacher was preaching on John 8:16, and he accepted Jesus the first day he heard about him.

When he knew God came down from Heaven to the wicked world to save people from their sin, his heart was convicted by the Lord, and he knew himself to be a very bad person. He made up his mind not only to believe Jesus, but to lead his sons and grandsons to believe Jesus also. He prayed for all of our family with tears. But my father did not believe Jesus. So my grandfather died with a sorrowful heart.



WU HSIU MEI

When my grandfather had been dead for five years, my father died also. He did not know Jesus. I was only five and a half years old.

My mother is a great lover of God. She led my brother and me to know God. Now there are six people in my family. We are all one in the Lord, and have the same happiness, and walk the same way with the Lord. All of our lives are full of pleasure. We trust in him. If we have sorrow, then we pray to God, and he opens the way for us. For example, sometimes we need to get comfort, but he knows our needs before we do, so he gives us the comfort needed. He is so kind that he saves wicked people. None of our family could live even for a few minutes, if we left him. In a word, he is the master of our family and of everyone in our family. My brother's son is a very wise boy. He is nine years old, yet he knows God clearly. This is the great power of the Lord.

On Sunday morning we go to the church to pray. In the afternoon we have the meeting to praise him, because my Lord is risen from the dead. We like to keep his holy day. Every night of the week we pray to God together and hear the Bible, so we are a very happy family. Though we are in this world, yet we have the same happiness as in heaven, and I have the desire that my Lord will come back soon. When he comes, we shall have the greatest happiness possible, far more than this world can give.

# WELCOME TO OKLAHOMA CITY

by Mrs. Frank P. Williams

General Chairman of 1949 W.M.U. Annual Meeting



MISS ALMA HUNT



MRS. GEORGE R. MARTIN

WHEN Miss Kathleen Mallory was elected secretary in May 1912, it was our privilege to be hostess city to the Woman's Missionary Union.

Today it is our honor to be hostess when Miss Alma Hunt will attend for the first time as executive secretary of Southern W.M.U. We consider this a special privilege, and it is our desire that this meeting be one long to be remembered. Although we have entertained our Woman's Missionary Union several times, this will be our first time to welcome Mrs. George R. Martin as president. To these officers and the women of W.M.U. we say: "Welcome to Oklahoma City!"

At Ridgecrest last summer I heard an inspiring message on the importance of the Marthas in our missionary work. It was the speaker's thought that the Marthas made it possible for others to sit at the feet of Jesus. The Marthas of our seventy-four Baptist churches in Oklahoma City and Oklahoma County Association are making preparation that all who come in Christ's name may receive inspiration and instruction.

It is only natural for our people to be friendly for that is typical of the "pioneer" spirit of our ancestors. In the short span of sixty years our state has advanced from dug-outs to palatial mansions, from virgin prairies to fertile farms, from water wells so necessary to the first settlers to oil wells just as necessary to modern civilization. Oklahoma City can truly claim to be up-to-the-minute. Ten bus lines maintain one hundred and fourteen daily schedules in and out, along nine federal and seven state highways. The city is served by four railroads.

Oklahoma City is almost exactly the midpoint between east and west coasts, which results in major aviation activity. It is the home of the National Aviation Clinic. The Oklahoma City Air Technical Service Command (Tinker Field) is one of six major army air depots retained in operation in the United States after the war. During the war it was the largest air depot in the world.

The Oklahoma City oil field, discovered in 1928, is one of the most productive in the world. It has 1,600 wells and has produced nearly 700,000,000 barrels. Oklahoma City has a population of 285,000 and was listed in Wall Street Journal as one of the nine most popular meeting meccas in the United States.

When people think of Oklahoma, they usually think of the red man, for the word Oklahoma is Choctaw Indian word meaning "Red People." There are 68,000 Indians in the state, representing fifty-five tribes. Indian work in Oklahoma is well developed and organized. Perhaps this is due to the fact that the Indians themselves are exceedingly missionary-minded, having sent missionaries to other fields. The State Historical Building in Oklahoma City houses the world's greatest collection of Indian relics and documents.

We want you to see our city and meet our people. As Martha made everything ready to welcome her beloved guest, so the women of Oklahoma City Woman's Missionary Union will be here to welcome and greet you on May 15-17.

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"The men of the world build houses, ships and domes;  
But the women of the world,  
God knows—  
The women build the homes."

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## The Open Home in Garbatella

by Iole DeRegibus

THE RIVA FAMILY lives in Garbatella, one section of our great city of Rome, Italy. There are some one hundred thousand people in Garbatella and many beautiful cathedrals. The children play always in the shadow of a church, but they have never heard of Jesus the loving Saviour.

After that first afternoon in February of 1948 the Riva home was open and every Monday afternoon became Sunday school time for the neighborhood. From those brave or curious first five, the number grew to ten, then twelve children who came regularly. They had found that there was something different here—a person who waited with love to teach them the Word of God, to pray with them and sing hymns with them. "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" was one of their favorites. They always asked for it and sang enthusiastically.

Later they learned "My Mother's Bible." One little girl twelve years old, Assumta, was compelled by her father to attend the catechism class in the Roman Catholic church also. That was to please his relatives, father didn't care either way. At the catechism class Assumta had the courage to sing the hymn to the priest. When he questioned her about it, with the cleverness and naturalness of her young age, she gave such a testimony to her faith that the threats of the priest availed nothing. Indeed, these menaces only served to open the eyes of Assumta's father. From that moment, he never again used force to compel his daughter to attend the services of the Roman church. Instead, he wanted to hear all she could tell him about the meeting she so much enjoyed at the home of the Riva family.

He learned that at the end of each Sunday school lesson hour, the children prayed out loud individually. One evening he entered the Riva home quietly and remained behind the door of the room where the children were having their lesson in order that he might hear their prayers.

He was greatly moved by their sweet faith. When the prayer was over, he opened the door. He stood for several moments motionless and his eyes filled with tears as he looked from one child to another seated around the table. Their faces were aglow with genuine happiness at being together in this Christian fellowship.

Sig. Girolami is superintendent of the Sunday school now. Iole DeRegibus is at the organ and you see her again ready to illustrate a lesson on "The Temptation"

If you had no idea what a Sunday school was would you accept an invitation to a home and find out? These five children did.



Bible stories Giovanna Riva tells interest all

When they heard and saw how the Sunday school had grown the young people of our Teatro Valle church in the center of

## MY SON WAS BAPTIZED LAST NIGHT

by Hilda Hall Drake

I HAVE JESUS in my heart and I am already a Christian," said my seven year old.

For several weeks his father and I observed that our son was aware of the need of Jesus in his life. One day he said, "Mother, I know I will be lost without Jesus, but with him in my heart I know I will be saved. May I join the church?"

We did not want any mistake about church membership being a means to salvation so we were very careful to say: "But you do not join the church to be saved. That comes after you have been saved."

These and similar conversations led directly to our happy experience yesterday. His sister who was converted in our family worship period is seven years older than he and has been a help in his training.

He was enrolled promptly in the Cradle Roll Department of Sunday school. All through the years his interest in Jesus and

Rome took the initiative in renting a small hall. They made some changes in it, decorating it a little to be suitable for worship of the living God. Now at Garbatella every Sunday morning there are as many as fifty children at Sunday school at 9:30. Then at regular morning and evening worship and again during the week there are services for adults also.

Such love as the Riva family sowed has brought forth fruit a hundred-fold. It was not easy to open their home. In reality it was done at a most difficult time. A sister, Albena, was at the moment gravely ill, actually dying. But in spite of her suffering she often called for the children to come into her room that from her bed she might help them with a lesson or sing with them.

God blesses the home opened in love for Christian testimony. He will himself be to that home "the Christ, the welcomed and beloved Guest" and the One who will enter first to receive all those children and adults who cross that threshold to hear the Gospel of Grace.

God has been keen, and he began early inquiry about coming into the church. For several months his father and I have answered his questions concerning conversion and church membership. Yesterday morning he said to his father, "I want to join the church today."

"You do?" said daddy. "Why?"

"I know I am a Christian because I have Jesus in my heart and I want to be baptized," he said. "Please may I join the church today and be baptized?"

"Do you know what happens if Jesus is not in your heart?" I said.

"Yes," said he, "I know I would be lost, but I want Jesus in my heart and I will be saved."

We agreed that surely he was near the kingdom and said he might join after talking to our pastor.

When we arrived at the church for Sun-

day school his father told the pastor about the conversation at home and asked him to take time to talk with our son. This was done between Sunday school and church.

As we sat in the pew our very earnest pastor delivered a fine sermon on "Losing Our First Love." When the invitation was given Crawford looked up at me and said, "When may I go?"

"Just as Jesus leads you to go," I replied. Quickly he made his way to the front to profess to the world his desire to accept Jesus as his Saviour.

As the cards were taken up from those who had joined our church the clerk said to him, seeing only his name and address, "You have come for baptism?"

"Yes, the only reason I did not put it on my card, I could not spell 'baptism.'"

At home from church there was a subdued air of happiness everywhere. Crawford came into the kitchen where I was preparing dinner. "Mother," he said, "I learned something today."

"So," said I, "What did you learn today?" "I learned that I can't always do what I want to do now. I must do what Jesus wants me to do. How do I find out what he wants me to do?"

"Well," I answered, "You must do the

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best you can every day. Talk to Jesus in prayer, read his Word and you will learn from him all along."

"If I think of something good to do that is Jesus telling me?" said Crawford.

"Yes," I said, "Jesus will always help you to do good things."

After we finished our Sunday dinner he came again to his father and me as we talked. He said, "I want to be a farmer but maybe Jesus does not want me to be a farmer."

"And maybe he does. He would want you to be a good, Christian farmer. Whatever you do, Jesus would want you to be Christian and so do it for his glory."

That same evening the curtains over the baptistry were drawn. I saw our pastor in his baptismal robe with his hand extended over our son, I heard him say—"I baptize you, my brother, Crawford Drake, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." My heart was reassured that truly he had learned that he must do what Jesus wanted him to do.

## A GREAT DAY COMING

by Joe W. Burton, Editor of HOME LIFE

"Family Worship Every Day in Every Baptist Home" is the slogan of our campaign to enlist 100,000 new family altars in our Convention.

It will be a great day when that slogan is realized—when in every Baptist home father, mother, and the children read God's Word together and offer prayer to him for his blessings on the home.

We are pressing toward the climax of this campaign on May 1, the first Sunday of Christian Home Week. It will be a day of dedication of homes, a day of commitment to daily family worship. Let us come to May 1 in prayerful anticipation.



## "WATCH YOURSELVES"

by Edith Huckabay

"REMEMBER the Paducah train gets in at 5:57," said Dad anxiously as the Walkers drove up and blew.

"And do be careful, girls," warned Mom even more anxiously. "Give yourselves plenty of time to get to the Junction."

"We'll remember train time, and we'll be extra careful." I hoped my emphasis would make me as sure of myself as I intended to make them sure of me. But it didn't work on any of us. Both of them called out "Watch yourselves" simultaneously as the car moved on. I was already wondering how it could have seemed so simple last night in Dad's study, when, after the long-distance call, Dr. Melechanese had agreed to preach for Dad while he attended the state convention.

Dr. Melechanese had been in the Seminary with Dad, and though the two had not seen each other since, they had never let go that classroom friendship. Dad's biggest regret had been that the poor man would have to take the transfer bus into town. It seemed very inhospitable with the car right there, so it was agreed that I should drive to the Junction after him.

"Don't worry!" mocked Grace when they had gone. "You're scared stiff and you know it!"

"I see no reason for being scared!" I retorted, fairly shaking inside. "We know his name and we'll recognize him by his queer hat."

"Melechanese," pondered Grace. "I wonder how we'll like him? 'Spouse he'll race us eating hot rolls like Bro. Caldwell did? I hope he can preach a good, short sermon so we can compliment him honestly at the dinner table! What do you think he will be like?"

"I haven't the slightest notion," I answered, faking a careless indifference to impress Grace with the simplicity of it all. "We can identify him by the hat, and the

other details can follow."

"What if he doesn't wear that hat!" exploded Grace.

"He's got to!" I said frantically. "All men wear hats!"

"Not funny hats. Besides, that one must have worn out in all these years, and he probably couldn't get another like it." Grace was an A-1 worrier and I was glad Grandma called us to supper so we could dismiss the thoughts of our distinguished but probably somewhat eccentric guest.

THAT NIGHT long after Grace and Grandma were dreaming real dreams, I was lying wide awake, backing the car out

*Mrs. Huckabay's jeweler husband lends his co-operation so that she can be Divisional Young People's Leader in her section of Louisiana. She does much W.M.U., Sunday school and B.T.U. work in their own church in Monroe, La.*

of the garage, piloting it to the junction and back, but most particularly wondering about Dr. Melechanese. From the beginning of my life I could remember the comings and goings of important people. All of them had been so vastly different from each other, and yet, in me at that very moment were little parts of every one of them.

There had been Mom's cousin Ethel who was a missionary to India. That was before Dad had gone into the ministry; but Mom had already gone into the missionary society, which amounted to almost the same thing as related to important guests.

Grace and I being Sunbeams had some very definite ideas about missionaries. For weeks we had been dashing home from school because Ethel was to come see us on her furlough and we wanted to be sure to see her arrive. Imagine a real, alive missionary-on-a-furlough!

One afternoon Grandma met us at the door saying Ethel was even then in the living room and that just as soon as we could brush our hair and wash our hands

we could see her.

"Grandma, can't we see the furlough before we wash? Is it in the garage?"

"Sh-h-h!" Grandma hissed loudly as she ushered us out of hearing of the living room. "You girls must watch yourselves now!"

With our ideas about missionaries, it was impossible to watch ourselves closely enough to keep from embarrassing the grown folks sometimes. To us missionaries were lovely blonde creatures (like our Sunbeam counselor) with magic wands to perform all the miracles they seemed to be capable of, and to see Ethel standing there completely human from head to foot was a bit disconcerting. After one look at her dark hair and her skin which was richly



tanned from several years of India's hot sun, Grace had lisped out before Mom could stop her, "Ethel, are all mithion-arieth brown like you?"

Ethel's stay in our home may have been nerve-racking to our folks, but she did something for us that no story about India could ever have done. The Ethel who

stood on the platform before an audience wasn't even half so interesting as the Ethel who taught us songs in the Indian language after breakfast, and wound us up in her native Indian costumes, and sat between us at the table, sprinkling curry lightly on our food to give it an Indian flavor. And her bedtime stories for just the two of us were ever so much more interesting and understandable than her real speeches.

It was Ethel, too, who made us know that missionaries are real people after all instead of super-human individuals; and that the only magic wands they have to give them extra power are the prayers and interest and money of us here at home.

Remembering all that gave a new interpretation to Mom's and Dad's uneasiness when they left that afternoon. Perhaps they weren't so concerned about us missing the train or bending a fender as they were about our conduct afterwards, hadn't their last words been "Watch yourselves?"

JUST A FEW YEARS before I had embarrassed Dad before the state secretary. He had preached at our morning service and was eating dinner with us. Perhaps to draw me into conversation he had asked me as the cake was being served, "And how did you like my sermon, Sis?"

"You did pretty well," I replied. "But you just ought to hear Dad's sermons!"

As we were growing up Grace and I were torn between the honor of having important guests in our home and the discomfort of watching ourselves in the presence of "religious royalty." But I am glad Mom and Dad risked us so many times with these guests, for it gave us an inside outlook on God's workmen.

There were the evangelists, for instance—to many people they are holier-than-thou men whose only human characteristic is a devouring appetite for fried chicken and cherry pie. But all the varieties of evangelists who stayed with us impressed us as men of great sacrifice who practically spent their lives in other preachers' pulpits at the expense of their own enjoyment many times.

Outstanding among these was a Seminary professor who held a meeting in our church in the early summer one year.



Though Grace and I were awed into complete silence when we were first warned who was to be our guest, we soon discovered that for all his vast knowledge of Greek and Hebrew and philosophy, he made a mighty interesting guest.

Right in the full swing of his meeting the U.S. Marine Band came to our town. Grace and I had pled all day to be allowed to go, and in desperation Mom said, "All right, if you thing you can explain to Dr. Adams."

She didn't think we would but talking to him wasn't a bit hard, for we were already well acquainted through the-morning funnies. Quite consciously this time, we failed to watch ourselves. As he came down to supper we told him in all seriousness that if we could be double we'd be at his meeting too. Grace had suggested with childish concern, "Maybe you could call the meeting off tonight and all of us could go. We could have church Saturday this week, couldn't we?"

Taking Grace's uplifted chin in his hand he said in a whisper loud enough for me to hear too, "Get thee behind me, child!" But we didn't fathom his real sacrifice until the next morning. Then, with our program in his hand, he peppered us with questions about that concert. Then it was that we really knew he had made a better choice at a high price. None of the other young people who had gone with us to the concert could ever feel that strength of character in him, for he wasn't in their homes as their guest. But on us he placed

indelible marks, and we could not but absorb some of his great philosophy that "God's work must go on regardless of personal cost."

Even today when I am faced with a choice to make between my responsibility as a Christian and my own pleasure, I am influenced by those evangelist guests of ours who stood before us unwaveringly making the better choice. And though my decisions are not always as unselfish as theirs, still I know the percentage of wrong choices is smaller because of their influences lingering in my memory.

MANY WOMEN besides Ethel helped to fashion our youthful spirits, too. Among these was a "happen-so" guest whose hostess had become ill at the last minute and had prevailed on Mom to come to her rescue. This guest was our state young people's leader, and she was coming to speak at a G.A. rally. Grace and I had secretly been hoping we could talk ourselves out of having to attend the rally, but our chances were lost now that the chief guest was to be our guest too. Before we had reconciled ourselves to our lot, and while Mom was still at the church helping with last minute details, the guest arrived—and I forgot myself. Standing right there in the bedroom door where I had been showing her Mom's provisions for her, I was actually saying outloud that I was bored with G.A.'s in general and with our G.A. in particular. She returned the shock by saying quite emphatically, "Really! You know I used to loathe it myself!" For half an hour perhaps we sat on her bed and shared our grievance. Then she said, "Why do you let your G.A. drag?"

"Me!" It had never occurred to me that I could be to blame—what were counselors for!

Then Mom arrived. At the rally our guest gave some wonderful suggestions about making G.A. instead of breaking it—but at the breakfast table the next morning she personalized that theme for Grace and me alone, and we remembered! There are still lots of young people dissatisfied and bored with poorly run auxiliaries. If only their own young people's secretary

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# THE FAMILY ALTAR—A CORNERSTONE FOR THE CHRISTIAN HOME



Mrs. Burton will be recognized as wife of the editor of HOME LIFE. She is an ardent church and community leader, a busy author, an excellent cook, an outstanding home-maker.

"THE FAMILY ALTAR has altered many things at our house," said an earnest young husband.

And I'm sure it has.

A college friend of mine was different from most of the girls I knew. She was attractive and popular and busy in many campus activities. She always had time for morning watch and B.S.U. council meetings. She could address a great body of students calmly and effectively. She had a listening ear for the troubles of her friends. Once when I confided in her concerning a personal problem she said, matter-of-factly, "Try praying about it!" I did, and it worked! For the first time in my life I discovered the joy of letting the Lord work things out for me.

It was not until my friend invited me to visit her home in the summer after our senior year that I discovered the secret of her strength. Each morning her family

came together for Bible reading and prayer. As I listened to the mother pray for a son who was studying in Europe, I knew the power of those family prayers, literally reaching out to the other side of the world. I resolved in my heart that when I had a home of my own, the family altar would be a vital part of it.

Perhaps that worthy resolve led to my serious interest in a fine young Christian gentleman. At any rate, about two years after that I did have that home, and from its beginning we have had family worship. It has not always been easy to maintain. I am sure it has not been conducted in the best way. I am not at all certain that it has always been effective; but as I look back on eighteen goodly years, I realize that "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

If the family worship period has not accomplished anything else at our house, I would count the time well spent because of the way it calms us down at least once each day. Jingled nerves become strangely quiet as we wait in the Master's presence. It is good to "be still and know" that he is God. Sincere thank you prayers offered before meals are actually conducive to better table manners. Words of comfort from the Book can bring rest at the end of the most trying day.

I was cooking a totally uninspired breakfast. A cold February rain was beating against the windows. Another rainy day! We were busily collecting rubbers and warm clothing, racing against time for the school bus to arrive. But we paused for a moment of prayer before the children ventured out into the dismal weather.

"Thank you, God," prayed our first-grader. "Thank you for the tulips and the daffodils that will bloom in the Spring after all this rain."

"Forgive me, dear Lord, for forgetting

by Mrs. Joe W. Burton

that Spring is around the corner," I continued as I washed the breakfast dishes. All that day as I splashed about, going to W.M.S. meeting and to market, the song of Spring was in my heart. A child's prayer in the morning can leave a warm glow that lasts all the day.

Calmer nerves are but one product of the family altar for many real family problems find their solution there. When our daughter was very small we had the usual difficulty about keeping a tidy room. One morning, after I had been unusually severe about it she slid into her chair at the breakfast table a little late. We were quoting scriptures that morning. Looking at me she said, "A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger" (Proverbs 15:1). Inspired, I answered, "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40). We smiled at each other, the rest of the family laughed and good feeling was restored. Now that teen age problems come up for prayer, the untidy room sometimes makes its reappearance. But we are making progress, confident that even that solution will one day be ours.

One of our sons likes to take things apart to see what makes them work. While this may show an alert, inquiring mind it can also pose a real problem. After reading the poem, "I watched them tearing a building down," we entered into a covenant to pray daily that he would be a "builder" rather than one who tears down. He is still interested in the mechanical structure of every gadget on the place, but he is learning to build things. He can even mend some household appliances.

FAMILY PRAYER is a powerful force for calming nerves, for finding the answer to countless family problems. It also serves to bind strong family ties even tighter. A radio program has for its slogan, "The family that prays together stays together." May-

be we can not endorse all that this program represents but we can vouch for the veracity of that statement.

On examination days, children can be made aware of Mother and Dad's abiding interest if they hear their parents asking the Heavenly Father to help them do their best work. If Daddy is away on a trip the burden of every one's prayer is for the success and safety of the journey.

The head of our house was in the hospital awaiting a major operation. All of us were praying that morning, bravely hiding the fear in our hearts. Our youngest, in the clear direct manner of a six-year-old said to the Lord: "Now God, when my Daddy goes up to that operating room don't you let him be dead." Having disposed of the matter to his own satisfaction he attacked his cereal, calmly eating his usual hearty breakfast. Strengthened by his simple faith we went out to meet the trying day. We were a loving family united by prayer.

Calm nerves, sounding board for family problems, a tie that binds; the family altar provides all these. It can also be a source of strength when temptation comes. When asked why he did not do some of the things others in high schools were doing one young football player replied, "Well, I could. But you see my family meets together every morning. Usually Dad reads the Bible and we all pray. I couldn't face my Dad and Mom in the morning if I'd been out with that crowd the night before. I just couldn't, that's all!" The praying family triumphs again.

MOREOVER, the praying family has world vision. Their prayers embrace kingdom interests that are as wide as the world. If our prayer calendar in *Royal Service* is followed, every missionary in the Southern Baptist Convention is called by name in prayer in the course of a year. What could (Please turn to page 28)

## The Piano Is Coming

from Lois Hart

Now that I have been back in Chile for a week, it seems as though I have not been away at all. The only difference is that I am working with more enthusiasm than before, and with greater endeavor, due to the wonderful, inspirational experiences I was privileged to enjoy while on furlough in the States. I shall never forget the days at Ridgcrest Y.W.A. Camp nor those at the Seminary. I am glad, though, to be back at work in the Good Will Center with my children.

I left home with mother and father and drove to Nashville, where I was to take the train to New Orleans. That was a difficult time for us all. It was hard to tell my folks good-by, though I should be used to it by now, having done it all my life. I feel sure they too were eager for me to return, since they can no longer work in Chile themselves.

Sunday and Monday I spent in New Orleans, getting visas, and arranging last minute details with the Pan American people. Early Tuesday morning our plane took off, and our first stop was five hours later in Merida, Mexico. Then there were several stops in Central America. By nightfall, we were in Balboa (Panama) where we changed planes, and continued our flight at 1:45 A.M. to Lima, Peru. Three hours later I was seeing the barren hills of Antofagasta and was being welcomed by our wonderful and perpetual sunshine. It still seems incredible that a trip like this can really be accomplished in such a short time.

It is a great joy to be back here again, and, when I see the needs and realize the opportunities for service, I am grateful to God for this opportunity he has given me.

The Vacation Bible schools were still in progress at the church and at the Good Will Center, so the day after my arrival I went to greet the children, and had the joy of telling them we are to have a piano. Their eyes were bright with happiness and their gratitude was very evident. Their welcomes repaid me for any sacrifice I may have made in coming here. I hope the piano will not be long in coming for they are very eager to see it, and we wish to

start our children's choirs soon.

The next day, Friday, I went to the church to see the Bible school there. What a thrill it was to see the teachers carrying on by themselves. Only a few years ago none of them had ever heard of Vacation Bible schools, and now I found them working enthusiastically without my help. Such are the rewards of a missionary. I pray they may continue to grow and develop in Christ's service.

The church welcomed me on the week night service, and here too I could notice growth, for the congregation included a hundred people. It is wonderful to realize

LOIS HART

that so many people are interested in studying the Bible. Our new pastor, Oscar Dornan, who also arrived this month, is well prepared and eager to carry on the work. Please pray that he and his wife may be able to live here on our desert in North Chile. Our climate does not suit everyone.

My first Sunday was a busy day. I visited all the groups, morning, afternoon and evening. How one wishes to be several people and be able to take advantage of all the opportunities for service there are at every hand.

Our school will start soon, so these are busy days of preparation with my teachers.

But I do want you to know that I am counting on you to pray for us here in North Chile.

## Thanksgiving from Japan

from Junko Hara,  
President of Japan W.M.U.

Today in Japan it is the hardest thing for women to attend church meetings regularly because of the shortage of food and keeping ourselves safe from robbers. If someone doesn't stay at home to watch it will mean losing any precious articles from her household. The most important works for Japanese women now are these two, one is to hunt food for the family, the other is to stay at home to drive thieves away.

So mostly my W.M.U. meets at night. I have 35 enrollment. Always about all members attend their meetings. We are to have an evangelistic meeting for the neighboring women twice a month; glad to say, four of them were baptized at the

It was wonderful in many ways—Dr. Rankin, Dr. Gill, Dr. Means and Mr. Scofield were here from Richmond. All of our missionary families in Colombia were present. A fine group was here from churches in Venezuela. About the most interesting of all the people were the first Baptists of Colombia, from the San Andres and Providence islands with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCullough, Joy and Don.

While nearly all delegations came by plane, this group weathered the rolling Caribbean Sea for 400 miles on a small vessel. They reached the convention two days late because of the storms at sea. But it was impossible to find a group rejoicing more over the victories of this meeting than did these English-speaking Colombian Baptists. They count back 100 years to their first Livingstone, who returned to the islands to become their first "missionary." The great-grandson of this man was one of their messengers.

Another interesting connection was the presence in this group of the Chinese girl, Com Son, who is Joy McCullough's bosom friend. Mrs. McCullough teaches both of them, using the Calvert Course. "Commie" is an orphan. Her family was shipwrecked and rescued by the islanders when "Commie" was a baby. The mother had five other small children. When "Commie" was born just after the rescue, the mother gave her to a family on the island, and that family has cared for her as their own. These girls make a striking picture—Joy, so blond—Commie, so typically Chinese, brunette. While they were in our home, the two amused us greatly mixing their rapid-fire chatter with Spanish and English. Our little girls were captivated by them.

We have finished our first year in Colombia, and rejoice that all has gone so well with us. Dr. McGlamery has permission to practice medicine, and has had his clinic open for six months. He sees on an average of 30 people a day. He often has to turn people away because it is physically impossible to treat too many in a single day. Diseases from malnutrition and extreme poverty are most prominent.

I am happy to be able to help with W.M.U. organizations. We hope to have our organizations ready for a place in the convention by next year.

Christmas day. We have now about thirty inquirers. I covet your prayers for our work.

All W.M.U.'s in Japan meet here in Seinan Jo Gakuin for their conference this March. We officers are planning for it with prayerful hearts so that we can glorify Christ's name through the meeting.

Many gift packages have been coming here to Seinan Jo Gakuin and I have been writing thanksgiving letters to each organization for my husband if I can. But sometimes I can not do so because of its bad shape. Please convey our hearty thanks for this Christian love.

Colombia's New  
Baptist Convention  
from Orlene E. McGlamery

usan, Mrs. McGlamery, Dr. McGlamery, Sarah Kathryn ready to welcome visitors to Colombia

The meeting to organize our first Baptist Convention of Colombia has just closed here in our city of Barranquilla, Colombia.



## LOVE'S OPEN DOOR

by Ruth LaTuille Matthews

IN THE UNITED STATES, "Mother's Day" was given official recognition by Congress May 8, 1914. The second Sunday in May is to be the national day "for public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers." The white carnation, signifying sweetness, purity, and endurance, was adopted as the floral emblem. Probably Mother's Day holds the tenderest memories and associations of all our nationwide observances. Its proper observance can have real value to small children, affecting

ed out on this day with dramatic importance. Children instinctively like to feel that something "special" has been planned for them. They are overly conscious of their own distinctiveness and of the importance of the observance in which they participate.

Perhaps, the greatest single value "Mother's Day" has for a small child is the assurance he receives that he is loved by his mother. It is valuable, of course, that the child have opportunity to return his mother's love. Normally, he will if it is first given freely to him.

Psychologists are practically unanimous in their belief that much of the mental and emotional ills people suffer have their roots in childhood's doubt about parental love. Love is usually there, but if repressed or "soft-pedaled" for fear of being too demonstrative, it often suggests to the child that love is absent. More ghosts haunt adult life from this parental oversight than one can imagine! "Mother's Day" insists on love's being expressed. It is the doubt of love's being present that starts much of the deterioration of courage, initiative and happiness that characterizes many warped, fear-ridden and retarded older children and adults.

their emotional security and development.

It has great possibilities for impressing growing children with the essential reverence for, and devotion to, mother love and sacrifice. The sentiments attached to this annual observance should be spread over the entire year and made as perennial as possible.

Whatever the details of the day's background, children observe it with joy and enthusiasm. It gives them opportunity to express, with the ceremony and demonstration they like, how they feel toward their mothers. Their expressions of love on other days in the frequent hugs, kisses, smiles and "cuddlings-up" that they give their mothers—and their fathers—are spell-

"Mother's Day" then may have a definite "therapeutic value." It is the unquestioned confidence of one's being wanted and loved by those closest to him that gives child life its best start. In a world torn by hate, suspicion and ill will, it is refreshing, to say the least, to have one day on the year's calendar set aside nationally when love is king! Love between children and their mother is, by universal testimony, the tenderest of relationships and the strongest of links in welding together a sturdy chain of self-reliant and emotionally strong personalities.

In the daily routines it is difficult to phrase one's deepest emotions. "Mother's Day" makes a time for such expressions. If this or other channels of love's expression are not opened for the small child, serious damage to his inner self may result. As he grows older, he may become reticent and self-conscious, and not be able to express himself with the spontaneous affection he once had. Years later such a child may become the morose, non-co-operative and fault finding adult with whom we are all too familiar.

Of course, expressed love between parent and child should be a daily experience. Busy parents many times do a better job of providing clothing, food, and medicine for their children than they do in assuring them that they are loved. Children need to know unmistakably that circumstances, behavior and changing conditions do not lessen, in the least, their parent's affection for them.

A three-year-old daughter shocked her busy parents back to this reality one night as they were hurrying out to an engagement. Leav-

ing last minute instructions with the baby sitter, they reached the door and then heard the child say tearfully, "Nobody's said he loves me all day long!" A happy, secure child rarely exists in a hostile atmosphere void of expressed love. Fur-

thermore, no sweeter sound ever falls upon a woman's ears than that of her child's warm words, "Mother, I love you, too!" Let us make much more of "Mother's Day" as an open door through which love walks into the life of children.

## FOR THE SAND-PILE SET

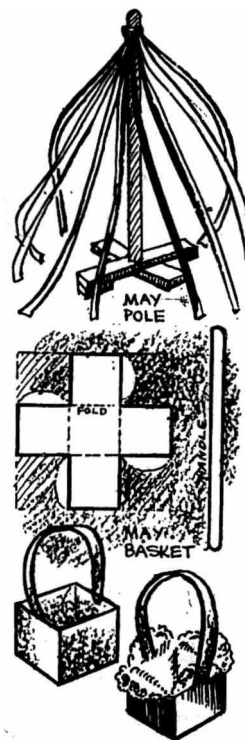
TINY TOTS LIKE TO MAKE much of special days. With older brothers and sisters in May Day festivities at school, pre-schoolers would like to imitate them with May poles, May baskets, and so on.

**May Pole**—A discarded mop handle or a broomstick would serve nicely for the center of their May pole. Attach two boards, crisscrossed, for the base as you do to stand a Christmas tree. Fasten various colored crepe paper streamers to the top of the pole with Scotch tape, or thumb tacks. The children weave in and out, opposite directions, each holding one of the May pole streamers. Several can play at a time. Then unwind and play again.

An attractive centerpiece for a birthday party table is a sponge or angel food cake with a striped candy cane placed in the cone-shaped center. From this, ribbon streamers go to each of the place settings. Nursery school teachers advise limiting the guest list for a preschooler's birthday party to around a half dozen. Refreshments served midafternoon do not interfere with supper, if kept very simple. Sponge cake with very scanty icing is preferable to rich butter cakes.

**May Baskets**—Easily made May baskets are welcome favors at a party. They can be filled with gum and minis, or used for May Day

with Spring flowers. Draw a pattern on fairly stiff paper, such as construction paper. After cutting, fold up, lap over the corners to the dotted line and paste securely. Attach the handle and decorate with gummed seals, bits of paper lace doilies, ribbon, etc. For another May basket see *World Comrades*, back cover.



## "Watch Yourself"

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could come into their homes and personally touch their lives, perhaps they, too, would be awakened to their own responsibilities.

In any host of people there must be a few distasteful ones, but be it said in favor of our guests, I remember only one. She crossed my path while I was very young, and her glowering countenance never fails to cross my mind each time I have the urge to reprimand some young person for shirking a responsibility at the last minute. I am glad that happens, for it usually stops me before I exhibit the same tactless disapproval she used on me.

Birds in cages cannot fly, they can only flutter. Important people on platforms can only flutter too—they have no chance to fly when from the confines of the platform they are transported to the four walls of convenient and well-appointed hotel rooms. Are we being unfair to today's youth by denying them the chance to personally live for a day or a week with those whose influences could mold their very thoughts and deeds for a lifetime?

I'm glad my Dad was a preacher so we could know so many important Christians—yet, even if he hadn't been, we still would have enjoyed that luxury, for you see, Mom belonged to the W.M.S.

Calling WNU Training School Alumnae

The annual meeting of our alumnae association will be held at breakfast, Wednesday May 18, 7:30 A. M. at the Oklahoma City YWCA, plate \$1.00. Tickets available in foyer of municipal auditorium on Tuesday. Be loyal, attend your alumnae meeting.



## Let Us Look at the Sunbeam Child

by Margaret Bruce

WHEN DR. GEORGE BRAXTON Taylor started the first Sunbeam Band in 1886, he had in mind "the greatness of multiplied 'littles.'"

Look at the Sunbeam Band today and see how the children study together, pray together, serve together and give together. Sunbeams multiply their "littles" and achieve great results for the Heavenly Father.

Mothers and fathers, pastors and members of churches need to understand the

are easily retained. When teaching God's Word, the Sunbeam Leader helps the children to see God's love for the whole world and his plan of salvation for those of every race.

Learning about world children through *World Comrades* programs and mission study helps children "to girdle the world with friendliness." Understanding children of China, Japan, Africa, Europe and other parts of the world encourages the child, who loves Jesus, to talk to the Heavenly Father about them and to give to supply their physical needs and to help them know Jesus.

Helping others for Jesus' sake is the real work of the Sunbeam Band. The Sunbeam child is led into service through community missions activities. The good leader helps the members of her organization see the children of the community who need to be invited to their church and all of its activities. Joy and happiness is shared with older people of the community as children go into their homes to sing and carry fruits or flowers. May baskets, Valentines, tray cards, toys and Bibles are often taken to crippled children's wards in hospitals or other places where there is need. Sunbeams do many, many things to help others for Jesus' sake.

Giving to help spread the gospel surely shows "the greatness of multiplied 'littles.'" Sunbeams may not have large amounts of money to give but their small amounts put together by prayer and love help to spread the gospel around



the world. The Sunbeam child responds easily to the teaching of tithing. Learning of other children who do not know about Jesus causes the little child to want to give so that missionaries may be sent to tell the wonderful story.

Several years ago when Elizabeth Hale was a little Sunbeam, she gave such a large offering the leader thought that maybe her mother did not know about the gift she had brought and it would be wiser to ask her mother about giving it. She questioned Elizabeth, who answered, "But it is my money and you know, until I can go, I must help send a missionary." Today that Sunbeam is one of our finest missionaries to China. Sunbeams learn to give not just their money to help spread the gospel but themselves.

*Sunbeam Focus Week* May 8-14 will be a splendid week to enlist every little boy and girl of your church in the Sunbeam Band. See the May issue of *World Comrades* for definite suggestions for observing Focus Week.

Help your Sunbeam leader to have the very best possible organization: by encouraging her to take the Sunbeam Leader's Correspondence Course, price \$1.05, from 1111 Comet Building, Birmingham 5, Alabama, to study the Sunbeam manual, *The Way of Missionary Education* and other materials.

Foster the Sunbeam Band by providing an attractive (Please turn to page 18)

AT THE CIRCLE MEETING, the chairman of community missions announced, "We have the question mark for this month."

A new member asked what that meant. The reply was, "We are to find some special work to do in community missions, something that is really community missions."

Each looked at the other. The chairman said she had been praying about the question mark ever since she had received it. She had been led to suggest that each one of the circle pray earnestly to be led to witness for her Master in some special way during the month. At the next meeting each would tell about her experience.

Prayer was made by several of the women at once. Every woman felt that meeting wondering if she would do what the Spirit presented to her in an opportunity to do. The influence of their witnessing for Christ in many ways was far-reaching but perhaps the widest outreach was through the Marine Corps of the U.S.A.

One of the members was riding a bus to a coastal city near which was a large Marine Corps base. Across the aisle sat a young man in new uniform, looking more like a fifteen year old than older. Blond hair, fresh pink complexion and so clean, he sat up straight and fine. Back of him sat two men, one a much decorated Marine officer and the other a civilian. The talk between these two was loud and coarse. Soon the civilian pulled out a bottle of liquor and after they had each taken a drink they offered it to the lad. He declined.

The two men talked and drank on with no interference from the bus driver. Again they offered the lad

## THE QUESTION MARK

by Kate T. Davis

Community Missions Chairman for South Carolina

a drink.

Drawing himself up and turning to look straight in to the faces of the two men he said, "I don't drink and never expect to drink." The emphasis was most pronounced on "don't" and "never."

The men laughed. The lady across the aisle said to the lad, "I want to thank you for what you have said, in the name of your Mother as well as for myself, and I pray that God will keep you steadfast."

The lad smiled and said, "I do thank you." A groan and one of the men said, "We seem to have the W.T.C.U. with us today."

The lady alert to her opportunity and her witnessing replied, "Yes, you have, and I am also a Christian mother who had a lad in the late war, a lad who sailed the skies and has never touched liquor." Then speaking directly to the officer in Marine uniform she witnessed for Christ as truly as that man witnessed by his uniform and his decorations for bravery during the late war that he was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps.

The coastal city was reached and all left the bus. "Lady," said the lad, "May I shake your hand and thank you for what you said?"

The lady exchanged addresses with the boy and learned his mother's name and address so that she might write to her about this meeting with her fine son.

As she started across the street to meet her hostess

she heard a voice call, "Mrs., please may I speak to you."

Turning she saw the Marine officer. He expressed his thanks to this member of a Woman's Missionary Society who was being a missionary where she was. He said, "I am sincerely ashamed of myself and a disgrace to what I wear. I was a Christian once and today you have shown me the way back to Jesus. I want to



promise you that never again will I offer any lad a drink of liquor and I shall honestly try to live straight and without drink. Will you pray for me?"

The W.M.S. member said she surely would, then before she could get his name, the man moved off.

The question mark has had at least one successful answer. The entire circle is praying for that officer who can influence so many men for right or for wrong. They have heard from the boy's mother and from the boy, and there is no question about their gratitude for that faithful Christian's witness.

Children may tear up a house but they can never break up a home.

work of the Sunbeam Band. They need to realize the value and necessity of missionary education for little children. W.M.S. members can help them to look at the Sunbeam child during Sunbeam Focus Week, May 8-14.

Talking to the Heavenly Father is one of the lessons learned by the child in the Sunbeam Band. Praying becomes the natural way of talking to the Heavenly Father and asking him not only for the things the child desires but to supply needs of missionaries and children in other lands.

Hiding God's Word in our hearts by memorizing verses of Scripture is another privilege of the Sunbeam child. The minds of children are quick to learn and things learned early in life

## Board Meets, Re-Open G.W.C?

by Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn

OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES held its 1949 meeting at the W.M.U. Training School on February 22 and 23. Mrs. George R. Martin, the chairman, presided in her usual efficient and stimulating fashion. Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, met with us for the first time in her role as secretary of the Board. Her charming personality won the hearts of students and Board members alike. As usual, Mrs. W. J. Cox, treasurer, made so-called dry

elements in New York City one summer. Then in October 1912, she opened the first center in the South. It was called the Baptist Training School Settlement. It was located a few blocks from the downtown site of the Training School, and was therefore easily accessible to the students. The work continued in this location until 1940, when the property was sold to the Presbyterians. For several years the neighborhood had been becoming progressively Negro. When the opportunity came to sell the building to the Presbyterians for the continuance of their Negro work, it was deemed wise to do so.

At the 1941 meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was "decided that we will make no plans at present as to a new Good Will Center because of the removal of the School to the new location in the east end of the city and the unsettled social and economic conditions in Louisville at present." At that time a committee was appointed to make a careful study of the city in order to find the best location for a Center in the near future. Mrs. Nuckols reported the following year that a survey of the city had been made, but the time did not seem ripe for action to be taken. During the war years that followed, conditions were not favorable to the beginning of such a project, so the committee was inactive. The matter was discussed briefly in the 1946 and 1947 meetings of the Board. In 1948, the question of more aggressive interest in Good Will Center work was re-

opened for discussion. Mrs. Martin activated the committee again.

Mrs. Nuckols reported at the recent meeting of the Board that the Committee had made a careful study of the city again with reference to the best location for such a Center. Remembering the two-fold purpose of this work in our program of training—providing a laboratory in practical Christian service for our students and joining with other church groups in an effort to make our city a better place for all its people—we are trying to find the most neglected section as far as recreational and Christian facilities are concerned. This policy will make a problem in transportation, since such sections are far removed from the School.

The committee asked to be allowed to continue its work and the Board's executive committee was authorized to act on any recommendation growing out of its findings. We are looking forward, therefore, to the re-opening of this important department of our work in the not-too-distant future.

### ...the Sunbeam Child

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meeting place, materials for handwork and other phases of the Sunbeam plans, transportation whenever and wherever needed, by helping with special occasions such as Church Night of Stewardship, promotion services and Focus Week activities.

Yes, look at the Sunbeam child, then see the opportunities offered children through the Sunbeam Band. Is your child a member, your little niece or nephew, and all the children of your church? If not, enlist them now!

Can a study class on "Stewardship and Missions" or any other subject be counted as a regular monthly meeting on the Standard of Excellence of the society? Our society met at the regular meeting time but instead of using the program material in ROYAL SERVICE, we discussed the book among ourselves.

Look at the definition of a mission study class on page 16 of 1949 W.M.U. Year Book. If you had no teacher you couldn't well have had a mission study class. Certainly you could not count this one gathering as both regular meeting and study class. Why not use the fine material in ROYAL SERVICE and feel the strength of discussing a given topic at the same time with all the other women in W.M.U.? Every one of the year's program topics merits the best possible presentation. Then in addition do real study with a teacher leading your discussion.

Do you know the old saying about "neither fish, nor fowl, nor good red herring"—nobody knew what it was? Have good programs, have good mission study, but the two are separate.

How can a B.W.C. foster a young people's organization?

It is difficult for a business woman to find time to be counselor of a young people's organization which meets when she must be at her place of employment. Maybe the Intermediate G.A. or Y.W.A. could meet in the evening, making it possible for a business woman to work with them as counselor. Anyway the B.W.C. can help foster a young people's organization by providing mission reading books for the organization. It can give so that

## IS THIS YOUR QUESTION?

by Marjorie Allen, Maryland

young people can go to summer camps. It can assist in special activities such as Focus Weeks and Stewardship Night. It can agree to match 50c with 50c from the members to make the \$1.00 subscription for any of the young people's magazines. It can encourage and pray for the organization.

In my work as Stewardship Chairman of the W.M.S. I am using the pamphlet, "You are a Faithful Steward? Prove It!" It is fine but I feel I need more background material. What would you suggest?

Study the "Tithes and Offerings" section of the Plan of Work (see W.M.U. Year Book, page 17), also the other pages in the Year Book dealing with Stewardship. The Manual of Woman's Missionary Union (price \$1.00) contains several pages on Stewardship and duties of the Stewardship Chairman. Consult The World in Books for titles of study and reference books on Stewardship which you can buy from your Baptist Book Store. Write to your state W.M.U. office for free pamphlets such as "Missions Wait on Stewardship," "Can a Woman Tithe?"

Where do I send for free W.M.U. material?

Write to your state W.M.U. office for free literature. Order only priced material from 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama. Send your remittance with your order.

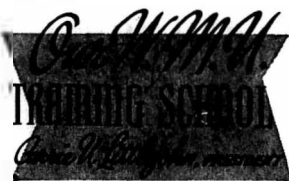
What is meant by the term "Full-graded A-1 W.M.U."?

When a Sunbeam Band, a Girls' Auxiliary, a Royal Ambassador chapter, a Young Woman's Auxiliary and the Woman's Missionary Society, is each A-1 on its respective Standard of Excellence, you have a full-graded A-1 W.M.U. If W.M.U. has two or more Girls' Auxiliaries or two Royal Ambassador chapters (junior and intermediate) and only one G.A. and R.A. reach the standard, you can still be counted as full-graded A-1 provided all the other organizations are

standard. See W.M.U. Year Book, page 48.

If the Jr. G.A.'s, Jr. R.A.'s and Sunbeams all study the same book with the same teacher can each count it a class?

They could, but would it be the best arrangement? There are separate books presenting subjects for junior ages and for Sunbeams. There are different ways of presenting subjects to these different ages. Boys like to do things differently from the way girls do. Couldn't you get better results with separate teachers and separate meetings using books slanted to present subjects to the separate ages? They might all have refreshments together but each would like his own class better than the mixture.



figures glow with life.

Among the trustees several were attending the meeting for the first time: Mrs. J. T. Aldridge of Alabama, Mrs. S. W. Eubanks of Arkansas, Miss Mary Nelle Lync of California, Mrs. J. F. Heaton of Missouri, Mrs. F. O. Mixon of North Carolina, and Mrs. F. Clyde Helms of South Carolina.

One of the most important matters on the agenda was the report of Mrs. E. M. Nuckols, chairman of the Good Will Center Committee. As a matter of history, we were reminded that the Training School introduced Good Will Center work to Woman's Missionary Union and through W.M.U. to Southern Baptist life. Our first principal, Mrs. Maud R. McLure studied the work of college set-



## Precepts for Parents and Children

Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Colossians 3:16-24

WHEREVER PEOPLE DWELL together there are always adjustments to be made so that harmony and real happiness are experienced. It is so in every home. Difficulties and dangers beset homes which may cause heartaches, unhappiness and thwarted lives. These days are strenuous, but actually little different from other days for human hearts are much the same in every age or clime.

Christ has signally displayed his power of refining, ennobling and sanctifying relationships in the home. Indeed, life seen in

and righteousness possess the heart they will dominate every activity of life. Permanent joy will be the result.

What parents are, in a great measure, their children will be. If the hearts of parents are filled with Christ, it will overflow in their lives as they deal with their children. Their Christian example before the children will influence them even more strongly than mere words. In sharing Christ and his word with children, parents not only change the lives of their children, but they multiply their own joy many fold. The precepts of Christ are to be ever in the minds of parents and children. They are to think of them as they go out and as they come in. They are to be evident in conversations in the home. These precepts are to be their constant guide. Religion should reign in the home in thoughts as well as words and deeds.

Paul in this passage in Colossians emphasizes the same idea Moses set forth in Deuteronomy. If the word of Christ dwells in the hearts of the members of the home with all its rich spiritual help, it will influence every life. The gospel principles and precepts will direct and control that home. Its power will be made manifest in the lives of the family. Continued gratitude to God, nothing done which is unworthy of Christ, nothing done to offend these principles should bring to homes "days of heaven on earth."

Paul specifically states that domestic happiness contains two very simple ingredients: love and obedi-

ence. He gives specific directions along this line to wives, husbands, parents, children, and even to the servants in the home. Certain duties of each are given and then corresponding obligations are noted.

The wife is admonished to be in subjection to her husband while a corresponding admonition is given that the husband not be hasty and quarrelsome, but that his love for his wife resemble the love Christ had for his church. Such love will bring the greatest happiness to the heart of the wife and will demand her respect and love and cooperation.

Children, too, are to give loving, willing obedience to the wise guidance of the parents. No parent is to disturb children with petty exacting, unreasonable commands or "capricious jerks of the bridle." Fathers are to show gentleness and consideration. "The sunshine of a parent's smile will ripen children's love into fruits of obedience."

Christian obligations, too, grow out of the relationships of servants in the home. Services will not be watched and checked suspiciously, nor will the employer be exacting, hard to please and unkind, but in understanding and regard, each for the other, everything is done as unto the Lord.

"Let your being," Paul says, "be filled with blessed spiritual wisdom of Christ." When we live "in the Lord" every relationship of life is sanctified and as we move in and out among the members of our families we will breathe out blessings fresh from the heart of Christ.

What of your home? Have you let Christ be the answer to the problems in your home?

## Christ the Answer in the Home

### Your Program In Outline

BEGIN WITH SONGS ABOUT HOME

"For the Beauty of the Earth." "O happy home, where thou art loved the dearest," "Home Sweet Home"

USE DEVOTIONAL SUGGESTIONS, page 20

QUOTATIONS ABOUT THE HOME, page 22, 26  
REMINISCENCES ABOUT HOME

encourage several of the women to tell one incident of marked joy in their remembrances of home (watch it—can't indulge too long, not more than 5 or 6 minutes)

The Home, God's First Thought for Man  
Is Something Wrong with the Home?

The Home and Social Pressures

SONG—"My Mother's Prayer"

Youth Problems and the Home

What Have We Done to Sunday?

What Is Read in Your Home?

One Home Can Change Many

SOLO—"Bless this house, O Lord we pray"

The Christian Home and the World

How Can We Make Our Homes Better?

CLOSING PRAYER SONG—"Into my heart" only change the chorus to "Into my home."

### In Planning Your Program

SEEK TO EMPHASIZE the matters that will be most helpful to your members. What discussion fits your situation? Talk about that phase more than ones not pertinent in your case.

As you talk about the need for family worship make suggestions about possible times for daily worship. Let those who do have such a season of family prayer tell when and how they arrange for it.

Ask the women to bring their copies of ROYAL SERVICE, turn to page 28 and read aloud together the Drummond quotation when the speaker on "The Christian Home and the World" finishes her talk.

### To protest legalized liquor traffic—

There are stickers to be put on advertisements of alcoholic beverages torn out of magazines or newspapers, and mailed to publishers. There are postcards to be filled



ed in and sent to movie and radio program producers protesting drinking scenes and advertisements.

Order stickers and postcards from Mr. Don B. Cloward, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. (Price 10c for 72 stickers and 10c for 9 postcards)

After the meeting take time to prepare these for mailing before you separate.

Alert your literature chairman and committee to be ready to take subscriptions to *Royal Service*, *World Comrades*, *The Window of YWA* and *Ambassador Life*. After discussing need for good reading every non-subscriber will be ready to subscribe.

### Announcements Invite

Tear out newspaper advertisement of houses for sale and mount on poster board. Or print

WANTED: CHRISTIAN HOMES

Or find and paste on poster pictures of homes of different countries. Print

### We'll Talk of HOME

Hear Our Message Everywhere  
at ..... o'clock ..... day at ..... (place)  
Or send similar individual invitations on postcard.

### Clever Touches Add Much

A doll house will be a good center of interest. Where can you borrow one? Or several pictures of homes, palatial and humble, brick, frame, stucco, cut out and mounted would serve.

Ask each woman to bring a picture of the thing she most wants to add to her home. Put them up around wall, in front, or spread out on a table. If everyone brings a gadget, big or little, start from there: is that what American homes most need? If somebody brings a picture indicating a spirit of love or devotion, start from there.



thousands of Christian homes is purely a Christian creation. Let us triumphantly, joyously proclaim to all: Christ is the answer in the home!

We read two familiar and oft quoted passages from God's Word. Each sets out practical, simple principles for domestic happiness. Moses longed for blessed and happy days for his people, and Moses knew the way. It is simple. There are no heavy burdensome tasks for people to strive to accomplish. There is simply the privilege of storing the commandments of the Lord in the heart, breathing the atmosphere of his Word and then in loving obedience letting God's Word radiate its magnetic influence in the home relations. When truth-



## CHRIST THE ANSWER IN THE HOME

Planned by Mary Ruth McCormick

"Home, the spot supremely blest,  
A dearer spot than all the rest."

—MONTGOMERY

### Home—God's First Thought of Man

In great love and wisdom God provided the home, his first institution for man whom he loved and made in his own image. It is the depository of his great truths and the channel through which he blesses succeeding generations. He further honored it and magnified it by coming, in the person of his Son, to dwell in the humblest of homes.

Jesus blessed that home as he loved and honored Mary and Joseph and was subject unto them. It was in this home that he prepared for his great ministry. All through his earthly life he honored the homes of his friends and followers by his presence—working miracles, healing, teaching and preaching.

A Christian home is no mere accident. It has been said rightly, "One of the miracles of the age is a well-trained Christian family." To be truly Christian, Christ must be enthroned in the home. This can be done only if both husband and wife have first enthroned him in their own hearts. Paul's admonition to the Corinthians is just as fitting today as then. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath right-

eousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath Light with darkness"—2 Cor. 6:14.

Marriage presents many handicaps and requires many adjustments. Certainly it is too great a risk to start out on an uncertain journey with known liabilities suf-

ficient to sink the ship. When precious children are entrusted to the home responsibilities multiply.

"He who does his best to make his home all that God dreams for it to be, has accomplished one of the greatest achievements of a lifetime."

—DUTTON

### Is Something Wrong with the Home?

With all our love for the home there has never been such universal concern about its failures and mistakes. "Stop this gradual breakdown." "Stabilize family life or civilization is doomed." Policemen, politicians, preachers, lawmakers, judges, historians, social workers, schoolteachers, authors—everyone sees that the home is not what we used to know. What's wrong?

Stylish new homes have built-in bars, others keep their bottles on closet shelves. In 1947 people of U.S.A. spent \$9,640,000,000 for legal alcoholic beverages. "If these billions of dollars were silver dollars and laid on the ground, edge to edge they would form a line 228,000 miles long or more than 9 times around the earth... this equals \$9 for every minute since the birth of our Saviour... this is about three times the amount of money spent for all kinds of public and private education; over nine times the amount of money raised by all religious bodies for churches and their maintenance; more than 10 times the cost and upkeep of all libraries; 17 times the outlay for all federal security, old age, unemployment pensions, training of nurses, and vocational guidance; eight times as much money as is required to pay the pensions of all veterans; 70 times as much as the Red Cross raises and spends; more than 100 times the amount of money used in fighting disease, infantile paralysis, cancer, tuberculosis, etc."

"Money spent in quenching America's thirst for alcoholic beverages would have

placed 4,800,000 missionaries all over the world, each to receive a salary of \$2,000. A new copy of the Bible, God's holy Word, costing \$4.50 could have been placed in the hands of every man, woman and child on earth, assuming the world's population to be slightly over 2,000,000,000 people. We could also have purchased 96,000,000,000 loaves of bread at 10 cents per loaf to feed millions of starving people all over the world."

Sheer money cannot measure the tragedy of "the cocktail hour," the inroads of alcoholism into the home. The taste for alcoholic beverages developed in the home reaches out to the crime report:

Every 20 seconds a serious crime is committed, every 2 minutes a car is stolen, every 8.75 minutes an assault maims and hospitalizes another victim, every 9.5 minutes a robbery takes place, every 45 minutes virtue is ravished by rape, and every 46 minutes a human life is snapped out by murder. Liquor figures in the picture with crime almost every time.

Are there magazines in your home ad-

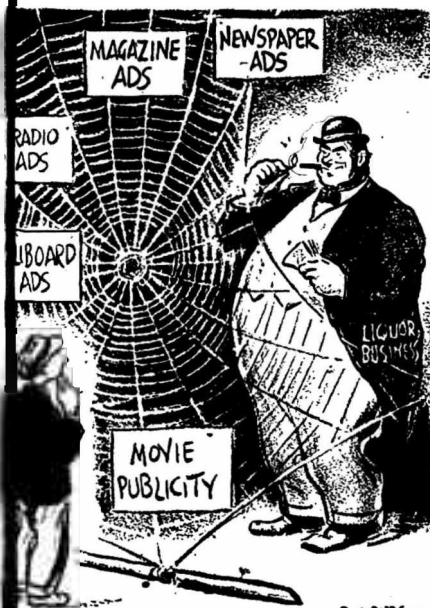
vertising liquor? *Life*, *Collier's*, *McCall's*, *Woman's Home Companion*—any of these or others with beautiful scenes like "Man of Distinction," or "Home Life in America Series"? Why not cancel your subscription and state why? If your magazines do not carry fancy liquor advertisements write the editor saying "Thank you" and ask him to hold fast to that dry policy. Pressure is tremendous to get all magazines to carry liquor advertisements. It pays well. The liquor interests spend \$100,000,000 a year on radio, newspapers, magazines and billboards to influence public opinion. Christian women must wake up. Liquor dealers are determined to get further into the homes of America. Recipes are suggested with a dash of this alcoholic beverage or that. Cocktails and alcoholic beverages are played up as economical, as having food value, as being social assets and necessities. Speak up for righteousness. Read Proverbs 23:31-32, Habakkuk 2:15a. Remember every drop is poison.

### The Home and Social Pressures

Does your home provide wholesome Christian good times for your sons and daughters and their friends? Or does it bow to social popularity and worldly amusements? The pressure of "everyone's doing it" can drown out so much that is holy. Read Romans 14:16-17, 21; Romans 12:9; John 12:24-26; Matthew 16:24-26.

In the war days when women were needed to help in U.S.O. and in Red Cross activities, a telling picture showed four women gaily playing bridge. The caption was "Will it take a bomb to break up the bridge table?" No bomb fell to break it so their time was probably not used for humanitarian service. Probably they are still playing while the Lord needs every minute of time and energy to witness clearly for him. Social pressure enters into the consideration of women who hurry from home or church duties to sit long hours at bridge or other futile games.

Fashions themselves yield to pressure. Why else would a Christian woman provide "plunging necklines" and "midriff" dresses or play suits for her daughter? "In too many instances an American home which should be a place of learning as well as a place of living has lost part of its function and is now only a place from which



—R. D. BERG—



to depart for learning ideas and methods which are antisocial and unchristian. Many of the recreational outlets where youth spends hours away from home are commercialized and even corruptive to the morals of youth."

What has become of our Christian homely virtues of modesty, complete chastity,

neighborly helpfulness? These stemmed from homes in which Christ was the head. It said so on a placard: "Christ is the head of this house, the ever present guest at every meal." More than that it was apparent in the courage and integrity of the home that did not yield to contradictory pressures but sought to keep Christ welcome there.

### Youth's Problems and the Home

Teen-agers in a Southern city who were apprehended for vandalism last year all came from "best families." The 10,000 teen-agers in a Midwestern city, who had trouble with the law came from families with adequate or above average incomes. Children will not escape delinquency just because they are properly fed and clothed, live in decent houses, and associate with "the best people."

J. Edgar Hoover says, "The crime problem is essentially a youth problem. We are facing a potential army of 6,000,000 criminals. This is ten times greater than the number of students in our colleges and universities." We need not act complacent and say that these so-called criminals are just victims of some childish prank, caught and exposed by an overzealous, grouchy policeman. Statistics show that 70% of all adult criminals have been youthful delinquents. We cannot hide behind the excuse that they are just "passing through that age in growing up," for statistics bare out the truism that "Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined." Hoover further states that, "One of the prime causes of these conditions can be remedied. Homes can become truly combatants of delinquency. The primary problem is one of home training."

Often these boys and girls, some from Christian homes, have never come to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. They are unmoved by an appeal to repent and believe. They never consider the claim of God on their lives. Why? The blame is placed squarely on the shoulders of parents. Many of these parents are Christian. They may have prayed; they may have hoped and desired above all things to see their child saved. But they failed to require of their children respect for God's plain teaching concerning the relationship



of children to parents, namely, the fifth commandment. "Honor thy father and thy mother"—Exodus 20:12. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right"—Ephesians 6:1.

Some members of this generation of young people and children are the victims of a spurious brand of psychology. It refuted the teachings of God and instituted a reign of terror in which youngsters were discouraged to express themselves freely, irrespective, of others. Deluded parents permitted them to do and say anything that their nimble tongues and fertile brains could conceive. They were never required to acknowledge authority. Obedience to parents was not established into a principle and wrought into a habit.

This brings strange religious reactions. Even when powerfully convicted of sin they cannot repent. In many cases they even asked why repentance came so easy to others and seemed so utterly impossible to them. A gentleman of great experience says:

"In more cases than one, I have made inquiry, 'Did you ever accustom your heart to cheerful obedience to parents when you were young?' 'Have you ever known what it was to give up your will and be happy about it—happier than when you carried your point and had your own way?' In all of these cases the answer has been, 'I never did submit cheerfully to the

will of my father and mother. I always made some kind of a compromise which saved my having to give up my will.'

"When it became obvious that this was the uniform answer to those who could not submit their wills to God's will, and therefore could find nothing tolerable in the stern command for repentance, we began to look on this matter of parental training in a new light. It assumed a degree of importance, second to nothing in the whole circle of human influence.

"We are persuaded that the best time to begin teaching obedience is early

in life, before your words can be argued, while your steady eye and firm hand are the only needed interpreters of your will, and the only needed organs of power—that is the time to begin. Be gentle but firm and decided. But cause your will to be known, and being known, to be obeyed . . .

"God has provided . . . for early training in the habit and principle of obedience. Think how long he has made the period of weak, dependent infancy, and how slow the period toward self-reliance . . . Who can doubt that God has a purpose in this plan? Who can deny that this purpose is to give parents ample time to do the most important business ever done in human life—the moulding of the infant and youthful mind into obedience and virtue.

"In all essential points, the relation of a child to his parents is involved in a child's relation to God. It is, therefore, the parents responsibility to see that disobedience to rightful authority . . . not only should not be suffered to grow into a habit, but should never be suffered to pass unrebuked and uncorrected.

"Parental authority, if made to rest on its true foundation, provides the best facility for true conversion to God at the earliest moment after the claims of God can be understood."

### MORE ABOUT THE HOME

Do you have a projector for transparency slides 2" x 2"? If so order from your Baptist Book Store the 50 slides and lecture, "A Crusade for Christian Homes" by Joe W. Burton. These were used at Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 1948 so effectively everyone wanted them reproduced and widely distributed. Rental is \$2.50, time of presentation runs 25 to 30 minutes.

**MOTION PICTURES** on this general subject:

*Boy in Court*—sound, 12 minutes; young-sters "snatch" a car, and you watch what happens—rental \$2.00

*Choosing Books to Read*—sound, 11 minutes; will help to greater realization of treasures in good books, aids in promoting church library idea—rental \$3.00

*It's the Brain that Counts*—sound, 20 minutes; after a late party, a girl and her brother learn the sad results of "a few drinks"—service charge \$2.00

*The Pay-Off*—sound or silent, 22 minutes; stresses consequences of even casual drinking—service charge \$2.00

*My Name is Han*—sound, 24 minutes, filmed in China, shows effect of war on one Chinese family, and the way medical missions and Christian neighborliness lead Han toward Christ—rental \$8.00

Order all the above films and the slides from your Baptist Book Store

### WANT A PLAY?

*The Lord's Day and Grandmother Atkinson* (11 W.Y.As. or W.M.S. members; 30 minutes, price 15c from Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Ala.)

*The Carter Family Make their Pledges* (4 girls, 3 boys; 30 minutes, price 15c, same address)

Y.W.A.'s. and selected male helpers may present play. By the Fireside in their May issue of *The Window of Y.W.A.*



## What Have We Done to the Lord's Day?

The pastor who on Easter Sunday wished his unusually large congregation a Merry Christmas was more than a witty opportunist: he was wise. He saw so many unfamiliar faces he couldn't miss that chance. Sometimes ridicule or sarcasm will stab

a soul awake. What will it take to wake our so-called Christian America to the commercialization of Sunday?

List the things people in your community do on Sunday—go to movies, pay to see ball games, or rodeos or the circus, or a carnival, hold club or business conferences, buy food or gasoline that could and should have been bought on Saturday, go on visits which make them absent from the Lord's house all day, etc., etc., etc. Read again Exodus 20:10-11; Exodus 31:13-17; Leviticus 19:30; Matthew 12:8.

What can you do on the Lord's Day? Whatever will show the Son of Man's Lordship. What can a family do together? A pleasant drive, a family walk appreciating God's beautiful world, a visit to another Christian home or to a family needing to be enlisted for the Lord, an afternoon of friendly family fellowship singing through the hymnbooks around the piano, discussing and helping each other with hobbies, worthwhile reading, a nap—there is plenty of good to occupy everyone if families will but plan a little.

*"A Sabbath well spent  
Fills the heart with content,  
And fits us for work on the morrow.  
But a Sabbath profaned,  
Whatever is gained  
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow."*

France tried having Sunday every ten days but nine days of work were too long. The Hindus have no rest day and are

## A REAL HOME

*A real home is a playground. Beware of the house where you "mustn't frolic."*

*A real home is a workshop. Pity the boy without a kit of tools, or the girls without a sewing basket.*

*A real home is a forum. Honest, open discussion of life's great problems belongs originally and primarily to the family circle.*

*A real home is a secret society. Loyalty to one's family should mean keeping silent on family matters.*

*A real home is a co-operative league. Households flourish in peace where the interest of each is the interest of all.*

—E. E. PURTON, *Efficient Living*

noticeably tired and do poor work. Even machinery has to stop to be in the best order. The Lord made no mistake in setting apart a day for rest and worship but people make a grievous mistake in not keeping it for rest and worship.

"How far is it to church from your house?" someone asked. The distance was fifteen miles, but the answer was, "Oh it isn't far, we love to come, you see." How far is it from church to your house? Father and the children will not likely find it any nearer than mother does. Does your child know you mean it when you say, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord?"

## What Is Read in Your Home?

When books and magazines come into your home they are really not just a few ounces of paper marked with printer's ink. They are really life. What people read develops or warps their personalities, binds or sets free their minds, restricts or enlarges their souls. What is on your library table? In your magazine rack? What is up in the boys' room? What is on the girls' bedside table?

Sordid comics and confessional magazines showing life contorted, tense, high-gear cannot build wise thinkers. Insipid love stories, lurid murders, flaming passion make poor food for steadfast Christian growth.

Our one world demands that we stretch our minds to know life around it. Diets

and new recipes are important but it is vital to know about people who are undernourished physically and without the Bread of Life. Fashions and styles have their place but should they crowd out reading the biographies of those who have taught how to dress in robes of righteousness? The latest draperies, the newest



gadgets are of interest, but are they to be compared with opening windows of the heart to hear humanity's low cry. Things we want may be many but contrasted with the needs of other mothers they are quite unnecessary if we yearn to win the world to Christ.

Reading wisely the best fascinating books and magazines will lift the level of any home. *The World in Books* catalogue lists numbers of suitable books for all ages and your mission magazines bring stories and articles, pictures and poems that interest their readers.

*Books are like an open door,  
Out of which the mind can soar,  
Rove the world on mighty wing,  
Watch the stars and planets swing;  
Books can set the spirit free  
Though the body shackled be.*

—E. K. JONES

## One Home Can Change Many

Looking out to lands where comfortable homes are few and Christian homes still more rare, one can more easily see in the contrast the changes a Christian home can make in the community.

In China a certain woman had worshipped idols for years. When she heard the gospel she believed and was saved. Her husband was an ardent Buddhist. He persecuted her unmercifully. One time he beat her with an iron rake until her body was so bruised and bleeding it was two weeks before she could get up

and be around her house again. As soon as she could she was baptized.

Yet presently she had won her husband to Christ. Scolding tongues were silenced. Nagging tones were ended. Selfishness vanished. Pleasant voices spoke gently and irritation spent itself in service to one another. Soon other members of her family became Christians. In time neighbors also believed on the Lord Jesus and their homes were blessed. Now a church meets in that home and its influence is changing still other homes.

"Keeping up with the Joneses" will not be harmful if the Joneses are Christians and others "keep up" in being Christian.

If you would start a family altar, your neighbors would know it and your example would help them to take, or make time for Bible reading and prayer together as a family.

## The Christian Home and the World

When a pebble is dropped in a lake, the ripples widen to the farthest shore. So the impact of a Christian home reaches out and out.

The wise economist Roger Babson has given much study to the progress of Christianity. He said, "I have not been able to find a single useful institution which has not been founded by an intensely religious man, or by the son of a praying mother. I have made this statement before the chambers of commerce of many of the large cities of the country, and have asked them to bring forward one case that was an exception to this rule. Thus far, I have not heard of a single one."

The mother in the home can teach basic lessons of peace. The dignity of all people, lowly in service or high in society, is taught by mother's tone of voice, her attitude. The dollar becomes a child's measure if she sees it mark the mother's behavior. Standards are set up in a child's mind before one realizes it. Children who live together with understanding and joy will grow up to seek understanding with all mankind. Children who



learn how to manage without cuffing and kicking, slapping and snatching will learn how to live with people of other nations without fighting and killing, seizing territory in threatening fashion, or using commerce and trade for selfish ends. "We know that love overcomes hate as water puts out fire but often we expect one cupful of water to put out a whole wagonload of hate." Children in a Christian home learn that love never fails. Where there is failure in harmonious living it is because there has not been enough love.

*"To make homes,  
that is what we are all here for.*

*For the home  
makes the town,  
the town makes the city,  
the city makes the country.*

*He who makes the home makes the world.  
After all,*

*though men and women make homes,  
it is the homes which make men and  
women.*

*Whether religion is possible or impossible,  
All depends upon the home."*

—HENRY DRUMMOND

### How Can We Make Our Homes Better?

This very month Southern Baptists and other Christian groups are emphasizing Christian Family Week in the hope of building better homes. "The family that prays together, stays together" shows one way of making homes more secure.

A worship period is imperative and it can be arranged if desire is compelling enough.

Together is the essence of happy homes—working together in ordinary household chores, for a garden, or some project of improvement of the house, or a surprise birthday party for father, or saving for a vacation trip together. For families should play together and in their recreation laugh and relax and thereby love each



other more. Some families have an "at home" evening just to be sure they have time to be together at least once a week. A family can listen to the radio together and talk about the program. If it is music learn appreciation of the best music, if it is a problem concerning nations or people that is in focus, discuss it thoughtfully. What has father heard about it at work? What have children learned about it at school? What has mother learned on the subject at missionary society, and so on. All can contribute and learn together in friendly give and take of argument. Maybe a play is presented—was it well done?

Who reads well in the family? Is there a story or poem everyone could enjoy together? A son or daughter may be prepared with some reading from school, or mother or father be encouraged to recall an unused talent.

Naturally, going to church and sharing its activities together is vital to developing Christian homes. Love for this "body of Christ" and loyalty are basic to the happiness and stability of the home. Recall the parable of the two houses as given in Matthew 7:24-27. If we set our houses on the right foundation, we can make them Christian homes.

### The Family Altar . . .

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stimulate greater missionary interest?

One young woman was honored in a special morning service by her church before she went out to serve on a distant mission field. At the close of the service she said, "I want my mother and father to come stand beside me. But for their prayers I would not be here today." Countless young people have gone from the home altar, out into the world to preach the gospel and witness for Christ.

Eight basic notes are just a scale. Given the master's touch they become a marvelous symphony. Paints are but blobs of color, till the master artist transforms them into a beautiful painting. A house is just a mass of wood and stone, a place where the family dwells. Given the Master's touch it becomes a holy place, an altar unto the Lord.

## THE CHRISTIAN HOME

*"... As for me and my house, we  
will serve the Lord"—Joshua 24:15*

### The Home, a Sacred Institution

\*Missionaries on furlough

There is no human relationship more sacred than that of the family. Our national life depends upon the kind of homes we have. A family altar in every Southern Baptist home would have a great influence for good upon our nation and the world.

SUNDAY, May 1  
Genesis 2:15-24

Pray for a great Home Dedication Day to begin Christian Home Week, May 1-8

MONDAY, May 2  
Genesis 12:1-8

Rev. and Mrs. Roe R. Beard, Muskogee, Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Brown, Davis, Rev. R. Falls, Avery, Oklahoma, evangelism among Indians

TUESDAY, May 3  
Exodus 20:12;  
Ephesians 6:1-9

Ray Buster, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, educational evangelism, Darline Elliott, Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Dailey, Barranquilla, Colombia, evangelism

WEDNESDAY, May 4  
Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Rev. and Mrs. Matias C. Garcia, San Antonio, Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Cantu, Raymondville, Rev. Andres R. Cavazos, Laredo, Texas, evangelism among Mexicans; denominational day of prayer called by Dr. Robert G. Lee, S.B.C. President

THURSDAY, May 5  
Deuteronomy 11:18-25

Pray for Baptist believers in Hungary; Rev. Francisco Melendez, Rev. Luis Quilo, Guatemala City, Guatemala, evangelism, \*Carree Spears, Santiago, Chile, secretarial evangelism

FRIDAY, May 6  
Ephesians 5:22-33

Mrs. L. Grace Thompson, Montegut, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Brown, Morgan City, Rev. and Mrs. Berkman de Ville, New Orleans, Louisiana, evangelism among French, William B. de Ville, Margaret Fund student

SATURDAY, May 7  
Colossians 3:16-24

Mary C. Demarest, Martha L. Franks, Lila Watson, Shanghai, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. I. V. Larson, Tsingtao, China, evangelism

### Examples of Dedicated Homes

As we read these examples of dedicated homes, it would be well to compare these with our own and ask, "What contribution is my home making to my church and to the lives of those about me?"

SUNDAY, May 8  
Job 1:1-5

Pray for Hospital Day observed in many states on Mother's Day; pray that Sunbeam Focus Week, May 8-14, may mean much in the missionary education of children

MONDAY, May 9  
Exodus 2:1-10

Jessie Green, Wuchow, Inabelle Coleman, Mary Alexander, Shanghai, Jaxie Short, Canton, China, educational evangelism

TUESDAY, May 10  
Joshua 24:14-21

\*Josephine Harris, Rev. and Mrs. Victor Koon, Mrs. C. K. Dozier, Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman, Honolulu, T.H., evangelism

WEDNESDAY, May 11  
1 Samuel 1:19-28

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin B. Dozier, Tokyo, Dr. and Mrs. W. Maxfield Garrott, Alma Graves, Fukuoka, Japan, educational evangelism

THURSDAY, May 12  
Luke 1:57-66

Genovea Gonzalez, Cienfuegos, Rev. J. L. Garcia, Regla, Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Gonzalez, Rev. and Mrs. Raul Gonzalez, Havana, Cuba, evangelism

FRIDAY, May 13  
Luke 2:21-24,  
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Jenell Greer, Blanche Groves, Soochow, Bertha Smith, Formosa, educational evangelism, Margie Shumate, Kwangtung, China, evangelism

SATURDAY, May 14  
2 Timothy 1:1-5

Katherine Cozens, \*Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes, Recife, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Enete, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, educational evangelism, John W. and Thomas Hayes, William, Noble, and Happy Truman Enete, Margaret Fund students

## Christ Brings Blessings to the Home

Christ should be the center of our home life. Notice that to different homes he brought healing, salvation, life or supplied another need. His presence in our homes today will bring untold blessings.

SUNDAY, May 15  
Luke 19:1-10

Pray for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the W.M.U. Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 15-17; Mrs. Beulah Grimmett, Anardarko, Rev. and Mrs. Wakon Iron, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, evangelism among Indians

MONDAY, May 16  
Acts 16:13-15

Lydia Greene, Canton, Harriette King, Dr. and \*Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, Shanghai, China, educational evangelism

TUESDAY, May 17  
Luke 8:41, 49-56

Rev. and Mrs. A. I. Bagby, Porto Alegre, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Harrington, Bello Horizonte, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. James H. Fairchild, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, evangelism

WEDNESDAY, May 18  
John 2:1-11

Pray for spirit-filled sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 18-22; Winifred Anderson, Granite City, Mary Headen, W. Frankfort, Rev. and Mrs. G. O. Foulon, Greenville, Illinois, Rev. and Mrs. Frank DiMaggio, Ensley, Alabama, evangelism among many nationalities

THURSDAY, May 19  
Luke 4:38-40

Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Gomez, Naranjo, Rev. and Mrs. V. E. Hughes, San Jose, Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Diaz, LaChorrera, Panama, Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Jones, Gatun, Canal Zone, evangelism

FRIDAY, May 20  
John 11:1-11

Rev. and Mrs. G. Wilson, Albuquerque, Rev. S. L. Isaacs, Gallup, Rev. and Mrs. R. Bowren, Magdalena, New Mexico, evangelism among Indians

SATURDAY, May 21  
John 11:32-45

Rev. Nathan M. Carter, Selma, Alabama, Rev. T. Ewell Hopkins, Washington, D.C., Rev. S. E. Grinstead, Nashville, Tennessee, Rev. W. B. Knox, Rock Hill, South Carolina, educational evangelism among their own Negro race

## How Can We Make the Best Use of our Homes

The Scriptures show many ways we may use our homes for the glory of God: to entertain servants of the Lord, to give opportunity to speak to the lost, to care for a lonely mother, as a place for teaching and preaching, for a church meeting place.

SUNDAY, May 22  
Genesis 18:1-8

Elizabeth Gray, Shanghai, \*Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Humphrey, Chengchow, \*Alda Grayson, Shantung, China, medical evangelism

MONDAY, May 23  
2 Kings 4:8-17

Rev. Mario Grimaldo, Brownwood, Rev. and Mrs. David Espurva, Fort Worth, Texas, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Godsoe, Raton, New Mexico, evangelism among Mexicans

TUESDAY, May 24  
Acts 12:5-12

Kate Ellen Gruver, Nazareth, \*Rebecca Long, \*Eunice Fenderson, Jerusalem, Palestine, educational evangelism

WEDNESDAY, May 25  
Luke 5:27-32

Rev. and Mrs. Deaver M. Lawton, Olive Lawton, Kweilin, Sophie Lanneau, Ola Lea, Soochow, China, educational evangelism

THURSDAY, May 26  
Acts 18:1-3, 24-26

Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Orrick, Montevideo, Uruguay, \*Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Quarles, Mendoza, Argentina, evangelism, \*Rev. Blonnye Foreman, Corrente, Brazil, industrial evangelism

FRIDAY, May 27  
Matthew 26:6-13

Mrs. Minelle Graves, Gladys Keith, New Orleans, Louisiana, Nina Belle Holaday, Benld, Illinois, evangelism

SATURDAY, May 28  
John 19:25-27

Mrs. F. J. Fowler, Mrs. R. M. Logan, Argentina, Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, Brazil, emeritus, David Maddox, Margaret Fund student

SUNDAY, May 29  
Luke 10:38-42

Rev. and Mrs. Jose Prado, Rev. V. T. Yearwood, Panama City, Panama, evangelism, Vernon U. Yearwood, Margaret Fund student

MONDAY, May 30  
Acts 2:42-47

Winnie B. Morgan, Tucson, Arizona, Esther Canas, Harlingen, Mrs. Elizabeth Escobedo, San Antonio, Texas, educational evangelism among Spanish-speaking, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johns, Blackwater, Arizona, evangelism among their own Indian race

TUESDAY, May 31  
Acts 9:36-43

Frances Talley, Cecile Lancaster, Kokura, Japan, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Hughey, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Jennings, Barcelona, Spain, evangelism

## The World Must Have the Bible

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 1:24-25; Nehemiah 8:1-38; Isaiah 55:10-11

SELECT HYMNS about the Bible like "Thy Word is Like a Garden, Lord," "Holy Bible, Book Divine," "Lamp of our Feet Whereby We Trace"

In May Southern Baptist Home Missions you will find especially two articles for your circle meeting, "The Bible a Mission Book" and "The Word at Work Among the Indians."

In May The Commission there is a picture story on

the Bible, "Into All the World," which will be very interesting to look at together and discuss.

"The Shelves Are Empty" in May The Window of YWA, "Mary Visits Mexico" in May World Comrades, "Fire Cracker Religion" in May Ambassador Life will all add to your program material.

Send \$1.00 to the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y., for Bibles Now stickers. These show pictures of typical heads of ten nationalities which will be attractive on announcements about, or favors for, this meeting and can be used on correspondence.



Send another \$1.00 to the same address as a subscription to The Bible Record which will tell you month by month about their extensive work of Scripture translation and distribution.

## B.W.C. "Quiz Kids"

THE CENTRAL BAPTIST B.W.C. at Waycross, Georgia is growing bigger and better every day. We have about thirty members and eighteen of them take ROYAL SERVICE. In order to stimulate interest in taking and reading our magazine, we conduct an oral "Quiz." Our Literature Chairman is the "Quiz Mistress." As we have two groups, the side or group which answers the most questions gets the most points. Naturally, we are all reading ROYAL SERVICE more closely in order to answer as many questions as possible.

Our B.W.C. gave \$100.00

to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering last December.

Dorothy Blythe, Chairman



## IT'S HAPPENING NOW!

"We need to weigh our church members as well as count them." How much would the nearly 15 million American Baptists of today weigh in sincerity, in devotion, in vision, and in real moral integrity?

EVIDENTLY Chinese Christians weigh well. A Methodist Bishop has recently returned from a tour of those parts of China threatened by invading armies of Communists. He reports, "Chinese pastors, teachers, and other workers are showing amazing steadiness in the face of uncertain conditions ahead of them." The overwhelming majority of our missionaries expect to remain in China even if the Communists control the government. The older missionaries have gone through revolutionary periods before and seem least worried.

When Dr. J. H. Franklin of Northern Baptist Foreign Mission Board was in China during the anti-Christian movement of 1927, he cabled back to America: "Bid the churches have faith. God is in the storm." May it be true again in 1949!

THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD of Foreign Missions recently announced "the largest cash gift ever received by us from a living donor." It was \$1,000,000 donated by a Chinese business man to provide adequate housing and care for retired missionaries. The gift is an expression of his gratitude for Christian education, and of his appreciation for the service the missionaries have given to China. He also made a comparable gift to the church in China to set up a retirement fund for religious workers.

TWO INTERESTING ANNIVERSARIES are being observed this year by our neighbors to the south. The forty-four Baptist churches of Puerto Rico are celebrating their fiftieth anniversary as a Baptist Convention. Native leadership and self-support were two goals set before them early in their history, and at this Jubilee time they find themselves well along the way toward accomplishing both of them.

by Mattie Leila Watts

The First Baptist Church of Monterrey, Mexico, which claims to be the oldest evangelical church in that country, is celebrating its eighty-fifth birthday this year. Many young people from this church have become active lay Christians who are making a great contribution to the life and times of Mexico.

DR. ALBERT SCHWEITZER, famous missionary, has finally returned from Africa for a much-needed rest at the home of his daughter in Switzerland. Except for a hectic two weeks in 1939, he has not visited Europe for nearly 15 years. He plans to do a great deal of writing before he begins to travel, but friends are hoping that it will be possible for him to visit the United States and Canada before his return to Africa. He is recognized as an outstanding theologian, the world's greatest interpreter of Bach, and a skilled surgeon.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS Northern Baptist young people have been serving in Summer Service Projects as mission centers. As they serve, they discover their own interests and aptitudes for mission work. This coming summer they will help at four community centers in the United States, at one student project in the industrial area of Detroit, at one center in Puerto Rico, and possibly in France and Germany, if the international situation will permit.

Those who participate in this plan must have had at least one year of college or its equivalent in work experience, the approval of the project committee, a registration fee of ten dollars, and travel expenses to and from the project.

"In the Direction of Dreams" by Violet Wood (\$1.50 from your Baptist Book Store) tells fascinating stories of such projects.

"City streets are hard on the feet, and city life is hard on the soul" according to a city missionary.

W. M. U. at Ridgecrest, August 4-10

## LET'S ALL READ

In this family month why not add new books to your home library? Here are some extra special selections.

### FOR ADULTS

*No Place to Hide* by David Bradley, price \$2.00 or in Bantam Books, 25c

There is no use in being an ostrich, sticking one's head in the sand; we must face this atomic power which we have released. Science says "we are afraid." We know One who said, "Fear not." His principles are our only hope. Read *No Place to Hide* then see where you can put your hand to work righteousness.

*The Changing Scene in China* by Gilbert Baker, price \$1.00

Wouldn't you like to understand China? What has actually been happening to that "sleeping giant"? Background's always explain a lot and give trustworthy basis for the future. If China goes Communist will Christianity die-out? What can we do to help China progress? This book will guide your thinking if you will let it.

### FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*No Place to Hide* is for you too, you must live with the atom in this shrunken world.

*The Seven Stars* by Toru Matsumoto, price \$1.00

Wouldn't you like to meet seven Japanese high school boys and see them grow up through war and occupation experiences? You would know a lot about Japan that way. Here you are then; seven friends all for \$1.00.

*In the Direction of Dreams* by Violet Wood, price \$1.50

All young people dream but some carry their dreams into reality. These young people are pulling their dreams down out of the clouds and putting them to work in industry, in the mountains, across racial antipathies, in Europe—well, dream with them and then work as they are doing in your own place.

### FOR INTERMEDIATES

*Life Has No Ceiling* by Frank T. Cartwright, paper \$1.00, cloth \$1.50

A love story out of China into America and back again, with thrilling adventures during the war, but love of Christ put first in loyal Chinese hearts.

*Makers of South America* by Margarette Daniels, price 50c

Have you wondered if South America has heroes as North America does? Here are stories of twelve unforgettable men who left their mark on South America in different spheres.

### FOR JUNIORS

*Tumbleweed Boy* by Eleanor Hull, price \$1.75

Would you like to feel as tossed about as tumbleweed? Here's a family of Colly, the boy, Pet, his little sister and others who move from crop to crop, always yearning to have a real home. Their adventures make interesting reading though they were trying to the family.

*Tai-Lee's Precious Seed* by Mary I. Beck, paper 90c, boards \$1.75

Tai-Lee and his sister return from wartime refugee bringing a mystery in the seed his father left him. Working, planting, repairing war damages Tai-Lee discovers the secret in his hand. Illustrations by Jim Lee of Canton, China, add to the joys of reading.

### FOR SUNBEAMS

*My Alaska Picture Story Book* by Edith J. Agnew, paper 75c, boards \$1.25

With a picture for nearly every page of large type all Sunbeams can read this book. Written as a postcard story from Alaska to his nephews, Uncle Peter brings a close-up view of this important land.

*The Watch-goat Boy* by Gertrude Jenness Rinden, paper 90c, cloth \$1.50

Johnny, a missionary son in China, makes friends of goats and Chinese boys. His story helps children learn both about missionaries and China's ways.

Order from your Baptist Book Store



## Hostess Committees, W.M.U. Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, May 15-17

*First Row left to right, sitting:* Mrs. J. P. Lowery, transportation; Miss Katharine Tiefert, secretary to general chairman; Miss Margaret Hutchinson, executive secretary and housing; Mrs. Frank P. Williams, general chairman; Mrs. M. S. Taylor, co-chairman; Mrs. Cecil Milton, treasurer. *Sitting on arm of divan:* Miss Abbie Louise Green, pages; Mrs. Roy Holloman, restaurants. *Standing left to right:* Mrs. Homer Myers,

home assignments; Mrs. Geneva Harl, nursery; Mrs. Morris Hill, signs and banners; Mrs. F. M. Rogers, check room; Mrs. A. B. Cockrell, hospitality; Mrs. Albert McClellan, publicity; Mrs. E. V. Smith, lounges and rest rooms; Mrs. Roscoe Nicholson, decorations; Mrs. O. L. Roberts, missionaries; Mrs. C. A. Richards, registration; Mrs. John Dowling, information; Mrs. Carl White, ushers.

### Be Sure to Register

as delegates or visitors

at *Hotel Biltmore lobby*

Saturday 1:00 to 10:00 p.m.

at *Municipal auditorium*

Sunday 1:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Monday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

No registration during program hours

### Come Sunday Afternoon

at three o'clock rally for missions . . .

*Speaker — Miss Margaret Applegarth,* charming favorite, author, internationally recognized missionary leader

### Come Sunday Night

at 8:00 p.m., another exceptional hour . .

*Dr. Walter Judd, (right)* medical missionary to China, member of Congress while on furlough, dynamic statesman



Be in every session Monday and Tuesday