



PSALMS 121:1-2

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills.
From whence cometh my help? My help
cometh from the LORD, who made heaven and
earth.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
EBENEZER BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF

PIERCE - KITSAP - THURSTON COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

REVEREND SAM RACHAL JR., MODERATOR

MARCH 26 -28, 1992

THEME: "ENCOURAGED TO GO FORWARD"
EXODUS 14: 10-18

ANNUAL ADDRESS AND STEWARDSHIP REPORT

MRS. MARY M. GOLDEN, PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S
DEPARTMENT, EBENEZER BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
AUXILIARY TO THE WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT, NORTH
PACIFIC BAPTIST CONVENTION

CONVENING WITH THE
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
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TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98404
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MRS. NORRIS JONES - HOST PRESIDENT

MRS. MARY M. GOLDEN, PRESIDENT
ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Congress of Christian Education North Pacific Baptist Convention, Reverend Arthur C. Banks; To all facilitators; To our delegates; Christian Friends; Young People; and Guests; Ladies and Gentlemen, "Greetings"!!!!

As my tenure comes to a close as President of the Women's Auxiliary, I have some rather mixed emotions. There are times when like Jacob, I too, feel like the reward will be Rachael but, Leah is the Prize.

The acceptance of this position was based on the strong desire to support and uphold the growth of the Women's department. You need to know that there have been Victories and Defeats as I have tried to fulfill not only your expectations, but mine as well. The verdict may never "come in", as to whether it was "Rachael or Leah".

I take courage from the fact that faithfulness rather than success is our greatest challenge.

OUR PURPOSE AND GOAL

The purpose of the Women's Auxiliary Department of the Ebenezer Baptist District Association is to unite all the women of the churches of the district into a fellowship that will help each one to grow in personal devotion to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and in commitment to the Mission his Church through worshipping, working and witnessing in all areas of life; in the home, the community, the nation, and the world's ministry to the needs of humanity.

Our goals are to encourage our women to seek spiritual enrichment through prayer, Bible study, and to share their faith and Spiritual convictions with others; to understand that our Faith can sustain us in everyday life and crisis situations; to gain an understanding of the mission of the church and how it can be put into action by the

Churches of the Association.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the immediate past moderator, Dr. Brazill, along with moderator Rachal, my Pastor and Ebenezer Baptist District Association Family for the warmth and love shown to me during these past four years as I endeavored to serve as the President of the Women's Department.

It has been my special joy to serve as your President. Because of you, God has enriched my life in a myriad of ways. I thank God for each of you and for the joy that I have found in serving with you, as together we are called to serve our Lord Jesus the Christ and his people.

I want to thank all the Pastors; Clergys; Laymen; and to the Officers; Committee persons of the Women's Department and Local Women's Presidents and Members for your continued prayers, interests and concern. You have faithfully supported the activities of the Women's Department. It has been exciting to watch the enthusiasm of the women and youth as you went about your accepted responsibilities in the on-going of the Women's Auxiliary.

This report would be incomplete without again extending a special word of greeting to all of our friends and well wishers who have made us a priority in their schedule to come and join us in the 13th Annual Session and Celebration. Thanks again for coming.

A Special word of thanks is extended to the host Pastor and Host President and members who have gone to great extent in their anticipation of our coming to Tacoma, to share the joy of being a part of this great Association Women's Fellowship. Thank you and God Bless!!!!

There comes a time in everyone's life when we have to move on to other challenges. I want to thank all the officers and committees who worked so diligently with me during my tenure. Your cooperation and respect for me has been a time of growth mentally and spiritually. Thanks for your listening ears and broad shoulders during my moments of frustrations.

Today, as I look back in Love, I can see many things we did not accomplish but, thanks be to God, through prayers and supplications, we were able to bring into existence some of the aspirations of our hearts.

The Ministers' Wives are contemplating, sponsoring a Card/Letter Ministry for the Youth at Remann Hall, Tacoma. An orientation and training will be held on Monday, March 30, 1992, at the Youth for Christ Headquarters, Tacoma.

We are happy to report that the Women's Auxiliary have thirteen active committees including the Youth and Young Matrons/Young Women's Auxiliary.

1. Programs
2. Music
3. Worship
4. Ministers' Wives
5. Deaconess/Deacons' Wives
6. Young Matrons/Young Women
7. Foreign Mission
8. Youth
9. Finance/Budget
10. Outreach Ministry
11. Hospitality
12. Historian
13. Nominations

RECOMMENDATIONS

My recommendations for the Women's Department are:

That they (1) Sponsor an Annual Fellowship Banquet; (2) Contribute annually one-hundred dollars each to our National Baptist World Center and the American Baptist Bible College, both located in Nashville, Tennessee.

IN MEMORIAM

Death is still trodding the Vineyard of life, plucking the fruit from the Vine.

Since we convened the last Association's annual Session, Death has broken quite a number of links from the chain of the Ebenezer Baptist Family. Tonight they are resting safely in the arms of the Saviour:

May we pause a moment in Recognition of these Faithful workers and Friends of the Women's Department.

How sweet it is at evening tide, after a long and well spent day, to close the eyes into slumber and rest from the toil of the day. It is doubly sweet at the of a well spent life, to turn ones face toward the sunset and quietly sink into the rest that knows no waking, except in the presence of God.

We resolve then to ever lean upon the everlasting arms of Jesus, who can and will heal all of our sorrows if we will submit to his will, remembering that we can and must go some day to join our loved ones who has gone to sleep.

SO BE IT RESOLVED!

Women's Department, Ebenezer Baptist District Association/Pierce -Kitsap - Thurston Counties,

Washington.

THEME: "ENCOURAGED TO GO FORWARD"

EXODUS 14:10-18

The Lord sending Moses and Aaron into Egypt to emancipate the children of Israel was an innovation in history with far-reaching consequences. It not only depicted the Lord acting on behalf of the oppressed, but it was a concrete demonstration of his ability to fulfill his promise to Abraham. This shows that he has the wisdom and the ability to fulfill His promises despite opposition. Pharaoh was determined to keep Israel in bondage and God was determined to keep his promise to Abraham.

The desire to be free from any unjust situation is deeply ingrained in human nature, and it will not be suppressed despite the external pressures which may be brought to bear upon it. However, the struggle for freedom often involves increased oppression. The struggle for freedom should be carried on under divine guidance. As we study the history of Israel in obtaining freedom from Egyptian bondage, we discover that they did not become free without undergoing difficult struggles.

"ENCOURAGED TO GO FORWARD"

Moses had faith in God to deliver His people from the hands of their enemies and spoke to them in consoling manner, thusly; Fear not; don't be afraid; just stand where you are and watch, and you will see the wonderful way the Lord will rescue you today.

It is amazing what blessings we can receive, only if we have faith in God. For he said your ways are not my ways, trust me, "I am the way".

To the Young Matrons/Young Women and Youth"STRENGTH TO GO FORWARD" 1 Peter 5:5,6,10

You younger men (women & youth) follow the leadership of those who are older. And all of you serve each other with humble spirits, for God gives special blessings to those who are humble, but sets himself against those who are proud. If you will humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, in his good time he will lift you up. After you have suffered a little while, our God, who is full of kindness through Christ, will give you his eternal glory. He personally will come and pick you up, and set you firmly in place, and make you stronger than ever. 1 Peter 5:5,6,10 Living Bible

God often uses difficult circumstances to build Christian character. When we interfere with his purposes by trying to cut short our trials, we deprive ourselves of the struggle needed to develop maturity in our lives.

If God has placed you in a situation that seems narrows, His purpose may be to make you strong. Allow time for the divine process to be accomplished, remembering that there's no strength without struggle!

Study your Bible to be wise; believe it to be safe; practice it to be holy. For true freedom is found in bondage to Christ.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT 1991-92

March 31, 1991 Brought greetings to the ladies of St. Paul Baptist Church

- April 5, 1991 Attended Revival meeting at
Eastside Baptist Church -Tacoma
- April 13, 1991 Held a transition meeting at
Eastside Baptist Church - Tacoma
- April 18, 1991 Attended the State Assembly of
Church Women United in Vancouver,
Washington
- May 3, 1991 Guest of Church Women United's
May Fellowship Luncheon- Bremerton
1st United Methodist Church
- July 22-28, '91 Attended North Pacific Baptist
Convention, Seattle Mt. Zion
Baptist Church
- August 10, '91 Attended and convened Ebenezer
Baptist District Association
Women's Board in conjunction
with the Parent Body Board
- September 6 '91 Attended the National Baptist
Convention U.S.A. Inc., Wash-
ington, D.C.
- October 12, '91 Attended Women's Department/
North Pacific Baptist Convention
Shiloh Baptist Church, Tacoma, WA
- October 18, '91 Ebenezer District Women celebrated
its First Fellowship Banquet at
the McChord Airforce Base
Officer's Club with the National
Baptist District Chairlady, Mrs.
Eva Williams from East Chicago,
Indiana, the guest speaker.
- October 20, '91 We accompanied Mrs. Williams to
the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
morning worship where she was the
guest speaker

- October 20, '91 We attended an afternoon 3 p.m. Ebenezer Baptist District Youth Program held at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, with Mrs. Williams as the guest speaker.
- October 26, '91 Met with the Ebenezer Women at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Tacoma.
- October 27, '91 Brought greetings to the Sinclair Baptist Church Family on its 48th years' Founders Day Celebration.
- November 9-12,
1991 I attended the National Church Women United's 50th Anniversary at the Jubilee Assembly! Held in St. Louis, Missouri-- Theme: Set Free! Be Free! Jubilee!
- December 6, '91 Brought echoes from National Church Women Assembly at Kitsap Unit.
- December 29,
1991 Participated in the Kitsap all citywide Missionary Fellowship program
- January 25, '92 Attended Ebenezer Baptist District Board meeting, Shiloh, Tacoma, WA
- February 16,
1992 Attended the North Pacific Baptist Women's Annual Fellowship Tea. Bremerton Area.
- February 17,
1992 Attended the Parent Body/Women's Department's Winter Board meeting held with the Everlasting Baptist Church Vancouver, Washington

February 29,
1992

Met with the Women of the
Ebenezer Baptist District
Association - Shiloh Baptist
Church, Tacoma, Washington

March 13-14, '92 Attended the North Pacific
Baptist Convention Women's
Department Annual Retreat,
held at Bethlehem Baptist
Church, Tacoma, WA

Agape,

Mary M. Golden

Mrs. Mary M. Golden
Women's Department
Ebenezer Baptist District
Association, President

DATES TO REMEMBER

Palm Sunday	April 12, 1992
Good Friday	April 17, 1992
Easter	April 19, 1992
May Fellowship Luncheon CWU	May 1, 1992
National Baptist Congress of Christian Education Pittsburgh, PA	June 21-26, 1992
North Pacific Baptist Convention- Annual Session - Shiloh, Tacoma, WA	July 20-26, 1992
National Baptist Convention Inc., U.S.A. - Atlanta, GA	September 7-13, '92

Annual Fellowship Breakfast
At National Baptist Convention September 7, '92

Ebenezer Baptist District Fall
Board meeting October 31, 1992

CWU'S World Community Day November 6, 1992

Baptist Women's World Day
of Prayer November 9, 1992

Thanksgiving November 26, 1992

Christmas December 25, 1992

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ANNUAL ADDRESS

I have a friend who loves me more than anyone I know. He surrounds me with his presence and follows where I go. I talk to him quite often as he directs my path. Sometimes He may just listen, sometimes he makes me laugh. Sometimes He tells me yes, sometimes he tells me no.

Sometimes He tells me wait and see or what not let me show? He knows my hurts, my faults, my prayers, but never does he judge and even if I'm angry, He never holds a grudge. My protector, comforter, confidant, my friend, He never ceases to amaze me, His patience knows no end.

I feel his presence strongly, when I fold my hands in prayer. And even if he's silent, I know that His still there. I'm glad that he is with me as later years decline. Because I'd be lost without him, This "Holy Spirit Friend of mine".

(Carole Poole)

Moderator Reverend Sam Rachal, Jr., Officers and constituency of the Ebenezer Baptist District Association of Pierce - Kitsap - Thurston Counties Washington.

To the presiding officer, Sister Mina McClarron, Vice-President, Officers and Committees of the Women's Auxiliary; the youth Department; Deacon Roy McInnis, Director; Brother Sidney Rhoades, President; Mrs. Tommie Cebrun and Mrs. Reshondra McInnis, Assistants; Young Matrons/Young Women's Auxiliary, Sister C. Claudia Cobbs, Director; Sister Brenda Watkins, Vice-President in Charge; To the President of the Laymen's Movement; Deacon Lee Jones; To the Dean of Christian Education, Reverend C.D. Spicer; To the President of the Women's department North Pacific Baptist Convention; Sister Helen Kennedy; President of the Laymen's Movement North Pacific Baptist Convention, Deacon Lovell Cobb; To the Vice-President at Large of the North Pacific Baptist Convention, Dr. Freeman S. Rhoades; To the President of the



