



*A New Look at*  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
*Women's Ministry*

Since 1935, WNAC has existed to provide opportunities for each woman to fulfill the Great Commission through her God-designed roles at home and abroad. From the beginning, WNAC has focused on training, service, and global outreach. Over the years, these primary areas of focus have grown to include exciting new ministries. Perhaps it is time for you to take another look at the vital ministry carried out for and by Free Will Baptist women.

## WNAC Digital Media

WNAC.org has been streamlined. Find information on the various ministries in which Free Will Baptist women are involved. Resources are available for Spanish, French, and Portuguese speakers.

E-blasts contain news of current happenings keeping individuals and groups informed. Connect with us on social media via Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

*Treasure* Bible studies are published quarterly in a downloadable, printable format. *Treasure* magazine is now an online, free resource, available to women across the denomination and beyond.

## Provision Closet

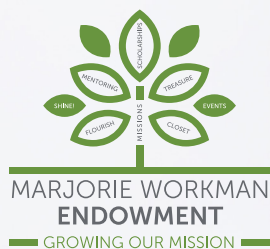
From the first suitcase of linens in 1962 to the present supply of household goods, small appliances, linens, and other essentials, the Steward Provision Closet continues to meet the needs of missionaries and church planters and their children, along with other related ministries such as Bible institutes,

The Hanna Project, and other global partners. Today, WNAC groups and churches across the nation follow guidelines for provision donations to assure the quality and usefulness of the items provided. For more information on how your church or group can get involved in this crucial ministry, visit [wnac.org/closet-2](http://wnac.org/closet-2).



## Endowment

Established in 1990, the Marjorie Workman Endowment provides WNAC donors an opportunity for long-term giving. Gifts to the endowment will remain in the fund permanently, but interest earned by the endowment serves to fund the various ministries of WNAC on an annual basis.



## WNAC Scholarships

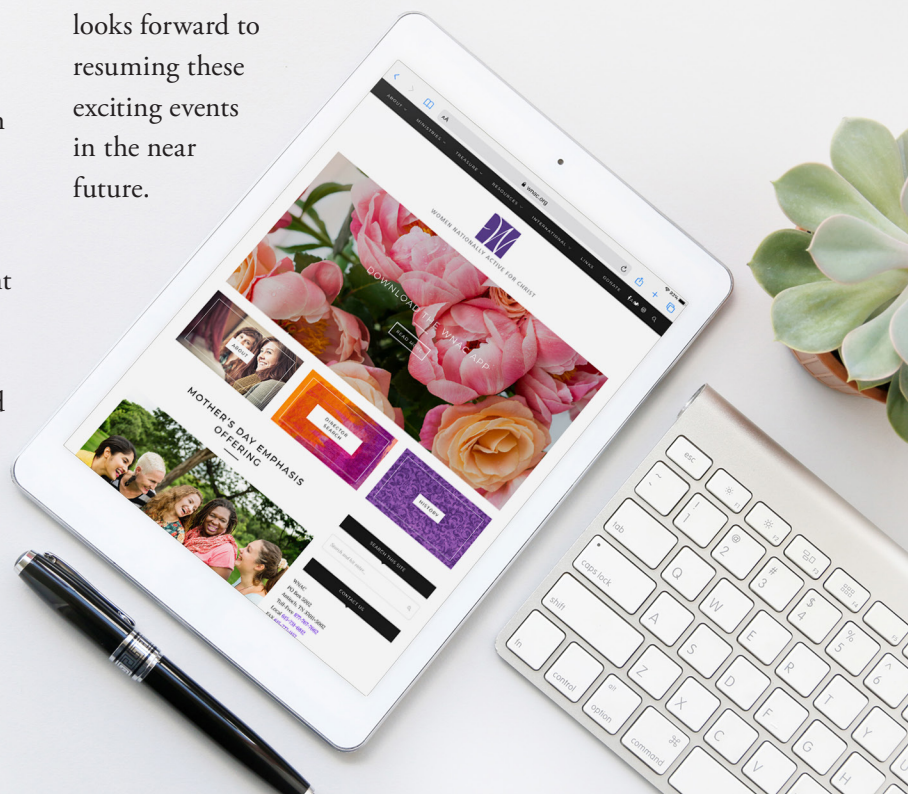
WNAC provides educational scholarships as part of its ongoing mission:

helping Free Will Baptist women of all ages discover and utilize God-designed roles for communicating the gospel. The Mary R. Wisheart Scholarship assists young women studying at Free Will Baptist institutions for higher learning here in the U.S. The Cleo Pursell Foreign Student Scholarship helps international students pursuing Christian education within their own country or region of the world. The Miley International Student Scholarship helps international students pursuing Christian education within the U.S.



## Flourish

Regional "Flourish" conferences and events bring women together around relevant topics to help them live victorious, faithful lives. Fellowship and networking are important aspects of these conferences. While COVID-19 limited Flourish activities in 2020, WNAC looks forward to resuming these exciting events in the near future.



# YWAC



## YWAC

Young Women Active for Christ was established to encourage youth participation in our ministry. Cynthia Wallace writes monthly studies complementing the *Treasure* Bible studies. Topical studies are also available. Customize group studies to meet the needs of your young ladies.

## Shine

Since 2016, Shine conferences have provided a safe place for junior high and teen girls to confront cultural messages with biblical truth. The conferences provide

practical suggestions for good decision making in a difficult

world. Adult leaders have opportunities to examine challenges confronting the girls with whom they work and receive helpful resources to become more effective workers.

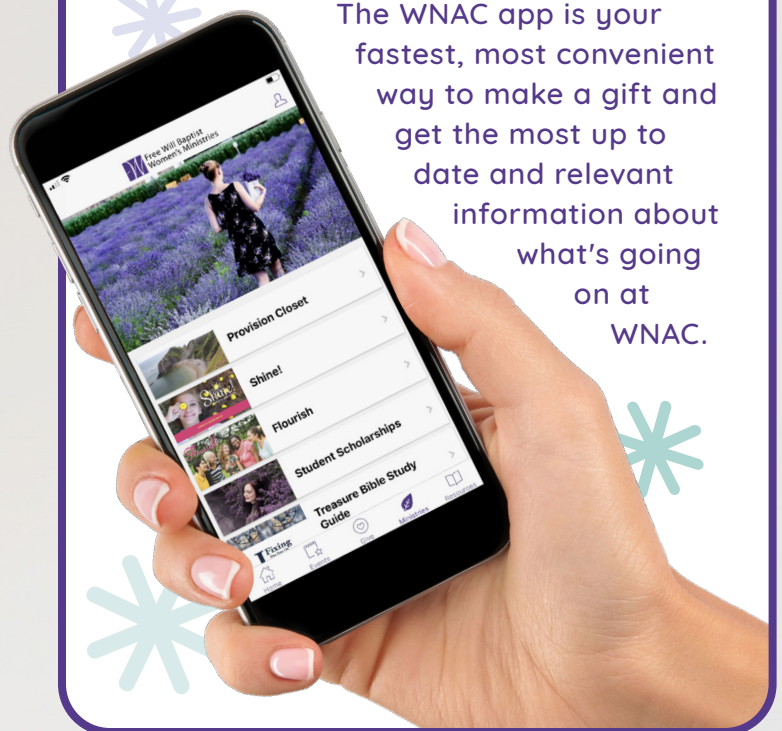
The Shine Facebook page provides encouragement for adult leaders, while the Shine Instagram page is geared toward the girls. Callie

Milling manages both accounts. The Shine website, [fwbshine.com](http://fwbshine.com) is managed by Tori Matlock and provides bi-monthly blogs for the girls and monthly blogs for adult leaders.

*See pages 17-18 to read recent material from Shine.*

# Have you seen the WNAC App?

The WNAC app is your fastest, most convenient way to make a gift and get the most up to date and relevant information about what's going on at WNAC.



# Shine





# Through the Fog

BY CLAIRE RYAN

One morning while I lived with my grandparents, I woke up to a thick layer of fog. Pawpaw pointed outside. “You’ll need to be extra careful today,” he said.

I nodded and sat across from Pawpaw. Sometimes, we sat quietly; sometimes we talked. But, he always sent me off to work with a prayer.

“When we pray, we don’t inform You of anything You don’t already know,” Pawpaw told God gently. “You already know about the fog.”

Immediately, my throat tightened, and I got that growing pressure behind my eyes that can only mean one thing: waterworks knocking at the door.

## Lord, You know about the fog.

Figuratively speaking, if I have come across one layer of fog in my life, I’ve barreled through hundreds more. Sometimes, it’s so thick, I can hardly see my feet hit the ground in front of me. A head-on collision occurs, and I’m left feeling broken, bruised, lonely, and forgotten.

This fog can appear in many forms: the loss of a job, the death of a loved one, fear, a broken heart, a lonely spirit, self-doubt, bullying, a secret sin, etc. My fog is most often worry; but as the staircase rises higher, it can reach the level of fear.

“How do I get past this break-up?”

“Why do bad things happen to good people?”

“Why don’t they like me?”

“I’m fat, I’ll stop eating.”

“No one cares about me.”

“I am worthless. I should just give up.”

These questions and thoughts penetrate the mind and

continue to enforce the false belief we lead meaningless lives in a meaningless world where no one cares.

## The fog thickens.

Too often, I attempt to force myself through the unforgiving fog. My natural instinct is to hurry out of it as fast as I can, using my *own* strength.

This is not what the Lord has called us to. I imagine Him looking down at me with overwhelming love and grace saying, “What are you doing, child? Don’t you know that *I* am your eyesight? I cause the blind to see. Is it not enough that *I* be your strength? My power is made perfect in your weakness.” With an undying, incomprehensible love, He proclaims, “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).

Oh, but being still is *hard*; especially when I find myself in the fog.

What does it mean to be still? Consider the beginning verses of Psalm 46: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling” (verses 1-3). Though the fog becomes too thick for us to breathe, though we can’t see daylight on the other side, though our hearts are heavy with sorrow, though our joy be threatened by this life. Being still in the presence of the Lord means although we find ourselves in the midst of all of life’s frantic activity, we stand firm and still, trusting the God of all comfort has gone before us. We should not fear; we should not cower; we should not run and hide.

“Know that I am God.” In this, He loudly proclaims,

“I am omniscient! Omnipotent! Omnipresent! I am love, I am justice, and I am undefiled! I am strong enough to carry your burdens, holy enough to pay for your sins, and merciful enough to forgive your humanity! I. Am. God. You can know this; you can trust me!”

Wow! The Great I Am says all of that to *me* and to *you*.

Nothing in your fog can stand against the love of our Savior. Fear has no place, heartbreak self-destructs, and death cannot prevail. Despite our poor vision and the fact we can't see what's coming next, we are not alone.

Take a breath, slow your walk, and take it one step at a time.

Most importantly: be still.

**He already knows about the fog. [ONE](#)**

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# Intentional Relationships

BY HANNAH GORRELL

The COVID-19 season of life has lasted much longer than any of us hoped or expected. It seems we have been endlessly separated from friends and loved ones in one sense or another. Sometimes, we only see our friends through screens or plexiglass. The past year has felt like one of the loneliest times in history. We have been challenged to find new ways to interact and form relationships.

As human beings, we are made for relationships. God told Adam it was not good for him to be alone, so God created a companion for him. We should resist the temptation to take the easier route, shying away from relationships. My prayer is that we find new ways to be intentional in our friendships. Intentionality will enrich our love for people even more. We may express this by writing letters to friends far away or making phone calls to grandparents, aunts, and uncles.

I encourage you to set aside time every day to do these

things. Make time to express yourself but also to relax. The relationships you need to maintain are not far away. Be sure to spend time with those in your household. Honor your father and mother and those who take care of you. Remember, your siblings are your companions for life.

Commit to reaching out to a different friend or loved one every day this week. You will be surprised when you not only lift their spirits, but they also raise yours. [ONE](#)

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