



WNAC PreThanksgiving Week of Prayer and Mission: North America Offering FAQ sheet

What is WNAC? Women Nationally Active for Christ is an auxiliary arm of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. We exist to help each woman find and fulfill her God-designed role in the home, church, community and world. Recognizing and respecting pastoral leadership, WNAC desires to assist local congregations in implementing and encouraging thriving Bible-based, outwardly focused women's groups and networking them together in order to accomplish greater Kingdom goals.

What is PreThanksgiving Week of Prayer? Women Nationally Active for Christ in partnership with Free Will Baptist Home Missions annually designates the Monday-Friday prior to Thanksgiving week as a special time of prayer for mission efforts in North America. Together, WNAC and FWBHM provide a complimentary resource packet containing a daily prayer guide and other materials for this intercessory effort.

How is this different from WNAC's daily "Pray Together"? "Pray Together," a regular feature in *Together With God* magazine and the TWG blog, encourages Women Active for Christ to pray for one specific WNAC-related request each day. PreThanksgiving Week of Prayer includes daily requests focused solely on North American missions efforts and encourages not just Women Active for Christ, but also whole congregations to participate.

How do we observe a PreThanksgiving Week of Prayer? There are many ways for churches and/or women's groups to participate. Here are some suggestions:

- Distribute PreThanksgiving prayer guides and encourage families to daily pray together for these requests.
- Arrange small group prayer meetings in homes, by locality or other designation.
- Create a prayer week sign-up sheet and encourage individuals or families to fill prayer time-slots.
- Join with other FWB churches in your area for a PreThanksgiving prayer service.
- Enlist phone prayer partners who will daily connect and pray together.
- Send email reminders of daily requests to everyone on your church's email list.
- Conduct a churchwide Concert of Prayer during a Sunday evening or midweek service, centered around the prayer guide requests.
- Plan a churchwide Thanksgiving dinner. Incorporate the week of prayer into this event through table decorations, prayer guides at each place setting, pictures of missionaries or activities such as a wordsearch containing missionary names or locations of mission churches.
- Sponsor a one-day women's event or overnight retreat (Saturday or Friday/Saturday) Invite a home missionary wife as speaker. Focus on prayer and thanksgiving.
- Adapt or create your own plan for observing PreThanksgiving Week of Prayer.

What if we don't have a Women Active for Christ group? WNAC and FWBHM encourage all churches to participate, regardless of church size, group dynamics or affiliation. The goal is praise and prayer for God's work and the salvation of souls here in our continent and ultimately, around the world.

Who is Lizzie McAdams and what is her connection with this offering? Elizabeth Lawliss McAdams was a vital leader of Free Will Baptist women in the first half of the 20th century. Lizzie, or Sister Lizzie, as she was best known, and her husband Hiram, labored in evangelism and church planting throughout the U.S. and in missionary work for a short time in Barbados. She was a lifelong supporter of Free Will Baptist Home Missions and an early voice for WNAC. After her death in 1964, WNAC named a special Home Missions offering (received in conjunction with PreThanksgiving Week of Prayer) in her honor. This offering later funneled into FWBHM's annual Benjamin Randall Offering, recently renamed the Mission: North America Offering.

Other questions? Call toll-free 877-767-7662.