**WNAC**

**Power Point Presentation**

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Opening screen……WNAC logo

*Click, click*

(1) There are written records dating back to 1873 which record organized women’s ministries. *Click*

(2) The FWB Female Missionary Society was organized (*Click*) and was authorized to receive funds and send out missionaries! *Click* This group turned over its assets to the American Baptist group in 1920. Remember this was the group with which the northeaster Free Will Baptists had merged in 1910.

*Click… Click…. Click*

(3) Our earliest record is in the south…..1899. *Click* Glennville, Georgia mentions an auxiliary. *Click ….Click … Click…* The “sisters had contributed $5.95 to the pastor’s annual salary. *Click*

And do we remember why Glennville, Georgia is important to us? That is the home church of Miss Laura Belle Barnard who became our first single missionary lady to be sent out by Free Will Baptists in 1935!!

*Click…… Click…… Click*

(4) Following the merger of 1910, local groups continued to work for the cause of Christ. *Click* These groups utilized various names: missions, women’s work, Ladies’ Aid Society, Women’s Missionary Society and Auxiliaries.

*Click …..Click …Click*

(5) From 1920 to 1935 we had no national organization. *Click* However, Free Will Baptist women were alive and active in the southeast, southwest, and midwest. *Click* Women in Texas, Missouri, Ohio and North Carolina had supported the organization in the northeast.

*Click…. Click…. Click*

(6) June 13, 1935 *Click* at Black Jack FWB Church in Pitt County, North Carolina *Click* a national   
organization for Free Will Baptist women was officially organized! *Click* These women chose the name…..Women’s National Auxiliary Convention (WNAC). *Click* This action was approved by the National Association in November of that same year. The logo in the upper right hand corner was chosen by these women.

*Click*

(7) There are 5 basic things that characterize WNAC. *Click* Our watchword is “Laborers together with God” (2 Corinthians 3:9). *Click* Our purpose is simply that we are women seeking to fulfill the Great Commission through our God-designed roles in our homes, churches, communities and around the world.

*Click….. Click*

(8) By definition we are a service organization of the church. *Click* Our adopted hymn is “People Need the Lord.” *Click*  Our colors are lavender and white.

*Click ……Click*

(9) Our organizational structure *Click* flows from the local WAC group *Click* to the district *Click* on to the state *Click* eventually reaching the national level.

*Click….. Click*

(10) Our officers *Click* consist of a coordinator or president (depending on which word is chosen by the local WAC group) *Click* assistant coordinator/vice president *Click* secretary *Click* treasurer *Click* prayer/missions chairman *Click* service chairman *Click* and studychairman*.*

*Click…… Click*

(11) At the district/state/national level we also have *Click* field workers *Click*

and members- at- large.

*Click…… Click*

(12) WNAC observes three specific weeks of prayer. *Click* In April of each year we support International Missions through the World Missions Offering (WMO). This is known among our women as our Pre-Easter Week of Prayer*.*  It was formerly called the Laura Belle Barnard Offering in honor of Miss Barnard and her courageous commitment to the call of God on her life. She left Georgia and sailed alone to India in 1935. Would you want your single daughter to have done this? Have we given our children our blessing to wholly follow the Lord wherever that may lead them? *Click….. Click…. Click* Our Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer allows us to support home missions through the Mission: North America Offering. This offering was formerly titled the Benjamin Randall Offering in honor of our founding father. *Click* Our third week of prayer is to support our own state’s missions. It is named the Alice Lupton Offering in honor of our foremother who was deeply involved in home missions and in the training of young people to develop a heart for missions.

*Click…. Click*

(13) Mrs. Cleo Pursell served as executive secretary-treasurer of WNAC for 22 years from 1963 to 1985 when she retired. The foreign student scholarship fund named in her honor benefits students from around the world who are being trained to serve the Lord in their native tongue. (These are not students who come to America to be educated.)

*Click…. Click*

(14) History was made in July, 2010 when four LADIES received this scholarship. Up to this point we have gratefully served young men training for the ministry. *Click* A total of $1,799.50 was collected throughout 2009 for this fund. *Click* When divided evenly, each lady received $449.88 which does not sound like much money. This is especially true if you have recently paid a college tuition bill. However, their education cost $25 per month. So *Click t*he women of WNAC have given these ladies 18 months of their 20 month program. Let me introduce them to you.

*Click…… Click*

(15) Adriana is the children’s church leader from the S Jose Church.

*Click….. Click*

(16) Alexsandra is a worker bee in the S. Jose Church.

*Click….. Click*

(17) Ana Paula is the pastor’s wife of the Nova America Church.

*Click…. Click*

(18) Daniela is also a pastor’s wife. Her husband serves the Ipiranga Church.

*Click*

(19) Our national project for 2008 until 2010 was named “Building for the Future: 20/20/20.” Women were challenged to raise $60,000 to be distributed equally between the Chame Seminary in Panama, the Villalba Church building project in Spain, and the Marjorie Workman Endowment Fund.

*Click…. Click….. Click…. Click*

(20) As of December 31, 2010, a total of $53,592.28 had been raised *Click* which gave each ministry $17,864.09.

*Click…. Click*

(21) This is a picture of the Chame Institute property.

*Click….. Click*

(22) The Chame property in use….and we helped!

*Click…. Click*

(23) The Panamanian Free Will Baptists gathered for their national convention on this property. Would you not like to have been able to attend….to celebrate with the brothers/sisters in Christ?

*Click…. Click*

(24) Institute students

*Click….. Click*

(25) The dedication of the Chame property including a note-burning ceremony coincided with the graduation of the first class of students. Former IM Director, James Forlines and his wife, Anita, were among those present for this history-making event.

*Click….. Click*

(26) We also contributed to the building project in Villalba, Spain.

*Click….. Click*

(27) A completed project…..a beautiful building…..thank you so much women!!

*Click…. Click…. Click…. Click….. Click*

(28) During the WNAC Convention in July, we adopted a new national project…..SHINE 75.

*Click* Our women have been challenged to raise $75,000 *Click* to be equally divided *between* our three Hispanic Institutes. *Click* The Gwen Hendrix Bible Institute is located in Inman, SC. *Click* IBLAC is located in Altimira in the southern part of Mexico. *Click* And the Seminary of the Cross which is located in Reynosa in northern Mexico.

*Click…. Click…. Click*

(29) WNAC Executive Director, Elizabeth Hodges, had the privilege of visiting the Gwen Hendrix Institute in October while traveling to the South Carolina state retreat.

*Click…. Click…. Click*

(30) This structure serves as a dormitory and classroom building.

*Click… Click… Click Click*

(31) First FWB Church, Inman, underwrites the ministry of this institute to the tune of $30,000 per semester. Tuition, housing and food is provided for each student….even those who are married. The grocery bill alone runs about $500 per week.

*Click…. Click*

(32) Due to a lack of funds, the institute was only able to operate second semester this year. Ladies, $25,000 would almost underwrite an entire semester!!

*Click… Click… Click*

(33 Building Supervisor of the National Offices, Steve Pate, agreed to pack and load the van.

*Click…. Click*

(34) Since Mrs. Hodges was driving to South Carolina, she took the needed items from the Steward Provision Closet for the beginning of the second semester.

*Click….. Click…*

(35) Hard at work….

*Click….. Click*

(36) Added directions from Bro. Keith Burden, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and strong supporter of WNAC.

*Click… Click… Click*

(37) Unloading time required all hands on deck.

*Click…. Click…. Click*

(38) Bud and Ruth Bivens serve at IBLAC which is located in Altimira, Mexico.

*Click…. Click…. Click*

(39) As you can see, most of the full-time day students are men….seven to three women.

*Click….. Click…. Click*

(40) But look what happens for night classes. Ladies, our sisters in Christ want to be trained…..and we can make that happen!

*Click….. Click….. Click*

(41) Every institute student has a job.

*Click….. Click…. Click*

(42) Wouldn’t you like to join in this meal? Bro. Bud even asked for a large crock pot to aid in his chef responsibilities. We were able to meet that need….thanks to ladies like you who give to the provision closet!

*Click….. Click….. Click*

(43) In November the Bivens were able to come by the national offices and get the items needed for IBLAC. There was one minor problem…..their van was almost loaded with gifts from our churches in Alabama. You should have seen Bro. Bud and Mrs. Ruth “stuffing things” into small spaces.

*Click….. Click….. Click*

(44) Mrs. Ruth a bid overwhelmed at the generosity of our WNAC women. Bro. Bud shared with me that the yearly budget for IBLAC was about $28,000. Ladies, we could raise almost a total year’s support for these Hispanic brothers/sisters!

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(45) Seminary of the Cross is the third institute which will benefit from our national project.

*Click…. Click*

(46) In 2009 the ladies of WNAC gave a total of *Click* $560,103.32 to *Click* missions and ministry causes during a year of economic downturn!!

*Click…. Click*

(47) We reported a membership of 4,996.

*Click*

**(48) To God be the glory great things HE had done!!**