## Your NAWE Companion

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'N AWE A Way Out Charles Powers, *Erlanger, KY* 

I love being outdoors and especially working in my garden, although admittedly this year the weather has been less than cooperative. I believe that God uses nature to speak to us, if we will just slow down enough to pay attention. In our modern high-tech and hyper-speed world, where most people can't take their eyes off a screen, we often miss the most subtle examples of God's love for us. If you're like me, sometimes you have to observe something a hundred times before you have one of those "aha" moments.

This one happened to me just the other day. I had just come in from working in the garden and decided to sit in the living room for a few minutes to rest. The heat was sweltering and I just wanted to relax. I laid back, looked out our front window, and saw a bee that was apparently stuck between our glass window and the storm screen. While this is nothing new, (there seems to always be some sort of flying insect there - a bee, a beetle, or a fly) it dawned on me for the first time that we are an awful lot like that bee. The bee was scurrying around, flapping helplessly, trying to find an exit. He was obviously unaware of how he had entered and now found himself stuck. We often get ourselves into situations, venture further into them than we had anticipated, and can't seem to find our way out. We get ourselves in between a rock and a hard place, or in the bee's case, a window and a screen. We spend the next hours, days, or weeks trying to find a way to "escape". All the while, there is always an opening, a way out if you will, just out of sight. We may have even stepped right over the opening, but in our distress we do not recognize it as such. In our panic to find the way out, we become disoriented and seem to run around in circles. However, if we were to slow down, take time and focus, take a deep breath and above all pray, we usually find the answer (or way out) in a matter of moments.

Sometimes, after watching the helpless bee for a few minutes, I will even open the glass window just enough to put my hand in and help guide the lost bee to freedom. That reminds me an awful lot of God. When I am all messed up, turned upside down, and seem to be lost, He reaches into my life and nudges me in the direction I need to go. If you ever feel like life is one jumbled mess, like things couldn't get any worse, let me encourage you to take a step back, say a prayer, and ask for the hand of the Lord to guide you along the way.



August—September 2019

Praise & Prayer

Praise the Lord for a wonderful Annual Meeting!

There seem to be quite a few within our group who are facing all that goes along with the declining health of aging parents. Please pray for these families.

Pray for Rev. Jim Parham upon the recent death of his wife, Patti.

Wednesdays have been designated by the NAWE as days of prayer and fasting. Pray especially on those days for:

- our nation
- its leaders
  - revival in the Church

NAWE Annual Meeting Hope You Didn't Miss It John McCulley, Roswell, GA

The Annual Meeting of the NAWE was held recently at the Danielsville Evangelical Church near Commerce, GA. What a great time! Dr. Bill Ury was the conference speaker and during two evenings and an afternoon, delivered three encouraging and thought-provoking messages. His afternoon seminar about Wesleyan Responses to Social Justice Issues helped me personally to see that our emphasis on the saving power of the Gospel can be balanced and compatible with a desire for the betterment of all branches of society.



Another great event at the meeting was the opportunity to witness the ordination of our newest Elder, Rev. Jim Leonard. Son of former missionaries, and a veteran of many years of lay ministry, these newly awarded credentials will allow Jim to pursue a ministry to incarcerated men in the Augusta, GA area. Jim and his wife, Olivia, are welcomed to the NAWE family.

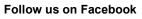


As usual, the Danielsville congregation exceeded expectations with their friendliness and hospitality. It was good to see so many old acquaintances again. There was an abundance of food for breakfast and snacks; it was impossible for us to eat it all.

Also notable was their generosity. The second evening, a special missions offering was taken to assist in the ministry of Jonathan and Lisa Mayo with WGM in Africa. Besides a contribution from the NAWE general fund, more than \$800 was taken in the impromptu offering. We will attempt to publicize needs like this so all our churches and members who wish may contribute at future meetings.

One thing I've noticed at these meetings: "the more, the merrier". Hope to see you at the next one!

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## Upcoming opportunities:

August 20-22, 22-24: Hemlock Inn Retreats sponsored by The Francis Asbury Society; www.hemlockinn.com

**October 11-12:** National Conference on Christian Apologetics; https://conference.ses.edu/