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The Evangelist's Work

By Elder Elmer Turner

Text: 2 Tim. 4:5, "Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

Dear brethren, as I take my evening repose in God's Garden of His Holy Word, my thoughts have been directed by His Spirit upon evangelistic work. I trust that you will bear with me for a few moments' study of this important subject.

The text quoted for the basis of our study was the instruction of Paul unto Timothy. We wish to take this study up under three distinctive heads which we find are very closely related to God's plan for the spread of the Gospel. Let us notice: (a) that the evangelistic order is a gift of Christ; (c) that there are many distinctive features of the evangelist's work now.

(a) In Eph. 4:11, we find that Paul recognized the evangelist as a gift of Christ. He ranks the work of an evangelist along and equal with the work of a prophet, teacher, or pastor. Each is a specific gift of Christ, for a specific work in His vineyard. Then we must conclude that the evangelists are divinely called unto their work in like manner as the prophets, teachers and pastors. For example, we find that Philip and Timothy are represented in the New Testament as persons who received this gift of Christ. Their life service stands out as a testimony for their faithfulness unto the call of the Spirit. Should we not make a close study of these two characters and see what they accomplished for the spread of the Gospel, and the uniting of the children in the FAITH?

(b) Hence, if an evangelist is a gift of Christ, why was it necessary for this rank of preachers within the CHURCH? Look at the second clause of our text. "Make full proof of thy ministry," or literally translated from the Greek it would read, "Fulfill thy ministry, or calling." This is Paul's instructions unto one who had received the call to be an evangelist:

neither did he leave him in doubt as to the necessity of this class of preachers. Turn to 2 Tim. 4:2 and read: "Preach the word: be instant in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." Again we find it written in Eph. 4:11-16 that, "He gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Have the children of God come unto perfection? Do they all come unto the measure of the fulness of Christ? Are there no false teachers trying to turn them from the Faith? Isn't it true that the evangelistic order is of greater necessity today than ever before? Look, dear brethren, at the gigantic organizations whose sole duty is to destroy the teachings of Christ. They are utilizing every means within their reach to spread their false doctrines. The radio, the press, and well trained teachers with their sleight and cunningness are being harnessed against Christianity. They cannot endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts have heaped to themselves teachers, having itching ears: and turned away their ears from the truth unto fables. Ah, dear friends, shall the Church remain at ease in Zion, while her enemy marches on? Can

we not see the necessity of the evangelists? Is it not the duty of the church to recognize those whom God has called to this field of labor and get behind them with her power, and thus help to make it possible for them to fulfill their ministry? May God speed the time when we shall stand united in this work.

(c) Let us now look into some of the distinctive features of the present day evangelists. Many of our folks look on the evangelists as revivalists; but what is meant by a revival? I do not wish to go into the full details of a revival here, but I only hope to help you to understand its most distinctive feature as related to the present day evangelists.

A revival should have a two-fold purpose: First to win souls unto the Way of Life; second, to establish the children in the unity of the faith, and the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Each of these points should have the same weight in the program of an evangelist. In time past many of our evangelists have placed more emphasis on the former, while the latter has been neglected to a great extent. Therefore it is my purpose to stress the latter point in this study.

An evangelist's program ought to be so arranged as to be a definite means in establishing the children in the unity of the faith, that is, the doctrines of our church should be defined unto the young converts in a lovable manner, which will help them to decide as to which flock they will cast their lot with. This will also help to bring about a stronger unity in the faith among our local churches. While the winning of souls is very important, it is just as important to keep the child on the Gospel highway. Hence the evangelist should emphasize the fact that, if one rebels against his duties, he is on the road to apostasy. Therefore the milestones should be definitely pointed out unto the children, that they may ever be guided on their journey in this life.

Every head of a family, brought into the church, should be taught that he should at once set up a family altar. Not only so, but all the families in the church, which have not done so in the past, should be urged to join the family altar league. Christianity is failing today because of the breaking down of the family altars throughout Christendom. If we had family altars in all the homes represented by the Free Will Baptist, we could be more hopeful of the future. Every child born and reared in a home is entitled to the wholesome influence of the family altar. Can a father or a mother feel that they have done the best possible for the children of the home when the child never heard a parental voice in prayer for them? Will it be as the poet has expressed?

"Me thinks that in judgment day,
I shall hear some children say,
I never heard my parents pray."

Again in time past it was thought if one mentioned money in the midst of a revival meeting it would prove disastrous, would throw a coldness over the meeting, and might kill it. Any meeting that would be chilled or killed by a Bible deliverance on money or stewardship ought to be chilled, killed, and buried. Simply accepting a title to a mansion in the skies, simply saying, "I'm glad salvation's free," simply feeling good, is not the whole of religion, according to the teaching of the New Testament. We must remember that "faith without works is dead." The fact of God's ownership and consequently man's trusteeship are so fundamental that it seems strange that these truths should have been regarded as less spiritual than any other truths. Every young convert should be advised to tithe his income, and the older members who are not tithing should be urged to begin now. There is no hope of getting men to practice trusteeship as taught by Jesus in the parable of the talents and other similar parables until they first get the elementary lesson on tithing. This is the only hope of getting our church up to the New Testament standard. Hence our evangelists and pastors should not hesitate to make the manly, heroic appeal to the unsaved men to come to Christ with the understanding that they must submit to the authority of God and acknowledge His ownership to the amount of one-tenth of their income.

Another distinctive work of the revivals is the life service call. There

should be a series of lectures for the perfecting of the saints for the ministry, or for their life service within the church. Our young people should be instructed to consult God about their life's work. Our parents and teachers do not present this all-important matter to the young people as they should. Naturally they suggest positions of worldly honor and big salaries, and forget that God has a plan that runs through the ages; therefore the young people ought to be encouraged to submit all to God. He will show them, by His Divine power, their vocation in life. Let us hope that a closer application of these principles will be made by more of our evangelists and pastors in the future than there has been in the past. Amen.
Branch, Arkansas.

A SERMON

Preached at the F. W. B. Church in Picher, Oklahoma, at the last Fifth Sunday Meeting

By Sister Annabelle Craig

Text: "Pray Ye" (Matt. 9:38).

It has been well said that Prayer is the breath of the soul. For when this body ceases to breathe, it ceases to live, and likewise the soul that ceases to pray is no longer alive. All of the 30,000 promises in the Bible are only measured to God's children as we ask. "Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." There are many things that call us to prayer, I shall endeavor to cite you to just a few of them:

The Word of the Father is a Call to Prayer. Everywhere in His Word He calls His children to a life of Prayer. "Ask and ye shall receive." "And He spake a parable unto them, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." "Pray ye that ye enter not into temptation." "Enter into thy closet, shut the door and pray to thy Father." "Pray without ceasing." "Brethren, pray for us." "Is any afflicted, let him pray."

The Example of the Son is a Call to Prayer. From the cradle to the cross not a moment was lost, Jesus prayed unto the Father all the way. If this blessed Person lived a life of Prayer without ceasing, how much more should we earthly mortals send up our supplications to the Throne of Grace? Christ prayed at His baptism, He prayed before He sent out His

disciples. He prayed at the grave of Lazarus before He raised him from the dead. He prayed for Peter, that his faith might not fail. He prayed at the Transfiguration. He prayed when they wanted to make Him their king. He prayed at the last supper and in the Garden of Gethsamane. He sweat great drops of blood making intercession for you and me. Then on dark Calvary amid agony unspeakable. He asked forgiveness for His enemies.

Jesus not only lived a life of prayer, but we are taught that He is now in glory on the right hand of the Father ever making intercession for us. Never does He grow tired, but is always on the giving hand.

The Drawing of the Spirit is a Call to Prayer. Several years ago an accident occurred here in Picher and three people were badly hurt. At that time I knew nothing of God's love and a good Christian lady of my acquaintance was overtaken with remorse and said she could have prevented the accident. I asked her how as I knew she was not in the county when the accident occurred. She said, "I was drawn by the Spirit to pray for those people, and foresaw a calamity ahead, but I was too busy with something else and neglected to pray." When the Spirit draws us to pray, we should lay everything else aside and pray till the Spirit assures us that everything is in God's hands, and the victory is ours. Is there a sick bed to visit, or someone who needs encouragement, or someone who has never heard the Gospel story, we should say, "Here am I Lord, send me." Work is a sequel to faith, and I am glad we can present our bodies as a living sacrifice to do the things needed and to say the words Jesus would have us say for Him. We need never to be discouraged with our labors, as God adds to the church daily such as should be saved, and gives increase as He sees fit.

Every Need is a Call to Prayer. "He shall deliver the needy." (Psalm 72:12). Have you reached the place in life where you have exhausted your resources, Need may be looming up in front of you like ocean waves, then look up to Jesus just now and tell Him all about it, because He will hear you and put His blessed arms around you and forget how wayward you have been.

Your name will be written in the Lamb's book of life, and whoever

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

What Some of Our Churches Are Doing

The editor has been slipping out to the different churches for several weeks and will now try to report some of the things he found, especially good things.

We went with Bro. Winford Davis to his appointment at Merl's Chapel church the fourth Sunday in April. The preaching service Saturday night was well attended, and the interest was good. Sunday morning we enjoyed a good Sunday school and a good sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday night we found the house well filled and had a good service.

On Saturday night before the first Sunday in May we went to Jones Chapel church and remained over Sunday, then drove home after the Sunday night service. Had good services all the way through, with Communion and Feet Washing following the preaching service Sunday night. Bro. Davis preached a Mothers' Day sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday. It was truly good to be there among our brothers and sisters in Christ, for the Lord was there.

Then on Friday afternoon before the second Sunday in May I went with Bro. Davis to Blue Eye, Missouri. We spent most of the day visiting among the brethren, but we didn't miss being at covenant meeting at 2:00 p. m. Then all gathered at the church Saturday night; the house was almost full. The people came to worship, so we had a good service. Sunday morning we enjoyed a good Sunday school. There were 43 in the Bible class—the fathers and mothers were in Sunday school. Had a Mothers' Day sermon at 11 o'clock, which was very touching. In the afternoon a Mothers' Day program was rendered. It was a real success. Then on Sunday night we heard a doctrinal sermon, followed by Communion and Feet Washing. Many had been happy all day, but the real shouting was heard when we washed feet.

On the fourth Sunday in May we were at Merl's Chapel again. Besides the regular services there was a League Rally in the afternoon, which was a real success. Then we had a good service Sunday night, followed by Communion and Feet Washing.

Then on Saturday afternoon before the fifth Sunday in May Brothers O. T. Allred, Noel Turner, Johnnie Swaffar, Cecil Campbell and myself drove up to our Fairview church near Chetopa, Kansas for a fifth Sunday meeting. Had regular preaching services Saturday night, and Sunday school and preaching as usual Sunday morning, different ones preaching. Then Sunday afternoon we had a wonderful time. We heard five or six short sermons, and had a wonderful testimony and praise service. I think those who were there, at least part of them, surely have Old Time Religion, it seemed like old times. A large delegation was present from Picher, Okla. and Treece, Ks. Altogether twelve preachers were present. Some went home Sunday evening, but others stayed and we had a good service Sunday night. Then we drove home after services, arriving home about 2:00 o'clock a. m. Monday.

Some tell us that the country churches are fast passing and will soon be a thing of the past. These are all country churches, and I know of many town and city churches nearer dead than they are. Generally, if you want a spiritual feast, go to a country church. The Free Will Baptist have some real live churches in town, but we have some real live churches in the country too, and it seems to me there is more to encourage than discourage.

Mtn. Grove, Missouri, April 26th.

To the Free Will Baptist Gem:

Just a few lines to let you know how we are prospering in this part of the field, as I am sending a few subs

I am trying to pastor four churches. Some of them are doing very well, and some not so well. I don't think that a church that can't keep from fussing is doing as well as it should.

Well, it is pretty slow sledding here in the Ozarks, but I think we have just about what we have been living for. You know the good Lord said if the people would turn from sin and humble themselves, and pray, then He would hear from heaven and would heal their land. Too many are sinning and are in the church, but instead of being at prayer meeting, they are over at Mr. A's playing cards, or rook, or at a party of some kind and, if the preacher says anything against such things, some one says, "It looks to me like there is enough Bible to preach without saying anything about that." They don't know that Paul said to Timothy, "Flee youthful lusts."

Well next Sunday starts our communion and Feet Washing services through the month of May. The first Sunday is our day at Mtn. Grove. We have our Communion and Feet Washing service on Saturday night. On Sunday I will preach the I. O. O. F. Anniversary sermon at the F. W. B. church in Mtn. Grove. I preached my first Baccalaureate sermon the other night to nineteen graduates.

School is out here now and my children are all at home, helping on the farm. Some milk the cows, while others feed the pigs, and the boy is doing the plowing, but all have plenty to do.

Well I will close with love and best wishes to all.

Geo. W. Scott, Jr.

St. Louis, Mo., 1301 Park Ave.

To the Gem Readers:

I have not written to the Gem for quite a while. The young people held their business meeting last month and elected officers as follows:

President, Leonard White; 1st Vice Pres., Leland Scott; 2nd Vice Pres., Sister Anderson; 3rd Vice President, May Hill; Sec'y, Myrtle Scott; Treas., Blanch Francis; Pianoist, Sister Cox; Gem Correspondent, Bro. McCauley.

At the last meeting or the young

people there was a large crowd, and they are getting along fine. We are studying the Book of Acts, and the meetings are very interesting.

Our Sunday school is coming along fine, and the attendance is good. We are going to have our S. S. picnic the 2nd Sunday in June, at Cliff Cove and we hope to have a good time.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Church services are good and large crowds. We had Mothers' Day program last Sunday and two women wept their way through at the foot of the cross and found Jesus precious to their souls. Bro. Mike Cleaver has been holding revival services and several have given their hearts to Jesus, and Bro. Mike is just about as good evangelist as the F. W. B. have, and any church thinking of holding revival services will do well to send for Bro. Mike Cleaver, for I think he is a God called man.

The church had baptizing last Sunday, out at the Merimac river, and eight were baptized. Bro. Buchanan the pastor officiated. The Lord has blessed the work here.

The church has organized a Ladies' Aid, and they are doing a wonderful work. —Francis McCauley.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, R8, B35

Dear Gem Family.

I have just been reading the Gem, and the reports from churches and from friends that I am acquainted with. I'm glad to read such good reports for the work of God. I am truly thankful there is so much good work going on among the Free Will Baptist. I feel that they are going to be a great family in heaven. I get homesick for heaven sometimes when I think of the many friends and loved ones we are going to meet up there.

We are having a good revival at our church here in Tulsa. Had several souls saved, and big crowds. One old man was saved that was 70 years old, or more. He shouted and praised God, then went into the water and was baptized, and came up shouting, "Thank God for old time shouting religion." We have a live bunch at our church who are not afraid to holloa and shout when they feel like it. We also have a wonderful pastor who sets a good shouting example before us. Bro. Melvin Bingham, a real live wire for Jesus, not ashamed. He has pastored our church for three

years and we are praying he'll continue another year.

We had twenty souls saved, and eight additions to the church, and others intend to join us. We are not so anxious for joiners, but want to see souls saved. We have 275 members and are hoping, in the near future, to be able to enlarge our building.

I was truly proud to read Sister McAdam's letter, telling of their work, and Sister Waltman's letter. I am acquainted with both.

I don't take the Gem, Bro. Parker gave it to me. He is one of our song leaders and a great teacher in our Sunday school and mission. We also have had Bro. Dalton, a singing teacher, to join us lately. He is a young preacher, ready to work and boost for the F. W. B. We have several young preachers, earnestly engaged in the work, and we are proud of them all.

Well I hope the Gem will go over the top; and believe it will. It is a good little religious paper. I wish all God's people God's speed and a good year for Christ.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. J. R. Pruett.

St. Louis, Missouri, May 13, 1932

Dear Gem Family:

I am glad to report victory for our St. Louis church. Sunday, May 8th, our pastor, Bro. Henry Buchanan, baptized 8 precious ones into the fellowship of the church.

This church was born in a revival in 1927, and the revival has been going on ever since. We have sent out several preachers who have made good, and hundreds of souls have professed a hope in Christ here in this church, and under the ministry of those we have sent out.

Our Sunday school is still growing, and our Young People's Union is making progress. Our Ladies' Aid is still on the job, and are accomplishing splendid results. Our Home Mission workers are bringing good reports.

We have a splendid bunch of public and private workers who are on the firing line for the Master.

I would be glad to correspond with churches needing a pastor, or desiring special meetings.

Praying God's blessings on the Gem and its readers, I am,

Yours in Christ,

Eld. W. C. Hill, 2606 Lafayette Ave.

Conclusion on Mission Work

As my name has been mentioned so many times as the organizer of the Free Will Baptist Mission Work, I feel that I must drop in a conclusion for our May number, which was so wonderfully filled with Mission messages.

The editor, also Rev. Turner of Branch, Ark., wrote at length on the Mission work.

Fifteen years ago I succeeded in getting our folks to endorse and adopt some rules for the Mission work and, as far as I know, this was the first organized effort at Mission work in the west.

I traveled through rain and snow, and preached the message of Missions that I thought God had laid on my heart. We have here a new association with nearly 1000 members and about \$15,000 worth of property, the direct results of the mission work. But I feel that the greatest sacrifice I have made financially was the time I spent out in the State work. Several times I have spent a lot of time getting work organized and maybe some of our own preachers that didn't have any vision of the work would talk in such a way that our folks would not carry out our plans after I had gone.

God has always blessed people who carried on Mission work. When the Particular Baptist church divided on the question of Missions, the Missionaries, went forward by leaps and bounds, but the Hard Shells, as we call them, are nearly a thing of the past. So, may I repeat? God has always blessed people who carry out His Mission Work.

I rejoice greatly when I read of the great success of our work, and I do believe that the Mission spirit will melt and mold us into one great body more than any other move that we could make.

I feel that my part of the Mission work is about over, but would like to see the day when we are so well organized that we will rise up and say, We will have a home for our old ministers, also for the widows whose husbands have had such a burning desire to see souls saved, that they made such a sacrifice, that they could not leave a home for their companions.

May the blessings of God rest upon all, and especially those who have been elected leaders in Mission work.

Your servant in Christ,

A. B. Talbert, Drumright, Oklahoma.

Revival Meeting Reports

Dear Gem Readers:

I will try to give a report of some of our work. The Lord is blessing our efforts, for which we are thankful. On the 6th of April father and I began a meeting at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist church, and closed April 19th. The meeting was owned and blessed of God. Ten souls prayed through to victory, and five united with the church. The Oak Grove church is one among the many to be thankful for.

Elder Noel Turner had the privilege of attending some of the services, and his presence and help was greatly appreciated.

I filled my appointment at the Notch Mound church the first Sunday in May, and had good services. Found the church still on the firing line for God.

The third day of May we began a revival at Christopher, Mo., at the school house. One was saved.

This coming Sunday, May 22nd, we begin a revival meeting at a General Baptist church, 8 miles west of Nowata, Okla. Pray for a great victory over sin.

Yours in His service,

Elders F. E. and Elda Crain.

P. S. I just want to tell of the good work mother is doing. The Missionary Baptist people were holding cottage prayer meetings before a revival meeting began. Mother invited them to our house, and the Lord blessed the service with the conversion of two souls. So when father and I came home, mother was greatly encouraged.

Elda Crain.

Things of Present Interest

By Eld. Winford Davis

HAVE YOU paid your budget? The budget money has been coming in very slow. The Association will soon be here and then your church budget still unpaid? Get busy now: the Mission workers can pay it, or the Sunday school can pay it, or just any way, so it is paid—Just 12 cents per resident member.

I AM very sorry that we can't have any State minutes this time, but it takes money to do these things, and we didn't have enough funds for that purpose. Let's get busy on our budget money now and do better next year.

DON'T FORGET that the delegates' trip to the General Conference at Bryan, Texas in June is going to be an expensive one. Wont you help pay that expense? If you can't go yourself, you can help in a great way by enabling others to go.

THE NEW LEAGUE MANUALS are just out, and I am proud of them for our league workers. They are going to serve a needy purpose. Leaguers, write to your State Secretary for a bunch of them, they are only \$1.00 per dozen. In them you will find what you want to know about your league work.

TO YOU Free Will Baptist who are able, remember the Gem office still needs your support. This is such a close time for the poor class of people; they can't give to the work, because they haven't got it to give; they do well to barely live. So it is up to you who are able. Let us hear from you.

THE GREATEST attraction in our immediate country at present is the strawberry harvest. We are located in the very heart of the Ozark strawberry territory. They are a good grade and bringing a good price. This is going to loosen things financially in this part considerable, for at least during the summer months. We are hoping the Lord will send us some rain, as it is very dry at present.

Monett, Missouri, May 18, 1932

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Each Member of the the Gem Family, Greeting in the Lord:

I haven't written through the Gem for some time, but am still in the fight and the Lord is blessing in a wonderful way.

Each of the churches that we are trying to pastor (Fairview, Kansas, Hannon and Monett, Mo.) are still on the map for God. The church at Monett, which was organized last Jan. is still retaining the revival spirit and souls are being saved in our regular Sunday night services. God has called one of the members, Bro. Charles Fredrick, into the ministry. We are having an average of about 100 in Sunday school, with real good interest in prayer meeting.

Pray for us, that God may continue to bless in each service.

Eld. O. T. Allred.

Desloge, Missouri, May 18, 1932

Dear Gem Family:

How time flies! We let the last month pass and failed to get in our report, but we are so glad to report victory over sin. We had a hard pull at Alsberry Chapel, and at last the victory came. We had 57 conversions, 23 additions to the church, 20 baptized and the Sunday school reorganized.

We had a wonderful spirit in the meeting all the way through. We never met finer people than the Alsberry Chapel people, and we would not forget to mention what wonderful co-operation we had with the M. E. church. The pastor, Bro. McKinney, is a wonderful man and gave way his Sunday night services, and one of his leading members, Mrs. William Doe, played for us all the way through. Bro. Wright of Flat River is the faithful pastor of Alsberry Chapel church. Bro. Wright is splendid for a young preacher, and is fine to work with.

We are now at Bro. William Reeves' church at Wortham, Mo. We will only get to be here for a few nights, as we are taking care of Sister Franklin's work while she goes to Texas for a few weeks' rest. She is improving all the time, and will be on a vacation for a month or more.

Mr. McAdams and Naomi have also gone to Texas. Mr. McAdams will possibly be gone all summer. His health is poor, and he will have to take a rest. So we ask all to pray for him, that he may soon be back in the work again. We know God is able to heal His servants, and we ask special prayers for him. Pray much for me, for I will be alone while he is gone. The work is too great for me to stop, unless he gets worse, and then I would go at once.

All who read this pray much for me, that God will give me power to preach the Word. God bless all the dear ones scattered over the land.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

Enon, Arkansas, May 13, 1932

Dear Brothers and Sister of the Gem:

I will, by the help of the Lord, try to say a few words for Jesus. I feel so sad to see our church work here is going down and the flock being scattered, but I just pray that God will touch some honest servant's heart with a burden for Enon. It seems that people are so divided over the different doctrines, and one so jealous of the other that we can't get anywhere.

But praise the dear name of Jesus, we can love Him at home. I feel that it will all be all right in God's own time. I am looking forward with faith that His will will be done, not mine. I am not prejudiced about denominations, for we are all one in Christ, and will have to get along here if we ever reach the Glory Land, but Oh, how burdened I do feel for the dear lost souls around Enon. God knows our heart, how I would like to be in a good revival meeting. I feel that my soul needs reviving; just starving to death spiritually. May someone read this that has had the same experience. I have seen Bro. Ferguson, and how my soul was thrilled when I read his letter. I believe in a preacher that will go through thick and thin, heat and cold, or what not for Jesus and leave the results with Him. Whatever it might be, it looks like that is the only kind of a preacher that will ever do any good at Enon, for people are few that will come out to services and open their pocket books, to help to advance the cause of Christ.

I pray that God will send some one to help us out, for we sure need it. I expect to subscribe for the Gem in the near future, and pray that God will bless Bro. and Sister Brown in their work. I don't know them and may never see their faces here on earth, but I feel that we are all one big family here and will meet up yonder some sweet day.

Pray for me, that I may have a close walk with God, and that He will make my duty plain to me.

Yours in Jesus' name,

Nellie Badley.

Centralia, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

I thought I would write a few lines to the Gem this morning, while I have the opportunity. I sure do enjoy reading the Gem, and to know of the good work going on.

We have our faithful pastor back, Sister Elda Crain for another year.

We still have our Sunday school every Sunday and prayer meetin on Sunday night, and God is always with us.

I want to say I just can't come near telling what the Lord has done for me, and I am proud of it. But dear brothers and sisters we must keep on praying.

I will close asking your prayers,

Miss Beulah Ivie.

Bristow, Oklahoma, April 28th

Dear Gem Family:

I am writing a few words this morning to let you know that I am still in the fight for our Master; and if there ever was a time we should stand out against sin, it is now.

Our Lord said in Matt. 24:10, "And then shall many be offended, and betray one another, and shall hate one another." Brethren, we see that on every hand. And He said in the 11th verse, same chapter, "And many false prophets shall arise and shall deceive many, and because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." And our Lord said in Matt. 7:15, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothes, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

Paul says in Acts 20:27, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God, take heed therefore unto yourselves, and all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood; for I know this, that after my departing, shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock; also of your own selves shall men arise speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them." I don't want my letter to get too long, but brethren, we have a doctrine that will stand when the world is on fire; and let's stand by it.

Yours for the cause of Christ,
Rev. W. H. Carter, R5, B114A.

Trousdale, Okla., May 17, 1932

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I want to say a few words through our splendid and wholesome paper, the Gem. First I want to say I most assuredly do enjoy reading the Gem. It contains so many splendid letters from so many of the good brethren and sisters, then every issue has such good helps from the editor. The Tribute given by Sister Linnie McCoy is, I think, worth many times the price of the paper. Then there are other letters. The story of the slave and his master contributed by Sister Mae Davis—There are so many good things in the paper, I shall not try to mention all of them. I must say a few words about Bro. T. C. Ferguson's good article about his work. I am sorry to think so many of our good and able men like Bro. Ferguson and others, not only old ministers, but young ministers as well are quitting,

and being forced to quit the work on account of finance. Some of our young and able ministers are going to other denominations, because they offer them a living. We have the doctrine of the Bible, why not preach it? I must say right here that, if our preachers would all teach God's plan of financing His work, which is to pay one-tenth of our income or wages to help take care of the cause, we would see the work and our church go over the top for God and the cause and our good editor and wife would not have to work for a mere trifle, but the splendid "Gem" would be in every Free Will Baptist home and thousands of other homes; and we would not be crying "depression" so much. My article may be too long now, but I do want to see our people "tithe."

With love to all, I beg to remain,
Your brother in the Lord,
Eld. W. G. Fields, Trousdale, Okla

Mansfield, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

Once more I will write you. We, the people of Pleasant Ridge church, are having a good Sunday school at 10 o'clock each Sunday morning, which is enjoyed by all who attend. The average is good, and we have prayer meeting every Sunday night.

Bro. Geo. Scott, Jr. is still our pastor. He gave a wonderful talk Saturday at 11 o'clock, and Sunday all that were present enjoyed his sermon.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are thankful for salvation that saves souls.

Bro. Scott and Bro. Claud Smith held a revival at our church. There were nine conversions and seven added to the church. We are so thankful to see the good work going on and to see the people take an interest in the work, and we are thankful too to see so many young ministers taking up the good work of our Savior. Our soul has been made to rejoice over new born souls in our home, it makes us more determined to go on.

We all have a work to do; so with thankful hearts, we ask the prayers of all.

Your sister in Christ,
Lula Crippen.

Hartville, Missouri

Dear Readers of the Gem:

As it has been some time since I have written to our paper, thought I'd write a little tonight, the Lord

being my helper. For a foundation, I'll take Rev. 17, The great whore that John saw.

I want to note that this woman was very popular, especially with people in whom that earth had greatly befriended.

This woman's nakedness was not completely discovered until the angels were pouring out the vials of the wrath of God; that is what makes this thought so terrible, as I see it. I believe that there are many in this class and don't realize it. I find God describing Himself as a jealous God, and He has been busy many years, seeking out a bride for His Son.

God brings a description of His Son as we see Him. When we shall see him there is no beauty, that we should desire Him. (Isa. 53:2). It seems to be hard for men and women to discover the great beauty that is in Jesus, but Peter, James and John saw it (St. Luke 9:29).

And God being no respecter of persons, surely we too, can live such a consecrated life unto Him, that He will lift our spiritual vision so high that earth will lose her beauty to us.

This world is fast going into a total darkness, and I fear there is but few that know it. My reason for saying this is: professed followers of God enjoy carnal conversations more than spiritual, they delight in worldly amusements, they dress as the world dresses, and have become lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. God has declared that His people shall be a peculiar people. To live in worldly lusts, as I have just mentioned (and I mentioned only a few), is committing fornication against Christ, and we are classed then with the great whore.

Our Lord forbids us to love the world, or the things that are in the world (1 John 2:15). These things blind our spiritual vision, yet I realize that most of us are judges to some extent, but when our judgment does not harmonize with the judgment of God, it will fail.

I find no difference in the courage of the ten virgins, yet in the final test five of them failed (Matt 25). Now I will try to get to my thought, confessing my weakness and yet, being unworthy, I believe God has given me a vision of a lost world and I want us to make a survey for a remedy, for Oh, how terrible it will be for people to be eternally lost! We could not get a better example than John, as he saw it all. While he had seen many wonderful things up until this

time, he had not seen this whore until his faithfulness had reached above to the extent that God sent His angel and said: "John, come hither and I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore."

Of all greatness of the earth, with its enticements, I have not found anything that will compare with coming hither to God, surrendering all to Him, that we could understand the judgment of the great whore, for that will include all that are lost.

I hope these few remarks will help some one. Pray for me.

Eld. D. R. Royster

P. S. I am glad to hear of the great work God is doing through Bro. Melvin Bingham. I have known him in the past, and believe he is what he claims to be. Go on, Bro. Melvin, and may God use you for many victories in His name.

D. R. R.

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Gem Family:

Just a few lines to let you all know that we are still pressing forward for Jesus. We had the pleasure on May 8th of seeing seven baptized, then on May 15th, four more were baptized; so you see there is eleven this month already, whom we know have been made stronger for the Lord, and it's so gratifying to us to know that we are growing in grace each day. We have two services each Sunday, which I consider a great privilege, as I notice that some of the Free Will Baptist have only one service each month.

We are looking forward to Sunday, May 29th, when the fifth Sunday meeting of the Association will meet with us, with great pleasure, for we are expecting a real feast for our souls at that time. I cannot thank God enough for what He has done for us since we organized our church in November, 1931. We have of course as all others, I guess, had many rough places in our road, but friends, the more trials we have, the harder we fight for God and the right.

Our church is built on a foundation of rock, not on sand; and our blessings are so much greater than our hardships.

With a prayer for those who do not know God, and for those who do know Him, I will close by asking the prayers of the Gem family for me and my family and my church.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. M. H. Crandell

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Report of Monett League

Again we are glad to report that our league is still improving, and each one willing to do their part.

There are others we wish would come and join us, for there are many blessings to receive while working for the Lord.

We are now planning our program and looking forward to the League Rally at Blue Eye the 2nd Sunday in June. Don't forget that we always need your prayers.

Frances Weston, Reporter.

REPORT OF F. W. B. LEAGUE ASSOCIATION OF S. E. MISSOURI

Plattsburg, Mo., April 25th

Dear Brother John:

I have a League report from the Southeast Missouri F. W. B. League Association:

League in good condition.

New members, 21.

Average offering, 99 cents.

Money on hand, \$3.94.

We received good reports from all league except Fredericktown, which has not reported at this writing. We hope we will be able to give a complete report the coming month.

We are also glad to see other reports being sent in to our State Secretary, hoping that before long all reports will be sent to her to be recorded.

We are looking forward to our F. W. B. L. Association meeting the 26th of this month (April 26th). We look to that for a great time.

I would like for every association to be organized and be carrying on this complete work.

Praying God's blessings on every one for the cause. Pray for us.

Wm. Reeves, Acting Secretary.

I haven't received any other reports lately.

Melba White, State Secretary.

Report of Jones Chapel League

Our league is still doing splendid work, but there is plenty of room for improvement yet.

We find our lessons to be very interesting, especially the one on "Using our Influence." We know that every one has an influence, and Christ

intended that His children should use their influence to bring the lost to Him. Are we, as league members, using our influence for that purpose? Can Christ depend on us to carry on His work here? It is true that the world is starving today from lack of "Old Time Religion," and its influence. People are seeking happiness, but many fail to seek it in the Christian way, so find it not.

We can never know the blessings we might bring to others by using our influence for Jesus.

Remember us in your prayers.

Otha Campbell.

Report of Monett Junior League

I'm glad that I can report a good attendance in our Junior league. We all enjoy going to league on Sunday evenings. Juniors are always on time.

I, with eight of my Juniors, attended the League Rally Sunday at Merl's Chapel, and we sure did enjoy the splendid program; and we all want to attend many more rallies, for we think they are inspiring to a better life. We don't think anyone could go and hear or take a part in them without thinking better. There is no better way for us to spend our time than telling of Jesus and His wonderful love, in songs and praises.

Wishing all the leagues success in Christ, I am,

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Myrtle Alyea, Junior Sponsor.

REPORT OF MONETT MISSION CIRCLE NO. 1.

Well here we come, will you let us join the happy band of Mission workers. We say happy, for they must be happy, when they are doing things to make others happy.

We have not been organized very long, but we are trying to do our little bit, working for the Lord.

We meet twice a month. We open our meetings by singing good old Gospel songs and read Scripture lesson, and prayer. We have fifteen active members at present. We enjoy our meetings, and think the circle is a wonderful help to the church, and to the community, in fact no church is complete without a Mission circle.

I love to read the Gem and learn what others are doing, for the upbuilding of God's work.

May God bless all, is my prayer.

Mrs. Myrtle Alyea, Reporter.

EVANGELISM

By the Editor

Evangel means good (gospel) news also one who carries the good news—ism—the act of. Evangelism, then means an earnest effort to spread the Gospel of Christ.

-ist means one who; then an evangelist is one who spreads the Gospel, and usually means one who goes from place to place preaching the Gospel.

Evangelize means to win souls to Christ by teaching or preaching the Gospel.

A pastor is a minister in charge of a church and congregation, a shepherd caring for his flock.

There is some difference then between an evangelist and a pastor. An evangelist is one who sows the Gospel seed in the field which is the world, and it brings forth children of the kingdom: a pastor is one who cares for the children after they are brought forth (Matt. 13:38).

But pastors are in some degree evangelists, because they reach unsaved people, who are converted and become members of his flock, they become lambs of the fold over which he is the shepherd.

"It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Cor. 1:21). So the Gospel must be preached, that sinners might be converted unto God; therefore we must have preachers, pastors and evangelists, and teachers. All preachers are in some measure evangelists for in nearly every congregation there are those who need salvation.

Timothy was an evangelist, as indicated by the words of Paul: "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (2 Tim. 4:5). As with Timothy so with all evangelists; they must "watch in all things"—be awake and sober on all occasions and under all circumstances: they must do all they can to live a clean life and thus gain the respect and confidence of the people they meet in their labors. But all will not respect, nor will all have confidence, but will oppose and persecute; therefore the evangelist must "endure afflictions"—suffer hardships and persecution. Evangelists are sent out to do the work of an evangelist—as missionaries, preachers and teachers. They must "make

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OBITUARY

McKINZIE—Sarah Elizabeth McKinzie was born January 15, 1853, in Illinois, and departed this life April 13, 1932. She was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Johnson.

At the age of twenty-four she was united in marriage to William Lawson McKinzie. To this union was born three children: Mrs. Martha Evans of the Mulberry community, Mrs. Mary Littlehale of Madrid, Iowa and Luther McKinzie of the home. Those who are left to mourn her departure are her husband, three children, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Connelsville, Mo. for a long number of years and lived a consistent Christian life.

Funeral services were conducted at the Green Grove church by Elder C. A. Phillips of Stahl, Mo.

Sister McKinzie was also a member of the Rebecca lodge, and was loved by all.

Elder C. A. Phillips.

MEMORIAL

In sad and loving memory of my dear companion, Chas. W. Mayfield, who departed this life by accident, March 8, 1932.

He left his home one winter day,
With smiles all gay and bright,
With busy hands to toil that day,
And to return ere night.

And then a messenger was sent,
To bear the news to wife,
That Charles had left this world below
And had eternal life.

And Oh, the heartaches of that home,
No one but God could tell,
For there a vacant place was left,
That never could be filled.

And Oh, the burden was so great,
To loved ones of that home,
To know the one they loved so well,
On earth could never roam.

And as the friends did gather in,
To comfort and to cheer,
The Lord above, came with His love,
And did the burdens share.

And as that chair is vacant still,
In church and in the cottage,
His prayers are felt, his hymns heard,
By those who're onward treading.

And now he's gone from friends and home,
And with his Savior resting,
With God's great love to guide us o'er,
We'll meet in that Celestial.

And now as we still linger here,
And pleasures see no more,
We pray, dear Lord, help us to meet,
Loved ones on yonder shore.

I ask an interest in every Christian's prayers, and wish to thank all the dear brothers and sisters who so kindly remembered me in my sad bereavement.

Written by his wife,
Gracie Mayfield, Chetopa, Kans., R5.

EVANGELISM

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full proof of their ministry"—do all required of them, leaving nothing undone. So evangelists who want an easy, pleasant time will never accomplish very much.

Timothy was commanded to "Preach the Word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Tim. 4:2). "Preach" in Paul's day meant to proclaim, discuss, reason Acts 17:2, 18; 18:4, 19).

The evangelist is required to "be instant in season, out of season"—urgent, earnest, and diligent to perform the whole work of his ministry at all seasons, whether it is considered in season or out of season; not only when convenient, but when inconvenient, in all places and on all occasions, wherever and whenever the Lord requires it. This is just briefly stated, but I think it is just about what meant, are we living up to it?

The evangelist is also required to "rebuke, reprove, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." Repentance is the people's first need, which God alone can give; and the preached word brings a knowledge of this need, bringing Godly sorrow which worketh repentance. It is the Word (Gospel) preached that reproves, rebukes, for "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16). Neither the modern essay style of preaching nor the rough abusive style will win souls to Christ, nor will any other style, save that which God has ordained; and He has ordained men and women

to "Preach the Word." These ordained preachers get their messages from the Bible which is the Word of God, being led always and in all by the Holy Spirit.

The Lord says in the parable of the tares that the enemy (the devil) came while men slept and sowed tares among the wheat. That same enemy (Satan) is still sowing tares, and often by the mouth of a so-called preacher or evangelist. The tares profess to be wheat, but the fruit they bear proves them to be tares.

The enemies of prohibition strike their hardest blow by getting some scoundrel to act as a prohibition agent; likewise the enemies of Christianity do their worst by getting some of their own kind to pose and exercise as preachers of the Gospel, and get a lot of people to believe a lot of things that defile them as Christians, so they will join with them. Yes, there are a lot of people in our churches that believe these lies, they are tares, as they show by their fruits.

Remember the tares are sowed while men sleep; so wake up Christians, watch and pray, and do what God has called you to do.

"The American Pulpit"

By Elder Winford Davis

I understand that the June number of the Gem is to be devoted largely to "Evangelism." While the above stated subject, perhaps, will not directly apply, yet in a sense it will, so I will endeavor to write a short article on the subject.

1st. *Its National Importance:*

The pulpit of this country is by far the most important public stand we have; hence the need of its special care. It is the only recognized "wholly divine" stand we have; hence the need of its sacred handling. The stands for our true statesmen are needed, along with those who are laboring so faithfully for prohibition, for the success of organizations based on Christian principles, for the promotion of right from every angle, etc. But none of these public stands do, or can take the place of the guarded pulpit, nor their occupants the place of the consecrated ministers of this fair land.

2nd. *Its National Responsibility:*

There is more responsibility resting upon the American pulpit and those who are filling it than any other public stand in this country today.

EVANGELISM*By Elder O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.*

As we think of the word "Evangelism," we think of the Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and that "Go ye" brings the responsibility home to each of us; the followers of Christ are to evangelize the world. Not that we must go to the farther side of the earth to preach the Gospel, but we that know God in the free pardon of sin are to tell others. When we say, "Tell others," we could conclude that this meant for every Christian to be continually talking to others of the goodness of God, and that is fine in its place, but if when we are talking to others of the love of God, our own lives are all stained and polluted with sin and neglect, we will only drive people from God instead of drawing them to Him. It is pretty hard to get an electric current through a corroded or broken wire, but if we are really cleaned up and on fire for God, we can help to effectually spread the Gospel.

But it is alarming to see the amount of dead weight and idle timber most churches are carrying. Some will say, "What is the matter with the person who claims to be a Christian but isn't concerned about the church, Sunday school, or the cause in general?" Well, may we just say that the devil has that person deceived or doped, as a man who has a severe pain in his head and has taken a morphine tablet to lull the pain? The pain is still there, but the man isn't conscious of it. Inactive Christian, you may be consoling yourself under some false delusion that the devil has given you, but the need is still urgent for men and women who are fired up by the zeal of God.

Sleeper, will you arouse, get busy and stay busy for God, or be as the foolish virgins, awake after it is too late? for there surely is an awakening time coming.

EVANGELISM*By Elder T. C. Ferguson*

After over thirty-five years in revival work, I find that the prosperous churches are the ones that have revival meetings, some of them have several revivals in a year. When the revival spirit in a church goes down the church is soon gone.

What the world needs today, more than anything else, is a going back

to the old time revival meetings, where the public altar is erected and sinners are invited to come to that altar and kneel down before God and man and pray through to victory, and arise from their knees praising God and know that they are saved. Of course a sinner can erect an altar anywhere and be saved, but the public altar is the short cut to God, for if the sinner doesn't take the public step before conversion, he must take it after conversion; so it is best to take the public step to start with, for you can't serve God in a corner.

We read in James 4:7-10 where St. James was calling mourners in the old fashioned Bible way, and that is the way we should call mourners now. I am sorry to see nearly everywhere that the churches are giving up the old time public altar in the churches and putting up to sinners some easy way to get them to make a profession of religion and join the church. Some modern revival meetings are only modern humbugs, they are just membership devices, and many churches want the evangelist to stoop to set just any kind of a trap to pull and haul people to make some kind of a profession and join the church; the results are that many churches are largely composed of unconverted members; and these churches have no spiritual power. A good reason why they have the devil in the church. It is sure hard to preach to a church that is composed largely of unconverted members, but I am glad to say that the Free Will Baptist still stand for the old time public altar in their meetings, where sinners are invited to come and pray through and get saved, and Christians can come and consecrate themselves more fully to God's work. Some evangelists can have great meetings so far as crowds and professions are concerned, but in a short time the interest has gone down and all the converts, or nearly all of them have gone back on their profession and are back in the world again. Some other evangelists, perhaps don't have as big crowds nor as many professions as the others have, but their work stands; and after years have gone by, the most of the converts can be found still on the job for God, and living for Him.

Now, if one evangelist's converts nearly all backslide in a short time, and other evangelists' converts nearly all stay with their profession, there is something wrong. The trouble usually is that the converts in the

evangelist's meeting that nearly all backslide in a short time, they never got to God and got saved; they just made a mere profession. They were crowded through too quick by the evangelist or other workers. Brother preachers, and all others who try to lead souls to Christ, be careful and don't mislead an honest soul that wants to be saved. Insist on them praying to God and seeking salvation, everywhere, both night and day, till they know that they are really saved from their sins, and there will be a work done that will stand the test of time, and will stand the test at the judgment bar of God. Oh God, give us more old time revival meetings, when the fire will fall on the altar and sinners will be saved, shouting the praises of God. We ought to have a continuous revival spirit in our churches, with a burden for lost souls. *Ash Grove, Missouri.*

True Evangelism*By Elder Noel Turner*

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19).

These are the words of Jesus, commanding those who would follow him to do all things. He left on record for us to do.

If we go forth and teach all nations, the true way of life and salvation, we are evangelists, and if evangelists, then we are preachers.

It is not always necessary to stand in a pulpit of some church house to preach, but let our very lives be such that we will teach of Jesus, and our influence over the world will preach greater sermons, and often more powerful than many so-called sermons from the modern edifice.

The true evangelist of God stands firm and solid for the old fashioned meetings, and old time religion, as the people enjoyed in the days of the patriarchs and disciples.

I have been in meetings where it was so cold spiritually, that I couldn't tell that it was one bit different from an organization of some worldly type, yet there was one in charge who called himself an evangelist. He went through a formal lecture and gave no evidence of being connected with the power of God. It all brings to my mind the Scripture where Paul said to Timothy that the time would come when there would be a people "having

a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Tim. 3:5). He also said, "From such turn away." Then it is plain that we must regard the words of the prophet: "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Jer. 6:16).

It is in the "old paths" that we find the "good way," and where we see God's Spirit poured out, and His people made to sing and shout His praise. Such meetings are not enjoyed by the false prophets, false evangelists; it surely makes them feel miserable, and they are apt to ask the people to remain quiet and not disturb them.

The world is hungering for the old time religion, for revivals of power and blessings from God, such as was in olden times. So we see the great need of "God called" and "God sent" evangelists in all parts of the world.

May we be willing to answer the call, whether it be at home or abroad, to serve our Master in bringing the lost to Jesus.

Too often we hear people who claim to be serving Jesus, saying, "The women have no right to preach, or be evangelists." If you will notice closely, I'm sure you will see that the women who are being censored, criticised, rebuked and talked about, for the part they are doing, are doing more for the salvation of lost souls and the advancement of Christ's cause than the one who talks about them.

Surely if any one on earth is capable of judging whether or not a woman should preach, it is those who have been called to preach. Then when anyone has experienced a real "God call" to the ministry, how can they rebuke anyone else for answering the call, regardless of color, age, size, position, or SEX?

God wonderfully blesses those who call on His name, with clean hands and a pure heart; and will reveal His word to those who desire to honor it.

He has plainly shown us that He is no respecter of sex, when He calls laborers into His vineyard, or sends them out to be evangelists.

A Comment on Psalm One

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

Beloved I am thinking tonight, how wonderful would be this old world, if we did not heed the counsel of the ungodly; if we would take care not to stand in the way of sinners: if none would ever sit in the seat of scornfuls. How wonderful it would be if we would delight ourselves in the law of the Lord; and meditate in it day and night.

Oh, that we had the zeal of David, when his soul cried out: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God" (Psalm 42:1). David was a man acquainted with the wild animals, for the outdoor life he led while he was fleeing from Saul took him into many wild and remote places, but his trust was ever in his God: he communed with Him from the mountain tops, and in the dens and caves of the earth and he never failed to give God all the glory and praise for his deliverance. Oh, that we could only live day by day, and hour by hour, moment by moment in the presence of God! We can, if we will. We can have that deep abiding faith, if we will only walk in the counsel of God. I will tell you, dear ones, we must not forget to pray: that is the sweetest privilege we have. Our Savior said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Paul tells us to "pray without ceasing." He did not mean for us to stay on our knees all the time, but he did mean or us to Pray, pray, pray!

Our Saviour said: "Watch and pray." I thank God tonight for the sweet communion I have with Him when I get down on my knees and ask for the things that He knows I have need of before I ask Him. Oh, I praise His dear name tonight for that hope that is both sure and steadfast, that faith which takes hold on God. It is a wonderful God we are serving; the mind cannot comprehend how wonderful He is. When I gaze on the stars, the multiplied millions of lights, that He has spoken into existence, I say with David, "The heav-

ens declare the glory of God." The trees, the bowers, the grass, the rain and the sunshine, animals, and the birds, tell us of His glory. No wonder when He said, "Let there be light: and there was light." When the astronomers discover a new world, God knew all about it, for He made it.

When research workers discover some prehistoric animal and try to picture out what it was like, God knew all about it, for He made it. So, dear ones, if we would not stagger at the promises: but, like Abraham, "Believe God," we would not have to get religion every time a revival started.

So, dear ones, let's hold fast that which is good: "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess His name before my Father, and before his angels" (Rev. 3:5).

So, dear ones, let's go often to God in prayer, and seek to do His will, that it may be well with us, remembering that without faith, it is impossible to please God. "For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Pray or me,

Yours in His dear name,

Mrs. E. G. Tharp

Our "Gem" First

By Elder Noel Turner

Some Sister has said of a Free Will Baptist paper, printed in one of the Eastern States, "I think your paper the best our denomination has had, and the work you are doing the most progressing and outstanding that is being done in our entire denomination."

I am persuaded that she hasn't seen one single copy of our "Gem;" and surely she doesn't hear from this part of the world. If she knew all, I'm sure she would say, "The Free Will Baptist Gem has them all beat." I have read the paper she was speaking about, and truly it is good, but has never been equal to our "Gem." Let's make our paper still better.

I'm glad those people are proud of their paper; and perhaps it is close to their hearts, because of the sacrifice they have made for it. Perhaps it is for the same reason, that we are so justly proud of the "Gem."

If you are not proud of it; try making a sacrifice in its behalf and see if it isn't the best, in your own estimation, that our denomination has.

It is largely, if not entirely the hope of the nation. God intended to use the pulpit as a channel through which to reach His creation; and if that channel is not kept open, then that stream of life fails to flow into the lives of humanity where it is so utterly needed today. Money and time can be spent in legislating upon taxation, gangstering, kidnapping, money hoarding, and other confronting national problems; but never will we see any real telling results until there is a great change in this country spiritually, and that change must start from the pulpit. I disremember the exact number of idle preachers said to be in this nation at present, but they run into the thousands. Inexplicable would be the results should these thousands of preachers, along with the majority of the rest of them, suddenly become alive, wax bold, get enthused, and began to declare the unadulterated truth of God, backed up by His dynamic power. The Word of God is declared to be the sword of the Spirit, and powerful in the taking of the life of the carnal man, when wielded by the Spirit.

3rd. Its National Present Condition:

The American pulpit, generally speaking, has ceased to be looked upon with that holy awe and reverence which it deserves. Who is mainly responsible for this disrespect, I answer, the ministry. So many have not walked worthy of the vocation wherein they were called. The pulpit is being reproached, its standard is not being held up. It is sad to think that the devil has found his way into every phase of the church work, and so is disrupting the great institution of God, the church. Do you know, when to his advantage, the devil can preach, sing, pray, talk, and even shout? This must be the day when he is transformed into that angel of light.

We have so many grand pulpits, and many of less grandeur, erected all over the land, throughout the city, village and country side; but they will fail to serve the divine intended purpose unless there is lingering about them that godly atmosphere, as a result of special and sacred care, which causes the public around, and the passers by to stop, take notice, and feel the effect of, and be influenced by its gracious spirit.

Lord, may we not be cold, stiff, and formal, which drives the sinners away instead of drawing them nearer; but may we ever be evangelical in our practice and let that evangelizing

spirit have its perfect liberty from every pulpit in this troubled, depressed nation of ours until it will prove to be the desired remedy for our every ache and pain, the comforter of every life, the Savior of every soul, and the employer of every unemployed, and supply for all the needy. Amen.

The Last Prayer Meeting

By Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Newman

The account of this meeting may be found in Revelation: "And they said to the mountains and the rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." This is the prayer that will be offered. At our prayer meetings now, we pray to our Father in Heaven, but at this one the prayer will be offered to the rocks and the mountains.

Many of our prayer meetings today are thin, only a few are present. But not so with this last prayer meeting, for there will be a great multitude present: for all who have treated the Lamb of God unworthily, and persisted in it, will be present. Millions have done this, and they all shall be present.

Distinguished persons will be present: those that live on high places of the earth and usually have little to do with prayer meetings. They are above such things; and leave such meetings for the poor and unlearned, and those low in life. But they will come to this last prayer meeting. We have express mention as to this: "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the mighty men, and the rich men said, Fall on us." They may never have been at prayer meeting before, but this one they shall not escape.

There will be great emotion in this meeting; it will not be dull, formal, and everything in order; people will not sit and wait one on another, but every knee shall bow and every tongue confess. There will be feeling at this meeting, and the deepest of feeling, for men must surely have the most terrible feeling when they are led to cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them and grind them to powder, rather than to face the wrath of the Lamb.

Reader, are you on your way to this meeting? You hope not, but it is not your hope, but the manner in which you live this life that determines this. If you are hardening your heart to the thought of drawing nigh unto

God, you are certainly on your way to this meeting. Stop! Think! Meditate on this! Don't be present, for there will be plenty present without you; so be persuaded to avoid this meeting. Now is the time to escape, for soon the door of escape will be closed never to be opened again: now is the time to fulfill your dying wishes.

The Door of Escape—John 10:7-9—Jesus is the door by which you may escape.

Acts 4:12—There is no other name given whereby you may escape.

1 John 1:9—If you will confess your sins, He is faithful and will forgive your sins.

John 6:37—Jesus said if you would come to Him, He would not cast you out.

John 1:12—If you come, you will be given power to stand and live for Jesus.

Come now, and then while the others cry for the rocks and mountains to hide them, you will sing, "Worthy is the Lamb that redeemeth me unto God by His blood."
Oak Grove, Arkansas.

GIVE GOD THE BURDEN

If on God you cast the burden,
Cast on him your pain and care,
Give to him all anxious trouble,
Take it to the Lord in prayer,
You will find that in the yielding
Of the burden on the road,
There will be an end of grieving,
When you learn to shift the load.

When on God your burden's resting,
When you learn to cast aside,
Every load and seeming trouble
And, in him to rest, abide,
You will find that in your living,
You discover peace and ease;
At each turn upon the highway,
Something comes to you to please.

Having cast on him the burden,
Prayerfully your needs made known,
Go your way in sweet rejoicing,
For you travel not alone,
At your side the unseen Savior,
Would relieve you from all care;
Hand to him the heavy burden,
Whisper all your needs in prayer.
Contributed by Miss Mona Johns

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IGNORANCE

By Elder P. H. Coffman

"And the time of this ignorance God winked at: but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30)

There was a time when God overlooked our ignorance concerning His Word, but in these latter days, in this enlightened age of the Gospel, we do not have any excuse for not knowing the truth. In Isaiah 35:8 God said, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." So we must not fool ourselves, and be tossed about with every wind of doctrine. "For if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost" (2 Cor. 4:3).

The apostle Paul said in 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Then why not study the Bible and be able to give every man an answer according to the word of God? I believe that every one should be able to tell why he belongs to any church. But there are multiplied thousands of people following blind guides; and they all will eventually fall into the ditch together. God has nowhere in Holy Writ ever promised to pound His Gospel into our minds against our will, but He did say for us to seek and we should find: knock and He would open. Then, if we want to know the truth, we must seek for it: and as Solomon of old, pray and ask God to reveal unto us a knowledge of His word. There are people who say that God will not hear a sinner's prayer, and they claim to be Christians. How can a man be saved, when he will not ask God to forgive him of his sins? If we believe in foreordination, we are bound to believe that infants that die in infancy are lost. I declare unto you that there is no such thing taught in God's word. He said that He would that all would come to repentance, and let whosoever will, come, and take of the water of life freely. May God pity those that believe that certain ones are born to be saved, and all the rest are born to be cast into eternal woe and destruction. The God that I serve has no respect of persons: He is a merciful God; and loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that we, through His death and suffering, might have life through faith in His name. God said for us to seek,

and we would find: ask believing, and we would receive. His ear is not heavy, that He cannot hear: nor His arm shortened, that He cannot reach. We have the blessed promises all through His inspired word, that He will hear our cries. There are conditions all through God's word, laid down, that we must meet before we obtain the blessings. When we have done all we can in our own strength, then God does the rest. There is always an agreement made between God and the individual, and then there must be a divine love to govern the agreement made.

God has laid down the law of commandments, not the ten commandment law only, but every command given must be kept. Paul said that if we were obedient to the end of the race, we would receive a crown of righteousness. So brother, let us lay hold of those blessed promises, and not neglect the assembling of ourselves together, as some do, and fall short of the glory of God: life is too short for us to fool our time away.

Now the great time of trouble spoken of, and the signs concerning the closing events in the 24th chapter of Matthew; Mark 13; Luke 21, Jesus spoke these words in answer to His disciples' questions concerning the time of the end.

Brethren, I believe it wont be long until the Lord will come, and put an end to sin; and what a wonderful time it will be for all that are ready and looking for Him! I often think of the rapture, when all the saved are caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

May the Lord bless the faithful and true, and convict sinners, is my prayer
401 W. Hull St., Denison, Texas.

Synopsis of Sermon

Recently preached at The First Free Will Baptist church, at 1301 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo., By Eld. W. C. Hill

Subject: "The Sword of the Spirit."

Text—Hebrews 4:12

I. The Qualities of the Word.

1. *It is Divine.* It is the Word of God. Who is God that we may know how to appreciate His word? He is the Creator. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1; Gen. 1:1). This Word was Christ (John 1:14).

2. *The Word is Eternal.* This is the written or spoken Word. It shall endure forever (1 Peter 1:25; Isa. 25:1-5; 46:8-10). "Heaven and earth

shall pass away, but my word shall stand forever" (Matt. 24:35). What does Christ mean here? (1) That the present heaven and earth shall pass away, and (2) that a new heaven and a new earth shall be established in their stead, according to Rev. 21:1-6 That is why Christ said to his sorrowing disciples: "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:3). My word may be questioned, but His Word will stand forever. It lives on.

II. What the Word does.

1. *It is Effective.* It carries (1) conviction; (2) it is powerful, converting the soul (Psalm 19:7; Rom. 1:16); (3) it is the Word of life (John 6:63). What is conviction? Act of proving finding, or adjudging guilty. It proves up our lives. What is conversion? Act of changing ones religious belief. The Word changes our life.

2. *It is Revealing.* It reveals (1) the love of God for us (John 3:16-17), "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." (2) It reveals also the love of Christ for us, in that as the good shepherd he laid down his life for us (John 10:11); (3) it reveals the destructive nature of sin. What is sin? (a) Sin inherited, (b) sin actual. Sin inherited is called "the carnal mind, our old man, the sin that doth so easily beset us." Inherited sin dates back to the sin of Adam in the garden, and has been handed down to us as an inheritance (Gen. 3:1-7; Rom. 5:12). Actual sin is the transgression of the divine law, the will has been exercised in making a choice (1 John 3:4). All sin is of the devil. "Christ came to destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). The carnal mind is destroyed in conviction by the action of the Spirit. "It is not subject to the law (word) of God, neither indeed can it be" (Rom. 8:7). It is subject to the Spirit. When do we get rid of the carnal mind? Before conversion or after justification? Some teach that we are first justified, and then the carnal mind is removed by sanctification as a second definite work of grace. Is the justified man a saved man? The answer is yes. "To be carnally minded is death" (Rom. 8:6). If getting rid of the carnal mind is subsequent to justification, and to be carnally minded is death, can life and death exist in the same soul at the same time? The carnal mind is broken up in conviction and conversion, and is therefore not a second work of grace, wrought in the heart subsequent to justification.

4. *It Describes.* Opens up to us many of the secrets of eternity. (1) The Word describes the final destiny of the wicked, as a place "where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:43-44). Then it gives us an example of a poor soul suffering in hell for his sins (Luke 16:19 to close of chapter).

(2) The Word describes Heaven, the final resting place of the redeemed (Rev. 21:1-8).

5. *The Word Contrasts.* What does that mean? It shows the difference between a life of righteousness and a life of sin, by comparison (See first Psalm, also Psalm 15).

All the great conquests which Christ and His saints achieve in this world are got with this sword. When Christ comes forth against His enemies, this sword is girded upon His thigh. (Psalm 45:3)—"Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty;" and His victory over them is ascribed to it (v. 4), "And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth;" that is the Word of truth.

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shall find his name written in this book, will be saved. One readily knows when they have passed from death unto life, because there in their heart is planted a deep love for humanity. Then the Holy Spirit will fill your tabernacle, if it be clean and you are entitled to any of God's promises, also the material things will be added as you have need of them. When a need comes into your life, do not worry because it is there, but praise God because it is to be supplied.

Every Anxiety is a Call to Prayer. Anxiety turns the soul's gaze away from God to the circumstances around us. It causes us to brood about things which seek to harass us. In so doing we get our eyes off of God and lose our attitude of faith. The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, so let's ward it off by prayer.

Every Temptation is a Call to Prayer What a terrible trio of foes the Christian has to contend with! The world is the foe about us, the devil the foe beside us, and the flesh, the awful foe within us.

But all power belongs unto Jesus. If God is for us, no one can be against us, and since He has never lost a battle, His grace is still sufficient for us; and if we will always go with Him, He will deliver us.

The great disappointment comes in the answer to our prayers. Sometimes we are not Bible students enough to understand answered prayer, so we just wonder why we didn't get what we asked for and arrive at the conclusion it is all vain when we should be studying God's word and find out how He answers our petitions. The Bible is our guide and solves every problem we ever will be confronted with.

Let us look at answered prayer. We pray for patience, that we may be able to endure many things that are very displeasing to us, and God sends tribulation; for "Tribulation worketh patience" (Rom. 5:3-5). He does not take such a precious asset to soul winning as patience and give it to some one who would not use it to the glory of God and for the benefit of lost humanity. But He slips patience under an avalanche of trouble and permits us to stay right in there and work out just as much as we want. The things we work for are always appreciated the most and we know their value, also how to use and care for them. I watched an aged man prospecting. It was interesting to see him pan ore out of the mud and he made a living at it. As I looked on, I thought of this body of ours, that was made of clay, and the wealth of talent it contains, if we will only be washed in the blood of the Savior, that the dross may be washed away, and the rest cleansed for the kingdom. We too, as a result, will have a living and eventually a home in Heaven.

We pray for submission and God sends suffering; for we learn obedience by the things which we suffer (Heb. 5:8). When upon our beds of affliction we have time to think things over, also time to read and pray. Jacob lay on a hard bed with a stone for a pillow, but nevertheless he saw heavens doors open wide and the heavenly inhabitants ascending and descending, and he was drawn close to Heaven. Suffering gives us a sympathetic understanding that we must have in order to win souls for Jesus. Paul said we must first be partakers of the fruits; and if we have never been in sin, or never undergone the trials of life and been delivered by the power of God, then we cannot be a blessing to those to whom God in His providence may send us.

We pray for unselfishness and God gives opportunity to sacrifice ourselves by thinking on the things of others. And to lay down our lives for the brethren (Phil. 2:4; Matt. 27:42).

Every opportunity is given to us to minister to those about us, by putting "self" in the background, and being willing to spend and be spent in the cause of the Master. If our part is only a minor one, we should be satisfied and praise God just the same, that He ever saw fit to include us. Remember how David took warriors to the firing line to overcome the enemy and take the spoil, and when they divided, the warriors who stayed at home and took care of things, received just the same as the ones who went to the front. "She hath done what she could," is the language of the Bible.

We pray for victory and the things of the world swoop down upon us in a storm of temptation, for "this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

We pray for strength and humility and some messenger of Satan torments us till we lie in the dust. Paul longed for healing and was told, "My grace is sufficient for thee," then Paul testified that his strength was made perfect in weakness, and he took pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake, for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Sometime we pray for love, and we drift out among unlovely people who say all manner of unkind things, and this is only an opportunity to use our newly acquired gift, as God heard our petition and sent the request and also a good field to use it in; as a candle under a bushel is no good to any one. Paul was bitten by the snake on the Island of Militia, so the heathen could see the demonstration of God's power and believe. Paul was only instrumental in God's hands to promulgate the cause; so the sooner we come to the realization that all things work together for good for them who are called according to His purpose, the sooner we will become established and grounded in the faith and find forgiveness, life, love, joy, peace, hope, light, certainty, and consolation as we labor daily in the vineyard of the Lord.

May the Lord bless you, is my humble prayer, and may each of you find consolation in your supplications.

P. S. Some of you may be glad to know that the Picher church is making splendid progress under the leadership of Bro. and Sister T. E. L. Curry. We just closed a month's revival, with Evangelist A. Schooley of the Methodist church here.

The past year the Lord has given

us a Bible school. This took the place of the Young People's meeting. It was started when Bro. Tipton was here. Sister Lola Landreth is president and Sister Annabelle Craig is teacher. A regular training course was taught and 93 young people have completed the study and were awarded Certificates of Merit by the Standard Publishing Co. We are real proud of our young people. We were pleasantly surprised to have Evangelists Florence and Jones drop in one evening and talk to the young folks, and the Lord gave us two souls that night.

Our Sunday school has increased since the revival, also the church has expanded in many ways and we feel that we are gaining ground.

Pray for us.

Will a Man Forsake God?

By Miss Oleta Davis

Are people of this day and time forsaking God? We don't have to go into some other community, nor ask our neighbors to know this. But when we look, we can see with our own eyes that people in every phase of life are forsaking God. Some people are leaving Him entirely out of the picture of life: they are forgetting to ask Him to be with them in their undertakings in life. What a sad plight! What a pitiful condition for anyone to be in. My prayers are for those people.

We read in the good Book where it says, "If we forsake God, He will forsake us." Then we read another Scripture that says that the Lord will not forsake those that seek Him. If we want Him to, God will be in our lives every day, but if we forsake the ways of the righteous, and forget to ask God to be with us while we are here in this world, some day we will call upon Him with all the earnestness of our hearts, just to find ourselves forsaken.

Not only are the unsaved forsaking God, but I wonder if some of our church members, the supposed-to-be Christians, are not doing the same thing? When I hear some good old sainted mother, or father stand and tell of the old time meetings they used to have, where the unsaved just rushed forward and fell into the altar, it makes me to have a longing in my heart to see the same thing. It makes me wonder why we don't have more of those good old time revivals now. Then I wonder if we can see the Spirit

of God manifested in the lives of the church members now, as we could have in those days. I have decided in my mind that that is the reason we don't see more of those old time meetings—Christian people are forgetting: they are going to sleep in the fields. There are a few that are still wide awake for God, and are always found at their post of duty: thank God for them. But the harvest is growing all the time, and the burden is so heavy for the faithful few that there can't be near so much accomplished for God as could be, if those who are forsaking God would just wake up to their duty and help put things over the top for Jesus.

Christian people, myself included, let's wake up and try to get the cause at heart. Jesus said, "Work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

May God bless all the dear Gem readers, and help us all to be always found in the harvest fields, shouldering our part of the burden.

Cushing, Oklahoma, April 26th.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Here we are again, with a word from Cushing. We are able to report a great victory in our work for the past month. Sister Perkins is still working faithfully, as Bro. Perkins is away except for the Sunday morning service. We are hoping the Lord will see fit to have him here with us soon. Our sick folks are almost able to be in the services again, for this we are thankful. The Mission workers from Vance Chapel and Drumright were with us Rally Day, the first Friday in the month. The day as spent was very much enjoyed by all. Sister Linnie Oliver preached at two o'clock. Subject, "The poor." This was great, it was a real mission sermon.

On Saturday night before the third Sunday the Sunday School of the First Mission Association met here with a good delegation from Tulsa, New Home, Vance Chapel and Drumright. All reported good Sunday schools.

Our church has for the past week been assisting Bro. J. L. Waltman in a revival at the Clayton school house, Dist. 41, in Payne Co. This is Bro. Waltman's old home. The meeting so far has been great, deep conviction on the congregation, and seven souls saved the first week. We think Bro. Waltman will do a great work in this neighborhood, with the Lord as his help. This church is earnestly pray-

ing for him. He brought some wonderful messages the last week.

Now back to the church. As I have already stated, we are gaining in all undertakings here. Our Mission work is good, the Junior Mission is doing a good work and is rapidly growing. I am not able to give the number of members at the writing.

Our Sunday school is steadily growing. Five new members united with the church the last month.

May God bless us we strive to do His will. We ask for your prayers.

May God bless all and save souls.

Your sister in Christ,

Mae Waltman.

Chips From Elder T. C. Ferguson's Sermons.

It is better to wear out than to rust out.

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It is better to try and fail than not to try at all.

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When we die to sin, we just begin to live.

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It is better to be a fool for Christ's sake than to be a college graduate and go to hell.

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Education is a fine thing to have, but it can be a curse or a blessing to you. It will depend on how you use it; for the more you know, the meaner you can be, or the better you can be.

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The harder you fight the devil, the harder he will fight you.

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The devil hates good people.

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If you don't like children, don't go to Heaven, for there is sure lots of children there.

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Some people, instead of trying to get hell out of the Bible, ought to try first to get hell out of themselves.

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Where is hell? It is where there is no God.

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Any place that is filled with God's divine presence will be heaven.

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Prayer is the soul of man in communion with God.

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE of Free Will Baptist will meet with the Free Will Baptist church at Bryan, Texas, on Wednesday night before the third Sunday in June, 1932.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION will meet with Shady Grove church, near Wetumka, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1932.
C. H. Goode, Clerk, Paden, Oklahoma.

OLD MT. ZION Association will be held with New Hope church, beginning at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1932. Elder J. H. P. Jones to preach the Introductory sermon, Elder Elmer Lawson alternate.
Horace Knox, Clerk, LaRue, Arkansas.

SOCIAL BAND Association will be held with Stony Point Church, at New Chapel, Arkansas, beginning on Friday night before the third Sunday in August, 1932. Eld. W. C. Forsyth to preach the Introductory sermon.
Ralph Staten, Clerk, Pocahontas, Ark.

ARKANSAS Association will meet with Antioch Church at Branch, Ark., beginning on Friday night before the first Sunday in September, 1932.
Eld. O. C. Hunt, Clerk, Waldron, Ark.

WEST FORK Association will meet with Pleasant Valley Church, at Buffalo Springs, Clay County, Texas, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1932.
W. D. Phillips, Clerk, Decatur, Texas.

INDIAN CREEK Association will be held with Merl's Chapel Church, near Cassville, Mo., beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1932. Eld. Cecil Campbell to preach the Introductory sermon.
Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk, Granby, Mo.

UNION Association will be held with Oak Grove Church, beginning on Wednesday at four o'clock, before the first Sunday in September, 1932.
E. L. Jones, Clerk, Hartville, Mo., R3.

DIBBLE Association will be held with Bridge Creek Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1932. Eld. E. E. Morris to preach the Introductory sermon.

Birdie Drennan, Clerk, Tabler, Okla.

HOPEWELL Association will meet with Murray Hill Church, three miles east of Colbert, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1932.
Ernest Pierce, Clerk, Wilson, Okla.

FIRST MISSION Association will convene with Drumright Church on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1932.
Eld. W. H. Dickinson, Ass't Clerk, Drumright, Oklahoma, B1303.

TEXAS F. W. B. Association will meet with Harper's Union Church, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1932. Rev. Ira Harper will preach the Introductory sermon.
T. D. Ross, Clerk, Carthage, Texas.

MISSOURI STATE Association will be held with New Harmony Church, at Greentop, Schuyler County, Mo., beginning on Tuesday night before the third Sunday in October, 1932.
Introductory sermon to be preached by Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr., Eld. Winford Davis alternate.
Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI AND SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS Association will be held with Hannon Church, at Hannon, Missouri, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1932.
Eld. O. T. Allred to preach the Introductory sermon.
Elder W. H. York, Clerk, Hannon, Mo.

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