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## THESE LATTER TIMES

By W. J. Edens

"What Meaneth These Things?" is the title of an excellent editorial in the February issue of the Free Will Baptist Gem. The things referred to are the unusual events taking place all over the world which the wisdom of man seems unable to fathom. The writer tells us that these things mean the end of time is near. We believe he is abundantly supported by Scriptures in this conclusion. While the time of His appearing is not given us to know, Christ in many great utterances prophetically given describes the events preceding His coming in language which so clearly depicts present day conditions there seems little room for doubt that He had this age in mind.

This conclusion is further attested by many passages in the New Testament. Peter tells us (2 Pet. 2:1) that there shall be false teachers among us who shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them. This is now being fulfilled. Every Sunday radios broadcast all over the country a veritable babel of heretical teachings. Some deny the divinity and the bodily resurrection of Christ. Others deny the resurrection of the dead and the immortality of the soul. Still others go so far as to declare that they can work any miracle that Christ ever performed. All of these teachers profess to be Christians and many are following their pernicious ways.

In Thess. 2:3, Paul says, "Let no man deceive you by any means for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." The great apostasy now sweeping over the churches accords with this prediction. The 'falling away'

reminds us of the conduct of the children of Israel in the wilderness. While their great leader was communing with God the Israelites departed from the ways of righteousness. And when Moses came down from the mountain and saw the nude multitude worshipping the golden calf he called unto them, saying, "Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me." And to those who came he gave the command, "Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord." O, words of wisdom! They will be as potent at Armageddon as they were at Sinai. How we need a Moses in these latter times to lead us out of this wilderness of mock-Christianity! Baxter Springs, Kansas.

## Patriarchs and Modernists

By Eld. C. M. Dauber

"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set" (Proverbs 22:28).

I have been reading, with interest, the good letters and sermons in the Gem, and now I feel impressed to pen a few lines on the above subject.

In these days of modern inventions and scientific discoveries, topped off with international depression, we are apt to forget, or minimize God.

When God created man, and breathed into him the breath of life, and man became a living soul, he received more than the beast of the field, the fowls of the air, or any of the created life. His life was to be eternal, hence it was necessary for him to be guided by God's Word.

With Eve given to him for a wife, Adam and his wife were commanded, not only to care for the garden, but to be fruitful and multiply.

This sacred command was handed down to the patriarchs of old,

and no man in ancient history, or modern, has any right to interfere with God's plan. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matt:19:6).

The modernists, however, are not only increasing the divorce courts, but are making the marriage vows less sacred. In some places the marriage vows are removed and free-love introduced. If we give up to the modern idea of free-love and birth control, we are helping to remove one of the great landmarks of God.

The patriarchs set up an altar unto the Lord, as far back as Gen. 8:20, and all down through the Old and New Testaments the altar was necessary in the worship of God. Our fathers and mothers held the altar sacred because it was the place where they met God, left their sin-pack, and shouted and praised God for the experience of salvation.

Today many theologians, with titles of D. D. and Ph. D. are removing the sacred altar out of the churches and substituting the hand shake and card-signing method instead.

It is possible for God to give new life to the sinner under this method, but not probable. As a result of removing the altar, a landmark of God, the modern church has become dead, cold and formal. Jesus Christ not only commissioned the disciples to preach, but to baptize, and left one example or landmark, by going down into the Jordan Himself and receiving this ordinance at the hands of John.

In John 3:23 we find that "John was baptizing in Aenon, near Salem, because there was much water there," but many of our modernists declare that the amount of water does not make any difference, so they remove the old landmark and substitute sprinkling and pouring.

When Jesus set up the church and declared, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it," He did not only mean the invisible church, but the visible as well. Churches were established at different places, received members, and ordained elders and deacons for the overseeing of these churches. These churches were organized and had power to discipline their members. (Matt. 18:15-17). To refuse to join an organized church and influence o t h e r s against the church, is attempting to remove one of the great landmarks of God.

These are only a few of the great landmarks which some professing Christians in these modern days are trying to remove, but they point to the times just preceding the coming of our Lord. We find in 2 Tim. 3 that not only perilous times shall come, but men shall have a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. In the next chapter, 2 Tim. 4:2 we are charged to "preach the Word," and if we fail not to declare the whole counsel of God, we can say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing" (2 Tim. 4:7, 8).

### We Must Bear Tribulation

By Elder D. R. Royster

By the help of the Lord I will try to write a piece for our paper from part of Acts 14:22, "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

It seems to be quite a task to get a very large per cent of Christian people interested in a subject of tribulations.

I think the reason for this is that we have lived in a great day of peace and in a nation that has feared God to a great extent were allowed to worship God by the leadings of His Spirit. Through the days of this great privilege, being great people in His name, we must admit that we have not esteemed Him as we should (Isa. 53:3).

According to the record we have

from God, a real Christian life (as a rule) was a rough and rugged voyage. Christians surrendering their lives as martyrs rather than surrender their faith in God. Time would fail us in going through the old dispensation of the many noted events that are recorded. But I want us to take notice to the day that our text was given, shortly after the ascension of our Lord, to the church at Jerusalem which the apostles organized. I believe it was more powerful then than it has ever been through the new dispensation.

My reasons are, that the members had better qualifications than I have been able to find elsewhere.

1st. They were of one accord.

2nd. They would not allow a member in it that would commit sin in any form.

3rd. They didn't seem to want to venture out and take a taste of the forbidden fruit.

4th. Their preachers did not covet popularity.

But after Saul (who later was named Paul) scattered the church by his persecutions to Christians, I don't find it so well united any more. Yet after his (Paul's) conversion he did his best to get the people to serve God with all their heart, and finally gave his life as a martyr for the cause.

The Apostle Peter warned us about wresting the Scriptures (2 Peter 3:16), which means to turn them about and change their true meaning. But we have been so disobedient that people can do most anything they want to and still be a member of the church; and this has driven God, to a great degree, from the church. And when God cannot have His way in the church, naturally the nation must begin to crumble into spiritual darkness.

At the time of the apostle Paul's ministry he could see the dark age that Christendom was stepping into, which lasted several hundred years.

Surely we too ought to be able, seeing Christianity at such a low ebb and our nation in such distress, to see that God is not dealing out His great wisdom as in the days of Moses, Solomon, and Joseph, and in the days of peace and prosperity that we have had.

This must be Satan's opportu-

nity to bring the final test to the people of God.

I am not saying that people have or will become altogether dishonest, but the time will come when they will take your life and think they are doing God's service (St. John 16:2).

One generation welds unto another with its deeds and self-justification until now, men and women are seeking for the real truth. But the possibility is there will be few that find it.

The Bible tells us that the world will wax worse and worse, deceiving, being deceived. When we see all these prophecies coming to pass in our own day, then we must be ready to meet the rash demand from the enemy to "stop serving the true and living God.". I will not at this writing take up the form of the dreadful persecutions, but will write something later on these lines, if it is the Lord's will.

But I want to say that the cooperation of the faithful, consecrated minority is worth more to me than the so-called majority. "For in the days of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30).

So, brethren, let us make our peace, calling and election sure in declaring the truth if it takes our friends away and our heads from our bodies; then we can have the sweet assurance of victories in His name, which means it all.

R2, Hartville, Missouri.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE?

By Elder Noel Turner

"Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions" (Joel 2:28).

"Where there is no vision the people perish" (Prov. 29:18).

Were these scriptures given just to make the Bible larger? or were they given to us for a purpose? I am sure that every one will agree that it was for a purpose. But what was that purpose?

God intended that it should be just as He said it, and if we all live close enough to Him, these scriptures will be fulfilled in us.

Now comes the question, Are we not close enough to Him; or what is wrong? There's something

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

We wish to report some of the activities of the Free Will Baptist in this section of our large field.

**The Executive Board of our Co-operative General Association** met here March 30-31. About twenty-five preachers were present, besides others. There were services at Macedonia church Thursday night, Friday at 11 o'clock and Friday night, and many people heard the good messages that went forth. Friday, except the 11 o'clock service and the noon hour, was spent in business session, which was very harmonious. Denominational questions were discussed and a union with the General Conference was considered, and the Executive Board, with others, is to attend the General Conference at Nashville, Tennessee in June.

**A Revival Meeting is now in progress** at the M. E. church in Purdy, conducted by Sister Lizzie McAdams. There is good interest, lots of conviction, and about twenty have professed a hope in Christ. The meeting will continue over the second Sunday in April, maybe longer, and we are confident that many more will be blessed. Bro. McAdams is in Texas for his health. Pray for us.

**We are indeed pleased with the response** our friends are giving to our club rates to the Gem. Bro. Allred and Bro. Davis of Monett, Mo.; Bro. Elmer Turner of Branch, Ark.; Bro. Geo. Scott of Mt'n Grove, Mo.; Bro. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa; Okla.; and Bro. I. J. Wilson of Charleston, Ark. have each sent in good club orders, and Bro. Noel Turner and Bro. Sam Marcum sent in a nice club from Greentop, Mo., besides other subs we have received. Come on brethren, lets get the subs and relieve the burden.

At last we have new rollers for our paper press; and can promise that the Gem will be printed in better shape from now on.

**The insurance on our linotype has expired,** and as it is not yet paid for, we must keep it insured. We have renewed the insurance for \$1000.00, and must pay a premium of \$28.14 by early in May. We have \$13.00, which was donated at the Board meeting, but we need \$14.14 more, will you help to make this up? I keep the machine in repair, but am not able to pay the insurance. The linotype belongs to the denomination. As I am looking after this matter, you may send your donation to me, or to the treasurer. If you do not share this burden, it will be too much for me.

**Beer will be on tap by the time you read this;** We have fought against this abominable traffic for many years; what shall we do now? Shall we tamely submit and leave the wets to sell their awful, degrading stuff where they please, and to whom they please, or shall we do and say all we honestly can against this gigantic enemy of the church, our church, our homes, our nation, society, and our young people? I, for one, shall fight against it as long as I live.

### Report of Revival Meetings

As my winter's revival work with my three churches is now finished, I will now make a report.

I began with my churches last October 26th, and just finished up last Sunday night, March 5th. I have been right with my three churches in revivals the entire winter. The last meeting I held was with the Merl's Chapel church near Cassville, Missouri. We just lacked three nights of going six weeks. John Rollins, one of our young ministers, was with me all the time and Elder John Swaffar was there some. The Gospel team from the Monett church was with us one night under the leadership of Bro. O. T. Allred. We had a glorious service that night, souls were saved and the Spirit of the Lord was wonderfully manifested. 34 were saved in the meeting, 17 united with the church and 17 were baptized. We also got a fine mission circle started with 16 members and good prospects for more. Our folks at Merl's Chapel are zealous enough that they have erected a new church building the past year in spite of close times.

The Executive board of Indian Creek Association met at the church twice during the meeting and ordained Bro. Joe Brooks and Sister Annabelle Craig and also granted license to Bro. Rollins. Our young ministers are moving right out and the Lord is blessing their efforts.

I want to say a word in conclusion about our budget money. Pastors, don't forget that the budget from each church (10c per member) is to be turned in during the month of July. Let us begin now and get the matter taken care of in due time. If we would just be loyal to the budget system, it would solve our ever present financial difficulties.

Yours for the dear cause,  
Winford Davis.

### JULY IS THE MONTH

Dear Pastors:

Do not forget that the month of July is our BUDGET month, set apart by our State Association as the month in which to pay in the budget money, 10c per member.

If the President of the United States should appoint or set apart

a month in which all of us should pay 10 cents apiece, all of us would do our best to comply with our nation's request. Can't we be as loyal to our Master and His cause as we are to our nation? How we need to get this wonderful system before our people! It can be done if our pastors will only talk it and work together. Let us try and do our best in the month of July.

Lizzie McAdams.

Mansfield, Missouri, March 11th.  
(Wolf Creek Church)

Dear Gem Family:

This beautiful day finds me all alone, no one to talk to but my heavenly Father, that great Comforter who is always with us when we obey Him as we should. I have been reading the Bible, just been reading on the signs of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Thess. 2:3 says, "Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed the son of perdition." Dear ones, we have that great falling away today. "And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars, and upon earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring. Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken, and then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:25-28).

Dear brothers and sisters, I really believe it is time we Christian people were beginning to lift up our heads and pour out our hearts to God in prayer.

"And that knowing the time that now it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" Romans 13:11).

We find so many things that make us know that we are living in the last days. We find back in Nahum 2:3-5 where one of the old

prophets spoke of what would happen in the day of His preparation—"The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways, they shall seem like torches, they shall run like lightning." Is this not happening now? I wonder if He is not counting His worthies today. My heart's desire is to do the will of the Father and to help others.

Our Sunday school is evergreen, with an attendance of about 45.

I ask an interest in the prayers of all of God's people.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Lewis Moody.

### ENON, ARKANSAS

Dear Gem Family:

I will, by the help of the dear Lord, try to write a few lines as my testimony this morning.

I just now think of that dear old song, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." I am so glad for the hope I have of a life beyond this vale of tears and troubles. Jesus is so good and merciful to all who will trust in Him. And then to think that we are so many times rebellious and stubborn. I feel sometimes that I can never do enough to be accounted worthy to be called a child of God. I know I am not a fully consecrated Christian, but I am striving to know more of God's will and be able to withstand anything that might come upon my pathway, for if we don't go before God each day for renewed strength we don't know what the devil will throw in our path before night.

I do so much hope and pray that some honest soul that is out for the sake of lost humanity will get a real heart-felt burden for Enon, that they can't rest until something is done, for it grieves me to see things as they are, and I know there is as good material here to work on, as there is elsewhere, if they ever become aroused to their sense of duty. I want every Gem reader that reads this to pray right then that God will hasten the day and hour that we will see an old time revival at Enon. And it is wonderful that we can be together in prayer, although far apart in person. Pray for me.

I feel good in my soul this

morning, glad that I can look on the bright side of life.

We are trying to have Sunday school and hope it won't be long till we can have prayer meeting again. I am glad that our Association is to be held at Blue Eye. If God wills and permits, I expect to attend.

I have my invalid mother with me, and ask that you will pray God to give her strength to walk again, if it is His holy will.

Yours trying to serve God,  
Nellie Badley.

### GREENTOP, MISSOURI

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I have been reading the Gem for a long time, but this is my first attempt to write.

We have organized a league at New Harmony with fifteen members. We are studying the Bible at present, but will get League literature next quarter, which I am sure will be a great help. We also have prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

The revival meeting at New Harmony closed about two weeks ago with six conversions. We had some good meetings and some wonderful sermons, delivered by Elder Noel Turner and our pastor, Elder Sam Marcum, which were food for our souls.

When reading the Gem now, it is much more interesting, because so many of the writers were at the State Association last fall and we got acquainted with them. That was my first time of having the privilege of attending our State Association, and hope it is not the last, because we surely had some good services. I didn't get to attend every service because of being in school, but attended every one I could.

When our friends who stayed at our home during the Association left to go home it was a sample of how it will be at the Judgment day. How wonderful to know that we have the promise of a home where there will be no "partings or good byes."

I desire the prayers of all the Gem readers, that I may always do His precious will and live each day so that the world can see Jesus in me.

Louise Buchanan.

### GREENTOP, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Readers:

This is my first attempt to write to the Gem. I feel that everyone can beat me writing, but I am willing to do all I can toward the advancement of the cause of Christ.

I was one year old (spiritually) in January and I'm not sorry that I have made the start. I'd advise all other boys and girls to make a start, too, you'll never regret it.

I am a member of the Young People's League at New Harmony. I have been attending the revival meetings at New Harmony, Union, and some at Sublette, held by Eld. Noel Turner and our pastor, Eld. Sam Marcum. We surely had good services, and I believe much good has been done.

I had the privilege of meeting several people at the State Association, and I intend to be at the State Association in its next session, if the Lord wills.

Pray for me as I go on in the Lord's work, that I may not waver in faith, but grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Elaine Buchanan.

### NON, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers:

As this is Sunday and I didn't feel like going to Sunday school, I have been very lonesome, but have been enjoying reading the good letters in the Gem. I sure enjoy reading Bro. Winford Davis and Sister Lina Claxton's letters, and many others, but wish more of our preachers and Oklahoma folks would write.

I believe one thing that is keeping the cause from prospering is the neglect of prayer, and lack of love and affection toward one another. Too many times when one strays or does wrong folks condemn without mercy, when a loving arm of protection and letting them know that someone really cares, would do more good. I believe if any one can be reached at all it will be through love and kindness. Oh, if I could only help some boy or girl to a higher and better life! I realize my weakness but if my heart deceives me not, I know that my greatest desire is to do my best for God and be a

help to someone that the world may be a little better by me passing through it.

As I do not want to take up too much space, I will close by asking prayers for myself, for my home and for a great revival this year. Bro. M. M. McKee is the pastor of our little church at Non, and we love him.

One that loves the cause,  
Mrs. Florence Priest.

### FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

Dear Gem Readers:

I shall try to take up some of your valuable time and space in the 'Gem' to report on the revival and other activities of the First Free Will Baptist church of this city.

Our beloved moderator, Elder E. W. Simpkins, has just closed a three weeks' revival at which there was a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, there being thirty (30) conversions and 18 have united with the church to date.

There was much real old-fashioned shouting, and joy ruled supreme in the presence of the Holy Spirit and people present.

It appears that each one that attended kept their cups upturned and each received an abundance of spiritual blessings, which were poured out at the meeting, and everyone was imbued with a new spirit and determination to fight for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

Not only was the church greatly benefited, but the Sunday school has been imbued with new life and vigor, thus we see that a renewing of the Spirit, not only helps one department, but all of them.

It was demonstrated more than once that the Lord has not forgotten to hear the prayers of His people in cases of sickness and that He (the Lord) is still the great Physician, the Friend of the poor, the Comforter of the distressed, the great Healer of the sick, and above all, that He hears and answers the prayers of His people when they pray in real faith, and earnest, not wavering, but holding firmly onto His promises.

Furthermore, I say unto all of you that the Lord stands with His messengers (ministers) when they stand and declare His Word be-

fore the people without fear or favor, but bring it in the fullness thereof, giving unto the word so preached the power of conviction for sin.

We of the First church are very fortunate to have such a man for our moderator.

I must not take up too much of the paper's valuable space, so I will bring this to a close by saying that if the Lord wills on Sunday, March 26th, we will go to the water's edge, there to administer the ordinance of baptism and there to rejoice in doing the Lord's will.

Please good people pray for all of us, and especially the new converts, that they may hold onto the right hand of God until the end, ever faithful to do His will.

Pray for me, that I, as superintendent of the Sunday school, may be able to ever conduct it to the glory of our Savior.

Yours in Christ,  
Ray Purdom.

### MISSION REPORT

Dear Mission Workers:

I believe that in last report, we were at Pleasant Hill church, with five souls saved. We were there two weeks and had twenty conversions, ten added to the church.

While there we organized two mission circles, one for the young ladies, and we organized a league for the young people. We think every neighborhood gets better. These are indeed precious people to work with. It is the home of our dear Bro. Selph Jones and we heard lots of good things about Bro. Jones while there and visited in his old home where he spent many happy boyhood days. We feel that he has a wonderful father and other relatives. We made our home with Bro. and Sister Burney, this was indeed a precious place. Bro. Burney is surely a God called servant and they have lovely children.

We want to make mention of the young people. Pleasant Hill neighborhood is above the ordinary for young people, God bless them.

When we left Pleasant Hill, we went with Bro. Burney to Cedar Ridge church, near Long Lane. We had another wonderful time in the Lord. Bro. Burney has a wonderful church there to work with and they surely love their pastor.

We had two souls saved, two united with the church, a mission circle was organized, also a league. God bless Bro. Burney and his noble work.

We then came to Purdy the Monday following and spent the night with the editor and wife, where we received a warm welcome. Sister and Bro. Smith in whose home we stopped at Cedar Ridge got us off early and we made the drive quick. God bless Bro. and Sister Smith, for their home was our home.

Tuesday night we visited Macedonia church, one of Bro. Davis' churches. We always find Bro. Davis on the firing line for the Master. They have a league and a mission at this church, so we only stayed three nights and encouraged them in the work. We were in Bro. Davis' home and enjoyed it very much. Bro. Cecil Campbell and Bro. Swaffar were also with us. These are two of our promising young people in the ministry. We spent one night in Sister Julia Davis' home where we stayed two years ago while in the revival. God bless these Davis homes is our prayer.

We next went to Bro Allred's church in Monett. Drove to Bro. Allred's home late Friday evening and found him and his good wife ready to go to church and lend a helping hand. If you want a hearty welcome by all, visit the Monett church. It is a new church, not two years old yet, but they have several young preachers who are indeed promising and a real credit to our denomination. We had some wonderful services, with seven converted and two added to the church. We also organized a young lady's mission circle, then two car loads of us went out and made calls in homes where were sick ones, and every body enjoyed the services so much. We made our stopping place with Sister Phillips and her husband. She is one of our young preachers in the Monett church. They have a precious little boy, and we feel that God will use him too. Bro. Phillips is a devoted Christian husband, ready to stand by his wife.

We can't make mention of all, but one more home was Brother Weston's, a preacher of our church and a very promising young man. And dear Sister Weston is president of Mission circle No. 1.

We spent a night with Bro. and

Sister Matthews, and, one with Sister Poole. God bless these dear ones, we enjoyed our visits so much in both places. Bro. Allred indeed has a precious people to work with, and may God bless pastor, wife, and church till the Master comes.

We came back to Purdy, on our way to Jones Chapel church, and spent the night with our good editor and wife. We wish every Free Will Baptist could visit the Gem office and see just how hard these dear people work to give us a paper. Let every pastor take advantage of the club rates and get as many subs as possible. Bro. Brown is making a great sacrifice to make our paper the best, so let's all do our best to help.

We then came on to Jones Chapel and have had some wonderful services here, no souls saved, but deep spiritual meetings. We have some splendid people in this neighborhood. We made our home with Bro. Cecil Campbell's father and mother, they are fine people.

We never attended a better league than they have at Jones Chapel. We gave a Mission lecture Sunday afternoon and our women were encouraged to go on. They have a good mission band and we hope they will soon have their uniforms. This is one of Bro. Noel Turner's churches, but he is still up north in revivals and his brother is supplying for him. We enjoyed meeting Bro. Kenneth and wife again, God bless them.

Mission workers, don't forget the last Friday in each month and try hard to do some real mission work on that day. Real personal work in the homes is needed everywhere. Take your Bibles and visit that day, and pray in every home that will let you.

Another thing in our mission work, that we want to mention, is our little Mission coat. We have a little coat and on the back it says, "I am a little Mission Coat." We put it on some little child and let them wear it over the house and get mission money, and by State Association time we want the little coat covered with money. We have white spots for dimes, green for quarters, yellow for half dollars, blue for dollars, purple for two dollars, and the Mt'n Grove Sunday school, that is, one class, is giving \$2.25. We would be so glad if every Sunday school

would give a Mission donation. Each class could give a very little, but it would count; so teachers, help me out in this, and let's have a great report at the State Ass'n. You can send money to me and I will report it in the Gem.

We also have the new Mission badges ready, at 5 cents each; so please send money with order so I can pay for them, also ten cents extra for postage. We are receiving orders right along.

Presidents, urge your women to get their uniforms as soon as possible. The work is coming fine both with mission and league.

We will give our financial report for state money on little coat:

Pleasant Hill .....	.20
Cedar Ridge .....	.10
Mt. Olive .....	.63
Macedonia .....	\$1.30
Monett .....	\$3.34
Jones Chapel .....	\$1.18

Pray much for us.

We will be in Purdy for a short meeting.

Mr. McAdams has gone to Texas for his health, please help me pray for him to be healed and be back soon in the work again, for we need him so much.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

**Weatherby, Mo., March 27, 1933.**

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Well, it is about time that I was speaking up in meeting again and let you know some of the things going on in this part of the country, within the bounds of the Northwest Missouri Association.

Elder W. R. Rush is still on the job at Santa Rosa, and is still pastor of our Philadelphia church, near Santa Rosa. He is doing a good work for the Lord Jesus Christ and the salvation of souls. Philadelphia church where he is pastor has an evergreen Sunday school and a fine young people's society that is doing fine work.

Elder E. T. House has moved from Santa Rosa to a farm near Maysville, Mo., but he is still the pastor of three churches and God is blessing his work, and he is getting along fine with his church work.

Elder C. E. Mann has moved away from Santa Rosa to near Greentop, Mo. where he used to live.

I just got back from holding a

few nights' meeting with our church at Carlow, Mo. I was sick part of the time and the weather was bad some of the time, but God blessed us and in several ways we had a good meeting, but we had only one addition to our church. This church has an evergreen Sunday school, but they have no pastor at present. Elder John McKown lives near Carlow. He preaches quite a lot at different places, and God is blessing his work. I preach one Sunday in each month at the church where I live.

Elder T. C. Ferguson.

**ST. LOUIS MISSOURI**

(First F. W. Baptist Church)

Dear Gem Readers and Friends: After being silent for some time I will write again to the Gem.

Our young people's league is going right along, though the attendance has not been as good as it might have been, perhaps cold weather has had something to do with the attendance.

We have just closed a three weeks' revival meeting. The attendance was pretty good and several people were saved.

Elder Charles Miller has been sick and has gone home with his parents for a while to rest up.

Bro. Rudy McDaniel has been sick a long time and has gone to Sulphur Spring to Government hospital, and we hope he will have a speedy recovery to health and strength.

Our Sunday school is on a stand still, we are not getting along as well as we might, but it could be on account of the depression.

Our people neglect to come out at our Seventh Street Free Will Baptist mission. Had a revival meeting some time ago, when Bro. George Miller of Kirksville was down and preached. They had some wonderful meetings and several people were saved, and our Lord is still blessing.

Francis McCauley.

**What is Our Christian Experience?**

First. Its a translation—"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son" (Col. 1:13).

Who is it that would deny the fact that to translate is to change?

If you look on the front leaf of your King James version of the Bible, it will say, "This version was translated out of the original tongues." Before it could be made applicable and usable for the great masses of us common people it had to be translated; it is the same Bible all right, but it has been wonderfully changed. So it is with us who are saved; we are the same people, but greatly changed and made applicable and useful to those about us and to God. That soul unsaved is just as deep in the darkness of sin as is the original Greek to the unlearned mind; but when that soul is translated by God's grace and power he is brought out of that dark, mysterious condition and is brought into light and understanding. Enoch was translated, that he should not taste death, or in other words, he was changed and made fit for Heaven. So it is with the soul of man in his experience with God.

Second. It is a creation—"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Eph. 2:10).

It takes God to create: man can only form and reform. We find David in the 51st Psalm begging God to create within him a clean heart and renew a right spirit within him. We also find Paul in 2 Cor. 5:17, saying, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature." When man comes face to face with problems that necessitate and demand acts of creation he has to say: "Alas," I am but a puny man; I can't bring something into existence out of nothing; here Lord, I commit the problem to you." Let me say here that this sin problem is one which no earthly power will ever solve; it demands the act of the Creator.

Third. It is a reconciliation—"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 5:18). "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, hath he reconciled" (Col. 1:21). To reconcile is to bring together, to bring to a oneness, to bring to an agreement. Before sin found its way into the human family there was perfect agreement between God and man; but sin caused disagreement, discord and confusion arose, and man

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Greentop, Mo., March 28, 1933.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

After a long silence I will write a few lines about our work here in Northeast Missouri.

We have ten churches, six of which have pastors, eight have Sunday schools, five have mid-week prayer meetings, that we know of, five have mission circles, five have young people's leagues. We ask the prayers of God's people that all these may lift up their eyes and see the harvest that is now ready to harvest.

We have just closed the third revival since January 1st. Bro. Noel Turner of Indian Creek Association has been with us and has done most of the preaching. Bro. Turner is a very able speaker for a young preacher, and is well liked in our Association. We thank God for young men that have the courage of Him. We have found it a real pleasure to work with Bro. Turner, and glad to have him with us. He has given a full report of our meetings.

Bro. preachers, from the reports I read in the newspapers, it is only a few days until beer and wine can be purchased on most every corner. Come on brethren, and let us all do as the prophet has warned (Ezek. 33:8, 9). Now, brethren, if there is a beer sympathizer in our flocks, if we will copy after Isaiah 58:1, we will "Cry aloud and spare not;" they will either clean up and get right or get out. Peter said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."

Brethren, pray for us.

Your brother in Christ,  
Eld. Sam Marcum.

### A REPORT

I want to report a two weeks' meeting I have just closed at Lone Hill, about fifteen miles east of Monett, Mo. There was only one saved; but I feel that the way opened for a far greater work later on. Conditions demanded that we close sooner than we would have otherwise. I hope to go back there later, when I can stay until I feel the Lord says it is enough.

I ask an interest in your prayers

Eld. Chaley Fredrick.

Greentop, Missouri, March 20th.

I have been here in Northeast Missouri Association since January 1st, and have become acquainted with some as fine people as can be found anywhere.

The Free Will Baptist here are very fortunate in having Elder S. H. Marcum here in their midst. He is pastor of four churches and is doing a great work.

When I arrived at Greentop, January 1, 1933, Bro. Marcum met me and we went to the Hazel Creek Union church for services. There I met a house full of people, anxious for a revival meeting. It seemed like South Missouri. We stayed at this church until January 17th. The roads got so bad that the meeting stopped, but there were eleven professions there.

We then began a meeting at New Harmony church (where the Mo. State Association met last fall). The meeting here began January 21st, with the roads and weather both fine, but on Monday night, February 6th, there came a terrible blizzard, snow and cold, and the thermometer dropped to 21 degrees below zero. So we had no more services until February 12th, then we continued on until the 26th. There were six professions in the meeting there.

On February 27th we went to visit the Stahl Free Will Baptist league where we enjoyed meeting the leaguers, and talking with them concerning their work.

On Sunday, January 29th, we attended the Mission and League, worker's rally, where each gave an interesting program. Both the leagues and the missions are doing a great work. We are praying that they will press on and accomplish more yet.

We went again to Hazel Creek Union church, March 1st, for services, which lasted until Mar. 5th.

Then we staged a battle against sin and Satan at our Sublette church, beginning on Monday night, March 6th. There we had some wonderful services, and five souls professed a hope in Christ. We closed the meeting March 19th. Four were baptized Sunday, Mar. 5th, others are planning to be baptized soon.

Monday night (before I left next day), several of us met at Bro. John Thompson's home to say good by. Each of the commu-

nities where we held meetings were represented, and every one seemed to enjoy the music, both vocal and instrumental. After the music we all went upon our knees in prayer, and were made to feel God's presence, then we assigned the league lesson for next Sunday night for the New Harmony leaguers, and explained the program, as they have just begun to use the Free Will Baptist literature.

I shall never forget the people of Northeast Missouri Association, nor the blessings I received while in their midst.

Yours for Jesus,  
Elder Noel Turner.

### TO THE CHILDREN

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shall say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecl. 12:1). "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children" (Eph. 5:1). "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this right: honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph. 6:1-3). "And ye, fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

Surely father and mother would not tell you to do things that are wrong in the sight of God, if they do, they need to pray unto God to restore unto them the joy of His salvation. The Bible tells us to shun youthful lust, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. We cannot do this and go to picnics, pie suppers, the devil's dances, or any other worldly amusements, for we would be on the devil's ground, and not following Jesus, for He wont lead us there. He may lead us out into a secret grove to pray, if so, let us go. I have done things, which I now see were wrong, but we are supposed to grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord.

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things" (1 Cor. 13:11). "A wise son heareth his father's instructions, but a scorner heareth not rebuke" (Prov. 13:1). "The



light of the righteous rejoiceth, but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out" (Prov. 13:9). "Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way, and he that hateth reproof shall die: hell and destruction are before the Lord; how much more then the hearts of the children of men?" (Prov 15:10, 11). "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48) "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man, for God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil" (Ecc. 12:13, 14). "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days" (Ecc. 11:1).

Mrs. John Ratterree.

P. S. Have we any Scripture to condemn Christian people for going to picnics, pie suppers and plays of the world? Would like to have an answer from some one through the Gem.—Mrs. J. R.

### SALVATION

By Elder Walter E. George

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and the Gem Family: As I have just read the last copy of the Gem, I thought I would write a few lines about salvation. This is a great word and it means so much to me. When I think of salvation and what it has done for me, and what it will still do, it makes me really get happy by myself.

You know, as I am not able to work and make a living for my wife and children as I once did, it worries me. But as I read the Bible, I thank God for His mercy. How He is willing to bless when we let Him have His way with us! I know the devil can take all I have made and put me out in the street, and he can take my health, but he cannot take my soul, because God has blotted out my sins and I look to Him for help.

Now brethren, what is salvation? What does it do? When do we get it? Who gets it? How long will it last? We read in Exo. 14:13, "And Moses said to the people, Fear not: stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." The Bible teaches me that salvation is deliverance from or victory over sin, the devil, danger and our

enemies. The Red Sea parted and the Lord's children went across safely, while the enemies or sinners could not cross, God sees to that, He shuts them out. See Mt. 25:10, "The door was shut:" the door is the entrance; and if we ever get into the sheepfold we must go in at the door, which is Christ, the only door (John 10:9). It matters not to me what church you may belong to if you have entered in through the door, which is Christ, you are my brother or sister and you can't help it.

Salvation makes us free and happy. "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17). Remember good people, there is always work for us to do first, and then the Lord will surely do His part. "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation" (Psalm 51:12). David was a man after God's own heart and he surely knew there was joy in salvation. No wonder people get happy and shout when they are saved: there is joy in being made free and a child of God. Brethren, we ask, what is the matter with the churches of today? Some say one thing and some another, but the thing that I think is wrong is that people have forgotten God; they have backslid and have lost the joy of salvation. I don't mean that everybody has backslid, but that enough people have done so, that it has caused shipwreck of the churches. Sometimes we attend revivals and sometimes we see mourners at the bench praying for God to save them, and then we see some one go to them and say, "Just pray on" or say, "Why, you are all right" and have them to get up and then get them into the church, and we are sure to have trouble almost every time we go to our appointment, and the trouble is, the churches are filled up with man's converts, not God's.

Brethren, I know that some folks will get into the church unconverted when we have done our best and will cause enough trouble without us trying to get a big record to report. I believe in the old time way. Jer. 6:16 says, "Stand ye in the ways, and ask for old paths." Now the thing to do is to get on the Way, the High Way of Holiness (Isaiah 36:8),

and then let us ask for the old path that Christ laid out for us.

Now we want people to pray and to confess, but that is just two things they must do. The old way is to preach the Word, which is Christ, with power and in the Spirit, and let God have a chance to work. The Bible says in Isaiah 55:11, "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper whereunto I send it." (1) Sinners must be convicted, know they are lost; (2) turn from sin and quit sinning, for God doesn't save in sin, He saves from sin; (3) must have godly sorrow, for godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of" (2 Cor. 7:10).

(4) Must come to God; "And him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

(5) "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up" (James 4:10).

(6) "Whosoever calleth upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). This will bring salvation, and all that will repent will be delivered from sin. This is salvation and it will last thru this life and forever in the next world, if we walk as we should and do what God wants us to do. You know that we must be faithful unto death to be saved in the next world. (Matt. 24:13; Rev. 2:10; Rom. 11:20-21). Do you know when we get salvation? Yes, I do, do you? If you don't know for yourself, you had better repent and stay on your knees until God blots out your sins and comes into your life. Paul knew when he was saved (Acts 9:17-18). Read your Bibles, as space will not permit me to write them all. The 120 souls at Pentecost knew, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:4). Cornelius knew (Acts 11:15). "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren" (1 John 3:14).

Jesus is our Deliverer (Salvation). "There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer and shall turn away unrighteousness from Jacob" (Rom. 11:26). "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation" (Luke 2:29-30). When Jesus comes

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fell from his systematical state; hence the need of a reconciler to reconcile man and God, or in other words, the need of an arbitrator to arbitrate this confused case. Christ was the only able and qualified person to do this work. He does this work just as fast as He is called on with fairness to all and partiality to none.

Fourth. It is a regeneration—"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5). To generate is to put life within. Jesus said, "I came that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly." The reason for the prefix "re" in this word is this: before the fall in Eden man was in a state of spiritual life, or we might say he was generated; so since the fall it takes a regeneration. Re means again when attached as a prefix to a transitive verb, and it is so used in Titus 3:5.

When life is placed within it causes evidence without. Life is always demonstrative. Life is always gladness. The higher the quality of life, the greater the demonstration. There are many phases of life, but eternal life is the highest in quality; so the giving of eternal life brings the greatest gladness. The quantity we receive depends on our faith, as Paul says, "As is your faith, so be it unto you."

Fifth. It is a conversion—"Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3). Convert means to change, and David says this: "The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul." In these words of Jesus, the possibility of our entering into the kingdom of heaven is placed emphatically upon the term convert. Nothing but the saving grace of God will cause a man, with his sinful nature, to become as the little pure, innocent dependent child.

Our Christian experience is all these we have mentioned and far more, if time and space would permit us to tell. It is all and all to the saved man. It is just as the prophet said, "A Rock in a weary

land," and as the song writer said, "A shelter in the time of storm." It is comfort in sadness, strength in weakness, company in loneliness, food when we are hungry, and drink when we thirst. It keeps us in life and saves us in death.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised.

Your brother in Christ,  
Winford Davis.

**Is It Sin to Smoke Cigarettes?**

The occasion, the opportunity, and my feelings co-operate for this writing. Bear with me for a few lines, then you may call me "Holiness," but remember, God said, through his apostle, "Follow peace . . . and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

Recently a young man sought my counsel, earnestly desiring to know, "Is it sin to smoke cigarettes?" We may also consider other forms of usage. Come, let us reason together!

I have given this subject a fair, impartial study, and what I have to say is based upon chemical research, experiment activities, and upon the Bible. What I believe isn't worth any more (as far as proof is concerned) than what any other man believes. Facts are facts, and when I began studying this subject, I found that some of my beliefs had no base, thus, rendering them worthless. I am established upon the fact that it is sin to smoke cigarettes as well as other forms of the habit. Bear with me yet another line.

Tobacco is a narcotic. According to language, narcotic is something that produces sleep or stupor; suspension of feeling, insensibility, inactivity. Tobacco contains from 2% to 8% nicotine, which is a colorless, intensely poisonous liquid, and when it is exposed to the air, it absorbs oxygen, turns brown, and ultimately solid. Nicotine evolves a very offensive and irritating odor, especially upon an application of heat. (No wonder that a tobacco user has an odor like a piece of spoiled beef). Pure nicotine does not appear in tobacco smoke because the fire chemically changes it to glue-form substances and nicotinic acids. Cigarette smokers

inhale these gases into the lungs, which are especially adapted to absorbing gases and putting them into the blood flow. So there it is in a nut shell.

Tobacco is not essential to life, it is not a stimulant. On the contrary, it is a hindrance to efficiency. Investigations carried out on healthy men and on men effected by "tobacco heart" by Parkinson and Koefod (second edition of Personal Hygiene Applied by Dr. Williams) show the following immediate effects of cigarette smoking on such individuals:

1. Immediate effect upon the circulatory system and upon breathlessness of exertion was noticed upon 30 smokers, each smoking five cigarettes in a period of 40 minutes. 20 of these smokers were suffering from "tobacco heart" and ten were healthy men.

2. A marked effect was recorded in 17 of the "tobacco heart" patients, the three less effected were non-inhalers. Nine of the ten healthy men, all inhalers, were influenced in the same fashion, though not in the same degree.

3. The average pulse-rate among the patients was nine beats higher than before smoking, in the healthy men, it was six beats higher. Blood pressure was raised accordingly.

4. These effects appeared within five minutes; with the first cigarette they almost reached the maximum, which was maintained throughout the smoking period. These observations show, that in health, the smoking of a single cigarette is, by no means, a paying proposition.

Here is the testimony of a war correspondent, while visiting the Italian trenches during the last war: "As we pushed on, all our old sins of pipes and cigarettes began to be expiated in our middle-aged hearts. . . . So we struggled on, the easy perspiration bathing our bodies. Hiatt was doing better than I, being younger and less guilty of cigarettes. I could force myself until I could go no further; would stop; would droop over my alpenstock and pant like a netted fish."

There are men who are strong physically, keen mentally, and sound morally who at times use tobacco. If they use it moderately, they may reply to this dis-

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## FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

**Report of Merl's Chapel League**  
Cassville, Mo., March 13th.

Dear Gem Readers:

As we have not given in our league report this year, we will try to give a brief report.

The new officers that were elected at the first of the year are: President ..... Catherine Cowick Vice Pres. .... Evelyn Jefferson Secretary ..... Ruby Starnes Quiz Leader ..... Cordelia Blalock Group Captains, Evelyn Jefferson and Murell Cowick.

We had a good revival meeting here at the Merl's Chapel church and it helped our league wonderfully. Seven (7) members joined our league, that were converted during the revival.

The interest in our league has grown quite a bit since the revival. Our average attendance before the revival was about fifteen (15). We have hopes of it being more in the future, and ask the prayers of the Christian people, that our league might grow.

Respectfully,  
Ruby Starnes, Sec'y.

### Report of Green Grove League

Stahl, Mo., March 7, 1933.

Dear League Workers:

On Sunday, February 26, 1933, the people of the Free Will Baptist church of Green Grove organized a Young people's league.

The following officers were elected:

President ..... Ruby Lawson Vice Pres. .... Obert Montgomery Sec'y-Treas. .... Kathryn Cooper Pianist ..... Mrs. Frances Goodwin Ass't Pianist ..... Kathryn Cooper Presiding Officer, Eld. C. Phillips

For literature we are now using the Holy Bible, with the questions compiled by the members. We intend to use the League literature later on. We meet every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

The members are:

Ruby Lawson, Helen Lawson, Kathryn Cooper, Faith Cooper, Abbie Hatfield, Carol Miller, Kelsie Goucher, Bertie Mason, Lucille Montgomery Emery Lawson, Harry Phillips, Obert Montgomery, Laura Mason, Virginia Richardson, Mrs. Frances Goodwin, Mrs. Grace Lawson, Mrs. Nellie Berry, Bert Elsea, Charles

Phillips, Clifford Montgomery, Lloyd Truitt.

Respectfully,  
Kathryn Cooper, Sec.-Treas.

### Report of Blue Eye League

Dear Editor and League Workers:

Since the last report our league increased twenty-nine (29) members, eleven (11) Juniors and eighteen (18) Seniors, and our league work is still progressing for the Lord.

The greatest question for most of the leagues is how to create interest enough to induce the older folks to attend the programmes. Something has happened in our league work, that more are attending regularly. It makes us, as league workers, have a greater desire to go on and try to perform our duty when we have good attendance. Our desire now is to try to keep the interest among the older folks as well as the younger ones. A group captain gave a short play among the Juniors of her group a few Sunday nights ago that was interesting and really worth while and everyone seemed to enjoy it. We have a group of Juniors we are really proud of.

We ask the prayers of the league workers, as well as the Christian people, that the progress of our league during the year 1933 will be greater than ever before.

Lenna Butler.

### THE LIFE OF PAUL

By Mrs. I. B. Leonard

Saul was a Jew, born in Tarsus a city in Cilicia, but placed under the care of Gamaliel, one of the most highly educated instructors of his time. Saul had read from the best Greek writers, as his style of writing and quotations readily prove. He not only spoke the Hebrew language and its prevailing dialects, but also Greek and Latin.

Christianity and its doctrine was in direct opposition to the teachings of the Grecian, Roman and Jewish instructors: it exposed the absurdity of the Grecian and Roman superstition and idolatry. But Saul being instructed from his youth up to believe in what the great teachers of time had taught him, That salvation was only for the Jews; therefore, Saul was fully determined to totally

destroy the infant church of Christ, such at this time was the heart and mind of Saul of Tarsus.

But God had a great work for Saul, as he was called in Hebrew, but Paul in Greek. So while he was so intent on destroying every vestige of Christ's teachings he was stricken down and made blind. Hearing the commands of Jesus, he realized how great was his offence against the children of God. After he had been instructed by Ananias his whole being was changed and a new life's work set before him, Paul, as he is now called, lived long after his conversion and saw Christianity and its influence from every point of view.

The result was, he counted all things dross and was willing to suffer any danger and hardship to defend the cause of Christ.  
Worthington, Missouri.

### Intoxicating Liquor in the Home and Community

An old negro Baptist, who was an ardent prohibitionist, related the following incident to me in explanation of why he was so much opposed to intoxicating liquor:

"You see, Mr. Doughty, it was this way. We used to make some wine and keep it in the house, we did. We took a little drink when we didn't feel very well, we did. When my boy, Frank, was a little feller we always took him to Sunday school and church. He got to wanting to go home after Sunday school and we wondered why? One Sunday we went home after church and found Frank sitting in a chair in a drunken sleep, with a bottle of wine in his lap. We knew then why Frank would not stay for church, but he taught us a lesson. We never kept any more wine about the house."

Our old family doctor, through my entire childhood, never would prescribe whisky as medicine, and gave his reason. When he was a young doctor, he prescribed whisky for a man who did not know the taste of liquor and caused him to become a drunkard. After that the doctor would rather lose a patient than to cause him to form the drink habit. This doctor believed in abstaining from the very appearance of evil. He had

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## OBITUARY

**Lemons**—Miss Gertrude Stine was born in Bucklin, Missouri, December 31, 1899, moved to Benton County, Ark. early in life.

She departed this life March 19, 1933, at the age of 33 years, two months and 21 days.

She was married to Lester Lemons, May 28, 1918. To this union five children were born.

She was converted in the Me-Adams meeting in Earlsboro, in December, 1930, and united with the Free Will Baptist church of Earlsboro.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Lester Lemons a deacon of the same church, two sons and one daughter, the daughter and one son are members of the same church, her mother, Mrs. Stine of Sulphur Springs, Ark., three brothers, one of Rogers, Ark., one of Miami, Okla., one of Kansas City, Kans., and besides these a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor in her home church, after which her body was carried to the Rest Haven cemetery, where deposit was made to await the resurrection.

Bro. Lemons works for the Magnolia Oil Co. and if you had been there, you would not have asked if he was known and loved by the oil people, for they were all there, or nearly so.

Bro. Lemons, in your lonely hours, remember that God does all things for the best and remember too, we are praying for you.

Your Pastor.

**Snider**—Mr. Snider departed this life March 2, 1933, at the age of 73 years.

Funeral services were conducted at Rose Hill cemetery by Elder Melvin Bingham.

**Langston**—Lucy Ann Langston was born in Fulton County, Ark., April 18, 1857, and departed this life February 22, 1933, at the age of 76 years, ten months and four days.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

She was converted at the age of fourteen years, and united with the Free Will Baptist church and

remained faithful until death.

Our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral services were conducted at Gordon Barnes Funeral Home by Melvin Bingham.

**Barnett**—Anna Barnett was born at Easm Hill, Alabama, Aug. 10, 1868, and departed this life October 14, 1932, at the age of 64 years, two months and four days.

She was married to Joe Barnett in 1883. To this union was born three children, he having passed on 36 years previous to her death.

Surviving her are two sons and one daughter, William Barnett, Claud Barnett and Emma Lashley, all of Tulsa, Okla., four sisters, twelve grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

She was converted in early life and united with the Free Will Baptist church and remained a Free Will Baptist until her death.

Funeral services were conducted at Tulsa Free Will Baptist church by Elder Melvin Bingham.

**Nantz**—Lois Arlene Nantz departed this life November 5, 1932, at the age of nine months.

Surviving are father and mother, two sisters, one brother, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Gordon Barnes Funeral Home by Elder Melvin Bingham.

**Chase**—Evert Chase was born July 19, 1899, departed this life January 13, 1933.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. HESSIE Chase, one daughter, Anna Mae, two sons, Charles Joe and Thomas Evert, Jr., and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Tulsa Undertaking Company by Elder Melvin Bingham.

### Joint Funeral

This was a double funeral of a mother and daughter, killed in an automobile wreck. Both were preachers' wives, and both were members of the Free Will Baptist church of Tulsa.

Funerals were conducted near Pawnee, Oklahoma by Eld. Melvin Bingham.

**Dunn**—Anna Dunn, wife of P. L. Dunn, 54 years old, home Tulsa, 705½ N., Christian 28 years.

Leaves four daughters: Mrs.

Effie Kinnett, Mrs. Lee Webster, Miss Totline Dunn, Mrs. Mary Johnson, three sons-in-law, five grandchildren.

**Miller**—Mrs. Ethel Miller, wife of Ruffus Miller, 26 years old, Christian sixteen years.

Leaves besides husband, two children: Orvetta Joe, eight years old, Frances Ann, three years old, and four sisters.

**Holder**—Emily Holder was born April 29, 1902, and departed this life December 19, 1932, at the age of thirty years.

Surviving are her husband, Calvin Holder, one daughter, Bernice, two sons, her mother, two sisters, one brother, and many other relatives and friends.

She was a member of Tulsa Free Will Baptist church.

Funeral service was conducted by Elder Melvin Bingham.

**Harder**—George Lewis Harder was born December 5, 1932, and departed this life January 30, 1933, leaving his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harder, two brothers and one sister, grand parents, and many relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

A precious one by God was given: he budded on earth to bloom in heaven.

Funeral services were held at Tulsa Undertaking Company by Elder Melvin Bingham.

**Stokes**—Lewis Oren Stokes was born March 4, 1912, and departed this life April 26, 1932, being 20 years, one month and twenty-two days old.

He leaves to mourn his departure father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Stokes, five brothers: Walter, O—, Alpha of the home address, Evert of Marshfield, Clarence of Detroit, Mich., one sister, Mrs. Ora Thome also of the home address, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lewis gave his life to Jesus about five weeks before his death and was happy and said he was ready to go when the Lord called him. He prayed and said he wanted to die until the last. Just a few days before his death he called his father to his bedside and asked him if he could see Jesus. He said, "I see Him and He is coming for me before long."

He was loving, kind and patient all through his sickness and he suffered so much and said he wanted to go home to God.

Let us not think of dear Lewis as dead,  
But just moved to a wonderful place,  
To wait for his own dear ones to come  
And again fold him in their embrace.

And while we linger so lonely here,  
But would not recall,  
He's waiting at heaven's gate so near,  
To welcome us, one and all.

The funeral sermon was preached by Elders Widd McClanahan of Grove Spring and Selph Jones of Mansfield.

By Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stokes.

**Blalock**—Arthur Leon Blalock, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Blalock, was born August 12, 1930, and departed this life March 8, 1933, at the age of two years, six months and twenty-four days.

He is survived by father and mother, one brother, Raymond, and three sisters: Cordelia, Corene and Virginia. He also has many relatives and friends.

After twenty-four days of suffering, he passed away at the Stella hospital, where he had been operated on for abcess of the lungs, caused from pneumonia. He was there only five days.

He had always lived near Cassville, Missouri.

Leon loved everybody he met, and was loved by all who knew him.

Although he was young and small, he loved to talk about Jesus and carry the Bible and go to Sunday school and church.

Our hearts are sad because of his going, but we know that he is in a land of peace and rest where there is no sickness.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Winford Davis and Elder Johnnie Swaffar. Afterwards the body was laid to rest in the Sparks cemetery, March 9, 1933.

The Family.

**Paul**—Mary Loraine Rollins Paul, daughter of Mrs. Rollins and the late John Rollins, was born January 10, 1907, and departed this life March 17, 1933, at the age of 26 years, two months and seven days.

She was married, July 17, 1926, to Nelson Paul, who preceded her

in the ordeal of death five years. Her father, three brothers and one sister have also out-stripped all earth-bound ties and are gone out into the great Eternity of God.

She leaves to mourn her passing two children: a son, Lowell Victor and a daughter, Maryleen Ruth, her mother, three sisters and seven brothers, all at home.

She was a member of Macedonia Free Will Baptist church.

"God is not slack concerning His promises . . . but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance."

Loraine lived a hazardous life, but she fully repented, and was enabled by the grace of God to smile as she never smiled in the act of closing her eyes in death, as if to say with the prophet of old, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

She bore her suffering patiently, knowing full-well that Christ is the Giver of Eternal Life. We, the living, commend her body to the dust from whence it came, as the soul has gone to God who gave it.

Funeral service was conducted by Elders Winford Davis and John Swaffar, at the Methodist church in Purdy, the body was laid to rest in the Purdy cemetery.

Written by Elder John Rollins.

### Intoxicating Liquor in the Home and Community

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a successful practice until he was over eighty years old and was a power for good in the church and community.

I have asked quite a number of doctors and graduate veterinarians the following question: Are there not other stimulants that are as good or better than whisky? Without exception they all answered, "Yes."

Is it not better to use other medicines rather than an intoxicant that may ruin soul and body?

I remember when I was a lad I was out at work with my father one day and a man rode up and handed my father a saloon license and asked him to sign. My father replied: "No, I will not sign it. If all men were like me there would be no saloons." The man said: "How could that be?" My

father replied: "We would starve the saloons out." The man said: "That will do it."

Let us hope and pray that each one who reads this will do his or her part to starve out the liquor business and create a public opinion against it.

Billy Sunday the great evangelist says: "It takes two to make a bootlegger, The man who makes the booze, and the man who drinks it."

J. M. Doughty.

### Is It Sin to Smoke Cigarettes?

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course by saying, "Smoking does not hurt me." In the report of the experiment, one out of the 30 had no perceptible harm recorded. It is true that the use of tobacco forms a habit that tends to increase the amount of tobacco used. This is the special danger of cigarette smoking. "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (John 8:34). All athletes who seek to excel in sports, do not use tobacco. Will not the same apply to the one who seeks to glorify God in his body more perfectly?

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? for ye are bought with a price: therefore GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY and in your SPIRIT, WHICH ARE GOD'S" (1 Cor. 6:19, 20). When men willfully decrease their physical and mental efficiency by the use of tobacco, thereby rendering themselves unable to give their best to the Master, and fail to glorify God, to them it is sin. God has established physical laws whose benefits we shall enjoy if we conform to them; and which cannot be violated with impunity. Doubtless much of the physical suffering disease, and premature deaths experienced, comes in consequence of the conduct of the individual sufferers—the natural consequence of their mistakes or sins—the violation of physical laws. This is an important fact and should be duly considered. Still, nothing that we can do will preserve us from the evils incident to our condition or avert the stroke of death.

Smoking is expensive; men are robbing God to buy tobacco. God

said, "Ye are cursed with a curse because ye have robbed me" (Mal. 3:9). God said through Paul, "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no meat as long as the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend" The young man that questioned me said, "I know some young preachers who smoke cigarettes." Listen to me, brother ministers, God said, "Take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; and through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ" (1 Cor. 8:9-12). "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, (nor to use tobacco), nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. Hath thou faith?... he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith; for whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:21-23).

Who is it that uses tobacco in faith? Who is it but that first began to use tobacco because he saw some "big guy" using it and thought it "looked big," and having a weak conscience was "emboldened to eat of the meat offered to idols?" "What agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God . . . wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord?" (2 Cor. 6:16, 17).

I have written enough, I have proved my point.

May God bless the Gem and all who read it, that "ye may give the more earnest heed to the things which ye have heard, lest at any time ye should let them slip."

J. B. Rollins, Purdy, Missouri.

## SIN

By Ruby Starnes, Cassville, Mo.

Some people are asking, "What is Sin?" Sin is the darkest word in the English language, for he that abideth in sin is in darkness. The fact that there is sin in the

world is being made light of by lots of people. They say there is no evil, they deny that sin is in the world. But that it is just a shadow of the good, it is a vacuum ready to be filled with good. Ignore the vacuum and it will drop out of our life.

We know that God's word is very clear that the natural man is in a sinful or fallen state. It says, "There is none righteous, no not one" (Rom. 3:10). "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:10).

We know that Satan is always questioning God's Word. He comes in the form of man today. He can quote the Scriptures right, or he can quote them and leave out part. In this way he gets people to believing his way. He usually gets them to believing that there is no sin. If there is no such thing as sin, then there is no need for the Savior or of a new birth. The atonement is superfluous and Jesus is merely an example for us to follow in our gradual process of evolution upward.

That cuts the heart out of the Gospel and leaves only a system of morality, which can easily fraternize with Buddhism, Confusionism and Mohammedanism. That is just where the modern Christianity is drifting to right now.

It is a human weakness to deceive themselves, they want to believe they are better than they really are. They want to follow something that they think is easier; but in reality is harder, if their conscience gets to hurting them, which it will at first. In believing that the way of the devil is easier, they think they are wise. They will be turned to fools. In Proverbs it says that "Fools make a mock of sin." In the end the tables will be turned and sin will make a mock of the ones that have been foolish enough to be deceived by it.

What is this thing which is so lightly denied and yet is so deadly that it ends in destruction? We are told that "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 5:7). It is also said that "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23), and "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

According to these statements unbelief is as much a sin as the breaking of the law. If we neglect our duty, that is as much a sin as committing an unrighteous deed. Whatever alienates me from God is sin; disobedience does this; lack of faith does this; breaking of the law does it. One is sin just as much as the other.

The barrier of sin which shuts me out from the presence of God and it cannot be passed except by His forgiveness. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins; and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

God is too pure to look upon iniquity. If our stubborn wills refuse to bend to the conditions of confessing our guilt and acknowledging our sins, we must continue to stay outside of God's flock, with a continual looking forward to judgment. We dread this judgment, but we know it is coming.

## SALVATION

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into our lives we are made new creatures; old things pass away, and all things become new; we become babes in Christ and should grow. Read 2 Peter 3:18, how to grow, and 2 Peter first chapter. Now if we would do that the churches would be better off, and people would not make another altar and ask us to come and pray for a second work of grace, because we would know that Jesus is real in us. But here is the trouble in many a case after conversion; it seems that the devil is dead and we want to do something for our Savior; and we start off like this: We try to pray at church, we testify for Jesus, and we erect an altar somewhere, we offer thanks at the table, and we love everybody in the world. Now that is what it takes to be a real Christian, and to please the Lord. While we do this the old devil is grieved and is setting traps to try and trap us; and he watches every move we make; if we halt, here he comes. And on prayer meeting night he says, "Don't testify tonight, for you speak just like you and So, and you may say something or like Bro. or Sister So thing you ought not to say, and somebody will make fun of you.

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**WHAT CAN BE DONE?**

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somewhere that hinders, but where and what is it?

Of course, once in a while, some one has a vision and a work for God is accomplished. A church or a Free Will Baptist league is organized, or some of our ministers report a revival meeting with a number of souls saved, etc.—all that is fine, but is that as far as the vision goes?

Now, I fully believe that at least a few have a broader vision than that. "Just look at the Free Will Baptist churches we have," is what a lot of people will say, but let's look again and see how many places we find where we do not have a Free Will Baptist church, neither has any other denomination. There are thousands of people in the state of Missouri and only a small per cent of them are Free Will Baptist, and a large per cent have no dealings with any church.

Here is where we need ministers not only to see the vision of such a great work, but who will go and help spread the Gospel.

No longer does it seem strange or even unusual to hear of another starting out to preach, yet when God really calls some one to go preach, we all rejoice and feel that God has sent another laborer into the vineyard, but why do all want to work on the same row, or where it is easier?

When the husbandman sends forth his hired men to gather the grapes, each one must take his own row, or perhaps two may work on one row. In this way all the fruit is taken care of, but what would happen if all would say, "I don't feel that I can go any farther than the first few vines," and all of them would stay close to the first few vines, gather the fruit, then sit down to wait for more fruit to ripen? Every one would call them foolish, and so they would be.

Now, listen to what I'm saying, We, as ministers, have been doing just that, flocking to the churches near home for a few nights' meeting, then back home to wait until next time, instead of reaching out to places where souls are dying without God, spreading the gospel.

What is the cause of all this? I am persuaded to believe that

there are two reasons for it all:

First. There are too many preachers who are thinking more of their farms, homes, business, etc., than they do of walking with God; therefore they fail to get the VISION.

Second. There are some who, no doubt, do have the vision, but those who could and should make it possible for them to go fail to do their part in supporting them with their finance, etc.

There are Free Will Baptist church members (I mean individuals) who alone could pay off the rest of the linotype debt, buy two or three big tents for the state evangelists, pay them a salary large enough to keep them, and yet the amount would make very little impression on their wealth, yet if you mention money to them they get nervous and uneasy. If they give anything it is fifty cents or a dollar and then complain about it ever afterward. Yet if that same Free Will Baptist church member wants a new automobile or an extra forty acres of land, he can always make arrangements to get the necessary cash.

And this, I say, is one of the reasons why our denomination is not what it should be (If you are satisfied, there is something wrong with you). There should be several times as many churches as there are, but how can there be until something is done?

Of course you say, "Go by faith." That is fine, if we can have faith enough in God, but surely you do not expect us to have much faith in the man or woman who is guilty of doing such things.

How can God's cause spread when Satan himself comes in the form of a few old tight fisted church members, who won't get into the work and share the burdens with the few who are willing? I say such people are a hindrance to the church, rather than a help. Yes, God's cause will stand, but will it advance unless His servants work? Now, wake up, you who are asleep, get to work and share the responsibility of spreading the Gospel.

If you think this has been written too plain, then you are the very one I'm talking to; so just consider these scriptures for your own good and the good of our beloved denomination.

"As the partridge sitteth on

eggs and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool" (Jer. 17:11).

"And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Matt. 19:24').

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you" (James 5:1)

There's a great work to be done. will we do it, or let it go undone?

Let us strengthen our hands for this great work. If we have the vision, let's rise up and build: if we don't have the vision, then get closer to God, close enough that you will not only have the vision, but will be willing to make the necessary sacrifice too.

**DAMASCUS***By Mrs. I. B. Leonard*

Damascus was once the metropolis of all Syria. It is located about fifty miles from the Mediterranean Sea, from which it is separated by lofty mountains. The river Amara runs through it. It is one hundred and twelve miles south of Antioch, one hundred and thirty miles northeast of Jerusalem. It is one of the most ancient cities in the world. It was spoken of in Abraham's time, near two thousand years before Christ. Damascus is a place of considerable trade, being the stopping place of all the pilgrims from the north of Asia, on their way to and from the temple of Mecca. It is surrounded by a strong wall that has nine gates. The inhabitants are principally Arabs and Turks, with some Christians. It has passed through the hands of many masters, and has been captured and ruined and rebuilt many times. In Paul's time it was ruled by Aretas, whose father had been governor of it under Augustus. The fruit tree called the Damazon and the flower called the Damask rose were first transplanted from Damascus to the gardens of Europe. Damascus is a manufacturing city, as the finest of silks and linens known as Damasks were first woven by the inhabitants of this ancient city. *Worthington, Missouri.*

**LIFE**

*By Cinda Hutcell, Mt'n. Grove, Mo.*

Are you living for Jesus  
Each day of your life,  
Are you battling for Him  
Through sunshine or strife?

Are you saying to the Spirit,  
"Come into my heart,"  
Or saying to the Spirit,  
"From me now depart?"

Are you heeding God's word  
Through His message of love,  
And preparing to meet Him  
In that homeland above?

Or are you, my friend,  
Trampling mercies untold,  
And going on to destruction  
With a sin blotted soul?

Are you trying to serve Jesus  
And Satan as well?  
Heaven is not the home  
Where such people will dwell.

One must either serve God  
From whom all blessings flow,  
Or go down to hell  
Where there's misery and woe.

**THE UNANSWERED LETTER**

*Contributed by Mrs. Lina Claxton*

The mailman comes, and the mail-  
man goes,  
The postman passes by;  
And someone else is supplied I suppose,  
And we wonder why?

Today no letter, and tonight  
A silence hard to bear.  
We wonder if they cannot write,  
Or simply do not care!

The little note is laid away,  
The letter put aside,  
Yet someone hoped to hear today,  
An answering voice denied.

You may be busy, well we know,  
So many things you're at,  
You may be busy—are you, though,  
As busy as all that?

Oh, keep the tree of friendship green,  
When friends are far apart!  
How much a word of yours may mean,  
To cheer some absent heart!

The rose unwatered droops and dies,  
Yes, dies in some sad hour;  
The letter that unanswered lies,  
Is love's unanswered flower.

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