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A HISTORY OF MOUNT OLIVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

By Mrs. E. G. Tharp

Our Mt. Olivet Free Will Baptist Church is located in the beautiful little village of Blue Eye, in the extreme southern part of Stone County, Missouri, only about thirty minutes' drive from the "Shepherd of the Hills" country, only a few yards west of where Highway thirteen intersects the Missouri-Arkansas state line, and also the Arkansas twenty-one about one mile south of the junction of eighty-six and thirteen.

As you dive over highway 86 into view, one has the impression of entering a beautiful and peaceful valley. But Blue Eye is not what it was when we trekked in from the East in a covered wagon. Thirty-eight years ago, the fourth day of March, Blue Eye was only a postoffice in a private home with the mail delivered only once or twice a week. At least a mile and a half northeast of what is now Blue Eye. Mr. W. E. Butler was postmaster at that time, and I suspect that "The two letters and a postal card," that Uncle Ike took from the mail bags, was fully as much mail as oftentimes arrived at Blue Eye at that early date.

But I cannot give a history of the country; it would take too much space; what I must tell you is how our Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church came to be established, and the things that led up to its establishment.

God moved upon a certain young man to go and preach the Gospel among his kindred: he heeded the call and went; thus began the beginning.

The night after Christmas, 1927, Bro. Winford Davis commenced a revival at Enon, Ark., which lasted one month, exactly, with 25 saved and reclaimed. Eld. Lem Waterman arrived near the

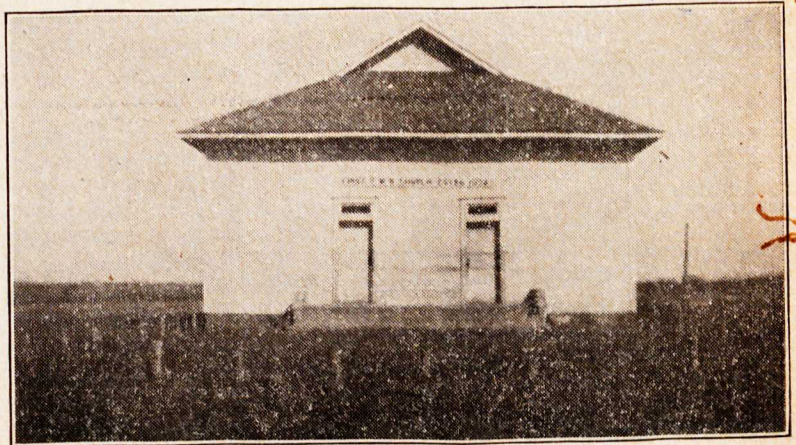
close of this meeting and assisted to the end.

A church was organized, which started out with thirty members. But in the mean time the "Macedonian Call" came from the Huskey district, "Come over and help us;" so the next night found Bro. Davis and Bro. Waterman on duty for God at the Huskey school house, both fighting sin. This meeting lasted two weeks, with 42 saved and reclaimed, and most of them were outright conversions. I love to think of this meeting. Old Father Matlock was saved. His children and grandchildren were saved, and got so

54 the next night. So the work grew by leaps and bounds.

Eld. Winford Davis was elected pastor, and Bro. Joe T. White was elected clerk. And Brothers Spencer Head, Lewis Hayhurst and Edgar Callen were ordained as deacons.

Then the call came from across the Missouri-Arkansas line; so in April Elders Winford Davis and Lem Waterman started another revival at the Star school house. Fourteen were saved in this meeting; so this community began to talk of organizing a church, then consolidation of the two communities was talked. So in the early



Mt. Olivet Free Will Baptist Church of Blue Eye, Missouri.

close after Father Matlock that they brought him into the fold. I certainly do believe that God does send special messengers.

A church was organized at this place on February 1, 1928. The ordaining council was composed of Eld. Lem Waterman, Eldridge, Missouri, Chairman; Deacon Massey Center, Enon, Arkansas; Deacon Fred Badley, Enon, Arkansas; Elder Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri, Clerk. The list of names shows 28 charter members, but some had not been baptized. Then the membership jumped to

part of April, the plans of consolidation and the building of the new church was worked out; and about fifty in and around Blue Eye united with the church. Bro. Lem Waterman worked as tirelessly as did our pastor in getting the work organized and started out. One brother bought an acre of ground to build the church house on, another gave the timber to have the foundation and frame work of the building sawed out, others gladly gave days and days of work, others gave money and work, too. It was decided that

one acre would not be enough land; so our pastor got out and in about two and one-half hours had practically enough money made up to buy another acre.

At another time while Brother Davis was teaching a singing class they began to talk about electric lights. They were in that night to sing by. The light posts were still in the forest that morning, when talk of lights first started.

While the building was in the making, Elders Winford Davis and Lem Waterman were asked to name the new church, and they named it "Mt. Olivet."

To show how rapidly the work progressed: On April 10, 1928, the Huskey Free Will Baptist had their call meeting to decide if they would consent to come together with the people in and beyond Blue Eye, to erect a new building in Blue Eye, whensoever they saw fit to build it. The church record shows the Mt. Olivet Free Will Baptist church met in regular session December 9, 1928. So we had a building erected and occupied by the church in a few short months.

Then in February, 1929, Bro. Davis and Bro. Waterman held another revival, and 30 were added to the church. Then in the early fall and winter of 1929, another revival was held by the pastor, and I think it was Bro. O.T. Allred who assisted him. A goodly number were saved and added to the church. In the mean time two more deacons, Bro. John Paseo and Bro. Will Collier, were ordained. Our church was of one accord and love abounded.

Bro. Winford Davis was called for pastor year after year. Bro. Joe T. White moved away; and Sister Minnie Adams of Blue Eye, Missouri was elected church clerk.

On Thanksgiving night, 1930, a revival was started by our pastor, which closed New Years night, 1931, in which 76 were saved and reclaimed. About 54 were added to the church. It was a wonderful meeting. The church record for Saturday before the second Sunday in December shows the committee for collecting funds to finish paying off the church debt, also the building committee released, as all debts against the church were paid off. The church house and land were dedicated to the service of God, for His

glory and His honor, without debt. But with all the glory, shadows have crept in, the devil using his "wedged shaped tool," the one he uses so much, to cause divisions and strife. The records began to read: Two brothers not at peace, and occasionally some one departed from the faith, or failed to live up to Christian duties. So the love that was so evident at the beginning was waxing cold.

But God be praised, the difficulty was settled in our last special revival, which was held last November (1932) by our pastor, ably assisted by our young and consecrated brother, Elder Johnnie Swaffar. I do not remember the number saved and reclaimed in this meeting, but there were five additions to the church and a world of good done otherwise. We shall not soon forget the earnest prayers by Bro. Swaffar, and pray that God's hand will still lead him on to greater service for his Master.

On February 1, 1933, this Free Will Baptist church, organized at the Huksey school house in Carroll County, Arkansas, and moved to its new home in Stone County, Missouri, will have rounded out five years of service for the Master.

We are the First Free Will Baptist church of Blue Eye, also the first one in Stone County, so far as we are able to learn. We have a fine and consecrated young man for our pastor; may God spare his life many years to do Him service.

Our regular church meeting days are Saturday before the second Sunday in each month, Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

We have prayer meeting each Thursday night, a wonderful mission circle that has ably assisted the church in a financial as well as a spiritual way, a wide awake league, both Seniors and Juniors, and a Sunday school that never fails a session.

We are looking forward with pleasure to the time when the Indian Creek Association will meet with us, next September, and as we are living in the "Land of a Million Smiles," we hope to greet you who will be coming in September with a smile.

Your sister in His dear service.

WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?

By B. F. Brown

Some excuse themselves from religious duties, claiming that they have no talent or ability for such duties, yet they may find that they have much talent and great ability, if dedicated to God and trained. The one-talent man despised his one talent, so buried it in the ground and lost everything. God has put something into every person's hand and has given them the talent and ability to use it to the glory of God and the good of others.

What one has in the hand may be small and but lightly esteemed, yet it may be the very thing that God would have used for the benefit of man, and to the glory of God. Moses had a rod in his hand, just a shepherd's crook, but let us see how God taught Moses and caused that the little rod should become a rod of power. When God asked Moses what he had in his hand, Moses said, "A rod." When, in obedience to God, he cast it on the ground, it became a serpent, "and Moses fled from before it." Moses obeyed again and took it by the tail, "and it became a rod in his hand." Then the Lord commanded Moses to put his hand into his bosom, and he obeyed, but when he removed his hand from his bosom, "behold, his hand was leprous as snow." Moses knew leprosy and, perhaps thought he was doomed, but God had him to repeat the act, and, "behold, it was turned again as his other flesh." Here was a necessary lesson for Moses, and it is a lesson we must learn. The two signs speak of preparation for service: the heart (bosom) stands for what we are. If we are to fill the place God created us to fill and be rewarded as God longs to reward us, our capacity must be taken up for God; we must consecrate our lives, our all to Him. The hand stands for what we do; the hand that holds the rod of God's power must be a cleansed hand swayed by a pure heart (Isaiah 52:11). If we will follow Moses into Egypt, through the contests with Pharaoh, in the Exodus, at Sinai, through the wilderness experience, etc., we can see how the little insignificant rod of the shepherd became the

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THE CHURCH—PAST AND PRESENT

By the Editor

As I consider conditions in the present day church, my mind goes to conditions of some years ago. I was talking with an M. E. pastor, a man of many years experience; and some of his remarks led me to ask him if he remembered the good class meetings and the good testimonies, prayers, etc., and the good altar services they used to have. "Yes," he remembered them, "but," he said, "We have gotten away from that emotionalism."

The situation in the churches reminds me of the words of Jeroboam when he said, after he had made two golden calves, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt" (1 Kings 12:28). He set up one golden calf in Bethel and one in Dan. The people worshiped before this so-called god and it was sin unto them. Israel and Judah continued to worship "other gods" until they were sent into captivity to cure them of idolatry.

People do not bow down before golden calves now, but many profess to be Christians, and to walk in Jesus name, while they live in pleasure, and worship only in form. I may be dull of understanding or very narrow in my views, but I can't see how such people are any better off than the Israelites who bowed down to idols.

The first and great commandment 3400 years ago was: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (Deut. 6:4, 5). Our Lord said this was the first of all commandments at the beginning of this (church) age; and it is still the first and greatest.

Paul resumed that by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ he was crucified unto the world, and the world was crucified unto him (Gal. 6:14). This place of crucifixion is found at the altar. The early Christians recognized the altar and were there crucified with Christ, and were thus clothed with the righteousness of God, so that they might appear in the presence of God and not be ashamed; and that's the preparation modern day Christians must make, or be burned into hell. If you follow the short-cuts of modernism and worship God after the traditions of men, as is so common these days, you'll never be able to meet God in peace.

The way unto God is still open for every individual who really and honestly wants to know God, in order to love and to serve Him; so don't look upon others and excuse or justify yourself because they are as bad or worse than you are. The love of God and love for the world and the things of the world do not abide in the same heart at the same time. (See 1 John 2:15-17).

Notice that this first and great commandment we have quoted above requires that all we have and are must be given to God in love and service. The early church must have met these requirements, and up to only a few years ago the church, in large measure, met the requirements, but, generally speaking, what of the church of today? Only a few churches now have and use the altar (mourners' bench). Just decide to live for Christ, join the church and be

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Report of Third Session of the 1933 Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Arkansas Association.

The third session of the Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Arkansas Association for 1933 was called together on Friday night, April 28th, at Pleasant Grove church, near Charleston, Ark. by the moderator, Eld. A. R. Brooks. The divine service was conducted by Elders A. R. Brooks and Elmer Turner.

Saturday at 10 a. m. the business session was called to order by the moderator. The choir singing was led by Bro. Sharp. The morning devotion was offered by Bro. Joe Phillips. The morning lesson was read by Bro. E. Turner from Psalm 20. There were nine ordained ministers present: Brothers Joe Phillips, Homer Robison, Calvin Looney, Dolph Sharp, A. R. Brooks, E. Turner, A. N. Best and J. S. Lovett.

The Pleasant Grove, Antioch, Pleasant Ridge, and Mt. Olive churches were represented by letters and representatives. The delegates were given the right hand of Christian fellowship while the choir sang the uplifting song, "Hand in Hand."

The following were appointed by the moderator on committee work: Brothers E. A. Sharp, L. Looney and John King on the divine service; and Bro. Joe Phillips, Sister Robison and Sister Looney on the resolutions committee.

The divine service committee reported that Eld. A. N. Best would conduct the 11 o'clock service. At 10:45 the assembly was dismissed for recess.

The congregation was called together by choir singing at 11 a. m. After prayer was offered, Bro. Best read a lesson from Psal. 95. He took for his morning subject, "Pure Religion," and based it on his text, taken from James 1:27. The discourse was excellently prepared and delivered. The closing remarks were made by the moderator. The congregation was dismissed by Bro. A. N. Best.

At 2:30 p. m. the service was called to order by singing hymns from the 1933 Hartford song book. There was a goodly number present in spite of the down pouring rain. Invocation was offered by

Bro. A. N. Best. The evening lesson was read by Bro. J. S. Lovett from Prov. 25. The moderator called for old or new business to be brought up in the present assembly. There was a brisk discussion by Elders E. Turner and J. S. Lovett as to the need of a stronger unity between churches and the Associations of the F. W. B., but further action was postponed until our next session.

The Mission Board reported that the month of August should be observed by the association as MISSIONARY MONTH. Each pastor and preacher should be loyal to the programme of the church, and help to enlighten our people as to what God expects of us as individuals in the spread of the gospel by setting forth the light of the gospel according to Mark 15:15 and Romans 12:6.

Bro. J. S. Lovett discussed Jude 12. Bro. Elmer Turner set forth the meaning of Romans 8:27-30. Bro. A. N. Best explained the meaning of Rom. 7:24-25. Each of the passages was very ably handled.

The divine committee reported that Bro. J. S. Lovett would preach at 8:00 p. m.

The program committee reported that the following subjects should be discussed at our next session to be held at Pleasant Ridge church, seven miles west of Boonville, Ark.

1. The death Adam's disobedience brought on the human race. By Elder Elmer Turner.

2. When will we regain what Adam lost? By Eld. A. N. Best.

3. The Millenium. By Elder J. S. Lovett.

The congregation was dismissed at 5:00 p. m. by prayer.

The 8:00 p. m. service was called to order by the singing of the choir. A quartet arranged by Bro. Looney offered several special pieces at this hour. Scripture lesson was read by Bro. J. S. Lovett from 2 Tim. 4:1-8, followed by prayer offered by Bro. Turner. A special song was offered by Bro. Sharp and others. Eld. J. S. Lovett took for his subject, "The Gospel and Its Mission," setting forth his theme from 2 Cor. 5:15. The moderator concluded the service. The divine service committee reported that Eld. Elmer Turner should conduct the service at 11 a. m. Sunday.

Sunday at 9:45 the Sunday school came together. There was rendered a special program by the Pleasant Grove Sunday school. The program was well arranged and well rendered. The service was turned over to Eld. Elmer Turner at 11 o'clock. After a special song by the choir, the morning lesson was read from Psal. 96, and the congregation was asked to engage in a public prayer led by Bro. J. S. Lovett. The congregation then united in the singing of an old hymn. Eld. Elmer Turner set forth as his subject for the morning discussion, "The Duty of All Christians to Be Obedient unto God's Commandments," using for a text, John 10:15 with John 14:21. The moderator concluded the service. After the resolution of thanks was offered, we retired to the church campus where a magnificent dinner was spread by the good ladies of the community. Long may this day be remembered by all those who were present.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Eld. A. R. Brooks, Moderator,
Eld. Elmer Turner, Sec.-Reporter.

NIANGUA, MISSOURI

MORNING

On the clean white page
Of my mind I'll write,
All the thoughts I can,
That are fine and bright.

NOON

I will think of truth
And of kindness,
I will speak of love,
And my thoughts will bless.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Thought I would write a few lines this morning, as I was thinking of the Gem that was given to me, first by Bro. Selph Jones. I sure do enjoy reading it.

I wont find another friend like Sister Willie Blackwell who subscribed to the Gem for me, this will make the third year. Bro. Selph Jones asked me a few days ago if I was getting any good out of the paper. I told him I sure did enjoy reading it. I would have missed getting my paper if it had not been for my friend. I have heard folks say that you had just as well take time to read the Gem

as to take time to read the Bible, but I think you can get lots of good out of reading them both.

Bro. Selph Jones has been our pastor for eight years and is called for another year. I do enjoy hearing him preach and sing. I like to go to church. I know we can say our prayers anywhere, because God is always with us, but I like to say them in church; so many people have said prayers there that it makes me feel happy just to be there. Of course I know that the prayers that have been said do not stay in the church they are with God, but it is like carrying flowers through a room. You take the flowers out, but some of the perfume remains behind. I think the prayers in church are like that. Some of the perfume of them stays behind. I think of a song like this: "I'm Going Higher to Stay." I'm going higher to meet loved ones by and by, going where none are ever sick or die, loved ones to meet in the sweet by and by. I'm going higher some day.

NIGHT

I will close the book
Of my mind at night,
With a prayer of faith,
I will lock it tight.

—MONA JOHNS.

GRANBY, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Family:

I'm glad to see so many good letters and reports still coming from the different parts of the field. It proves that the work is still being carried on and that God is still willing to bless the efforts of those who will continue to work for Him.

I am always anxious to get the Gem each month and read the reports from those on the field, and the letters from those who write. Don't fail to write to the Gem, because there are many interested in the work you are doing, if it is for the Lord, and somebody will be benefited.

Bro. Kenneth and myself continued in the meeting at South Picher until April 23rd. There were nine conversions, and we expect to have baptizing soon. We had some old time services while in the meeting there, and enjoyed hearing people sing and shout the

praises of God. The meeting was the kind that makes people feel good in their soul because God's presence is felt.

On April 24th the meeting at our home church began. Bro. Davis was there the first week except Wednesday and Thursday nights, and brought a wonderful message each time.

Sunday night we enjoyed having some of the people from the Blue Eye church with us in the service. They came to the Free Will Baptist League and Mission rally at Merl's Chapel, then on to Jones Chapel for services that night. There were people from other places there too, and we feel that every one enjoyed the message by Bro. Davis, from Psalms 39:3, using in connection with it the fifth chapter of Daniel.

Bro. Chaley Edmondson brought a message on Monday night, then Tuesday night was the closing service. The services were a great help to the church and community. Although it is the time of year when people feel they must put all their time and attention to their work, yet I am sure that those who make the sacrifice for God will not lose anything when they come to the end of the way, if they keep faithful.

Last Sunday was our regular appointment at Jones Chapel and, as the month of May is the time for observance of the ordinances of communion and feet washing, we were again blessed in obeying God's command, where He said, "Come, follow me." Also last Sunday there were two who followed their Lord in baptism.

May we all serve Him more and better as we go through life, and be content to work in whatever part of His moral vineyard He may call us to.

Yours in Jesus' name,
Elder Noel Turner.

Clemscott, Oklahoma, May 14, 1933

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We Free Will Baptist of Cannon Chapel are a small band of workers in the vineyard of the Lord, but we are in the work to win.

We are working out a home in that City not made with hands.

Bro. Gene Chance and others have told us about the Gem, so five of us have gone in for it, expecting to learn more about our

brothers and sisters of the Free Will Baptist of other places. We are subscribing for the Gem.

We will say that we have a wonderful pastor, Bro. G. W. Hanks, and are looking forward to a great work during a revival this summer.

Come and be with us. There is lots of material to work on and a good tool to work with—The Bible. Pray for us.

Leroy Cupit.

GRAHAM, OKLAHOMA

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

This is my first attempt to write to the Gem, and I don't know just what to write, but I feel impressed to write a few lines. I think every Free Will Baptist ought to take the Gem.

First I want to tell you all about our little church at Clemscott, Oklahoma. The little white house stands at the southeast edge of the little town of Clemscott, on the banks of a small branch, with beautiful trees almost surrounding it. We own our church house, and it is equipped with everything that is needed for a church.

I dearly love our little church. It is growing step by step to the highward mark. Each member seems to be in unity with each other and have Christian love for each other as members of a church ought to have. We have a good Sunday school, prayer meeting, Home Mission circle, both Senior and Junior league, and preaching services every Sunday and Sunday night.

I must say that our Home Mission is doing a good work. I think every F. W. B. church ought to have a home mission work; it helps to strengthen a church, or at least it does ours.

The ladies of our circle have a prayer list, and put our unsaved friends and loved ones on the list, and pray much, pray every day for them. I believe God is honoring and answering our prayers, for there has been souls saved that we had on the list. Dear friends, if we would humble ourselves more, and would pray in earnest, get more concerned about the lost, there would be more born into the kingdom of God. I am for the Home Mission circle; it has helped to make me what I am; it is a study and helps to learn more

of God's divine word. I used to go to church before I was a home mission member, but I felt so weak and little that it would make me tremble if I thought I would be called on to testify or lead in prayer. Now I thank God that there was a good sister of our church and circle who persuaded me to join the circle. I would make some kind of an excuse, for I did not want to go down there in the circle. Understand I was a Christian and knew my sins were forgiven, but I just stopped at that. A Christian life is what you make it; and I have missed many blessings by just sitting on the stool of do nothing, afraid some one would laugh if I made a move. But I got in with the Home Mission ladies and began to enjoy myself more and more, and today I have a greater determination to go all the way; and have asked God to take that backwardness out of me, and I am thanking Him because I can stand up and testify without trembling.

Dear friends, if we get humble enough and pray in earnest and ask God for real salvation, we surely will receive it. I don't go to church as I should, but I am the mother of four small children, and a mother can't go every time she wants to. I think every Christian has a part to do and I believe if we don't do it, God will punish us in some way. So let's all of us make a sacrifice for the lost and pray much that the Lord will save souls, also send more laborers into the vineyard, for old Satan is going about as a roaring lion all over our land and country, seeking whom he may devour.

I ask the prayers of the praying people for my companion, as he is a young ordained minister, and needs our prayers and encouragement; and pray also for me, as I need your prayers very much.

I am not writing this for boasting, but I feel and realize that there is a reality in living for God.

Mrs. John Newberry.

Report of Douglas County Q. M.

The Douglas County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist convened with the Girdner Free Will Baptist church Thursday at 3:00 p. m., April 27, 1933.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Elias Matney,

using as a Scripture lesson the thirteenth (13) chapter of 1 Cor.

The quarterly meeting organized as follows: Elder A. M. Halford was elected moderator, with Elder J. W. Silvey as assistant. The following committees were then appointed: Credentials committee—Elders J. H. Claxton and Elias Matney, Bro. U. S. Findley. Committee on divine service—Brothers Jim Rippee, J. C. Stokes. Business committee—Elders L. M. Marler and T. B. Marler.

FRIDAY

At the call for enrollment nine (9) ministers, four (4) deacons, one (1) church clerk and eight delegates enrolled. There were only three churches represented this time.

Most of the day Friday was spent discussing the topics presented to the quarterly meeting by the program committee. We received much good spiritual food from these discussions, and at noon and evening we were bountifully supplied with food for our physical needs.

SATURDAY

Resolution adopted as follows: The Quarterly Meeting as a body, receive the report and settle with evangelist, where formerly the Executive Board handled this item of business.

Voted to send the next quarterly meeting to the Brushy Knob Free Will Baptist church. The next session of the Q. M. is to convene on Thursday at 3:00 p. m., July 27, 1933. Elder T. B. Marler with Elder A. M. Halford as alternate, to preach the introductory sermon.

A vote of thanks was given by the delegation for the hospitality shown them while at Girdner.

Vote of thanks given officers of the Q. M. for their impartial ruling and their services.

Although the delegation was not large in size, the quarterly meeting was extremely good, and all who attended were well paid for their time and efforts put forth. We were especially glad to see the good co-operation and the spirit of love which ruled throughout the quarterly meeting.

We are expecting another wonderful quarterly meeting in July, and wish the whole "Gem family" could attend it. We also ask an interest in your prayers.

Elder A. M. Halford, Mod.
Arthur Lund, Clerk.

Santa Rosa, Missouri, May 2, 1933

Dear Brother Brown:

Just a word to you and the Gem family. Please find enclosed \$1.00 to pay my subscription to the Gem for two years.

It has been some time since I have written to our beloved paper and the brothers and sisters throughout the great State of Missouri. Perhaps some of you are wondering what has become of me. I want to tell you that I am still on the firing line for our God and His cause. I am pastor of one of our best churches in northwest Missouri, have had this church nearly three years, with half time work and it is doing very well. We have an evergreen Sunday school, with good interest and attendance, also a young people's meeting every Sunday night. In addition to this work, I have two other churches, which makes my time full.

The work in this Association has made a fine showing the past fall and winter. Eld. C. E. Mann moved here to Santa Rosa and united with the Philadelphia church. He helped me in a revival at this place, in one of the best meetings this church and Association has had for years. Anyone wishing an evangelist or pastor would make no mistake in securing Bro. Mann, as he is a man of God, and has ability and power.

Elder T. C. Ferguson has united with the Center Point church, which is also a member of our Northwest Mo. Yearly Meeting. He lives near here on a little farm. He has one regular appointment and does lots of preaching at other churches in our Association.

Elder E. T. House is pastoring three churches in this Association. He has moved out into the country about ten miles from here, on a small farm.

Elder C. E. Mann has moved from here to near Kirksville, Mo.

I would like to meet all of my friends and visit the churches where I have been, especially at and around Buffalo, Mo., and try in my way to preach to you again. I trust that I may be able to attend the State Association this fall, and that we can come together in the Spirit and power of God, and accomplish great things in His name. I feel that the work of the Lord and the State Association is bigger than I or any one

one man; and with this in view, I trust that we may all meet there feeling that we are a part of it, and not the Association; and leave our selfishness and jealousy and the idea of getting some self publicity out of God's work, but that the great purpose will be to promote the great cause of our God and the Association in our field of service.

May the Lord bless you, Bro. Brown, and all the Gem family, is the prayer of your unworthy brother.

W. R. Rush.

Greentop, Missouri, May 1, 1933.

Dear Bro. Brown:

Enclosed find \$8.00 for a club of 16 subscriptions. We would be glad to get the Gem in every Free Will Baptist home.

I have just received a letter from a preacher at Hartville, Mo., inquiring about churches here in Northeast Missouri, but the Bro. failed to sign his name. I would be glad to give all the information I can if he will send me his name.

I am holding a meeting at our Low Ground church, assisted by three of our young men from our Hazel Creek Union church. We are proud of these young men.

We had our fifth Sunday Mission and League meeting here at New Harmony church Sunday. A large delegation was present and all seemed to enjoy the day.

Brethren, pray for us.

Yours for the Master,
Eld. Sam Marcum.

Report of Fifth Sunday Meeting

At 7:30 p. m., April 28, 1933, the Zion Hope Association No. 2 of Free Will Baptist assembled with the first Free Will Baptist church of Ft. Smith, Ark., with assistant moderator, Eld. E. W. Simpkins, presiding.

Meeting called to order by the moderator. Three songs were rendered by the choir. Opening prayer by Elder T. E. Conyear. Scripture reading by the moderator, St. John 3:1-14, upon which the opening address was delivered by Elder E. W. Simpkins. The concluding address of the evening was delivered by Elder Ben F. Black, using as his text, Jer. 18:2.

Reception of delegates ordered. Delegates received in due form and the right hand of fellowship

extended to them.

The election of a moderator was the next thing in order. Those nominated were Eld. C. M. Church by Bro. T. P. Pixley; Elder Ben Pixley by Bro. Ray Purdom; Eld. E. W. Simpkins by Eld. Ben Pixley. Motion by Bro. T. P. Pixley, second by Bro. Jeff Atwell that nominations cease. Motion carried.

Bro. Church was elected moderator and Bro. Ben Pixley, ass't.

Bro. Ray Purdom was elected clerk.

Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Arrangements—Brothers P. N. Watts, Don Bias and J. F. Ramsey
Divine Service—Sister Mary Breedlove, Bro. T. P. Pixley and Bro. J. R. Moore.

Conference was dismissed until 8:30 a. m. Saturday with prayer by Elders Ben Pixley and J. F. Ramsey.

Meeting was called to order for the Saturday morning session by the moderator, Bro. Church. The Scripture lesson, Romans 12:1-14. Prayer by Eld. I. J. Wilson.

Business session opened.

Reports from churches were read, received and filed with clerk.

Elders Present

C. M. Church,	Hackett, Ark.
Ben F. Black,	Hackett, Ark.
Ben Pixley,	Rudy, Ark.
E. W. Simpkins,	Van Buren, Ark.
T. J. Robinson,	Charleston, Ark.
T. E. Conyear,	Van Buren, Ark.
I. J. Wilson,	Charleston, Ark.
J. F. Ramsey,	Muldrow, Okla.
P. N. Watts,	Muldrow, Okla.
Burl Nye,	Ft. Smith, Ark.
Arthur Joslin,	Van Buren, Ark.

Delegates Present

Brothers L. D. Coatney, J. E. Bromer, Everett Bromer, Don Bias, Joe Bell, Jeff Atwell, Geo. Wilson, T. P. Pixley, Ray Purdom and Frank Franklin, and Sisters Mary Breedlove and Ben Pixley.

Visiting from other Associations: Elders Ben F. Black, I. J. Wilson and J. R. Moore.

All Elders, delegates, etc. received and the right hand of fellowship given them.

Partial report of arrangements committee received and discussed.

Partial report of divine service received and motion carried to file same with moderator.

Motion by Bro. Ben Pixley and second by Bro. T. P. Pixley that conference adjourn till 2:00 p. m.

Morning divine service by Elds.

Watts and Conyear, speaking on Daniel 8: 2.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Ben Pixley.

Saturday Afternoon

Called to order by moderator, with Scripture reading from Acts 17:22-34. Prayer by Bro. Conyear.

Final reports from arrangement and divine service committees received and committees discharged.

Routine business was transacted

At 4:00 o'clock p. m. the ordaining committee was called on to ordain Bro. Ray Purdom. The committee, composed of Elders C. M. Church, T. J. Robinson, Ben F. Black and E. W. Simpkins, proceeded to ordain Bro. Purdom.

Adjournment was taken until 7:30 p. m., after prayer and hand shaking by every one, with songs.

The evening session opened by the moderator, with Scripture reading. Prayer by Elder T. J. Robinson.

Lone Elm and Ketcher churches both asked for the next meeting and on vote, the next session will be held with Lone Elm church, it having received 10 votes to 9.

Evening sermons by Elders Ben Pixley and C. M. Church, after which the Lord's table was prepared and the sacrament was taken, after which feet washing was observed.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Ramsey.

Sunday morning divine service was in charge of Elder I. J. Wilson, which concluded the meeting.

—Ray Purdom, Clerk.

MISSION REPORT

Purdy, Mo., May 23, 1933.

Dear Mission Workers:

After closing the meeting at Purdy, we visited Monett for two nights and had wonderful services both nights. Bro. Allred and his with and they have the respect of people are wonderful to work the town, as a church.

We also went to Merl's Chapel, one of Bro. Winford Davis' churches, and it was wonderful how the Lord blessed in the services. The women were anxious to hear more about our mission work. And the league workers had a good service on Sunday night, and we were glad to tell them of the work in other places. The church was planning to have

the League and Mission to meet with them on the 5th Sunday, and we know it was a great success, for Bro. Davis has ordered badges twice since then. Praise God, the work is moving all over the state.

We next went to the Wright Co. Quarterly Meeting, where we met so many of our good preachers. The meeting was splendid all the way through; it did us good to hear our preachers talking for the Gem, and taking subscriptions, and the mission work and league work were talked too; it is moving right out in different places. The Quarterly Meeting was held with the Cordal church, one of Bro. Charley Findley's churches. We have so many good preachers in the Wright County Q. M.

We next went to Mtn. Grove, one of Bro. George Scott's churches, and here we found some precious people. It rained so much we didn't have the results we expected, only four conversions. We went out three days with a prayer band, and the first day we had thirty prayer meetings, the next 25, the next 20; and, oh, it was sad to find so many lost souls. The church had their annual Communion services while we were there, and we enjoyed so much. Bro. Scott is a real man of God, and we enjoyed working with him. Bro. Scott, Sr. had charge of the song service each evening, and we enjoyed having him. We want to mention what two Sunday school classes did for Missions. Sister Paul took the girls of Sister Hue's class and let them sell candy and pop corn and raised \$2.25 for our little Mission coat. Also Bro. Gearing's class gave 60 cents. Now, if these two classes could do that for missions, Come on, Sunday schools, and let's make August a real Mission month; and if every preacher and Sunday school teacher will help the classes and tell them, just look what can be done for Missions by the Sunday schools. Let's not let the Mt. Grove Sunday school do more for Missions than you do.

We made our home with Bro. and Sister Hutsell God bless them.

We have two good Mission circles in Mountain Grove.

The State Association is soon coming; and let us mission workers try and help raise the debt on the linotype, then we will be free from debt and can go ahead with

other things.

We are thanking God for the wonderful interest that is being taken in getting an old ministers' home started.

We went from Mt. Grove to Desloge to get Naomi. Her school was out last week, and we are going down to Texas for a few weeks to visit Mr. McAdams. He is much better, so he writes. We are making several stops on the way down. We are now at Purdy. Had a wonderful service last night, and will be in Monett tonight, and from there to different points in Oklahoma and Texas.

Pray for us, that God will give us a safe journey.

Following is a report of Mission funds received for state work:

Macedonia	\$1.00
Merl's Chapel	1.22
Cordial35
Mrs. Hues class, Mt. Grove,	2.25
Bro. Gearing's class, Mt. Gr.,	.60

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

Bristow, Oklahoma, May 13, 1933.

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I have written to the paper. I think our paper is getting better all the time; and I hope to see the time when all our Free Will Baptist will read the Gem. I am sorry to say that only a few people of Canadian Association read it. When you say something to them about it, they say they just can't afford it; but let them get out of tobacco and you see them dig down and get the price for more. God pity people that won't support God's cause, and still claim to love Him. That is one of the main reasons that most of us Free Will Baptist are so poor; we fail to give God any of our time or money. God has said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you;" but I am afraid we don't believe God.

I want to say a word about the article, "Who is Responsible for Beer?" That piece alone is worth the price of the Gem for one year. I admire people who will take a stand for the right, and not let politics interfere with their religion. We have preachers here who say, "Set it before them and let them choose between right and wrong." But there are so many

people who are not capable of choosing. I see by the papers that six deaths in Joplin, Mo. were the direct results of beer. My friends, I am afraid, if you voted for it, you will have to answer for your part when you come to face our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the Judgment.

Bro. W. H. Carter will start a meeting here Sunday, the 14th. We ask the prayers of God's people, for its success, for we certainly need it.

Your brother in Christ,

John H. West.

Cassville, Missouri, May 15, 1933.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

This is my first attempt to write to the Gem, but I feel impressed to write. I have started several time to write, but was somewhat like Jonah was.

I am still trying to live close to the Lord, and preaching regularly. As I look around, on every side, I see sin increasing just as Christ said it would. I see the need of you and me to live closer to the Lord, and let our light shine before men, that they may see that there is a reality in the grace and salvation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Christ should mean all to you and me, for He made the plan-way of salvation, by His blood, shed on the cross of Calvary for us. Christ said for us to follow in His footsteps. I am made to wonder when I see so-called Christians going to places of worldly amusements, if they are not like Peter following afar off.

Christians, let us take up our cross and follow in His steps as Christ said for us to do in Mark 8:34—"And when he had called the people unto him, with his disciples, also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

So, let us, as children of God, live holy lives, and unite our voices to God in prayer for each other, and for sinners in general.

If this doesn't find its way to the waste paper basket, I pray that someone may get good out of it. In the name of the Lord, I solicit your co-operation and your prayers, that I may go forth and take up my cross and preach the Gospel in all of its truth.

Elder Joe Brooks.

Fifth Sunday Meeting Report

A fifth Sunday meeting of the Indian Creek Association was held with Notch Mound F. W. B. church, April 29 and 30, 1933.

Eld. Tom Hutchinson brought the message Saturday night, and Eld. Paul Pursell delivered the Sunday morning message.

Eld. T. E. L. Curry was elected moderator.

Songs—"I Am Thine Oh Lord" and "The Rock That is Higher Than I." Prayer by Sister Jim Posey of Treece, Kansas. Song—"I Love to Tell the Story."

The next 5th Sunday meeting will be held at Picher, Oklahoma, to convene on Saturday night before the 5th Sunday in July, 1933.

Song by Elder Paul Pursell of Picher, Okla., "Angels, Get My Mansion Ready."

Sermon by Elder T. E. L. Curry of Picher, Okla. Scripture text, Mark 4:25-40.

Sermon by Elder A. R. May of Centralia, Okla. Scripture text, "The Five Foolish Virgins."

Song by Bro. May and wife, "Take It to Jesus."

Service turned back to moderator, and an altar call was made.

Eld. Paul Pursell to preach the introductory sermon at the next 5th Sunday meeting, in July.

Testimony service conducted by Elder E. Jones of Picher, Okla.

Service turned back to Mod.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend the next 5th Sunday Meeting.

Meeting closed with handshake and song, "God be With You Till We Meet Again," and prayer by Eld. Tom Hutchinson of Neosho.

Sunday night service opened by Eld. Tom Hutchinson, with songs and prayer by Eld. A. R. May.

Opening sermon by Eld. Tom Hutchinson, from 13th of John.

Second sermon by Eld. Everett Cook of Wimer, Okla., from the 14th chapter of John's Gospel.

Closing sermon by Eld. Paul Pursell from 2 Cor. 6th chapter.

Closed with song and handshake, and prayer by Bro. Ben Allensworth of Notch Mound.

Harry Spears, Clerk.

Stahl, Missouri, May 10, 1933.

To the Readers of the Gem:

Just thought I would write a few lines, as I am sending in an obituary.

The question in Matt. 19:16 comes to my mind, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" and Jesus said, "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God; but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." Jesus further explained which very naturally questioned the young man; for besides the ten commandments, there were many other laws given by Moses, and the multitude given by the scribes. In answer, Jesus cited the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth commandments, all of them bearing upon ones treatment of others. The young man replied, "All these have I kept from my youth, What lack I yet?" Jesus said, "If thou wouldest be perfect, go sell what thou hast and give to the poor." This was the one thing necessary for this man to do, for between him and the love of God, as well as between himself and the love of his neighbor, stood the love of his possessions. If he would put that love out of the way he could love God with all his heart, and his neighbor as himself.

All kinds of evil can spring up from the love of money, and may culminate in the loss of faith and in many sorrows.

"Then," said Jesus, "thou shalt have treasures in heaven, and come follow me." The invitation to become a disciple was seriously meant, for Jesus meant that in no other way could this man be happy. One thing is needful, only one, Yet many things we find, Are striven for by those whose Eyes are spiritually blind. How much the things of time and Sense are sought by them each day While from eternal, heavenly Things, they turn in scorn away.

Mrs. Ora Gates.

HARTVILLE, MISSOURI

Dear Readers of the Gem:

God being my helper I shall attempt to write a few lines for the Lord, not because I think He needs my help, but because I need His help. Jesus said, "Ye are my witnesses," and I love Him and want to see others interested in His work.

I attended the fifth Sunday meeting, which convened with the Union Grove church and I am glad to say I enjoyed the presence of

the Lord and the many good sermons preached by His servants; and thank Him for men who will preach old time heart-felt religion and live it three hundred and sixty-five days out of the year. Christians, if we live 365 days of the year for Jesus, we will not have much time for the devil; and maybe he will get on his side of the fence and stay there. But a genuine Christian will not mix with the sinful things of the world. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? or what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" (2 Cor. 6:14, 15).

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Cor. 6:17). If God had intended that we should still partake of sin and worldly pleasure, He would not have said, "Come out from among them." "Ye are the light of the world: a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid" (Matt. 5:14). Brethren, our light cannot shine if it is covered up with worldly things. If we want God to be our God, we must do the things that He is pleased with; and for the sake of the cause of Christ and lost souls, let us get on the firing line for God and cry aloud against the things that are leading our young people astray, and not only young people, but old ones too, are being turned away from God. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Let us walk uprightly and prove to the world that there is a reality in serving God. "If the gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost;" so let us live close to Jesus each day and talk with Him, that the world may behold our good works and glorify the Father which is in heaven. May God bless the Gem family and all who read this, is my prayer.

Lucy Deckard.

P. S. I sure was glad to see Sister Bessie Scott's letter in the Gem; may God bless her and keep her, is my prayer.

OBITUARY

Mayfield—Malinda Olive Mayfield, 53 years of age, wife of W. J. Mayfield, passed away at the family home in the Fair View district Sunday night, May 7, 1933. She had been in ill health for about two and one-half years, and in serious condition since Tuesday morning, May 2nd.

She was born in Green County, Illinois, December 20, 1879, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Smith. When she was four years old her parents moved to Barton County, Missouri where she grew to womanhood, and on September 15, 1895, was united in marriage to William J. Mayfield. To this union ten children were born, two of whom died in early childhood.

The family has lived in this community since 1908.

She was converted when fourteen years of age, under the influence of her father's preaching in Barton County and united with the Free Will Baptist church, being a member of the Fair View church at the time of her death. Hers was a beautiful character and she truly lived the Christ life in the best sense of the word, always ready, even in suffering, to give a kind word or perform a loving deed. She was loved by neighbors and those with whom she came in contact and was almost worshipped by her family. May her beautiful Christian life be a guiding star for her dear ones that are left here in sorrow, that mother's prayers be answered and the family circle be unbroken in that better world to which she has gone.

All the tender care that could be given the sick was lovingly and eagerly given by her family and friends in her illness, but God in His wisdom called her home.

Her husband and children were all with her when the end came, as were also three of her sisters.

She leaves to mourn her passing the husband, W. J. Mayfield, six sons and two daughters: Earl Mayfield, Mrs. Lula Sexton, Ray, Roy, Henry, Archie, Alberta and Albert Dee Mayfield, all of whom live in this neighborhood, seven grandchildren, five sisters: Mrs. Eva Griffiths of Arcadia, Kans., Mrs. Sadie Bartlett of Sheldon,

Mo., Mrs. Rena Smith of Seattle, Washington, Mrs. Mattie Mayfield and Mrs. Gracie Mayfield both of Chetopa, Kansas, a number of nieces and nephews and innumerable friends.

Funeral service was conducted by Elder O. T. Allred in the Methodist church at Chetopa, Kansas. Scripture text, 2 Tim. 4:6, 7, this being her request, that we use this Scripture, which was so fitting to her career.

Walters—Etta Viola Claybrook was born in Adair County, Missouri, April 7, 1880, and departed this life at the Grim Smith Hospital at Kirksville, Mo., April 25, 1933, being at the time of her death, 53 years and 18 days old. She was the daughter of W. J. and Ellen Claybrook.

On December 25, 1900, she was united in marriage to J. M. Walters. To this union were born four children: Clyde and Claude, twins, both preceded her in death. Those who, with the father, survive are, one son, Hallie, and a daughter Stella, both at home, and were at the bedside at the time of death. She also leaves a mother and step father, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walters, two brothers, Frank of Sedro Woolly, Washington and Mike of Hurdland, Mo., one half brother, C. E. Claybrook of Green Castle, Mo. and two half sisters in the west, and many other relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

She was converted at the age of 18 and united with the United Brethren church, and on April 5, 1924, she united with the Free Will Baptist church at Stahl, Mo. and has been a constant member ever since. She was a member of the Mission circle and also the Cradle roll superintendent.

Throughout her sickness she suffered a great deal. It brings to our mind the words of the Apostle Paul, "Love suffereth long; and is kind; love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth." God who doeth all things well has called her home.

Funeral services were held at the Stahl church Thursday, April 27th, conducted by the pastor, Eld. S. H. Marcum. Interment was in the Union cemetery.

She is resting, sweetly resting,
Death has closed her eyelids, now,
She is resting with her Savior,
Glory shineth on her brow.

She is resting, sweetly resting,
For the loved one do not weep,
For we know she is with Jesus,
That she sleeps this peaceful sleep.

Written by a sister in Christ,
—Mrs. Ora Gates.

Warren—Z. Warren has asked me to write you of the death of his wife, Annie Warren, who passed away November 19, 1932.

She lived a true devoted Christian in the Green Ridge Free Will Baptist church for thirty-one years.

She left to mourn her going, her husband, five children, fifteen grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and many friends and relatives.

Written by a granddaughter,
Miss Vurven Moulder,
Climax Springs, Missouri.

GREENTOP, MISSOURI

Hazel Creek Union Church

Dear Readers of the Gem, Greetings in Jesus' name:

I will endeavor to write a few lines to our dear paper as a testimony for the Lord.

Monday, April 24, 1933, Elder S. H. Marcum, Bro. Willard Byrd and I motored to Low Ground F. W. B. church to engage in a revival effort, in which the Lord wonderfully blessed, and we witnessed nine professions.

Bro. Willard and I went along mostly to help out in the song, prayer and testimony services, or in any other way we could be of any help, but with no intentions of preaching much.

Bro. Sam delivered the messages the first week, driving home each night after services, to his wife and mother. Bro. Willard and I remained in the community most of the time during the entire time of the revival.

Monday, May 1st being a stormy weather period, Bro. Sam failed to arrive; and I delivered the message the best I could.

Wednesday, May 3rd, we witnessed the first profession. Friday night the services were stormed out.

The week end being our pastor's appointment at Hazel Creek
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FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Greentop, Missouri, May 7, 1933.

Dear Gem Readers:

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

I find the Gem much more interesting since the State Association met here last fall; as we got acquainted with so many of the writers. That was the first time I ever had the privilege of attending our State Association, and I hope it is not the last time, because I sure enjoyed the good services.

We also enjoyed the revival meetings held at Hazel Creek Union, New Harmony and Sublett churches, conducted by Elder Noel Turner and Eld. S. H. Mareum.

We have organized a league at New Harmony where the State Association was held last fall. We have a membership of eighteen.

The officers are as follows:

President Willard Swanson,
Vice Pres. Ethel Peterson,
Secretary Leona Thompson,
Treasurer Mabel Fuget,
Group Captain, Louise Buchanan,
Quiz Leader, Minnie Thompson.

We have been using the Holy Bible until this quarter. Now we are using League quarterlies, and like them fine. Our league is increasing in interest all the time.

We were well pleased to get the fifth Sunday meeting at New Harmony church, and hope it is not the last time. There was a large crowd considering the roads and bad weather. Elder Chas. Phillips preached a good sermon at eleven o'clock. Willard Byrd, our league field worker, gave a very interesting league talk in the afternoon.

The next fifth Sunday meeting will be at Martinstown church.

I hope and pray to meet all you Gem readers at our State Association next fall.

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.

Miss Leona Thompson, League Sec.

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Union, he left us in charge of the services, during which time we witnessed three professions (Saturday, May 6th. I delivered the three messages during his absence.

Bro. Sam was with us Monday and Tuesday of the following week, during which time (I have forgotten which night), we witnessed five professions.

Services were announced until Friday night following, but were stormed out all three nights, and Bro. Sam never got back with us again during the meeting, but Bro. Willard and I carried the services all through the following week, up until Friday night.

Bro. Willard delivered the message Sunday morning, May 14th. He was a great help in the song service, leading two choirs, Senior and Junior, and the congregation, during the entire meeting.

The meeting came to a close on Saturday night, May 20th. Friday night was the last service night, we were stormed out Sat. night.

We know the Lord has blessed our small efforts while with these dear people at Low Ground, and we pray His blessings upon them. There has been no baptismal service at this writing, but will be, if the Lord wills, in the near future. They have not as yet called a pastor, but the Lord seems to be leading that way.

Perhaps you will find a report of the fifth Sunday league meeting in this issue. We were permitted to be present, and, as president, to lead the services, with the aid of the vice president, Miss Velma G. Gates. We were wondrously blessed and are looking forward to the next meeting at Martinstown.

May the Lord bless you all, is my prayer. Pray for me.

Yours in Jesus' name,

Elder John A. Ewing.

La Mesa, New Mexico, May 11th.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

As I am sending in my subscription and 25 cents on the linotype, I thought I would write a few lines, as I never have seen anything written from this part of the country.

We live in the Rio Grande valley where there is but little rain fall—they irrigate from the river.

Needless to say that people think they are running things, even to the moisture required for their crops, but the good Lord in His mercy has let them know the past few years that they are not. We have several destroying insects for everything planted.

We have loyal Christian people here. Some are hungry for the truth and peace, while a goodly number don't know what they want, and don't care, just so they are entertained. We have a Sunday school at Mesquite, which was organized at the close of a revival meeting held there by Bro. Epper-son and Bro. Dearmore four years ago, and it has continued ever since with great interest. We use Free Will Baptist literature and I am a Free Will Baptist, and am their superintendent. We are pressing the battle in Jesus' name and gaining ground for the Master.

I feel quite lonely out here, as I am the only Free Will Baptist I know of.

If I see this in print, I may write again.

Verna G. Edson.

Stella, Missouri, April 30, 1933

Dear Christian Friends:

Here it is at the close of another month. As I am meditating very much on God's word, I am wondering just how many of us children of God spoke to some one about their soul during this month. Have we stopped to count the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us, and how little do we appreciate them?

I also wonder how many of us ho claim to be children of God live a daily Christian life for Him and for His cause.

Bro. Winford Davis held a one week's revival at Jones Chapel church, but owing to his circumstances, he had to leave the revival with Bro. Noel Turner, our pastor. Bro. Davis started the meeting April 24th. He could not be with us all the week, but we didn't let the devil get the upper hand of us, so we went right on with the meeting and God blessed us in many ways. Bro. Winford came back and was with us from Friday night through the rest of the week.

On Sunday night, April 30th,
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WE WONDER why the Leagues don't report to the Gem any more. The Gem is for reports of what Free Will Baptist are doing; tell others how the Lord has blessed in your life and work.

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baptized is all that many churches require now-a-days.

Some in Jeroboam's day thought it not too much to go to Jerusalem, so they went and worshiped God according to commandment and He blessed them: and some even today think it not too much to go to the altar where they surrender all to God—they are the light of the world: the salt of the earth in this time of declension and darkness.

There is no doubt that the church is walking with the world, yet there are many who love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength; thank God for them. The number of righteous (according to population) must be more than were found in Sodom, else the world would be destroyed as Sodom was: but the day of destruction can't be far off, for the falling away of Christians and many other signs of the end time are here now.

Joshua (Joshua 24:15) said, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." We must let others serve as they choose, but we must warn them. But for our own good and safety and for the good and safety of others, we must love and serve God heartily, sincerely and with all our might, for together we make up the church of the living God. The unsaved are looking for our light, and may be lost if they can't see it.

HOW to get to Faith and Hope church, where the Wright County Quarterly Meeting will hold its next session, beginning at 4 p. m. Thursday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1933:

Go to Willow Springs, Mo., and take the farm to market road north to the second road turning left, the road will be marked from there on. If you need to inquire, ask for Freedom church, as it is better known by that name.

O. L. Allen, Mountain Grove, Mo.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference of Free Will Baptist will be in regular annual session at Nashville, Tenn. June 14 to 16, 1933. Several of our brethren expect to represent the Co-operative General Association at this Conference.

A NEW BOOK

We have just printed a little book written by Eld. A. B. Talbert of Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

The book, "The Preacher's Friend," gives a sketch of a sacrificing preacher's life in the first part, and the last half of the book sets forth **Tithing** as a Bible doctrine.—It is good.

This little book is intended to pave the way for an Old Ministers' Home.

The price of the books is 25 cts., 15 cents of which goes into a fund to help Dependent Ministers, the other 10 cents goes to pay postage, printing commission, etc.

Bro. Talbert has part of these books and part are at the Gem office. Those in Oklahoma should send orders to Eld. A. B. Talbert, Sand Springs, Okla., and those in Missouri should send orders to Eld. B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo. Others send to either place.

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Stella, Missouri.*Continued from page eleven*

several of the Christian people from Mt. Olivet church at Blue Eye, Mo., came up and helped us worship. They rendered a number of good old religious songs which was spiritual food for the soul. It made us all feel good to have them come down here. It helps to make us better Christians and it gives us more determination to live closer to Christ our Savior. Bro. Winford Davis brought us a good message on Babylon in his last service. We got many good thoughts from the lesson. It gave us one great thought, and that one thought to me was, We should never put ourselves in a place where we think we can get along without God, for sure as we do, God will let us down.

The one song which the Mt. Olivet folks sang, that was food to my soul, was the good old song, entitled, "Spring Time in Heaven." Just think of all the great joys there will be up yonder in glory awaiting those who are prepared to meet God! Sinner friends, if you read the Gem, I trust and pray God that you give your heart and soul to God while you have the opportunity, because some time it will be too late; and there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, and you will cry out in hell, and say, "Oh, why didn't I live for Christ!" but it will be too late, your soul will be doomed and you will be tormented in that awful flame. So why not live for Christ and gain a crown of Righteousness?

Dear Christian friends, help us pray for the lost world. We should wake up to the fact that we are not doing our part. So let us all sacrifice a little more of our time to God's work, instead of our own.

Yours for Christ,
Elder Charley Edmondson.

MONKEY'S SHOES
(From the Defender)

They say we came from monkeys.
That's the only good solution.
Instead of God creating us
We came by evolution.

Just imagine for a minute
If it be within your power,
Us, being tiny plants and flowers
And living in a bower.

Then imagine being fishes,
And living in the sea.
Then, when the waters were rolled back
On land we seemed to be.

Just think, a few poor fishes
Really lived on bone-dry land
And changed their water habits
So they could live on sand.

Somehow in this lengthy process
We got to be up on a par
With apes, orang-outangs, and monkeys.
But now we are just what we are.

You have heard the opinion of others,
Now listen to my point of view.
If God could create this great universe,
Why couldn't He create me and you?

He said we were created in His image,
Now exactly which do you choose?
Did your first parents walk in the garden?

Or stand in a monkey's shoes?
—Ruth L. Peckham.

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NO ROOM FOR THE MASTER*By Mrs. E. G. Tharp*

In Luke 2:7, we read, "There was no room for them in the inn." Had you ever thought, dear readers, what that means? Had you considered the fact, that, if our Savior had been born to a family of wealth, there would have been ample room in the inn to have accommodated them. The thought comes to me: **THERE WAS NO ROOM IN THE INN FOR THE MASTER; IS THERE ROOM IN YOUR HEART FOR HIM?** or is malice and hatred, the cares of this life, and lusts crowding the Master out?

It is first place He must have, not second. So, if our heart is filled up with unrighteousness, there can be no room for Him, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adultries, fornication, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matt. 15:19). With all these things in our hearts, there is no room for the Master. Paul said that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God; and you remember our Savior said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate;" so we must make a struggle upon our part to enter. We see people of all ages jostling against each other on the highway of life, each with his god before him: some of gold and silver, some of stocks and bonds, some of houses and lands, cattle, sheep or swine, husband, wife or children in fact anything that we let take up our whole time and thought. That is crowding out the Master.

And if we allow first place to be taken in our hearts by things of this world, and kept by them; there will never be room for Him who died, that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. It is with a prayer that these few words will touch the heart of some one who is allowing the things of this world to keep the Master out of their lives, that I write, for this has been weighing on my mind. I am praying each day for one who is anxious for the Master to come in, yet he has failed to empty his heart, that there may be room for the Master.

Oh, that the world could see their needs, and could realize that there is no price they can pay to purchase their souls when the grim reaper comes: for the purchase

price is the blood of the Son of God; and he who fails to accept Jesus, and get under the blood, must suffer vengeance of an angry God. "For how can we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" We will be paupers in the Judgment, if we fail to have on the wedding garment, or if our light has gone out.

WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?*Continued from page two*

rod of power, when used by a clean hand, and guided by a pure heart.

Think of the boy David, of the little sling in David's hand, of the five little stones he picked up from the brook, and of the giant Goliath which David slew with a little stone from his sling. David was just a boy and all that he had was very little, but all was dedicated or consecrated to God; so a great victory was won. There are many giants even now, but they can all be put to death, for in your hand and in mine is the weapon of death to the giant that bothers us, if we but give God the opportunity to use us and the things we have in our hands. Some of the giants we have today are neglect of our Christian duties and privileges, indifference, idleness, neglect of Bible study and prayer, the influence of worldly amusements, and many others that might be mentioned, but these will all disappear like dew before the morning sun when we dedicate our lives with all that we have and are, and what we have in our hands unto God.

Shamgar, the third judge over Israel, had only an ox goad, but he slew six hundred men of the Philistines with it (Jud. 3:31).

Samson, the thirteenth judge over Israel, had only a jawbone of an ass, but he slew one thousand men of the Philistines with it (Jud. 15:15). These men were able to deliver Israel from their enemies, the Philistines, because they were willing to use what they had in hand for God, when the Spirit came upon them and moved them.

The widow of Zarephath had only "an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse," and she was gathering sticks that she might bake the last handful of meal she had, that she and her son might eat it and die, when Elijah the prophet came along and

asked her to bake him a cake first, assuring her that "the barrel of meal shall not waste, nor the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth" (1 Kings 17:8-16). The woman believed the word of the man of God; so it was by faith that she did according to the word of Elijah. For about three and one-half years Elijah and the widow's house lived on the handful of meal and the little oil which the widow had, "and the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which He spake by Elijah." It always pays to take God at His word. If He says, "Cast thy bread upon the waters;" you had better obey, for you shall find it again (Eccl. 11:1). If He says, "Give," you should give as directed, for "it shall be given unto you" (Lk. 6:38). "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Why worry about tomorrow? God has promised to supply all our needs (Phil. 4:19).

HELP, DEAR LORD, HELP!*By Mrs. Lina Claxton*

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Readers: I feel this bright sunshiny morning, with everything so beautiful, that we are brought under many renewed obligations to thank our great Creator for the wonderful blessings He has given us, and that the case is no worse with us than it is, for if they abolish the Eighteenth Amendment, we know it will be worse; our only hope is in God.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psa. 46:1). I believe that there never was a time when we needed help from God more than now, for we realize that without His help all is a failure. He wonderfully blessed the W. C. T. U. and gave them the victory so far as the law was concerned, with prohibition. Yes, we know that the prohibition law was violated, for all other laws are violated, but the people of America know that Prohibition has done more good than any organization outside the church of God. If God be for us: who can be against us? Dear Lord, be now our present help in time of trouble.

The newspapers tell us that the President said, "We have asked for discipline and direction under

leadership in this dedication of a nation; we humbly ask the blessings of God: may He protect each and every one of us; may He guide me (the President) in the days to come." If it is true that he got on his knees to pray, he should have stayed there until he was endued with power from on high, then he never would have given his signature to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer. He claims it is all to obtain revenue, but what shall a man be profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what will he give in exchange for his soul? He surely did not consider the precious boys and girls, the value of their precious souls. Giving his signature to sell this damnable stuff in our towns and elsewhere will cause many a young man to become a drunkard, and many girls too. Help us Lord!

This was not done fairly; if it had been left to the voice of the good people, it would never have been, and he had the power to keep it down. Oh, if he had helped the good mothers of our land to help the people of our land to abstain from strong drink! The Bible tells us that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God. Oh, help us, dear Lord, to help all we can to keep the young folks from drink and from spending their money for strong drink, for the word of God says that they who do this are not wise; and they will be classed with the foolish virgins. Touch not! taste not! handle not!

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Gen. 2:18). This is the first HELP I read of in the Bible, but there is a great deal said about HELP. David said, "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee: yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness . . . Fear not; I will help thee. I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 41:10, 13-14).

HELP, HELP, HELP! all the way, spiritually and temporally, from God the Father, and if we are able to pass through the gates

into the City, it will be by His HELP. Oh, if the rulers of this nation could be touched by the gentle hand of a little child as was the miner: he saved the child:

"This little incident came to me from my unseen friend in New South Wales," said a writer in The Way. A ship was on its way to its home land, but it never reached the land on which many hopes were centered. She was wrecked on a coast far away. A miner had just tied his bag of gold around his waist, and was putting on his life belt, when he felt a gentle touch: "O sir," said a little girl, "can you swim?" "Yes, little girl, I can swim." "Please, sir, will you save me?" "I will try," he answered. He couldn't save the little girl and his gold, so he threw the precious bag into the waves and said to the little pleader, "Put your arms around my neck and cling close to me." Then he swam and swam, oft fearing that he could not hold out, until a great wave carried them both safely to the shore. The first thing of which he was conscious when he came to himself was of the little girl with her arms around his neck. He heard her saying, "O, sir, I am so thankful to you for saving me!" He had lost his gold, but he had saved the life of a dear child; it was well worth all that it had cost. All around us, among the billows of life, men and women are saying "Please, will you HELP me?" and the sweetest thing in life is to know we have helped someone.

Dear Lord, help the W. C. T. U. and may they be encouraged to work and help all they can in this great conflict between good and evil, and pray mightily to God for help to keep the Eighteenth Amendment and the enforcement of the law.

We can do much to help each other in many ways: with a smile, kind words, good deeds of kindness, visit the sick, prayer, singing. Your presence means much at church and Sunday school. Help the preacher by giving of your living, help the Editor by sending in subscriptions, confess your faults one to another and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. This would HELP us all to a higher plane of life.

"When nothing else could help, love lifted me."

I ask the prayers of all who read this, to HELP my dear old companion and myself to grow stronger as we are getting weak in body, and may we yet be a help to some poor sinner to find the path that Jesus trod. God bless Sister Priest, she helped me to feel that I might help some one through my weakness.

THE CHARM OF A SNAKE

By J. M. Doughty

Boys, did you ever see a bird being charmed by a snake?

One day when I was a boy I was hoeing watermelons when I noticed a bird acting very strangely near by. The bird seemed very excited and flying back and forth from a clump of tansy. The distance out each time was a little shorter and the flight back each time a little closer to the clump of tansy. After watching the bird until it could get but a short distance from the tansy, I went to see what was attracting the bird, and when I looked into the tansy, I saw an ugly snake lying motionless with its eyes firmly fixed upon the bird.

Boys and girls, there is a snake trying to charm you. This snake is the liquor business. The only safe way is to stay away from it. If you ever start drinking liquor, you may soon be in the charm of it and each drink you take will draw you a little closer to the life of a drunkard. The Bible states: "Wine biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." The same is true of whisky and beer.

Let us stay out of the charm of intoxicating liquor, and when we have a vote, let's kill the snake.

WHEN ROOSEVELT sent his infamous Beer Bill to Congress, the leaders of nine Dry organizations wrote him a letter setting forth by expert, scientific testimony that 3.2 per cent beer is intoxicating and therefore, a violation of the Eighteenth Amendment which is still a part of that fundamental document called the Constitution, for which the Wets seemingly have so little regard. Their communication closed with these words, "In view of the obligation imposed by the Constitution of the United States upon the President to 'preserve, protect and defend the Constitution,' the undersigned respectfully urge that you veto this measure."

START SOMETHING

(Editor's Note: This article was written by Gerald B. Winrod, Editor of the "Defender Magazine," published at Wichita, Kansas, from which paper it is copied. We are printing this article because it so exactly expresses the truth about the present situation as we see it: it is the truth that we all need to stimulate us to action. Let us do something.)

Beer! Beer! Beer!

In the Eastern part of the United States where I have been the last few months one sees the sign "Beer Sold Here" every time he turns around. Soda fountains, restaurants, grocery stores, drug stores! Millions of people have suddenly gone **beer crazy**.

The fact that restraint has been lifted on the alcoholic narcotic is bad; that such an economic waste should be created in the present financial stringency is an evil omen; that families of so many of the poor and working classes are going to be forced to bear the brunt of the suffering is sad; but this is not the worst. The moral let-down back of the Beer, the moral sag among the masses who have been so easily duped by designing politicians and unscrupulous brewers is indicative of national disintegration. It is this destructive element behind the Beer spasm which now challenges the Christian forces of the nation. We are reminded again that America's national life rests **not** upon its possessions. Our foundations are laid deep in the substrata of morality. It is the foundation which is endangered in the present crisis. . . . There is one hope, one remedy, and that is an **immediate spiritual awakening**.

But alas, Modernism has done its deadly work! The cause of Christ has been so weakened by negation in the pulpit, and scholastic doubt in high places, that spiritual vitality is at a low ebb. Our education is turning us into spiritual fools. Like Samson and the Philistine flapper, the church has been enticed by worldly teachings so that it has lost its strength. Delilah cut Samson's hair, and Modernism has shorn the church, very largely, of its spiritual locks. There is a famine in the land.

No matter! We must marshal

our forces in every way possible, and we must do it **QUICK**. Let us get down to business and stimulate evangelism. Let the fear of God be put into American hearts. The faithful proclaiming of the Word, a positive declaration of the Gospel, the rigid application of New Testament teachings, regardless of denominational barriers and mooted doctrinal issues, must come **before it is too late**. Your starting point is right there in your local community. Never stop until you get something started in the way of a Revival, Bible Conference, Defenders Rally, or Evangelistic Mission in your locality.

Jesus said to the Gardarene, "Return to thine own house." Your field of labor is right where you are. Don't say you can't. **You can!** I know of many communities that have been stirred because of the faithful intercession of a few godly women, or the work of a single layman, or a group of laymen, who have gotten the vision; in some instances even pastors opposed them, but they "stood by the guns" and at the proper time, a Gospel fire broke out which spread over the community like prairie flames.

To my certain knowledge more than 5,000 pastors will read these words. If every one will resolve to sponsor some kind of a meeting in the immediate future, think what a moral momentum, what a tremendous spiritual impact can be produced. A great wave of creative power can thus be started which will reach into every part of the Country."

IT HAS A NATURE TO BITE

The Bible, in speaking of wine and strong drink, says, "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Proverbs 23:32).

In "The King's Business" for February, 1933, we have the following illustration:

A large rock fell on the back of a snake one day, says an old fable. The snake called to a calf who was passing to remove it, but he refused.

"If I take it off, you will bite me," he said.

"No," replied the snake, "I will promise not to bite."

The poor calf removed the rock and they went on together.

"Now I am going to bite you," said the snake.

"But you promised not to," the poor calf said.

"I know, but it is my nature to bite, and I can't help it."

They met a fox just then, and the calf asked him to settle the dispute. He would not unless he could see the rock on the snake as it was, and see what the calf did. So when the rock was at last placed on the snake, the fox turned to the calf and said,

"Now that the rock is on his back, I think it is best to leave it there."

Many poor, simple "calves" would remove the prohibition rock from John Barleycorn, but it is a matter of safety first. It is his nature to bite; let the rock remain.

CHIPS

From Elder T. C. Ferguson's Sermons.

Self conceit is practised by people who are small enough to enjoy it.

War is organized insanity.

Heaven is cheap at any price.

Remember that religion is not all noise; the roosters do all the crowing; the hens lay all the eggs.

Silence is golden when Jesus speaks.

Some people ought to do a lot of grunting now while they are drinking so much swill, beer.

If God should take all the selfishness out of some people's prayers, He would need a magnifying glass to be able to see what would be left.

We are unworthy of the least of God's notice when we are engaging in sin.

Jesus' blood is the only thing that can wash away the stain of sin.

How would you like it if Jesus should come today?

Where is heaven? It is where Jesus is. Where is hell? It is where the devil is.

Where will you spend eternity? The answer is, where you want to.

We ought to be too big to get offended at every little thing that we don't like.

Don't condemn people until you know what their motive is.

If you voted wet, you voted to make boozing a respectable business. *Weatherby, Missouri, R2.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement of your Association, Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting 5th Sunday Meeting, or any

other important meeting should be announced here. If your announcement is not here, send it in so it can be printed in the Gem.

ASSOCIATIONS

CANADIAN Association will meet with Vanzant church, seven miles southwest of Paden, Oklahoma, beginning Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1933. Eld. C. H. Goode, Clerk, Paden, Oklahoma.

OLD MT. ZION Association will be held with Pilgrim Rest church, beginning at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1933. Eld. G. C. Bland to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Claude Lynch alternate. Horace Knox, Clerk, La Rue, Ark.

SOCIAL BAND Association will be held with New Harmony church, near Noland, Arkansas, beginning on Friday night before the third Sunday in August, 1933. Eld. R. S. Shelton to preach the introductory sermon. Ralph Staten, Clerk, Pocahontas, Ark.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI and SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS Association will be held with Fairview church, near Chetopa, Kansas, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1933. Eld. W. H. York to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. O. T. Allred alternate. Eld. W. H. York, Clerk, Hannon, Mo.

INDIAN CREEK Association will be held with Mt. Olivet church, Blue Eye, Missouri, beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1933. Eld. Sherman Harris to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. Noel Turner alternate. Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk, Granby, Mo.

UNION Association will be held with Wolf Creek church, beginning at 4 o'clock p. m. before the first Sunday in September, 1933. E. L. Jones, Clerk, Hartville, Mo., R3.

HOPEWELL Association No. 2 will be held with Weaver Chapel church, about six miles east, and two miles north of Comanche, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1933. Stella Nall, Clerk, Graham, Oklahoma.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTIST will meet with Camp Ground church, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1933. Eld. C. C. Matthews, Moderator, Green Forest, Arkansas.

MISSOURI STATE Association will be held with Oak Grove church, about eight miles north of Norwood, Mo., in Union Association, beginning on Tuesday night before the third Sunday in October, 1933. Eld. S. H. Marcum to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. O. T. Allred alternate. Eld. Winford Davis Clerk Monett, Mo.

SUBSCRIPTION**PRICES REDUCED**

After carefully and prayerfully considering the matter, we have decided to reduce the subscription of the Gem.

The new prices are to be permanent, and we will be disappointed if we don't receive more subscriptions at these lower rates than we have at the old rate.

The new prices do not include anything for the linotype fund; but all who can and will, are urged to add something to the amount sent for subscription for the linotype fund. The linotype belongs to the Free Will Baptist of Missouri. If you are one of them, it is your machine and it is your duty to help pay it out of debt. Every cent you send more than is required for the subscriptions you send in will be applied on OUR linotype.

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Just decide that your church or community can make up a club of 9 or more subs at 50c each and just a little time and effort will win.

Brother pastor, do your church a good turn by getting 9 or more of them to take the Gem at 50c per year: it will help our cause.

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IT WILL BE NECESSARY for us to mail the the July issue of the Gem out by June 24th, as the Editor plans to go to Sulphur Springs, Arkansas for his health, for a rest, and to attend Bible Conference.

We will want the manuscript for the July issue early in June.