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The Church of God or Christ

By Elder T. H. Dixon, Checotah, Okla.

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18).

To my best judgment I have heard so many wrong positions on the Church question, I would like to give the readers of the Gem a few thoughts on one of the great institutions on earth.

"By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (1 Cor. 12:13). Not by the order of one Spirit, as some would have you to believe. The Spirit does the baptizing. It takes three things to constitute baptism: It takes an administrator, an element, and subjects; and in the baptism mentioned above, the Spirit is the administrator, repentance is the element, and those who repent are the subjects. This is the one baptism spoken of in Eph. 4:5, namely, the Baptism of Repentance (Mark 1:4). Note please, that we are baptized into the body which is the church; hence it takes the Spiritual birth to enter the Church of God, or Christ; and there are no hypocrites in this one body. Some of our friends say there are hypocrites in the Church of God.

Read Acts 20:28. We find that the Church of God is purchased with the blood of Christ; and no hypocrite is found in the Church of God, or Christ. When I speak of the Church of God, or Christ, I mean the redeemed, the called out; God's children is the Church of God, and as long as God has had a family on earth, just that long He has had a church.

"Upon this rock I will build my church." Note carefully the following questions: Was Jesus Christ in the beginning? You

would answer, Yes. What part did He have in the creation? (Gen. 1:26). When men were calling on the name of the Lord, was Christ concerned in the call? (Gen. 4:26). I answer, He was. Then, if He was, did not He have a people back there? And, if He had a people back there, can we not say, He had a church? It takes people to constitute the Church of Christ. The word church isn't mentioned in the Old Testament, neither is the word Christ.

The Word spoken of in St. John 1:1, was Christ.

And the congregation spoken of in Psalm 22:22 means the same as the church recorded in Heb. 2:12. In these two references we have the word Congregation, and the word Church, one in the Old Testament, and the other in the New Testament. They were God's family, His children, a people who worshiped God. The redeemed under the Old Testament means the same as the redeemed under the New Testament, the Church of God, or Christ. There is no such thing as God having a church and Christ having nothing to do with it.

We read in 1 Cor. 10:3-4 where "They did all eat of that spiritual meat, and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock, that followed them, and that Rock was Christ." So we see them eating and drinking of Christ back there 1499 years before the birth of Christ.

"This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness" (Acts 7:38). Then God and Christ are both connected with the Church.

If the readers of the Gem find fault with this discourse, please wait until you read the next issue of the Gem. If the good editor will give me space, I will continue the discourse.

All Free Will Baptist should read the Gem.

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

By Mrs. Cecil E. Horner

No doubt you call yourself a Christian. What do you mean? Do you mean that you believe in the existence of a supreme Being? So does the devil; and the devil is not a Christian. Is your Christianity merely a label which distinguishes you from the Jew and the heathen? Have you merely adopted a certain moral code which you claim is taken from the Bible, and that this acceptance of certain biblical principles makes you a Christian? Do you mean that you are a Christian because you give mental assent to the statements of the Bible—that you never would dream of calling its claim into question? Even this does not make you a Christian. There are many thousands of people who accept the biblical statements as true just as they accept the facts of history. But mental acceptance, for instance, of the story of Christ's life and death affects them no more than does acceptance of the historical fact that George Washington was the first president of the United States.

Bear in mind that faith is not a condition of the mind. It is not a determination of the will. It is not the acceptance of a group of historical facts. But faith is a miracle of the heart which is the work of the Spirit of God. The wonderful heart transformation which changes an unbeliever, which turns natural man into a child of God, is called conversion, or regeneration. The conversion is not an act of self-determination. But it is a heart change wrought by the Spirit of God through the agency of the Word. God works faith through the Word and God sustains faith through the Word. Hence you can not have faith nor keep faith except through the

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Exodus 20:3-18)

Mrs. Gladys Keeland, Live Oak, California

First. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Have you no other gods? Do you love Him above home, wealth, or pleasure? Whatever you make most of is your god; so be sure God is honored above all things.

Second. "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." Now, we might say, Of course we haven't any graven image that we worship. You know the devil is a quick thinker, he had rather have us worship anything, however sacred, except the true God. We have people who worship the imitated cross; it is a sin. We must not bow down and worship anything except the true and living God. "God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in Spirit and in truth."

Third. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." "Holy and reverend is his name" (Psalm 111:9). I wonder how many (and sad to say, some professed Christians) take God's name in vain; and yet they say, O, it's just a habit, or a by-word, or I don't mean anything by it; but listen, the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain—be careful.

Fourth. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." But we see people disregarding the sabbath, especially here in the west, more so than in the east. People harvest their fruit on the sabbath, the same as a week day; they say, "It would spoil to let it go until Monday." But if they will figure—their last profit, they will soon see that disregarding the Sabbath profits them nothing. You notice that this commandment begins with "Remember," and when God said, "Remember," He meant just that. May God help all to regard the Sabbath more, for if we give up the Sabbath, the church goes, the home goes; and if the home goes the nation goes—"Remember!"

Fifth. "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." We certainly are living in dark days on this commandment, it must surely be the days the apostle Paul wrote of, "In the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful,

unholy, without natural affection, despisers of those that are good." "Honor thy father and thy mother." The word "Honor" means more than mere obedience. A child may obey through fear, but honor means love and affection, gratitude, and respect. Listen, boys, girls, men and women; "Honor" your parents, for you will not always have them. Show them respect while living, because when they have passed on, if you have not treated them with respect a sad regret will be yours.

Sixth. "Thou shalt not kill." It seems in these days that people have left this commandment out. In most every paper a number of murders are listed. And another kind of murder is hatred. John says, "Whosoever hateth is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." In Matt. 5:21-22, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca (an expression of contempt), shall be in danger of the council. But whosoever shall say, Thou fool (an expression of condemnation), shall be in danger of hell fire." Here are three degrees of murderous guilt (in God's sight), all of which can be manifested without a blow being struck, secret anger. "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:17).

Seventh. "Thou shalt not commit adultery." This terrible adultery is sweeping through this land unholy, without natural affection, despisers of those to stress this matter wherever they go. Homes are being wrecked, hearts broken, lives ruined for ever. Listen, did you know that "Lust" is Satan's counterfeit for love? and do you know God's word in Matt. 5:27-28? "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery. But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery already in his heart." Listen! "Be not deceived: God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." And God is no respecter of persons; so woman, if you are an adulteress, you are not excused.

Eighth. "Thou shalt not steal." In this case the person who picks up the smallest article is as guilty, in God's sight, as the person who breaks into a bank and takes thousands. And there are those who have become rich through dishonesty, they are also guilty: God's all-seeing eyes are still on the world.

Ninth. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Are you trustworthy? Paul says, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth to his neighbor, for we are members one of another." Some call lies white, or a dressed up story, but in God's sight they are still just lies. "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able to bridle the whole body." Some one has said that lying is a worse crime than counterfeiting. There is some hope of following up bad coins until they are all recovered, but an evil word cannot be overtaken.

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A FEW FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

By B. F. Brown

We see much in the papers the past few months about "Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment," about "Prosperity," especially "Beer Prosperity," and about the amount of revenue collected, etc.

Andrew J. Volstead, co-author of the "Volstead Act," has the following to say about Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to our Federal Constitution:

"I grant that you wets have won. But do not forget that you are now on trial. You have won through politics, through the lavish use of money, the rankest kind of propaganda and brazen nullification of the Constitution. Now let us see that you live up to your promises.

"You have promised that the saloon is not to come back. Is there still any one silly enough to believe that you will carry out that promise after you have authorized the sale of beer, three ordinary glasses of which contain as much alcohol as two ordinary glasses of whisky?

"Be not too confident. Only a little more than one-fourth of the voters have cast their ballots for repeal.

"The dries were overconfident. It behooves the wets not to make their mistake. In the future you will have to answer for failures; you cannot lay to prohibition all the misdeeds and suffering of the future that you laid to prohibition in the past."

Don't you think Mr. Volstead has stated facts? I do; and I think the question will be voted on again; but it won't go wet the next time we vote.

Daily papers record the following from Indiana:

"Beer, whisky and malt tax collections from June 27 to July 27 amounted to \$143,873.35, it is reported by the state excise collector. That is a revenue thought impossible two months ago in Indiana—driest of the dry states.

"Multiply the one month's collections by twelve, and Ind. may look forward to garnering nearly \$2,000,000 annually on a legitimate trade which it has been losing to illegitimate rum dealers since its dry law went into effect. Even the die-hard prohibitionists in the Corn State must admit that \$2,000,000 yearly will do several things in keeping the wolf from the treasury door."

The above means that the people of Indiana must spend around twelve millions of dollars each twelve months for intoxicating liquors, of which the state gets about one-sixth, or about \$2,000,000. It may keep the wolf from the treasury door, but the wolf will prowl about the doors of the poor hard-working people, ruining women and children, breaking up homes, bringing misery, woe and suffering, and filling countless graves with the poor unfortunates. Their one thought seems to be revenue, regardless of the untold ruin the liquor traffic will bring. But the Judgment Day is coming. That will be a fearful time for those who have enriched themselves in the ruin and slaughter of millions of victims.

Our Capitol City boasts of its "Beer Prosperity."

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QUEEN CITY, MISSOURI, November 12, 1933.

Dear Friend: Received the Gem which brought information concerning the State meeting. I tried to picture in my mind the contrast between it and first State meeting, which was held with the Philadelphia church, near Santa Rosa, Missouri, beginning November 25, 1914, and was composed of three Yearly meetings and one Quarterly meeting. At this meeting there were six ministers present.

Rev. W. H. McKown (now deceased) was elected moderator and I was elected clerk. I still have the minutes and can furnish a copy if desired for publication or other use.

At this meeting letters were received from the Central Western Mo. and Southeastern Kansas Association, signed by the clerk, Elder B. F. Brown, from Northwest Mo. Association, signed by the clerk, Jerry Ahart, from Northeast Mo. Yearly Meeting, signed by the moderator of the Y. M., C. E. Mann, and from the St. Francois Quarterly Meeting, signed by the clerk, Rev. J. J. Woods. Each of the above named asked that a State conference might be organized and sought membership in same.

Your article on "The Mustard Seed" is proving true in the state work, and if we can always live in the thought presented in the first place of meeting, Philadelphia (brotherly love), and continue under the leadership of the Holy Spirit the Lord will still lead to larger fields of service.

Yours for Christ,

C. E. Mann.

LONG LANE, MISSOURI, November 11, 1933.

Dear Readers of the Gem: As I was reading some pieces in the Gem this morning I felt like I should write a piece to the dear old Gem.

Bro. Burney, pastor of Cedar Ridge church and Bro. Ussery have been holding a revival at this place. Twenty have been converted and I am praying that more will be saved. The meeting has been going on a week and three nights.

Nine were baptized Wednesday, and I was one of them; and I sure got a real blessing when I went under. I am still praying that God will give us a real old time revival, and I want those who read this to pray too. I am going to write a few verses of the twenty-fifth chapter of St. Matthew:

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they

that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not." (Matt. 25:1 to 12).

All Christians should be watching, lest the Son of God come at any time. I want to be watching and doing my duty; and I always want to have oil in my lamp any time and not be like the foolish virgins. I just want to say a word to the sinners, that you had better be watching and have oil in your lamps. I want every child of God that reads this piece to remember me in their prayers.

A Christian girl, eleven years old,

Hazel Smith.

CUSHING, OKLAHOMA, October 29, 1933.

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem: We wish to report the dedication of the Free Will Baptist church here at Cushing, October 15, 1933.

We had all day services and dinner served at the church.

The service will be long remembered on account of God's blessings.

We were glad to have as visitors: Bro. and Sister Fincher, Br. and Sister Johnson, Bro. C. C. Coffee, Bro. A. B. Talbert, Bro. and Sister Rogers and Bro. Roger's father, and Mrs. J. W. Epperson. We wish more could have been here, especially those who have been our pastors, and their families, whom we have learned to love in past years.

These pastors who have served this church have done their part in making these dedication services possible. Following is a list of the pastors since the church was organized November 14, 1926:

Eld. J. L. Waltman was first pastor, then Elder A. B. Talbert, Eld. I. B. Dumaway, Eld. W. L. Bean, Eld. J. R. Edwards, Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, Eld. Oliver, Eld. Cecil Horner, Eld. B. H. Perkins, and now for the second time Bro. J. L. Waltman is our pastor. He has been called back on different occasions when needed. There were 20 members when the church was organized, we now have about 90 members.

Before saying any more about the church affairs I will tell you about our dedication services.

At eleven o'clock Bro. Waltman brought a message on how we should dedicate our lives to the Lord, and how consecrated we should live. After lunch was served we had a wonderful testimony service. Every one was full of the love of God and we had a great time in the service.

Bro. Talbert then preached us a sermon on "My house shall be called a house of prayer." In his sermon he told us how reverent we should be when in God's house. If each one will treasure up what they heard it will be a great blessing to them.

Now, after telling you about such a wonderful day we had, I will try to tell more about our church. The trustees of the church are Bro. Waltman, Bro. Jim Cook, Bro. Frank Fisher and Bro. Oscar Taylor. When the church was being built Bro. Talbert was head carpenter until it was finished. Bro. Conley, one of our faithful ministers, who has been a blessing to us all helped to build the church. He isn't with us any more, having moved to Missouri this

summer. We hope to meet him here again, but should we fail, there is a place where we can meet, where we shall part no more. Sister Perkins and Sister Morefield were the co-workers in the building program. Sister Livia Waltman did the cooking and cared for the children while others did their part toward getting the church built. At that time, and since then, others have done their part toward making these dedication services possible, whom we can not mention by name, there being so many of them, but remember there is one who knows just what each of us has done and our willingness to do more, and that is God, who seeth all things and shall reward us according as our work shall be.

Two of our faithful members who were real soldiers of the cross and did so much to draw others to their Savior have gone to receive their reward. They are Grandma Sorrells and Sister Zona Payne. Grandma Sorrells was our Senior Bible class teacher for several years and it was a great loss to us when she became unable to be there. Sister Payne was our church clerk and I could not begin to tell all the good she has done, but she certainly worked faithfully for her church while she and Grandma Sorrells used to look forward to the time when we could dedicate this church to God. We hated to give them up, but we must remember that our loss is heaven's gain.

Pray for us, that we might do more and that this church might be a place where souls might be saved and a mighty work be done for the Lord. We feel a great burden has been lifted and we give God the praise, but we feel there are still burdens which we must bear.

Ora Leftwich, Cor. Secretary.

REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING

The Wright County Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptists met with Mountain Grove church, Friday at two o'clock p. m. before the fifth Sunday in October, 1933.

Meeting called to order by singing. Introductory sermon by Eld. Clarence Ussery. Lesson 13th of 1 Cor. Text, Judges 11:33. After this the old moderator, Eld. L. T. Koch, took charge and appointed committees as follows: Elders Neal Moore, John Ratterree and A. J. Kelsay, committee on credentials. Brothers Riley Hutsell, A. W. Belt and Bro. Wagner committee on divine service.

Registration of ministers and deacons.

Report of Credential committee called for and received on nine churches, and delegates seated.

Election of moderator declared in order: Eld. G. W. Scott, Sr. elected moderator, Eld. A. J. Kelsay elected assistant moderator.

Conference closed with prayer by Eld. Neal Moore. Stand filled at night by Eld. John Ratterree and Eld. C. D. Findley.

Conference opened Saturday morning by singing. Reading the 10th chapter of St. John by moderator. Prayer by Bro. Reuben Gourley.

Report of Credential committee on three churches. Enrollment of delegates called for.

Query No. 1—Explain Romans 8:22. Opened by Eld. Neal Moore, discussed and passed by satisfied

that the groanings cease at the resurrection of the body.

Query No. 3—Explain Luke 17:3. Opened by Eld. D. S. Jones (Query No. 3 in place of No. 2 on account of the absence of Bro. O. L. Allen). Taken up, talked on and laid over till afternoon.

Conference closed with prayer by Bro. Massey.

Stand filled at 11 o'clock Elders A. J. Kelsey and G. W. Scott, Jr.

Conference opened afternoon by singing. Reading part of the 5th chapter of 1 Cor. by moderator. Prayer by Eld. D. R. Royster.

Report of Credential committee called for and received on twelve more churches, delegates seated.

Call for Home mission funds and \$17.71 received.

Elder Ben Owens was re-elected as member of executive board for a term of five years.

Report of executive board of August 30, 1933 received in regard to Bro. Kelley's credentials being annulled, passed by vote that we publish in the Gem that his credentials are revoked and are no good.

Query No. 3, that was laid over, taken up, discussed and passed by satisfied that it means just like it reads.

Conference closed with prayer by Eld. C. M. Dauber.

Stand filled at night by Elders N. E. Snyder and Neal Moore.

Conference opened Sunday morning with singing. Reading 6th chapter of Rev. by moderator. Prayer by Eld. C. M. Dauber.

Report of credential committee received on Mt. Zion No. 1.

Query No. 2—1 Sam. 19:23-24. What was Saul's condition at this time? Opened by Eld. Ocie Allen, discussed and passed by that the Spirit of the Lord was upon him, but he was in a condemned condition.

Requests for Q. M. called for, passed by vote that the next Q. M. be at Pleasant Hill church. Eld. C. M. Dauber to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Henry Higby alternate.

Passed by vote that the clerk of the Executive board of the Q. M. distribute programs of the Q. M. to the ministers and churches as much so as he can.

Query No. 4—Explain Luke 17:37. Opened by Eld. C. M. Dauber, discussed and passed by satisfied that it is the second coming of Christ.

Passed by vote that the Q. M. close out the eleven o'clock service and the League and Mission have the afternoon.

Vote of thanks to the moderator and assistant moderator by the congregation and vote of thanks by the delegation to the church and community. Vote of thanks to Q. M. by church and community.

This Q. M. was represented by twenty-three churches, twenty-eight ministers, twelve ministers' wives, fourteen deacons, four church clerks, thirty-two delegates, total representation, 109.

Elder G. W. Scott, Sr., Moderator,
Elder A. J. Kelsey, Ass't Mod.,
Riley Hutsell, Clerk.

Report of Northeast Missouri Association

Stahl, Mo., Nov. 15, 1933.

Dear Readers of the Free Will Baptist Gem: At last I will try to give you a report of the Northeast

Missouri Association, which convened at the Liberty church at Stahl, Mo., August 31 to Sept. 3, 1933.

Eld. S. H. Marcum delivered the introductory sermon. Text, 2 Chron. 7:14.

Friday morning session opened by singing. Reading Psalm 1 by the clerk. A quorum being present, we then proceeded to elect a moderator—Eld. C. A. Phillips was elected.

Letters were received and delegates seated from the following churches: Liberty, New Harmony, Bethel, New Hope, Hazel Creek Union.

The pulpit committee was appointed as follows: Alberta Novinger, John Thompson, Lizzie Filkins.

The Sublett letter was read and turned over to the business committee.

The following ministers enrolled: Elders S. H. Marcum, C. A. Phillips, W. R. Rush, W. B. Fadley, John McKown, John A. Ewing, Harry Cowls, N. C. Robbins and George D. Miller.

The Executive board gave a verbal report.

The Jewel church delegates were seated in council. Praise service began with singing. Prayer by Eld. John McKown. Reading Zech. 3:1-7 by Eld. W. R. Rush. Prayer by Bro. Rush. Bro. Rush delivered a fine sermon. Text, Zech. 3:2. Dismissed by Elder J. A. Ewing.

Friday afternoon session began by singing. Prayer by Elder Harry Cowls.

The Sublett church was received into the Ass'n.

The following ministers reported: Elders S. H. Marcum, C. A. Phillips, John A. Ewing, Geo. Miller.

The Sunday school evangelist gave a very interesting report, with ten schools, every church in the Association having a S. S. but one. Eld. C. A. Phillips was re-elected S. S. Evangelist.

Friday night services began by singing. Prayers by Bro. Clarence Helms and Eld. Fadley. Reading Luke 22:21-35 by Eld. John McKown. Prayer by Bro. McKown. Subject, "Conversion." Eld. John McKown followed by Eld. N. C. Robbins.

Saturday morning service began by singing. Prayer by Eld. W. R. Rush. Reading Phil. 3:10-15 by Eld. Harry Cowls. Bro. Cowls preached a real soul-stirring sermon.

A lovely program was given Saturday afternoon by the Sunday school and Mission workers.

Publication committee reported as follows:

We, the Publication Committee, endorse the Free Will Baptist publishing house at Purdy, Mo., which is our own house, therefore we recommend that our people subscribe for and support the Gem paper and press.

We further recommend that our churches and Sunday schools use our Free Will Baptist literature, which is a complete literature and carries no unclean advertisements.—Geo. D. Miller, Chairman.

The Resolution and Temperance committees acted together and report as follows:

Be it Resolved, That we stop receiving any and all wet publications coming into our homes, if any.

Be it Resolved, That we as God's people will not permit a beer or tobacco sign to be located on any land or lands which we control.

Be it also Resolved, That we go on record as protesting against any and all beer, tobacco and cigarettes and other filthy advertising that at the present time is marring the beauty of our highways and the

morals of our young and rising generation.

We also Recommend, That all ministers abstain from the use of tobacco in every form, and use their influence against the same.

We further Recommend, That our people refuse to buy or read the literature which is being peddled throughout our country, published by the "Watch Tower Published Co.," by Judge Rutherford.

Resolved, That we, the Association, make a strong effort to improve our work and lives by living closer to our God, both in our homes and abroad.

We Recommend, That this Association extend a vote of thanks to show our appreciation to the church and community of the Stahl church for their royal way of entertaining this Association.

We also Recommend, That we thank the delegation and visitors of this Association for their presence with us and their co-operation in the Lord's work.

Our motto is James 5:16 for the coming year.

—Elders S. H. Marcum and W. R. Rush.

All items were adopted.

Sermon Saturday night by Elders S. H. Marcum and J. A. Ewing. Text, Heb. 12:1.

Sermon Sunday morning by Eld. Harry Cowls. Text, Luke 22:42-43. Two precious souls were saved Sunday morning.

—Bessie Fowler, Clerk.

I hope that all who have been watching for this report will forgive me, for on account of sickness I have been unable to send it sooner. May God bless all who read this. If we who profess to be Christians would live a true Christian life every day, we could win many others. I think this is the trouble with the world today. Pray for me. —Bessie Fowler.

BLUE EYE, MISSOURI, November 10, 1933.

Dear Gem Readers: We have a community prayer meeting that has been going on about two and one-half years, and the third Monday in Sept. we were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pascoe, who were united in holy matrimony in May.

They said that some celebrated their wedding by giving a dance, but that they wanted prayer meeting, and their home dedicated unto the Lord.

Mrs. Anna Watkins was chosen as leader. The eighth chapter of 1 Kings was used as a scripture lesson for the evening, where Solomon dedicated the temple unto the Lord. He offered for a peace offering two and twenty thousand oxen, and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep; but thanks be unto God, that "to obey is better than sacrifice."

Let all that know the worth of prayer, remember this young couple, that their lives will be spent for the Lord; for if they are there will be laid up for them a crown of righteousness—a pure life is not lived in vain. If we had more young people who would dedicate their lives unto the Master and think more about Heaven and heavenly things, and less about worldly things, how Christianity would grow and glow! If one couple spend their lives from youth on for the Master, no one but the Maker Himself will know how many lives are led to Christ.

Too many wait until the best of their lives have been spent for Satan, then offer the broken fragments which are left unto God who was willing to give his best, even Jesus on the cross, that we might

have eternal life. We seem to think worldly passions are all, but we read in Mark 8:36, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38).

A real Christian has peace deep down in his soul. We all make mistakes, but if we humble ourselves at the foot of the cross, and talk with our Redeemer, we know then that all is well. Let us all live a life, that we can have a closer walk with God.

—Mrs. Delia Haskins.

Old Mt. Zion Association's Council of Ministers, Deacons and Laymembers met Oct. 29, 1933, with Clear Creek church. Sunday at 11 a. m., after song by the choir and reading Psalm 1, we humbly bowed for prayer led by Eld. Claud Lynch the pastor, then song, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," then Eld. J. W. Allred gave a short talk to the Junior Bible class and presented to them a lead pencil, telling them not to make any bad marks with them. Then we truly enjoyed the sermon on "Faith," delivered by Elder Cecil Garrison.

Then we sure enjoyed the bountiful co-operative dinner spread for us, it was splendid.

At one o'clock we began with our program, after election of chairman and secretary. Eld. W. E. Bland made a motion which was sustained by second and vote of the council to re-elect Eld. Geo. Been, Chairman and Eld. Willie Capps, Secretary.

Then we began on the subjects that had been assigned at the previous council in July:

What is a person's first and whole duty as taught in Matt. 6:33, Luke 12:30-34, and concluded with Eccl. 12:13-14? —By Eld. Claud Lynch.

What is the Unpardonable Sin as taught in the New Testament? Foundation, John 5:16-17. Answer, Matt. 12:31-32. —By Eld. Geo. Been.

Should Christians attend or go to the moving picture shows, dance halls, and Sunday ball games? —By Eld. W. E. Bland.

What are the weapons of our warfare that are to be used in our warfare, as in 2 Cor. 10:4? Answer, Ephesians 6:11 to 18.—By Eld. J. W. Allred.

What is it to live a consecrated life for God?—By Eld. Willie Capps.

All subjects proved to be interesting, instructive and educational.

Place for next council meeting is Hickory Grove church, December 31, 1933.

Subjects assigned as follows:

Should a Free Will Baptist church support its pastor? If so, in how many ways? —By Bro. Loyd Bland.

Sermon at 11 a. m. by Elder Horace Knox (young licensed preacher). No text assigned.

Should all Free Will Baptist church members be subject to local church government, as taught in New Testament rules? See Heb. 13:7-17; 2 Thes 3:6-7; Matt. 16:17-19; 18:15-18.—By Eld. Geo. Been.

Explain 1 Timothy 1:8-12.

Two League programs to be rendered in council:

What we believe about the future state of the

Righteous. —By Rocky Branch league, represented by Deacon R. H. Neely.

What we believe about the future abode of the Wicked. —By Pilgrims Rest league, represented by their secretary, Miss Edith Barnes.

Reported by Elder Geo. Been, Chairman.

Report of Sunday School Convention

Sunday, October 29th, the Southeast Missouri Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptist met with the Free Will Baptist church at Desloge, Mo. and a splendid program was enjoyed by a large crowd. Seven Sunday schools were represented and each one responded to their part on the program.

After the usual preliminaries and items of business, the following topics were ably discussed:

"Vision and Service in the Sunday School." By Brothers Oscar Womack and Damon Dodd.

"The Sunday School a Character Builder." By Sister Tommie Franklin and Eld. Charles Miller.

"Beholding the Men and Women of Tomorrow in Your Sunday School Class of Today." By Elders Jas. F. Miller and Bart Wright.

A boys' quartet of Mine La Motte rendered two numbers which were well received and showed talent above the average.

The Juniors of Desloge sang a number of choruses during the opening exercises. The entire program was an inspiration to Sunday school workers.

A wonderful revival is in progress at Leadington church where Eld. Wm Reeves is pastor. A number of conversions, thirty-three were baptized last Sunday. Eld. Chas. Miller of St. Louis does most of the preaching.

—Miss Anna Reed.

Report of First Mission and State Associations

As clerk of the First Mission, also of the State Association of Free Will Baptist, I feel it my duty to give in a report of the good work in Oklahoma.

The First Mission Association met with Zion Hill church, near Oologah. It seems that every Association gets better every year and this one just past seemed to be the best of all. We heard many wonderful messages. It seemed that every minister that took the stand was like old Micah, when he said, "But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord" (Micah 3:8).

Brothers and sisters, I am glad that Free Will Baptist ministers are getting their eyes opened to the fact that unless the Spirit of the Lord is with them they have no power at all. That is the reason the Free Will Baptist denomination is growing so rapidly, they are full of power by the Spirit of the Lord. We saw many souls born into the kingdom of God during the First Mission Association and many good things were discussed as to the upbuilding of the cause of Christ.

I am very thankful for the hospitality shown by the good people at Zion Hill and their faithful pastor, Eld. O. H. Staires.

Now the State Association was just wonderful. It met with Dibble church, near Blanchard, Okla. The stand was filled with some "Micahs" there also. The greatest of all, many souls were saved there too,

and many wonderful plans were laid out for the future in the way of building up the Lord's work. It was one of the best the state has ever held.

May God bless the good people at Dibble church and the faithful pastor, Eld. L. E. Ward.

May God bless the Free Will Baptist denomination and ever keep them in a sacred nearness with Him.

Watch the Free Will Baptist grow!

Elder Bert F. Rogers, Drumright, Okla.

Report of Revival Meeting at Notch Mound

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Readers:, Greetings in the Lord, for He is still good to us:

We closed a three weeks' meeting at the Notch Mound Free Will Baptist church, November 7th. Midst the rain, cold, and muddy roads the Lord blessed in the salvation of four precious souls, two were baptized and three united with the church. Several sought the Lord, but failed to pay the price.

This church is gaining victory. They have an evergreen Sunday school, prayer meeting once a week and preaching each first Sunday. They elected me as their pastor.

My father and I began a revival Nov. 12th at the Verdella Free Will Baptist church. The revival tide is increasing, two have been saved so far. These are good people to work with. Bro. W. H. York is their pastor. He is a devoted man of God, may God bless him.

We attended the revival at Hannon Saturday night, Nov. 11th, conducted by Eld. Winford Davis. God is blessing there too.

Pray for us and the meeting.

Eld. Elda Crain, 117 B & 3rd, S. W., Miami, Okla.

MOUNTAIN GROVE, MISSOURI, Nov. 7, 1933.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers: I cannot express the good I get out reading the little Gem, but never before did it mean so much to me as since I attended the State Association and met so many of its writers.

I have never written to the Gem before, but as I was one on the committee of Home mission workers to arrange the program for the fifth Sunday afternoon, I thought I would make a report, this being our first program.

Bro. Homer Smith delivered us a wonderful sermon Sunday at eleven o'clock. Then in the afternoon we began our program by singing two songs, after which we had prayer, feeling that the program would be incomplete without prayer, and that without the help of the Lord our efforts would be in vain. After prayer we went farther into the program by reading the 20th chapter of Matthew. Then we continued the program with readings and songs. At the close of our program Sister Lucinda Hutsell made a talk which stirred the soul of every child of God present, and we young people went into a covenant that we would stand true to God, and the older ones into a covenant that they would stand by us in the service of God, and there were shouts of praise heard all over the house.

At the close of the meeting Bro. G. W. Scott, Sr.

took charge and organized a League association, which we hope and pray will grow and prosper for the Lord.

I sure am proud of the league and mission work, as it gives us young folks more to do, for we know that God didn't save us, that we might sit down in an easy chair and go sailing home to glory; but we must work for Him and stand true to the end if we expect to live with Him after this life.

I desire the prayers of every child of God, as I feel that I am one of the weakest of His servants; and I want to do His will and be a blessing to some one as long as I am permitted to stay on earth.

Your sister in Christ,

Miss Zelen Gearing.

CLEMSCOT, OKLAHOMA

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown: If I may have a little space, I would like to give a brief report of the Free Will Baptist fifth Sunday meeting of the Hopewell Association No. 2, which met with our Cannon Chapel church, Friday night, Oct. 27, 1933.

After song service prayer was offered by Bro. J. Arnold. Scripture reading Matt. 25th chapter. Introductory sermon preached by Eld. B. Hudleston.

Saturday was a very busy day, with business, lectures, and several good sermons. Five churches were represented by letter and delegates, and some by statement. We were happy to have as visitors, Rev. Dunlap of Comanche, Okla., Bro. H. C. Croger of Antlers, Okla., Eld. M. M. McKee of Antlers, Okla. who at that time was conducting a revival at the Free Will Baptist church at Clemscot.

Ministers present were: Elders G. W. Hanks, B. Hudleston, J. Arnold, T. Maynard, J. Newberry, and T. J. Knight.

The following are subjects assigned by the executive committee:

To Bro. Arnold, Apostasy.

To Bro. McKee, The Establishment of the Church.

To Bro. Hudleston, Building.

To Bro. Knight, The Duties of a Deacon.

To Bro. Hanks, Is salvation conditional or unconditional?

At the noon hour Saturday a delicious dinner was served at the church, which had been prepared by the good sisters of the Cannon Chapel church and community.

Sunday school was well attended Sunday at ten o'clock, then at eleven o'clock Bro. Arnold brought a message in memory of our dead. Bro. McKee followed.

At 3:30 p. m. Bro. Maynard preached on the Beauties of Heaven. Special song, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be," arranged by the Clemscot church, then the meeting was brought to a close.

Everyone reported a very pleasant time. The Spirit of God was with us and there was a congenial spirit manifested throughout the meeting.

Bro. Arnold is to preach the introductory sermon at the next fifth Sunday meeting, which meets with the Fairview church, near Duncan, Okla., Dec. 29th.

We earnestly desire the prayers of all who read this, that our efforts in this association may meet with God's approval.

Elder G. W. Hanks, Moderator,
Sister Bertha Stafford, Clerk.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE REPORTS

An interesting report from Raymond La Brot, Sec'y-Treas. of Southeast Missouri League association, states that their League convention met with Flat River church, October 31, 1933, 150 league members being present, from seven leagues: Flat River, Desloge, Leadington, Mine La Motte, Fredricktown, St. Louis, and Wortham. Among other things of interest on the program, Elder W. M. Reeves made a talk and secured a pledge from each league of \$5.00 on the linotype fund.

Their next League convention will be held with Leadington church January 2, 1934.

Blue Eye League, by Sister Gertie Butler, Reporter:

States that they are thankful to be still on the firing line for God, with good interest, but there is still room for improvement, with this as food for thought: "If every member was just like me, what kind of a league would our league be?"

Also that we should be more thankful for our league and the work they are doing, and that every league member should be so filled with the Spirit of God that our association together may be both helpful and happy.

Officers of this league are:

President,	Voiza Dodgen
Vice President,	Lenna Butler
Secretary,	Edna McFall

Northwest Picher (Blue Front) League reports about sixty (60) regular members. They are considering organizing an intermediate league. They also state that they enjoyed the league rally at Macedonia very much and are looking forward to the next one, which will be held at Aurora, Missouri.

Report of meeting of local league of Union Association during their quarterly meeting, held with Mountain Grove church, at which time they were organized into an associational league and the following officers were elected:

President,	Ray Hutsell,	Dawson, Mo.
Vice President,	Freeman Jones,	Hartville, Mo.
Sec'y-Treas.,	Mae Burney,	Hartville, Mo.

Executive Board

Pauline Hickman,	Hartville, Mo.,	1 year
Cinda Hutsell,	Mt'n Grove, Mo.,	2 years
Lucy Deckard,	Hartville, Mo.,	3 years

Monett League Report, by Elsie Keeton: We are glad to report good interest in the three departments, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Mrs. Emma Mayhue, Junior sponsor; Mrs. Myrtle Alyea, Intermediate sponsor; Mrs. Pearl Allred, President of Senior.

We are glad for the report of the Aurora F. W. B. league, which was organized October 15, 1933, with 17 members, but at this writing have about 34.

Their officers are:

President,	Clarabelle Roberts
Vice President,	Nola Apple
Sec'y-Treasurer,	Albertus Riddle

The next League rally of Indian Creek Association will be held with this league and, as their church building is small, they have already arranged

for the city hall, as a place of meeting.

The last rally of this association was held with the Macedonia league the 5th Sunday in October. A wonderful program was rendered in which seven leagues were represented.

All right, leaguers, if you want your league report in the Gem, would like to have it in by the 15th of each month, as Bro. Brown wants our report to him not later than the 20th. This job is something new to us, but if you will all co-operate, we will let Gem readers know something of what our leagues are doing.

Yours in the Master's work,

Elder O. T. Allred.

A Message From the State President

Dear League Workers: Since the State meeting I have been intending to write you all a letter, but haven't done it. I suppose most all of you know by this time that I was elected at the State meeting as your State president; I hope you are none the worse off by the election. At first I felt that I couldn't possibly take it, but after you elected me and I had prayed over it, I felt much better about it. So I am in now to make this year the very best we possibly can, if you will just work with me, and believe you surely will do that; I am praying that you will any way.

I want to say a few words now about our league reports in the Gem. You know that Elder O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo. was elected as your State League secretary. So when you have a report to make, or anything to say about the league work in any way, just mail it direct to him at above stated address and he will take care of it. The editor of our paper has been good enough to grant us space in the paper all along, for which I am sure we all are grateful; so let's relieve him of the burden of preparing all our league matter for printing, and give that job to our State secretary. Bro. Allred lives just a few miles from the Gem office, so you see he can get your reports in to the editor pretty quick. And, listen, let's keep Bro. Allred busy; let's have lots to say through the Gem about our league work. Just any one write that will; if you are a local league president or secretary, or just a league member, or even just a league well-wisher, whether you are a member or not, we sure want to hear from you: just send your material direct to Bro. Allred, Secretary. We are giving the power to take all the material he gets and make a regular monthly report; he will put all this together, modifying it as he sees best, and put it into a condensed report, telling us all that is going on over the state, all those he has heard from, etc. Don't you think that will be a good plan? Now all we need is for you to just write something and send it in. We also want to hear from the State officers and field workers, too. I had a letter from our vice president, Bro. Reeves, and he thought the plan was good. I will appreciate a personal from any of you at any time pertaining to anything you want to know about the work. I wish I could visit you all in your local league work and listen to you render your programs and talk to you about our work that

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NOTICE

TO ALL who comprise the great body of the Co-operative General Association of Free Will Baptist:

A call session has been demanded by the various states west of the Mississippi river concerning the merger of the East and West: Therefore a Special Session of the Co-operative General Association is called to meet at the First Free Will Baptist church, Utica and Jasper Streets, Tulsa, Oklahoma, December 14, 15 and 16, 1933.

Elder Melvin Bingham, Clerk of the Ex. Board,
1024 North St. Louis St., Tulsa, Okla.

BOOZE IN GROCERY STORES

By J. M. Doughty

Some time ago in years five score
Forebears sold booze in grocery stores.

No rush time was small item then,
Oxen were driven by pioneer men.

Speed produced by ox power
Was two and a half miles per hour.

Roads were rough, they could not make more,
When booze was sold in grocery stores.

If drink muddled the driver's brain,
He didn't endanger car or train.

Must we go back in social life
To days before the Civil Strife?

Santa Claus was scarcely known then,
Christmas time was for drunken men.

Men lay drunk; women did the chores,
When booze was sold in grocery stores.

Drunks, personal liberty supreme,
Christian Brotherhood scarce a dream.

Women, children's rights oft ignored,
When booze was sold in grocery stores.

Shall we backstep in years five score
To when booze was sold in grocery stores?

Voters, God grant that you may think!
Free this nation from the curse of drink.

ANOTHER CHURCH ORGANIZED

McGill, Mo., Nov. 14, 1933.

I have lately been holding meetings in and around Carlow, Mo., and on the 5th of Nov. this year, Eld. John McKown of Carlow and myself, with the assistance of a Free Will Baptist deacon, organized a Free Will Baptist church at a place called McGill, in Daviess county, Mo., between Carlow and Gallatin. Bro. McKown was called as their pastor till the Association meets. A Sunday school was also organized. The organization of this church and Sunday school was largely the result of a revival meeting Bro. McKown held at McGill. As far as I know this church is the only Free Will Baptist church that has been organized within the bounds of Northeast Mo. Association for over thirty years.

Dear Bro. Brown: You will find a dollar bill enclosed to pay 50c on my sub to the Gem and 50c for a new sub. As far as I know I am the oldest continuous subscriber to our beloved church paper; that is now the Free Will Baptist Gem. Our church paper has not always been called the Gem: it has had several other names since it was first published. I have been a subscriber to it ever since it was published at Purdy, Mo., and I was a subscriber to it all the time it was published at Tecumseh, Okla., and also all the time it was published at Weatherford, Texas, and I was a subscriber to it when it was published at Alvord, Texas. All this time I have tried to keep my subscription paid in advance. If there is anyone anywhere that is an older continuous paid up subscriber to this paper than I am; please let me know by private letter or through the Gem. My address is Weatherby, Mo., R2.

Elder T. C. Ferguson.

EXETER, MISSOURI, November 18, 1933.

Dear Readers of the Gem: I take pleasure in writing a few lines to all of you. I can say that I certainly do enjoy reading the Gem: it is just like visiting with all of you, reading articles you have written to the Gem. I am acquainted with most of you that write and this makes it more interesting. I am so glad to read about the good meetings being held in different places, and new churches being organized. Just keep going on dear sisters and brothers. I am glad too, that the State Association is to be a little nearer home next year. I attended the Indian Creek Association at Blue Eye this fall and enjoyed it very much.

My dear friends, too many people forget the daily prayer. Be like Daniel—pray three times a day—But our guide Book says, "Pray without ceasing." I am praying that Jesus will lead me somewhere to a field of work. I love that song, "If Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere." I often think of Merl's Chapel church, and how the Lord led me. I was just like a little child, willing to be led by Jesus.

Dear friends, I want to tell you that I had the privilege of being in one of the best revival meetings I was ever in. It was not a protracted meeting, but a revival where Christians got their poor souls revived, and sinners were saved. It was a little over three miles from where we live, and was conducted by Bro. Johnnie Swaffar and Bro. Albin Erickson the pastor. There were 54 converted and not all children either. My husband was saved. Now, dear people, I feel like traveling on, as the song says. He was just a good moral man, the hardest to reach. No, I'll never forget the 5th Sunday night in October. Bro. Johnnie Swaffar's brother Maynard was converted that night also. I feel impressed to tell this and pray that it might help someone. When the altar call was made, I felt that I should go to Maynard, and urge him to go to the altar. He began to make excuses, as all sinners will do. I said, "Wont you go and kneel for prayer for Andrew's sake?" (that is my husband's given name), and he said, "You go and tell Andrew that I'll kneel for one prayer if he will," so they both knelt together. I don't remember how many were saved that night. I had carried a burden for my

husband ever since we were married; but during this meeting the burden became greater and greater. I felt that something must be done, so I asked the people to help me pray, many times for him during this meeting. I never prayed that I did not pray for him; so Christian people, if you have unsaved loved ones, ask the people to help you pray for them.

Dear readers, I never had such a sweet experience. My dear father and mother, sisters and brother were there and helped me bear the burden, and a host of friends helped me pray. Just pray that I can help help someone. Words cannot express how thankful I am, that I have a Christian home to live in. Jesus has been so good and kind to us all. Oh, how I love Jesus!

Remember us in prayer.

Mrs. Merl Wright.

Report of Cave Springs Q. M.

Cave Springs Free Will Baptist first quarterly meeting of conference year 1933—1934 met with Pleasant Ridge church, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1933, being the 28th day.

Introductory sermon was delivered on Friday night before by the pastor. Conference assembled Saturday morning, clerk not present. Elder N. Combs, oldest minister present, conducted the opening service.

Business was called in regular order till time for devotional service, and adjournment was taken.

The stand was filled by Elder N. Combs, and a wonderful message was delivered, after which a sumptuous dinner was served. It seemed that everybody enjoyed a feast to the body as well as to the soul.

Conference convened again at 1:30 o'clock p. m., and routine of business was finished.

Elders H. H. Beatty and Billie Rodgers supplied the stand Saturday night, which resulted in a glorious out-pouring of the Spirit.

Bethany church was selected as the place for our next meeting. It is three miles north of Myrtle, Mo., near the end of farm to market road. Introductory sermon Friday night by the pastor, T. J. Dunkin.

Conference closed Saturday night to meet at above named

place on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in December, 1933, being the 2nd day.

Every body invited. Come praying, that every body may enjoy a fruitful out-pouring and refresh-season of God's work.

Elder H. C. Crase, Moderator,
J. R. W. Harbison, Clerk.

MISSION REPORTS

Alma, Oklahoma, Oct. 3, 1933.

The Pecan Grove Free Will Baptist Home Mission circle was organized October 9, 1932, with eight members. We now have 17 members.

The purpose of our Home Mission circle is to help the sick and needy in any way that we can. We have made \$64.48, and have used \$48.68. We have spent \$23.46 for sickness and \$25.22 for other things, such as school supplies and clothes, and have made and distributed 43 garments.

We now have in the treasury \$15.80.

Mrs. Ella Mellvain, President,
Mrs. Emma Rozzell, Secretary.

Bowden, Oklahoma, Oct. 13, 1933.

Dear Editor and Mission workers:

With God's help, I will try to send in a report of our mission work from our different circles.

Our Mission band met with the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist church, Bro. Boyd Williams pastor, and helped organize a mission. There surely are some real mission workers there.

Our regular mission circle met with the Oglesby Free Will Baptist church November 11, 1933 and organized a mission. They surely have a spiritual church and we feel sure they are going to be real mission workers.

I will give a report of the missions that were represented:

Tulsa mission, Bro. Melvin Bingham pastor. Sick calls 387, chapters read 955, ordered 250 pencils to sell, quilted one quilt. Junior mission had chili supper, made \$5.00 which they gave to the church; they are working hard for the Lord.

New Home mission, Bro. Harry Staires pastor: Sick calls 53, chapters read 283, paid out \$4.25, quilted one quilt, a real live mission.

Allen mission, Bro. Carl Hood pastor: Cottage prayer meetings

4, sick calls 44, grocery showers 4, one layette shower, money raised for church building \$37.71. Junior mission: Sick calls 28, memory verses 28, chapters read 49, they try their best to serve the Master.

Zion Hill mission: Bro. Harry Staires pastor, gave a verbal report: Mission gave the church \$5.00, quilted one quilt, still working for the Savior.

There was a goodly number of ministers present from the different churches.

Bro. Bingham gave us a fine short sermon, had an old fashioned hand shake and every one got real happy, some were shouting. We have old time religion in our churches—God is wonderfully blessing us.

I am asking that all of God's children pray for us, that we all may work harder to help bring lost souls into the fold.

Mrs. J. L. Smith.

Stahl, Missouri, November 14th.

Dear Mission Workers:

I will at last send a report of our fifth Sunday meeting, which convened at Shibley's Point church, October 29th. There was a good crowd in attendance.

A good Sunday school was the first thing in the morning, then the service began by singing and prayer led by Eld. J. A. Ewing. Eld. S. H. Marcum read the 2nd chapter of James, and offered prayer. He then delivered a real Gospel sermon. Subject, "Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall." Dismissed for dinner by Bro. Phillips.

The afternoon session began by singing, reading 1 Cor. III. by League president, Reta Crooks. Prayer by Eld. J. A. Ewing, after which the league gave a short, but very interesting program.

The meeting was then turned over to the vice president of the Mission circles, Cora Casey.

The minutes were read and approved. A letter from Mrs. McAdams was read and enjoyed by all. The reports from the different circles were read: New Harmony, Bethel, Green Grove, Stahl and Shibley's Point. A short but enjoyable program was then given.

It was voted to hold the next meeting at the Hazel Creek Union church, with Eld. Harry Cows to bring the eleven o'clock message.

And last, but not least, was a song by Brothers S. H. Marcum, Ora Gates, and Elmer Phipps. They were cheered back.

We adjourned to meet with Hazel Creek Union church the fifth Sunday in December, 1933.

Bessie Fowler, Sec'y-Treas.

Maysville, Missouri, Nov. 23, 1933

Dear Mission Workers:

We have just close d a splendid meeting with our Center Point church, near Santa Rosa, Missouri with fifteen conversions. The meeting greatly revived the church and we organized a mission and left them with 20 members. We enjoyed working with these dear people very much, and made our home with Bro. and Sister Clarence Helms; we will never forget these dear ones who were so kind to us. God bless them for their open doors.

During the meeting Sister Melba White came over from the Mt. Zion church to visit, and while with us she acknowledged the call to preach. Sister White is one of our State league workers, and no doubt since her call, God will use her in a wonderful way. She was splendid help during the meeting. We want to help our young people all we can to get started in the work.

Our meeting here started last night with splendid interest, and we look for a powerful meeting. Bro. House is pastor here, too, and I am making my home with them. They are fine people to work with. Last fifth Sunday we had our first mission meeting in this association with the Mt. Zion church, and it was wonderful. The Spirit of the Master was felt all the way through the meeting. The girls of Mt. Zion gave a splendid Mission pageant, which touched hearts, and made us want to do more.

Our next fifth Sunday meeting will meet with Center Point church at eleven o'clock. We will have a sermon on Missions, followed with a program from the different missions and leagues. We are so glad that our people are taking such an interest in mission and league work.

We also visited the mission workers of Philadelphia church several times. They are taking

on new life too. All of these dear people are fine to work with.

We are expecting our dear companion in a few days, to be with us in two more meetings, then I will return to Tex. for the winter.

Pray much for us; meetings are waiting there, as soon as we are through here.

State Mission offering, from the fifth Sunday meeting,\$2.35.
God bless the Gem family.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

A BROTHER IN NEED

I have a letter from Bro. Walter E. George, 1520 West Atlantic, Springfield, Missouri. He has been unable to work for two years or more, and is still under the doctor's care and treatment, and his wife is in poor health too. He is not able to preach, nor do anything else to earn a living, even gets his groceries through charity.

His home is mortgaged, and he has to pay interest and taxes. Unless he gets help, it is almost certain that he will lose his home, and have no place to go.

I know that Bro. George would hesitate to make a public appeal for help, but he has told us of his need; and we are printing this to give any of you who are so minded, an opportunity to send Bro. George whatever you are impressed to send, according as you are able.

—The Editor.

A Christian Dr. Wants Location

When at the Arkansas State Association we met Dr. J. H. Cole of Morrilton, Arkansas, he was the first one there to subscribe for the Gem.

Just recently we received a letter from Bro. Cole, in which he informed us that he wanted to move to a town somewhere in Arkansas where there is a good Free Will Baptist church, where they need a good doctor, one who tries to preach at every opportunity.

Bro. Cole states that he has been practicing medicine for thirty-two (32) years, yet is only 56 years old, and active. He has never done much preaching, but would like to locate where he could preach and practice medicine.

A Christian doctor is a rare thing, yet of all people who ought to be Christians surely it is the doctors. When I have to call a doctor I want him to be a Christian, don't you?

Now, if any one of you is interested and wishes to help locate a Christian doctor in your town, you may write to the Gem office and we will communicate with Doctor Cole.

—The Editor.

Report of 1933 Session of the South Georgia Association

By J. R. Davidson, Moderator

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association convened with the Piney Grove church, near Bristol, Ga., on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in Oct., 1933. During the year the Piney Grove congregation, though small, built a fine new church edifice in order to be able to entertain this session of the Association, and other things were just as ample as the church building, for we certainly were well cared for while there.

The opening sermon was to have been preached by Rev. C. C. Coursey, but his failure to get there for that service, shifted the responsibility, and the moderator brought the message, using as a basis, Romans 1:14-16.

The business session was called to order at 10:00 o'clock a. m. Friday, and Bro. T. L. Tanner was appointed to serve as temporary clerk until the body was fully organized.

The call for reports brought letters, representatives and funds from twenty-one active churches, and the reports in general were encouraging. More money was received than had been in a number of years. Most of the churches reported active Sunday schools, prayer meetings, and quite a number reported Ladies' aids and Free Will Baptist leagues. All delegates and letters were received and the body perfected its organization by electing Rev. J. R. Davidson moderator, Rev. A. J. Williams vice moderator, T. L. Tanner clerk and J. M. Taylor treasurer.

Everything moved off fine
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What is a Christian?*Continued from page one*

steady use of the Word. That is the logic of the Bible. The faithful use of the Word of God as the means of grace is an absolute requirement.

It is stated again and again in Scripture, that the Spirit of God works through the Word. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." True Christianity is not the adoption of a certain moral code, the practice of certain external virtues, the refraining from certain vicious practices. But faith is a wonderful condition of the heart which is established and maintained only under the influence of the Word of God. It is for this reason that the church makes an appeal to you. It states to you frankly that you need it in order to become and to remain a Christian.

A Christian is a person who has given himself whole-heartedly to his God and Savior, who has in deep penitence recognized his own unworthiness and sinfulness, and places his sole dependence for salvation upon the Grace of God in Christ Jesus. This humble faith in the crucified Savior is a life-giving power. It revolutionizes the life of man, it changes his heart, gives him new ideals, prompts new associations, demands the avoidance of sin and the cultivation of good. It creates that fervent love for the sinful fellowman which is the basis of all real charity.

Fastidius described a Christian as follows: "A Christian is one who shows mercy to all; who is provoked by no wrong; who relieves the wretched, succors the needy; who mourns with mourners, and feels the pain of another as his own; whose wrongful dealing no man feels; who serves God day and night and ever meditates upon his precepts; who has no deceit in his heart; whose soul is simple and undefiled, and his conscience faithful and pure; whose whole mind rests on God; whose whole hope is fixed on Christ, desiring heavenly rather than earthly things, and leaving human things to lay hold on divine things."

There is something about the sincere Christian that always rings true. His words carry conviction;

because they spring from the spirit of truth within him, they are uttered with authority and they command both the attention and the respect of those who hear them. The true Christian in his every act radiates an atmosphere of confidence and trust. His whole attitude confirms the words that he utters. To speak with authority one must be aware of a constant contact with divinity. This realization in Jesus Christ was the foundation of the authoritative way in which he spoke. To the degree that his followers develop the same realization they will speak as men having authority.

Phillipsburg, Missouri, R2.

PRESUMPTUOUS SINS

BY W. J. EDENS

"Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins" (Psalm 19:13).

The Bible abounds in instances of manifestations of God's displeasure brought forth by man's presumptuous sins. And it has not been always the ungodly that committed those sins. In most cases the presumptuous sinner was sincere at heart, but permitted his zeal to outdistance his judgment. He desired to do what the Lord would have him to do, but in his haste to accomplish results, he employed methods outside of God's purpose and thus committed a presumptuous sin.

While a presumptuous sin may not be committed deliberately, yet God's stern justice demands that it be punished. A case in point is recorded in 1 Chron. 13:9. The ark of the Covenant had been taken by the Philistines. When David ascended to the throne of Israel, he ordered that the ark be restored into the custody of the Israelites. A new cart drawn by oxen was provided and the ark was placed upon it, and "Uzza and Ahio drove the cart." That was a day of great rejoicing. The servants of David played on musical instruments and blew trumpets, and David danced in ecstasy before the Lord. Their success in gaining possession of the sacred treasure went to their heads. The account says that when they came to the threshingfloor of Chidon the oxen stumbled and the ark

rocked. Uzza being one of the drivers of the oxen, and consequently near the ark, and thinking to prevent it from falling to the ground, grasped it. Uzza was assisting in a work pleasing to the Lord, but the divine decree had gone forth that none but Levites might handle the ark; in presuming to touch it Uzza went outside of God's expressed will and the venture cost him his life.

Not only did this act of presumption result in a tragedy, but it temporarily prevented the ark from being delivered into the city of David, for it was removed from the cart to a house by the wayside and left there.

Numbers 20:11 presents another instance of presumptuous sin and its punishment. Moses was leading the Israelites out of Egypt and had reached the desert of Zin. There was no water to drink and the people complained. God directed Moses to call the people together and to speak to the rock that they might have water. But instead of speaking to the rock as the Lord had commanded him to do, Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Hear now ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?" And he smote the rock twice and the water came forth. For this act of presumption on the part of Moses he was not permitted to bring the children of Israel into the Promised Land. He succeeded in supplying water, but he failed in the main objective.

Again God has seen fit to rebuke his people for their presumptuous sins. We have lost the Eighteenth Amendment, I do verily believe, because we have presumed to do God's work in man's way. God has not left us to grope in the dark in search of His purpose, for the New Testament teaches us clearly our Christian duties. Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye are not of this world." Nowhere does the old Book enjoin us to mix the politics of this world with the work of Christ's kingdom. Notwithstanding this we have overstepped the border line between the church and the world, and have allied ourselves with worldly forces in our efforts to accomplish good. We have devoted space in our church organs and time from

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A Message From the State President*Continued from page nine*

is so dear to us all; but I just can't get to you all, though I can write to you through the Gem. I wonder how many of you take the Gem (If I had you all in a big audience together, I would have you to raise your hands; but I will just have to imagine that I am seeing lots of hands raised, wont you?). Each of you should have the Gem in your home, and each of you should have a League Manual: order them from your State secretary—Price 10c each.

I am glad to hear that the Union League association was organized recently: you will see an account of it in the paper.

I want to request every league to pray much for the business meeting which is to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, December 14, 15, 16, 1933. It will mean much to our denomination.

Well, I must close or this will be so long Bro. Brown wont print it. I want you all to pray for me, that I will make you a good president and do the things I should do.

May God bless you, each one, wherever you are, and keep you encouraged and about your Father's business. I am still your co-worker,

Winford Davis.

The Ten Commandments*Continued from page two*

Tenth. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's."

Isn't it quite true that too many are not satisfied with what God has blessed them with? but had rather have a fine home, lots of money, and fine cars like some neighbor? God says, "Take heed and beware of covetousness." Remember David fell into foolish and hurtful lust because he saw Uriah's wife, and she was beautiful to look upon. He became an adulterer and a murderer because he coveted this woman. So be careful, men and women, don't covet some neighbor's companion.

Our God has said that He would never leave us, nor forsake us; then shouldn't we be satisfied with what He gives us?

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throughout the entire session, which closed the fourth Sunday night. The preaching, singing, and messages in general were very up-lifting to saints, and, no doubt, convicting to sinners.

There were one hundred or more of ministers and delegates from twenty-one churches, and quite a number of visitors besides from various points in the state, and several from North Florida. The house was pretty well filled each day and night, and it is 35x65 feet.

Among the outstanding that were done are: A Memorial committee was appointed to superintend the erection of a monument to Rev. J. A. Blanton, who was the father of this Association. A board of Education was appointed to superintend the collection and distribution of funds for promotion of Christian education, and a superannuated board was appointed to direct in the distribution of funds sent

in to each session of the Association. Each church is asked to send in one dollar per capita to each session of the Association for this cause. Every move carried by a unanimous vote, even to a vote against Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The next session will convene with the Alabama church, near Blackshear, Georgia, and this church has plans already for enlarging the building and most of the lumber is already sawed. Glennville, Georgia, 508 Morris Street.

A Few Facts and Figures About the Liquor Traffic*Continued from page three*

The records show that 15,605 barrels of beer were sold in Washington D. C. during the month of May. At a tax of five dollars per barrel this brought the Federal Government \$78,025.00, and it cost the people who drank the beer \$546,175.00. No doubt our President is rejoiced by this wonderful prosperity, as it seems that to bring legalized beer to his people has been and is his highest ambition.

Now multiply the \$546,175 by twelve and you have the amount the people of our National Capitol will spend in one year for beer and strong drink, which is \$6,770,100. This amount, if spent for homes or small farms, fully stocked, would give each of 3,000 families a \$2,000.00 home and have \$770,100.00 left to build churches and schools for the 3,000 families. The amount already spent for drink in the United States since last spring would furnish every need and comfort to all of our millions of needy people at least until next spring. As a nation of people, we are in a bad fix, and I believe the conditions are actually getting worse every day.

We all know that something is wrong, and that something needs to be done; and many plans and experiments are being offered and acted upon; but none of these things will ever bring peace, security and comfort to the suffering people of our nation.

You may say what you will, but if we are ever to realize the things really needed, we must turn back to God, obey His Word, exalt our Savior, repent of our sins, and live righteously or go straight to ruin; and that ruin may be very near at hand.

THE DAY OF REVIVALS IS NOT PAST

Some "Up to date" preachers tell us that the "Day of Revivals is past," but several of our Free Will Baptist boys haven't found this out yet, and are just going on in the old fashioned way; and are having revivals, and many souls are being saved.

Several good revivals have already been held, and several are now in progress: Bro. John Rollins and Bro. Paul Pursell held a meeting at N. West Picher, with 42 conversions. Bro. John Swaffar did the preaching in a meeting near Purdy, and 54 were saved. And meetings are now in progress: Bro. Noel Turner is helping Bro. Allred in a meeting at Monett and they report a good meeting, with several saved. Bro. Winford Davis is at Hannon in a meeting, and at last report 42 had been saved. Bro. Everett Wilson is in a meeting near Monett, and reports real victory. Bro. Kenneth Turner is in Cedar county in a meeting. Bro. John Swaffar is just beginning a meeting at Butterfield, Mo. Bro. G. W. Scott, Jr. is to help Bro. Davis in a meeting at Macedonia.

OBITUARY

Kirchner—Mrs. Minda Kirchner, a faithful member of Monett Free Will Baptist church, departed this life October 28, 1933, at her home, 216 - 8th St., Monett, Missouri, at the age of 55 years, one month and 19 days.

Sister Kirchner is survived by five sons: Harold and David McDonald and Bert, Raymond and Floyd Hadley.

Funeral service was conducted by the pastor at the church, and burial at Aurora, Mo. In the passing of this sister the family has lost a kind and affectionate mother, the church a loyal member, but she lived the life that we know where to go to meet her.

Williams—Mary Evalyn Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odie Williams. She was born January 29, 1929, and departed this life November 9, 1933, being at the time of her passing four years, ten months and ten days old. We are glad the Savior said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Funeral service was conducted at the home by Eld. O. T. Allred.

Chetopa, Ksansas, Nov. 19, 1933

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

With holidays creeping upon us I am writing a few lines in memory of my mother, Malinda Olive Mayfield, who passed away May 7, 1933. She will be so sadly missed at this time.

I am writing my experience of her death, hoping it will help some one on life's journey. In the lonely hours that have gone by, I have found peace and contentment in these lines: "That if we live for Christ, we shall meet her in Heaven, where there will be no more parting."

I desire the prayers of God's people, that I may help to carry on this good work that mother has left behind.

IN MEMORY

Mother dear has closed her eyes,
From toil and cares at rest,
Where nothing there can harm her,
With God in her home so blest.

And since she closed her eyes to rest,
Not one hour has gone,
That I haven't called to memory,
Some kind deed which she has done.

May these sweet memories linger on
In our hearts from day to day,
That the same road our mother trod
May be our own pathway.

The parting filled our hearts with
grief,
Yet we rejoice to know,
That she is sweetly resting
In that home where we too may go.

In the home, the church, the Sunday
school,
How we miss her, none can tell,
But for her, life's work is ended,
And God doeth all things well.

We may travel east or travel west,
But there's no earthly friend like
Mother,
No one to share our griefs and woes—
There's no one like Mother.

There's One, when earthly friends
are gone,
Who waits outside the door
To share our joys and sorrows,
As our Mother did of yore.

Sometimes I sit and wonder
Why she had to leave us here,
But God in his wisdom called her
To her heavenly home so dear.

To those who have Mothers in heaven,
Think, if God should call for me,
And death should come for me quickly,
Where would I spend eternity?

Would our answer be as Mother's was,
I have fought the good fight,
I have finished my earthly course,
And tried to keep my faith right?

There is but one road that we should
tread;

The road our Mother trod,
If we would meet her up in Heaven,
In er happy home with God.

I can see her with the angels,
Beckoning, "Loved ones come,"
May her prayers all be answered,
And in that happy home,
May her circle be unbroken
In that blessed happy home.

Written by her daughter, Mrs. Lulu
Sexton, Chetopa, Kansas.

OTHERS MAY. YOU CANNOT

Contributed by Elder Noel Turner

If God has called you to be really
like Jesus in all your spirit, He will
draw you into a life of crucifixion and

humility, and put on you such demands
of obedience, that He will not allow
you to follow other Christians, and
in many ways He will seem to let
other good people do things which He
will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers who
seem very religious and useful may
push themselves, pull wires, and work
schemes to carry out their plans, but
you cannot do it; and if you attempt
it, you will meet with such failure
and rebuke from the Lord as to make
you sorely penitent.

Others can brag on themselves, on
their work, on their success, on their
writings, but the Holy Spirit will not
allow you to do any such things, and
if you begin it, He will lead you into
some deep mortification that will
make you despise yourself and all
your good works.

Others will be allowed to succeed
in making money, or having a legacy
left to them, or in having luxuries,
but it is likely God will keep you
poor, because He wants you to have
something far better than gold, and
that is a helpless dependence on Him,
that He may have the privilege of
supplying your needs day by day out
of an unseen treasury.

The Lord will let others be honored,
and put forward, and keep you hid
away in obscurity, because He wants
to produce some choice, fragrant fruit
for His coming glory, which can only
be produced in the shade.

God will let others be great, but
keep you small. He will let others do
a work for Him, and get the credit
for it, but He will make you work
and toil on without knowing how
much you are doing; and then to
make your work still more precious,
He will let others get the credit for
the work which you have done, and
this will make your reward ten times
greater when Jesus comes. The Holy
Spirit will put a strict watch over
you, with a jealous love, and will re-
buke you for little words, and feel-
ings or for wasting your time, which
other Christians never seem distressed
over. So make up your mind that God
is an infinite Sovereign, and has a
right to do as He pleases with His
own, and He will not explain to you
a thousand things which may puzzle
your reason in His dealings with you.
God will take you at your word; and
if you absolutely sell yourself to be
His slave, He will wrap you up in a
jealous love, and let other people say
and do many things that you cannot
do or say. Settle it forever, that you
are to deal directly with the Holy
Spirit, and that He is to have the
privilege of tying your tongue, or
chaining your hand, or closing your
eyes, in ways that others are not dealt
with. Now when you are possessed
with the living God that you are, in
your secret heart, pleased and de-
lighted over this peculiar, personal,
private, jealous guardianship and
management of the Holy Spirit over
your life, you will have found the
vestibule of Heaven.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Elder Cecil E. Horner of Bristow, Oklahoma, R2, and Miss Linnie McCoy of Phillipsburg, Missouri, R2, were united in marriage October 2, 1933, at Lebanon, Missouri, by Elder Arthur Bailey of Plad, Missouri.

To the Gem Readers: Christmas is drawing near. At this season of the year we all like to send out tokens of love to our friends. Let every Free Will Baptist who can do so send the Gem family a Christmas remembrance to express in a small way his love and esteem for them. We shall all be happier for it.

—W. J. Edens.

The Babe of Bethlehem

By Mrs. I. B. Leonard

Glory be to God in the highest,
On earth peace, good will to men,
Sang the angel's heavenly chorus,
On that night in Bethlehem.

See the star that shines so brightly
Over hill and dale and glen,
Hear the angels sweetly singing,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Lo, the wise men now are bringing
Gifts of frankincense and myrrh,
Glad hosannas now are ringing,
Heavenly hosts are all astir.

In a manger they have laid him,
God's own Son, the Prince of Peace;
Hail him, crown him King of Glory,
Let his praises never cease.

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our worship periods to discussion of political issues.

We have solicited votes for politicians and pledged the support of the church to various crusaders. We have spent precious hours trying to force men to be good, while we ourselves neglected the work of the Gospel. Is it any wonder that God has frowned on our efforts?

Some time the drink evil will be banished forever from our land. But its banishment will be effected by neither political action nor by

the violence of enforcement officers. When this is accomplished it will be done in God's way. If any Christian desires to mingle with the politics of this world, let him do so on his own responsibility. Let's hold the church aloof from man-made schemes. When we, the great body of professed Christians throughout the land, renounce allegiance to all worldly "isms," and practice resolutely the precepts of the Great Commission—when the Christ of Calvary is permitted to reign supremely in our hearts—then God will give us victory.
Baxter Springs, Kans., Nov. 12th.

THE KING OF KINGS

By Mrs. I. B. Leonard

Hark the herald angels singing,
Hear their sweet glad voices ringing.
Bending low, all homage bringing
Praise to Jesus Christ our King.
Hear them tell the sweet old story,
How he left his home in glory,
Shedding light and life before him—
Glory to the new born King.

Angels caught the sound of gladness,
Banished now all care and sadness,
Spread the news to all around us,
Jesus comes, the King of kings.
Each one tell the sweet old story,
Nations give him praise and glory,
Every knee shall bow before him—
Crown him Savior, King of kings.

On this blessed Christmas morning,
Every heart his love adorning,
As on that first glad Christmas morning,

Treasures to his feet we bring.
Spread abroad the Christmas tidings,
In our hearts his love abiding,
Songs of praise and honor to him—
Jesus Christ the King of kings.

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