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TEN REASONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

By Mrs. Cecil E. Horner

1. It will sweeten home life and enrich home relationships as nothing else can do.
2. It will dissolve all misunderstandings and relieve all friction that may enter the home.
3. It will hold our boys and girls to the Christian ideal and determine their lasting welfare.
4. It will send us forth to our work for the day true to our best, and determined in what we do to glorify God.
5. It will give strength to meet bravely any disappointments and adversities as they come.
6. It will make us conscious through the day of the attending presence of a Divine Friend and Helper
7. It will hallow our friendship with our guests in the home.
8. It will re-enforce the influence and work of the church, the Sunday school, and all agencies helping to establish the Christian ideal throughout the world.
9. It will encourage other homes to make a place for Christ and the church.
10. It will honor our Father above and express our gratitude for His mercy and blessings.

Dear readers, is your home a Christian home? Are you unhappy? Have you ugly tempers? Is there family discord and strife? Are you thinking of a separation—getting a divorce? Are your children disobedient and unthankful? Do they swear and lie and tell you to mind your own business? Do you have trouble with your neighbors? Is your home a regular hell on earth? Then set up the family altar and invite Jesus into your home and see the transformation.

Heaven will smile upon you. Ugliness and strife and discord will vanish. Love and joy and peace will enter. And you will begin to sing, and the children will play church and sing, "Jesus Loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." Happiness will fill your hearts and home on earth.

Some one has written these beautiful lines:

"You say you're too busy this morning,
In the hurry of family cares,
And the husband must rush to the office,
So there isn't a moment for prayers.

"The children are sent to the school room,
And the grind of the day begins,
With no word from God's Book to remember,
Nor the echo of strengthening hymns.

"What wonder the burdens are heavy!

And the hours seem irksomely long;

What wonder that rash words are spoken,

And that life seems discordant and wrong!"

Can it be that in any homes presided over by Christian parents, the voice of prayer is never heard? What, my brother! What, my sister! No supplication at night for Divine protection, no thanksgiving at morning for care, and no prayer for direction for the day? How can you escape the judgment of God pronounced in the tenth chapter of Jeremiah? "Pour out thy fury upon the families that call not upon thy name." Daniel preferred a night with the lions to a prayerless bed chamber.

I am thankful that God has blessed me with a happy Christian home. When we established our home a year ago, we set up our family altar at the same time and by the grace of God we mean to keep it there. If you don't have a family altar, my friends, won't you erect one today?
Niangua, Missouri, R1.

THE NEW KINGDOM

Part 8. The Sun Clad Woman and the Man Child.

By Elder Everett Wilson

We are now taking up a very wonderful vision, which appeared to John in Heaven, and is no doubt of things to take place on the earth. This twelfth chapter of Revelation will open up to us some things very pointedly of the time of the Gentile age, and of the coming of Jesus to catch away His church. This is the part of His second coming, known as the Rapture.

I cannot express my thoughts any better than by a quotation taken from *The King's Business* of Sept. 1934, written by W. H. Roger, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York City. "It is therefore clearly seen that the coming of Christ is twofold, not two comings, but two stages in the one coming. He comes as the Son of Righteousness. In the first stage, He comes as the Morning Star; in the second, He comes as the Son of Righteousness. In the first part, He comes in the air; in the second, He descends on the Mount of Olives. In the first, He comes to receive His bride unto Himself; in the second, He comes to be received by penitent Israel, that is saved through the tribulation. The first stage is called in Scripture, 'our gathering together unto Him,' while the second stage occurs 'when the Lord Jesus Christ shall be revealed from Heaven.'"

This vision as given us in Rev. 12, will give us a wonderful picture of this first part of the second

coming of Jesus, known as the Rapture, and that is what we will make as clear as we can in this article. We will deal with the second part in another article, "The Battle of Armageddon."

Let us remember, in our study of prophecy, that we are looking forward from the time of the utterances by the Holy Ghost as He moved upon the prophet. In this chapter, as in the sixth to the eighth chapters of Revelation, of the opening of the seven seals, we are liable to fix in our minds, a time and a place for each event to take place, when in truth the stage was set for action, and every event of like nature would follow the opening of the seal under which it was to come, or that would bring about all kindred events of all future time, until the last detail has been worked out for both Jew and Gentile. Who knows but what the seals were actually opened as John looked upon the scene in Heaven? for he was caught up there, at least in spirit, but the time for these things to take place upon the earth was left in the hands of God Himself, and to say the least it is eternally settled with Him, and will come to pass as He says, and in His time. Just as the first steps toward bringing Jesus into the world as Savior, took place when Adam and Eve were placed in the garden of Eden, and were subject to temptation, but many years followed before the angels sang their Christmas song of His coming as a babe in the manger. The angels might have rehearsed that song many times in Heaven, but could not sing it unto the shepherds, until Mary had embraced her firstborn Son, and had laid Him in His manger cradle, and thus revealing to the world, the council that was held in Heaven, plans made for His first coming before the foundation of the world was laid. Oh the glory and wonder of the foreknowledge of God!

Now to the Book, Revelation 12:1. A woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, a crown of twelve stars upon her head. A woman is used in Scripture as a type of the church, both the true and apostate. Mary and Jezebel in contrast. Jezebel, the very name meaning "unmarried," or separated from God by idolatrous worship, leading Israel astray. Jesus the seed of the woman, the true woman, to lead them back to God (Gen. 3:15). Israel is in the background, as in Joseph's dream (Gen. 37:9, 10); John 1:11. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not, and because of this rejection by the treasure, the Jew, He formed the Pearl, the Church. See Matt. 13:44-46. You will find this clearly set forth in the editor's articles in the Gem some months ago, on Matthew 13.

V. 2. Travailing in birth. The office of the church is to bear children by means of the NEW BIRTH (John 1:13; 3:7), even a Jew could not get into the kingdom without being BORN AGAIN (John 3:3, 5). The Church is to rear these children for Christ at His coming.

V. 3. A great red dragon, the Devil (Rev. 20:2). Seven heads and ten horns. Seven crowns upon his heads. Notice here the heads and not the horns are crowned, these seven crowned heads are no doubt the seven kings John speaks of in Rev. 17:10.

V. 4. Ready to devour her child as soon as it was born, which was caught up to God and His

throne. Some say this man child is Christ, but how can this be, for He was not caught away at His birth, and He was born when only six of the heads had been crowned? John says, "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is," which was Rome (Rev. 17:10), "and the other is yet to come," which would make the seven, and they are all crowned when this takes place. Still others say, "The woman is Israel, and the man child the 144 thousand that are sealed out of the twelve tribes of Israel" (Rev. 7:4-8), but this could not be, for there would have to be the eighth crown, or king, and this does not come until the Beast out of the pit comes up (Rev. 11:7 and 17:8), "he is the eighth and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition" (Rev. 17:11). This scene takes place when the seven heads are crowned, and this seventh crowned head comes before the rise of Antichrist, the beast of the pit, and is in accord with the luke-warm age of the Laodicean church, or seventh stage of the church in the foreview of the seven churches of Rev. 3:14-22. It is sure the church will be persecuted by the Devil, Israel will be persecuted by the Antichrist, beast out of the pit, the eighth horn of Dan. 7:8, whom Christ will conquer at His coming, in the second stage of His coming, as Israel's king (Zech. 14:1-5 and 2 Thess. 2:8).

V. 5. Man child to rule with rod of iron. Christ is to rule with a rod of iron; so many say this is He, but Rev. 2:18-22 speaks of an overcoming group to be rulers with a rod of iron, it is clear this does not refer to Christ, but to a group who will rule with Him, there are some who are to reign with Christ as kings and priests, and so this must be the overcomers (Rev. 5:9, 10). Some people do not like this word "overcomer," but it is here; and some will overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony (Rev. 12:11).

V. 6. Woman flees to a place prepared of God for her. A fact we want to record is, the woman does not go to Heaven with the man child, and yet is in favor with God, as He protects her for a given time, namely, three and one-half years. Call the woman what you wish, but part goes and part stays, and so is in harmony with many other Scriptures that there will be a resurrection of the dead in Christ, and a changing of the living to be like Him (1 Thess. 4:16-18), and the rest of the dead do not live again until a thousand years are passed.

A thousand two hundred and three score days, equal three and one-half years of three hundred and sixty days each, and no doubt will be the first half of the seven years of tribulation or reign of the Antichrist, first half of which seems to be a reign of peace to a more or less extent, during which time the woman will be protected, and then the fury of the last half, or period of "great tribulation" will follow, when all must take the mark, number, or name of the Beast, or not be allowed to buy or sell (Rev. 13:16, 17).

Vs. 7, 8, 9. War in Heaven, Devil cast down and is no more the "prince of the power of the air," but will begin his work through the satanic trinity, the Dragon or Devil, the Beast or Antichrist, and the false prophet (Rev. 13). That this is yet future is sure, for the Devil is still in, or has access to the heavens, although cast out of the very Heaven

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WHERE ARE YOU GOING WHEN YOU DIE?

By the Editor

Some people say there is no hell, and some say there is no heaven or hell, that when people die that is the last of them, which reminds me of the two Irishmen: Mike believed there was a place of blessing for the righteous and a place of eternal punishment for the wicked, but Pat believed that when a man dies that is the last of him. Well, Pat died, and his body was prepared for burial. When Mike went to see Pat, he began to laugh, and Pat's widow asked what he was laughing about. "Why," said Mike, "Pat is all dressed up and no place to go to."

According to the Bible, which was given by inspiration of God (2 Tim. 3:16, 17), there are just three places: Heaven, Hell and Earth. The first part of every human life is spent on the earth, then every soul goes, either to Heaven or Hell for eternity.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). This is physical death and means the death of the body only. At the Christian's death he leaves the body, to be present with the Lord; he is "clothed upon" with a "house from heaven," and waits for the resurrection of the "earthly house" (2 Cor. 5:1-8).

Paul said in speaking of the Christian's blessed hope in the resurrection, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (1 Cor. 15:22, 23). Yes, Christ will appear in the air some of these days, or nights, and will call to all them that are His, and say, "Come up hither;" and the dead in Christ shall come forth to eternal life, but none but Christ's own will have ears to hear (1 Cor. 15:52, 53; 1 Thess. 4:16).

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:17).

The soul is immortal, but this earthly body (house) is mortal, it is subject to death. We now have this treasure (life) in earthen vessels (2 Cor. 4:7), vessels subject to death. This mortal must and will put on immortality, then we'll have both life and immortality; we shall have this treasure in a glorious heavenly body not subject to death, when we "see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2).

Notice that nothing is said in the Scriptures we have quoted, nor in their context, about the wicked dead, nor about those living in sin at the time of the Rapture. Only the righteous dead are raised, and only the righteous living are changed.

All you who are now living want to live: you do not want to die, but you will have to die; then where are you going? There may be a lot of things which you have escaped, but you will not be able to escape death, unless you are prepared to go in the Rapture and Jesus come before you die. One thing is sure, just ahead on your pathway is an open grave, and in its bed you will lie down. From the grave you will go, either to Heaven or Hell, you must decide which it shall be. You cannot get into Heaven with unforgiven sins, or with carnality in your heart; so be sure you have "clean hands and a pure heart."

DESLOGE CHURCH NOTES

Since our last report, God has been with us, and has given us some precious services, when His presence was real, for which we praise Him this morning.

Very soon another Thanksgiving Day will be here when many will recall with thankful hearts the innumerable blessings of the past year: for the blessings of Christianity, the joy of Christian fellowship, the privilege of doing some little things for our Christ; let us be grateful. With the Psalmist, let us repeat together, Psalm 107:1, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever."

Some from our church are enjoying the good services at Flat River Free Will Baptist church, where Eld. Noel Turner of Aurora is conducting a revival for the pastor, Eld. Jas. F. Miller.

We were glad for one addition to the church at the morning service November 11th.

The mission women of Circle No. 1 are studying the Book of Revelation at their regular meetings on Tuesday afternoon. Many questions are asked, but not all are answered.

Six delegates from our church drove to St. Louis Nov. 1st. to attend quarterly meeting, which convened with the 3rd Free Will Baptist church, at 1405 S. 7th St. A good time was reported: one young man was licensed to preach. Eld. T. C. Ferguson of Weatherby, Mo. preached at 11 o'clock. Our next Q. M. goes to Flat River.

Saturday evening, Nov. 10th, the Ruth class of our Sunday school enjoyed an outing at Bluff Springs. The members of the class who attended were: Misses Bernice and Naomi Powell, Marie Wilson, Anna Lee Hurt, Bernice and Ione Forshee, Gertrude Huff, Velma Dease Matthews, Louise Gibson, Ethel Laws, Alma Brown, Beulah Buxton, Bernice Teifenver Altheda, Juanita and Ruth Stegall, also their teacher, Mrs. Nell Stegall. Weinies and Marshmallows were roasted and a good time was reported. —REPORTER

ST. LOUIS, MO., Nov. 20, 1934.

To the Free Will Baptist Gem and its many Readers:

The following is a brief report from our St. Louis church at 1405

S. 7th street.

Bro. T. C. Ferguson just closed out a revival which he held for us. We had several professions and a few additions to the church. Bro. Ferguson preached with much power, and his messages were well received and enjoyed by all. Sister Ferguson was here the last two weeks of the meeting. This was her first visit to St. Louis.

Our work is moving along very well. We have also organized a new mission as an arm of the church at 1443 So. 18th St. It looks like a real success to us. This is the good work of Elder Charles Miller and others. A joint program will be put on at the church Christmas, which will be well represented by both the church and the mission.

Eld. W. C. Hill, Pastor,
1133 So. 10th Street.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Family:

I am sending you a report of my work as evangelist in Iowa.

I closed my meeting Nov. 11th, arrived home in St. Louis Nov. 12th, and found my family well. I shall never forget my first evangelistic tour. I found the people up there hungry for the old time Gospel. Many of our preachers up there have left the fundamental principles of the Gospel and gone off after Modernism.

I ran across a song book that was put out by Bro. T. C. Ferguson many years ago. I also found some who were saved under Bro. Ferguson's preaching. They love to sing Bro. Ferguson's songs as specials. Bro. John McFarland sang for us, "Going Back to Texas" and "By and By." Many people up there remember Bro. Ferguson. I met up with Rev. James Sherman Vestal. He was ordained many years back, and Bro. Ferguson helped ordain him. He is now an invalid, not able to walk or talk. He is a brother to my father, Mr. George Vestal.

I had 62 professions at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and 21 backsliders reclaimed. At Des Moines, Iowa, I had 28 professions.

I visited the Woman's prison at Rockwell City, Iowa, preached once there, and once at Calvary Temple, and two sermons at the Union Gospel Tabernacle at Des Moines. Had eight professions.

Elder Emmett Vestal.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers:

We are still on the firing line for God.

The quarterly meeting at Dr. M. right went over the top for God. Two new churches were added and five souls were saved, and the meeting closed with old time shouting.

We, the Lawnwood church are having some good meetings. We had a ten nights' singing which was well attended.

Just pray for the Lawnwood church, that it may grow in grace. Ruth B. Lane, R6, B358.

**Free Will Baptist Church Notes
Oglesby, Oklahoma**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I hope you are all well and are happy with Jesus this morning. I am still on the Lord's side and intend to stay there. I am still praying for those who are out in sin, that God will save them some day.

I am the only one of God's children at Oglesby that takes the Gem, and I am always glad to get it and read of the good work being done, and read the names of the good brothers and sisters that I have met since I found God.

We organized our church something over a year ago. We still have services at 11 o'clock a. m. and at night most every Sunday. Sometimes our pastor, Bro. Stinnett, doesn't get here, but doesn't miss very often. We have other ministers that drop in at times and leave the Word of God with us. Seems that some of our Bros. and sisters are lying out on us, but if we would get in earnest about our souls, and others too, this would be a different world.

Our Sunday school still meets every Sunday.

Dear Mrs. Jones, I read the 5th chapter of Galatians you mentioned in your letter, it is sure a wonderful chapter.

Our young people are still having their meeting at 7:00 o'clock every Sunday evening and are doing fine; so let's all pray for them, that they will all stay with it and some day give their hearts to God.

—Jessie Huff.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION

At last I will try to give you a

brief report of the Northeast Mo. Association, which should have been sent long ago, but it seems that I can never do anything as it should be done, yet I hope and pray that every one will forgive me, and that I can do better next time. I am so glad that the Lord knows and understands everything. I certainly want to live a true Christian, but I feel that my life is a failure, that I never get things done right. I ask all who read this to pray for me.

Our Association was held with the Sublett church, Aug. 30th to Sept. 2nd. This church is just about two years old, but they have the Spirit of the Lord there.

We had a good Association, and we had the best rain we had had for months, and it rained the Saturday night meeting out, but we were sure thankful for the rain.

The sermon Thursday night was delivered by Eld. C. M. Dauber, then of Mt'n Grove, Mo., but now of Greentop, Mo., R4.

The clerk being absent, the Association was called to order by Eld. C. E. Mann, the oldest minister present. Bro. Mann was elected moderator and Eld. C. A. Phillips assistant moderator, and Monte Peterson assistant clerk.

Elders T. C. Ferguson and C. A. Phillips delivered the 11 o'clock message.

Eld. W. R. Rush gave us a wonderful sermon in the afternoon. Subject, "Perilous Times," reading 2nd Timothy, 3rd chapter.

Friday afternoon session was opened by singing. Scripture lesson the 8th Psalm. Prayer by Eld. T. C. Ferguson.

Elders T. C. Ferguson, W. R. Rush and C. M. Dauber were seated as corresponding messengers, and Rev. Harry Cowles as visiting minister.

The following ministers reported and were given certificates of standing: Elders S. H. Marcum, C. A. Phillips, C. E. Mann, J. A. Ewing and J. F. Duckworth.

Preaching Friday night by Elders W. R. Rush and C. E. Mann. Lesson read, Prov. 6:6-8. Text, Prov. 6:6. They gave us a real sermon.

Saturday morning session opened by singing. Scripture reading 12th chapter of Romans by Elder Dauber and prayer by Eld. Dauber.

The business committee recommended that D. A. Whinery be ordained as deacon of Stahl church

and he was ordained Sunday a. m.

We, the Committee on Publication, submit the following report:

We recommend that our people subscribe for our paper, the Free Will Baptist Gem published at Purdy, Mo., and support the press and give it all our press work so far as we can. Further more we recommend the use of Free Will Baptist Sunday school literature in all our churches so far as it is possible, as it is our own and the proceeds go for the cause of Christ and not to some individual.

We also recommend that our people refrain from the purchase of the Judge Rutherford literature.

Saturday morning service opened with singing. Scripture lesson Luke 9:57-62. Prayer by Bro. L. L. Mikel. Preaching by Elders Dauber and Cowles, who brought us a real feast, using Luke 9:62 as a text.

Saturday afternoon the meeting was turned over to the mission circles and the leagues. They gave us a good program which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Eld. J. A. Ewing was elected Sunday school evangelist.

We were much pleased to have Eld. W. B. Stevens with us from the Holiness church. He has composed a great many hymns and sang a number of them and played his own accompniment. He is getting quite old in the ministerial work, I think he has preached for over 50 years. He still has the Spirit of the Lord with him.

Sunday morning we began by reading Psalm 19, and prayer by Richard Sebree. We had a song service, then the ordaining of Bro. Whinery. The Sunday morning sermon was delivered by Elders W. R. Rush and S. H. Marcum. Text, Rev. 3:4. They gave us real food for the soul.

We had a good program Sunday afternoon, with a good sermon by Elders L. L. Mikel and C. M. Dauber.

The Association will meet with New Harmony church next year.

We were glad to have Bro. and Sister Faris and their daughter with us from Michigan. They came all the way from there to be at the Association.

May God bless all who read this, and may each of us who profess to be His children, ask ourselves the question, Can the world see Jesus in me? I believe if they could it would be much easier to

win souls for the Master.

I could write more now, that I have started, but feel that my letter and report together would be too long. Pray for me.

Bessie Fowler, Clerk.

PURDY, MISSOURI, Nov. 24th.

Dear Gem Family:

Just a few lines to let you know we are still in the Lord's work.

We went from the State Association to Carterville, Mo. to visit our church there, where Bro. Cecil Campbell is the pastor. We held a few nights' services with these good people.

The mission circle and myself made personal calls from house to house, and the Lord blessed.

We made our home with Bro. and Sister Ben Medley who made us welcome in their home.

From Carterville we went to South Picher, Okla. Bro. Lester Judd is pastor. We had services two nights. They have a good mission circle and a league.

We stayed with Bro. and Sister Judd and with Bro. and Sister Landreth who made us feel at home; may God bless them all.

We next went to our Blue Front church at Treece, Kans. Sister Elda Crain and her father were in a revival and we stayed and helped a few days. The Lord blessed and was still saving souls. We enjoyed working with Bro. and Sister Crain, may the Lord bless them in their good work.

We organized two mission circles, one for the older people and one for the young people.

Officers for Senior Mission:
Sister Posey President
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Bro. Jason Dameron and Sister Odneal, Chaplains.

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We enjoyed working with these good people, may God bless them.

Report on Mission Coat:
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We are now in a revival with Sister Merl Wright at Macedonia church, near Purdy, and the Lord is blessing. Pray for us.

May the Lord bless each and every Gem reader.

Melba White.

FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI

To the Gem Family:

I will try to write a few lines in the interest of the cause that our paper represents.

First, I wish to say, The Gem is our messenger, and can only carry the message or messages that we, as the readers and supporters of the paper, send to our worthy editor.

Then comes the question of the message of the Gem. Let us talk heart to heart together with each other through the columns of the Gem. My message, or yours, should always be a message of love. Never should we, as contributors to the paper, use the paper as a means to carry on a dispute or debate; we should remember that our brethren are entitled to their opinion as well as we. And, since we are contributing articles to be read by hundreds of people, let us be governed by what effect our article may have on the influence of the Gem, our beloved paper.

Now brethren, we need the Gem, we must have the Gem, and we want it to bring to us each month a message from our brethren, from the East, the West, the North, and from the South; so let us do our part for the paper.

Excuse this rather personal reference, but if I am going to write for the paper, let me first go away alone with God and ask Him to guide and direct me in writing, the same as if I were asking Him for a sermon for some special occasion. After writing, then let me read the article carefully, and ask myself the question, Would I appreciate seeing such an article in the columns of the Gem? and, if so, it is ready to go to the Gem office to be printed.

We have all enjoyed the good articles in the paper and urge those who have written to write again, and those who love the cause, and want to help, write some good articles and send them in.

As a member of the Publication Committee, I want to share a part of the responsibility of the paper with the Editor. I know that some articles have been sent to the editor for publication that have not been printed, but we must keep all personal differences

out of the paper: we can settle them according to Matthew 18:15.

Now let us all just be friendly and brotherly, and help make the Free Will Baptist Gem a paper that will continue to be an honor to the denomination, keep up your subscription and recommend the paper to others, urge the people to sign for the Gem, and then see to it that the paper is not a disappointment.

So, with these few remarks in the interest of the Gem and its readers, I beg to remain your brother in Christ.

Eld. Jas. F. Miller.

EARLSBORO, OKLA., Nov. 16th.

Dear Gem Family, Greetings in Jesus' name:

We have been thinking so much about our kin folks in the Lord since our State meeting. The meeting was glorious and just a foretaste of what our meeting will be in the Great Beyond. We will never forget the kindness of the good people at Jones Chapel in putting forth every effort to make us feel welcome, God bless them.

On leaving our State meeting, we felt led to visit our dear old Tecumseh church, which is so dear to many of us. On reaching there we found Bro. Wade, as pastor, doing a good work. Bro. Wade is one of our coming preachers. He was converted four years ago in Earlsboro in the tabernacle meeting we conducted while Bro. Epperson was pastor there. It is wonderful how the Lord is blessing and leading Bro. Wade. We reached Tecumseh Saturday afternoon and preached Sunday and Sunday night and two were saved. We continued three weeks and nineteen were converted and the church drawn closer to Jesus. We made our home with Sister Trice. She is just waiting for the Master's call. She is still a great blessing to all that come in contact with her. We would love to mention every one, but space is too precious.

We then came to visit the Earlsboro church, which is dear to us. We have been here nearly a week and one precious soul has been saved. Bro. W. L. Bean, the pastor, has been called away on account of sickness. We are planning to be here over Sunday, then we are going to visit Bro. and Sister Epperson's church, near

Drumright, before we go back to Texas.

Pray for us in all these places, that God will save souls and the churches be built up.

With prayers for all,
Lizzie McAdams.

F. W. B. CHURCH NOTES

Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 17th.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Tulsa church continues to go forward, working hand in hand in a great way for the Lord.

The month of October was a very busy month for each and every one. We completed one name quilt that netted us \$46.80 and had 33 names left over, and at present we are working on our second quilt, with donations coming in nicely. This plan was the means of Tulsa church raising our taxes for the year.

Work on our basement is advancing rapidly, while some wheel dirt out, others are busy laying the foundation, all labor being donated by members of our church.

We were honored a few weeks ago by having the County Singing Convention to meet with us, with a good crowd and many good singers being present.

During our recent revival 46 were converted, 16 baptized and 11 additions to the church. A wonderful spirit prevailed and many blessings were received during the three weeks of services by the pastor.

Bro. and Sister Bingham attended the Co-operative General Association at Denison, Texas, Nov. 6th to 9th. Bro. Bingham preached one sermon while there.

At our business session last Tuesday night Sister Gibhardt, Sister Wilson and Clifford Staires were elected delegates to attend quarterly conference at Drumright.

We are very happy to report that Rev. M. L. Hollis and wife of Red Bay, Alabama visited our church this week and Rev. Hollis preached a most wonderful sermon on Wednesday night. All received a great blessing from hearing him, and we extend a hearty welcome to Rev. Hollis to come back and be with us again, as well as all other Free Will Baptist ministers.

Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

TYRONE, MISSOURI. Nov. 8th.

Dear Brother Brown:

I have been requested to prepare an article about the Tyrone revival for your valuable paper. So I am sending you two clippings from a local paper. You can compile them as you will. You know what space and standards you have for publication and I don't. But your readers hereabouts would appreciate a "write up."

Thanking you in advance for your response, I am,

Respectfully,

R. I. Cary Hale.

"The big revival meeting which began Oct. 1, by two Free Will Baptist preachers, Rev. Neal Moore and Rev. Clarence Ussery, was very successful. There were 17 saved. They were: Mrs. Bailey, Dorothy Frame, Howard Frame, Mack Hall, Irene Daine, Hazel Scheets, Clyde Rutledge, Leslie Collins, Minnie Rutledge, Lige Martin, Ules Sevedge, Dora Kenslow, Ben Crane, Jim Crane, Wes Crane, Elsie Bandy, Helen Downey.

"Bro. Ussery and Bro. Moore closed the meeting Friday, Oct. 12, and went home. Then on Monday morning, Oct. 15, the rest of the sinners were not satisfied, so they sent Fern Scheets back after Bro. Ussery to see if he would come back and hold meeting a little longer. There was 70 saved when the meeting came to a close, Thursday night, Oct. 25.

"Those that were saved were: Noble Coats, Lonnie Bailey, Walt Downey, Irene Parmenter, Mildred Martin, Carl Martin, Walt Martin, Virgil Martin, Jim Martin, Geneva Martin, Lucille Sigler, Glen Sigler, Vivian Sigler, Dewey Hobbs, Willie Aldridge, Carl Aldridge, Bob Aldridge, Joe Aldridge, Luther Aldridge, Max Bell, Ray Foulk, Henry Foulk, Fred Roberts, Herschel Kitchen, Richard Harrison, Calvin Ice, Frank Dunivin, Lester Blowers, Elmer Scheets, Fern Scheets, Oneal Aldridge, Opal Aldridge, Nadine Scheets, Clyde Morgan, Jess Goodman, Fred Goforth, Doris Goforth, Willis Williams, Ethel Williams, Luther Bandy, Sanford Harrison, Jack Harrison, Earl Hensley, Virgil Sevedge, Paul Frame, Paul Goodman, Irene Rutledge, Loraine Rutledge, Delbert Rutledge, Roy McKinney, Delmar Aldridge, Jimmie Aldridge, Marie Aldridge, Maxine Aldridge, Evohn Smallwood, Jess Story, Nora Story, Ruth Story, Roy Hale, Rose Mary Hale, Bernice Aldridge, Sophia Aldridge, Bob Lay, Dorothy Goodman, Edd Downey, Glen McKinney, Harlin Ice, Josie Inman, Mayme Inman, Ted McKinney.

"Those who were baptized Sunday Oct. 21st, were: Lonnie Bailey, Willis Williams, Mrs. Hensley, Dora Kenslow, Doris Goforth, Virgil Bandy, Luther Bandy, Cleo Bandy, Elsie Bandy, Helen Downey, Minnie Rutledge, Edith Crane, Sophia Aldridge, Eva Sigler, Geneva Martin, Irene Parmenter, Mildred Martin, Lucille Sigler, Vivian Sigler, Nadine Scheets, Howard Frame, Clyde Rutledge, Ben

Crane, Wes Crane, Fred Roberts, Earl Hensley, Walt Downey, Carl Aldridge, Carl Martin, Walt Martin, Glen McKinney, Jim Martin, Elmer Scheets, Glen Sigler, Roy McKinney, Dewey Hobbs, making 38.

"Then on Sunday, Oct. 28th, 16 more were baptized. They were: Ruby Aldridge, Leslie Collins, Jennie Collins, Josie Inman, Maxine Inman, Loraine Rutledge, Marie Aldridge, Irene Rutledge, Dorothy Goodman, Maxine Aldridge, Ted McKinney, Delmar Aldridge, Joe Aldridge, Jim Aldridge, Paul Goodman, Delbert Rutledge.

"We do thank the good Lord for saving these souls and that everyone that has taken part will hold out faithful and seek a home in Heaven.

"Sunday, Oct. 28th, a Free Will Baptist church was organized with 51 members. Bro. Ussery will be the pastor for the coming year."

HARTVILLE, MO., Oct. 26, 1934.

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Readers: After having lived through the worst drought in history, said to be, and I think it was the longest hot spell I ever knew, and I am now 74, and peeling "little taters" as I have done before, years ago; I am not grumbling at the size, glad we have them to eat, and, oh, how thankful we should be that it is no worse.

God is Love, and He has been so good to us to send rain, that man and beast may have plenty of water to quench their thirst: and folks got busy and planted out quite a lot of vegetables, having eats on the table like spring time and the beasts of the field, here in the Ozarks, feeding on the green; and then we can sing, "What wondrous love is this! It is God that sends the rain and sunshine; without God all is a failure."

I think of the poor man who was going to shoot bombs and make it rain; claimed he had done this before, but said it would take two or three thousand dollars, and had the most of it made up; he lost his life, the paper stated, but did not say what became of the money. Then come to my mind Isaiah 55:2, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: so God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him" (Gen. 1:26, 27).

Felks are not satisfied with their looks, and are trying to modify them by spending millions of dollars to change their complexion, but in vain. "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?"

Jezebel, wife of Ahab, her history: 1 Kings 16: 31; 18:1, 19; 19:1, 2, 21; 2 Kings 9:22, 39; Ezek. 23:40; Jer. 4:30; 2 Kings 9:30. Mothers, if you never read the life of this woman, read it, and have your daughters to read it. She is the only one I have found in the Bible that painted her face, but I read of other bad characters. John the Revelator spoke of Jezebel and said, "Notwithstanding, I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jez-

ebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication; and I gave her space to repent of her fornication, and she repented not."

"Why do ye spend money for that which is not bread? "Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech. Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins" (Isaiah 32:9-11).

"Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding" (Psalm 32:9).

That which is not of God is of the devil. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him

. . . The lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2:15, 16, 17).

"When he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Do you think He will have on a false face like church members wear today? "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7).

I have much to regret in my life, but the most is, I neglected to have my little children read the Word of God as much as I should. when it is so plain, that we must obey God or be forever lost. We read of good women in the Bible and of their good deeds, and how Jesus loved and blessed them. "But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken from her" (Luke 10:42). We hear so much said about hard times—"Sure can't pay the pastor anything this year, can't subscribe for the Gem, although I like to read it." Well, I know what we can do: if all the church members would put what they have been spending at the drug store for powder, lip stick, paint for the fingernails—oh, I don't know what all—then what is spent at what they call the "beauty shoppe," it would pay our pastor so he could have a good living, we could read the Gem, paint and clean up our church houses, and have money in the treasury.

"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride and arrogance, and the evil way" (Prov. 8:13). "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good; and whose trusteth in the Lord, happy is he" (Prov. 16:18-20).

"These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are abomination unto him: a proud look, a lying tongue, . . . and he that soweth discord among the brethren" (Prov. 6:16-19).

I got interested in reading and run-

ning references, and no Gem paper could hold all that is connected with Jezebel's life. Let us be careful not to pattern after her and do the things she did.

Dear ones, I t us read 1 Timothy, chapters one and two, Paul to Timothy. This even tells how to dress, and dear ones, this Book is a true waybill and the way is so narrow that few there be that find it. It means much to follow the dear Lord Jesus. I am not asking Him for justice, but for mercy.

Dear ones, pray for me, that I may obtain mercy.

God bless all who read this.

A poor weak servant.

—LINA CLAXTON.

Carterville, Missouri, Nov. 22nd.

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Readers: I would just like to send in a word from our Carterville Home Mission workers. We have a fine circle. We haven't very many members, and as at most places, they don't all work, but we just thank the Lord for a few who are willing to sacrifice some pleasure to do work for our Heavenly Father.

Sister Melba White, our state mission president, was with us for a few days just after our State Association. We had three nights' services, and we certainly enjoyed them. Sister White gave us some very good talks on mission work. One day while she was with us was spent visiting in the homes of the sick and of members who do not attend very often. Eleven homes were visited, and one woman had been asking God to send her a blessing when we got there and we all got a wonderful blessing. We went to dear Sister Templeton's home and the Spirit was so poured out upon us, there was shouting and praising God by all.

Our mission workers meet on each Friday and spend the day praying and reading the Scriptures, and doing whatever work we have on hand. We certainly enjoyed Sister McAdams' talks on mission work. We were so sorry she could not come to Carterville before she went back to Texas.

We have just closed a three weeks' revival. Certainly had some wonderful soul-stirring messages by our pastor, Eld. Cecil Campbell. Four souls were truly saved, one for whom we have prayed for several years. We certainly praise God for the good work and the many blessings we receive from Him.

Pray for us, that our mission work will still go on for the Lord.

Esther Broadhurst, Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD, MO., Nov. 4th.

Dear Gem Family:

I want to report a real meeting. Bro. Neal Moore and Bro. Clarence Ussery started a meeting at Tyrone, in Texas Co., Mo., carried it on two weeks and closed with 17 converts. They closed out to go to their appointments, on Friday night before the second Sunday in October.

Bro. Ussery came to Dallas Co. where I was to meet him and go back home with him to the Base school house to help Bro. J. J. Postalwait in a meeting. Bro. Ussery had reserved three weeks, if it was needed, to help us in that meeting, near his home. But on Monday about 2:30 p. m., Oct. 15th, two men came for him from Tyrone. They said sinners had sent for him to come back and go on with the meeting. The good Lord was leading him, so that he went on about 60 miles from his home. I sure did hate to see him leave us, but we must all let the Lord have His way. So he went on with the meeting until Friday before the 4th Sunday in Oct., when he closed with a total of 89 converts. Bro. Ussery told me that he never did see such a meeting, and how the new converts work! and what large crowds attended the meeting.

On the 4th Sunday he went back to baptize some more (on the 3rd Sunday he had baptized 38), and to organize a church. He told me that there would be about 75 go into the church as charter members, but sickness had broken out when he went back, so he baptized 16 more, making a total of 54, and organized a church with 51 members, and completed the church with its officers, and more are to unite when they get able.

Now about our meeting at the Base school house (Dutch Chapel church). We went on two weeks and one day, and had one convert and one renewal. It seemed as though it was seed time; the church was down and the country divided. They had two Sunday schools in the same house, but I met some really good Christian people.

I sure did enjoy the meeting and the good Lord sure did bless in the preaching. I never was blessed with strength as I was in that meeting. I was able to stay on the floor preaching for one hour and 40 minutes at a time. Even when I was strong and well, I could not preach that long.

I want you good people to pray for me, that the Lord may have his way while I live, for I know unless there is a great change, my life is short here; my blood is bad, and my heart is getting worse. But I had rather die at the stake and go to heaven, than to rust out and go to hell.

The people at Base school sure were good to us; when I left Bro. Ussery brought me to Mt. Grove where I met Bro. O. C. Allen and Bro. Homer Smith, and Bro. Allen brought me with Bro. Smith, home. We came by Bro. Allen's home and his wife gave me 12 quarts of fruit (besides what I got in the meeting), some green beans and about three pounds of fresh butter; may the good Lord bless them all for their kindness. Pray for me.

Eld. W. E. George, 1520 W. Atlantic.

PAINTSVILLE, KY., Nov. 19th.

Dear Brethren of the F. W. B. Cause:

I wish to express my thanks to the good Lord and to the good people that we met on our trip to the Co-operative General Association at Denison, Texas,

and I especially want to extend to Bro. Bert F. Rogers' good wife and daughter my best regards for their kindness shown us while with them, may God bless you with the richest of blessings; and I want to extend my love to all.

Although we traveled over 2200 miles to meet with the brothers and sisters of our Association, we sure were wonderfully paid.

We got back in time to fill my appointment at Paintsville, Ky. on Saturday night and Sunday. I have just returned from my appointment at Rock House church, baptized one, had a good old fashioned meeting Sunday, Nov. 19th. Bro. F. S. Vanhoose, who was with me, said he would not take \$500.00 for his trip.

Say, brothers and sisters, in the west, don't forget to pray for us, and you too, Bro. Bingham at Tulsa, Okla. Elder Millard Vanhoose.

CUSHING, OKLA., Nov. 26th.

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

John said, The work in Oklahoma is doing fine. Just closed our fourth Sunday meeting at Drumright, and had a fine time. God was with us in great power and, say boy, some folks cut up right in the preaching service—some souls were saved. We still believe that God is on the throne.

We had a fine program at Cushing Nov. 25th, "All Nations to the Cross." The church did their part splendidly, and it was a success. The pastor preached on the cross.

The state president of Home Missions is getting lots of calls to come and organize missions over the state. The mission work is putting the churches over the top for Jesus, and why not? it was the work that Jesus left for us to do; so get into the mission work.

The First Mission Association is the youngest association in the state, started with five churches, and we have 25 now, with new churches coming in all the time. God is blessing in the work. We have a fine bunch of preachers and they have the mission work at heart. The preacher that don't line up with the mission work is a back number here.

The state president will go to Earlsboro to organize a mission Dec. 2nd, and then to Wewoka to organize another one, then to east of Claremore to organize another; if your church wants a mission, better call us early to avoid the rush. Wake up folks, and let's make the world sit up and notice the Free Will Baptist. The great mission spirit that Jesus gave is the liveliest thing on earth.

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Eld. J. L. Waltman, State Pres.

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The By-Laws of the Home Mission work, that were adopted by the State Association and the Co-operative General Association, say that every church in the state of Okla. is to send in to the State Home Mission treasurer two dollars each for the state work to Birdie Drennan, Sec.-Treas., Tabler, Oklahoma, R1.

We, your officers, ask that the two dollars for your church be sent in right away, as there is great need for the work to go on. This year we hope to make the greatest in our work.

J. L. Waltman, State President of Home Missions, Cushing, Okla., wants to hear from every preacher that is not pastoring a church, and from every church needing a pastor; we want to help the preachers and the churches to get together; he will keep a record of the needs of the state so as to be a help to all. If our churches and the preachers will take the little Gem paper, they can keep in touch with each other and the work in general.

All churches calling the president to organize a mission will pay the expenses of the trip.

Eld. J. L. Waltman.

THAYER, MO., Nov. 30, 1934.

We closed a three weeks' meeting at Myrtle, Mo. last Thursday night, with eight converts and renewals, and the church was revived and built up in the faith.

Bro. Clarence Dodson, one of our young ministers in the cause, helped in the first part of the meeting, and Bro. John Tally, our General Baptist minister, helped in the middle part. They both became discouraged and went home, so I went on with the meeting. I mean wife and I did, resulting in the salvation of three other souls.

One boy was converted on his bed of affliction and died four days later. His obituary will be sent in later by our quarterly meeting reporter, Bro. E. E. Winfree.

Elder Harry Beatty.

GREENBRIER, ARK., Nov. 29th

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As this is my first time to write, I will not take up much space.

First, I want to tell all the readers how Pleasant Grove No. 2, best known as Soda Valley church, is getting along.

We are just a little band of country Christians, worshipping God in the best way we know. We have preaching regularly twice each month, Sunday school each Sunday morning. We have a good attendance of about sixty, all interested in making our Sunday school better. We have prayer meeting twice a week, a cottage prayer meeting each Friday night, and at the church each Sunday night, and on Saturday night we have choir practice.

Now, who don't believe that we are a lively community? Just come and visit a good old fashioned Free Will Baptist church, and see for yourself

if we are not enjoying a Christian life. I have been trying to live a Christian life for seven years, and am only twenty years old, but I do not regret beginning in early life.

It behooves us to begin trying to live better, for I believe the end is drawing near.

I am asking that all praying people pray for us; because the Bible says, "Pray with and for one another."

I hope this will be printed, for it is the first letter that has come from our church.

Daniel Loveless.

VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I have never made a report of my work since I preached my first sermon last Christmas Eve night, I wish to report that the Lord has wonderfully blessed me in my humble work.

On September tenth, I closed a two weeks' meeting at Greenell Baptist church at Davidson, called Newchurch. In spite of my ignorance and lack of culture, with the help of God and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, I delivered sixteen God sent messages, besides the day services. Bro. Mullens, a former pastor, was with me the first week. I also had some prayerful assistance from Eld. Swatsenburg and Eld. Roy Rose, members of the church. Besides the renewals, and revived Christians, there were six conversions. We had dinner on the ground each Sunday, and I never saw a harder praying bunch of Christians, you could feel the Holy Spirit with burning reality, and we seemed a big family, all full of love for each other.

On our last Sunday the aged and feeble were seated in arm chairs where they could enjoy the message, and the sick were helped to the service on crutches and seated in like manner. Most everybody shouted God's praises and we all were in the Lord.

They elected me as their pastor, and when I returned last Saturday night to fill my monthly appointment, the church was in better condition than when I left it to return home a month before that. I baptized two more of God's children that evening. I haven't room to tell of the wonderful things the Lord did for them and us. Pray for them, that they may remain humble so the Lord will continue to bless them; and, giving God the glory. I wish to add that they are faithful to their pastor, and their prayers strengthen me. I also pastor 81 church near Rudy, and Catcher church, near Van Buren. 81 church is prospering right along, and I feel that I have their prayers also. I feel that God is proud of them. Catcher church of which I am a member, and also pastor, is doing as well as could be expected. We have a few very faithful members there, and we hope and pray that God will revive the rest of them.

Our next fifth Sunday conference will be held at Catcher church in Dec., beginning on Friday night. We would like to have a number of visiting

brethren to come, and be with us. The last conference picked on a very weak servant to deliver the opening message, as they picked on the writer, but Bro. Ben Pixley will conclude; and I am sure he will bring a good message. The Catcher church has a hard row of stumps to hoe, come and be with us. We need your help and I send out a cry and plea for other ministers to visit us on my pastoral appointment at Catcher every 3rd Saturday night and Sunday and Sunday night following. "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

I haven't space to tell of the other good revivals I have been in, but I have been nine weeks in revival work and started another meeting last night. I need and want your prayers.

Your humble servant in Christ,
Elder Glenn Dipboye.

F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

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PROCEEDINGS MISSOURI STATE LEAGUE ASSOCIATION

Called to order by State President, Eld. Winford Davis. Song service conducted by Eld. Noel Turner. Prayer by Eld. Jas. F. Miller.

Scripture reading 2 Tim. chapter 2. All leaguers present were assembled in one place in the tabernacle.

League reports were called for and the following league Ass'ns responded: Indian Creek, S. E. Mo., N. E. Mo.

At this time the place of delegates not present was supplied.

N. W. Missouri was represented by Sisters Melba White and Anna Ellis.

Reports were received from the field workers and state officers.

Reading minutes of 1933 session.
All league workers present invited to seats in council.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Eld. Winford Davis
Vice Pres. Eld. Wm. Reeves
Secretary Eld. O. T. Allred
Ex. Board Member Damon Dodd

Motion carried to grant State President the right to appoint field workers for each association.

Motion carried to select some one to preach at 11 a. m. on Tuesday of our next annual session. Eld. O. T. Allred was selected, with Eld. Winford Davis alternate.

Motion carried to refer proposed change in Constitution, Art. 2, to provide for a quarterly meeting organization where conditions warrant such to each local league, this to be voted on at next Association.

Motion carried that the leagues pay their proportionate part of printing the minutes.

At this time some very interesting numbers were rendered: 1. Monte Peterson.

2. Bro. Miller gave a very interesting talk on our indebtedness to our forefathers, and then to the future generation.

3. Darline Baker gave a reading, "Little Blossom."

4. Annabelle Buchanan, a song.

5. Song by Eld. Winford Davis, "Heaven Will be Just Beginning for me."

6. Names of the Judges of Israel by Virginia Turner.

7. Song by Bro. Davis, "Shake Hands With Mother Again."

8. Song by Richard and Sarah Marie Talbott and Boyd Thornton.

9. Song by Annabelle and Elane Buchanan.

Very interesting talks were given by Elders Winford Davis, Sam Marcum and W. K. Weston.

Adjournment. The League Benediction was used in dismissal.

O. T. Allred, Secretary.

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Leaguers: I don't want to fail to write you this month, as it is Christmas month, filled with activity and thrill, and so much reflection upon the great gift of Christ to the world. Of course this is one of the great outstanding months of the year; and rightly so, because in this month we commemorate one of the greatest events ever known in the history of the world. The birth of our Christ stands out in the affairs of men and the world's history as the zenith, the high point, the mountain peak of the whole affair; it is the climax of the entire program of God, and all men are placed in a relative position as pertaining to this gift and are responsible as to how they esteem it. We cannot dodge the issue, we cannot play neutral, we cannot wash our hands Pilate-like and be clear of it, to fail to accept is to reject the precious Gift. O that men everywhere would stop and consider that they have right to the richest of all Store-

houses, made possible by the gift of Christ to the world; and one beautiful thought is the fact that on that memorable night the humble shepherds heard the announcement of the birth of the Christ Child, so also did the wise and wealthy regard the guiding star; then later we hear Jesus saying, "Whosoever will," and a wonderful consolation to the poor deprived millions of earth is that one evidence sent upon the inquiry of John the Baptist was, "The poor have the Gospel preached to them."

I will close by saying, If you wish to get something worth while out of Christmas, just take some necessities to some poor unfortunate home, and I will assure you that you will receive the Christmas spirit, and remember that without the Christmas spirit the reality of Christmas is not realized.

Winford Davis.

REPORT OF FLAT RIVER LEAGUE

Martha Burcham, Reporter

As we submit our report for this month, we are glad to say that our league is growing, both in number and attendance.

We are studying from God's Word, and every one seems to be well satisfied. Every other Sunday we have a general review by answering questions on the Bible, the whole league taking part. Some members respond nicely at our meetings with special music. Our average attendance for October was 64.

On Oct. 7th we held our annual election, which resulted in the election of the following officers:

President Damon Dodd
Vice President Olan Lincoln
Sec-Reporter Martha Burcham
Treasurer Mildred Wilkerson
Quiz Leader Mrs. Ruth La Brot

We ask the prayers of God's people, that we might do more in the future than we have in the past.

REPORT OF S. E. Mo. L. CONVENT'N

Quarterly report of our League convention of Southeast Missouri, which convened with Parkview church of Desloge, Mo., Tuesday night, Oct. 23, 1934, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

PROGRAM

Opening by Chas. Lund, President
Song, "Brighten the Corner," Cong'n League Chorus Congregation
"It's a Good Thing to Be a Leaguer."
Welcome Altheda Stegall

Fifteen minute prayer and praise service, led by Eld. J. F. Miller of Flat River church.

Song by Girls' quartett of Desloge Ch. Song Flat River Seniors
Prayer Will Always Find Its Answer

Topic—"Enlarging the Kingdom Through the Channel of the League."
Discussion by Elders Wm Reeves, Albert Halbrook, Alvin Halbrook and others.

Song Wortham League
Song Leadington League

Topic—"The Bible the Text Book of the League" Discussion by Olan Lincoln, Eld. J. F. Miller, Eld. Damon Dodd, Bro Lund, and others.

Song by Girls' quartett of Desloge
Song, *God is Good*, Flat River Juniors

ENROLLMENT

Flat River	34	Wortham	19
Leadington	12	Desloge	47
St. Louis	None	Visitor	23
Total enrollment	135		

BUSINESS

Motion made and sustained that we send all printing matter to Brother Brown of Purdy, Mo. for printing.

Motion made and sustained that our next convention be held at the Flat River church.

The contest work of our leagues was taken, with Flat River, Desloge, Wortham and Leadington winners of a blue ribbon for being on the honor roll, and having a 100% league.

Our leagues of Southeast Missouri have done a much better work at the beginning of a new year, and we hope to continue to do a much better work in the near future. We desire your prayers for our leagues, that boys and girls may be brought to Christ.
Raymond La Brot, Sec-Treas.

Statistical Report of Leagues

Association Leagues	Members	Condt'n
S. E. Mo.	5	200 Fair
Chas. Lund, President,		
Raymond La Brot, Secretary		
N, E. Mo.	4	65 Good
Esther Peterson, President		
Mrs. Mabel Montgomery, Sec'y		
Union	5	222 Good
Truman Jones, President		
Zelda Young, Secretary		
Indian Creek	8	355 Good
Jewell Lewis, President		
Oleta Davis, Secretary.		
Totals	22	842 Good

STOCKTON, MO., Nov. 29, 1934.

Dear Brother and Sister Brown: As it has been some time since I have written to the Gem, I will try to write.

I am thanking God that he has spared me through the year to see another Thanksgiving Day. I feel that I have much to thank God for.

I am at our church at Wagoner, in a meeting with Sister Roena Thomas. We have had good services so far, and I am praying for a real revival. I am enjoying working for the Lord more each day and am just longing for the time when I can be in his service more.

I attended the meeting at Hanon, sure had a wonderful meeting, and I feel that I have made lots of new friends. I just thank God for such men as Bro. Winford Davis who will preach the old time repentance and old time salvation as he does. And I was also glad to meet Bro. Boyd Thorn-

ton and Bro. Hover, young ministers, may God bless every one of our young preachers.

I am so glad for the way our young people are working for the Lord. I feel that I am one of the weakest of God's children but am willing to do my little bit for him, and I think sometimes I would have failed if I had not had the help of good Christian friends; I shall never forget the good people around Pleasant Hill who have stood by me, may God bless every one of them.

May God bless every one of his children, and I covet your prayers.

—Lucy Deckard.

Center Point Church Notes

Elder E. T. House started a revival meeting at Center Point, Nov. 5th, but due to successive rains and bad roads, he was forced to postpone the meeting, after one week's preaching. The regular 4th Sunday meeting was also rained out.

May the Lord send His blessings on our pastor and his church, that we will be able to gain over Satan in all ways.

We have a birthday fund in our Sunday school, the money being used for floral offerings, for any member of the church that God calls out of this vale of tears.

The ladies also do quilting, and the money is used for the up-keep of the church building, and to apply on the pastor's salary.

The 5th Sunday in December will be our first quarterly meeting and we are looking forward to a good time and God's blessings on our endeavor to do the work the good Lord has for each of us to do. You are all cordially invited to meet with us on that day; I am sure you will receive a blessing.

Why is it, when people need to economize, that the first "cut out" is the pledge to the church? Robbing God is a terrible charge.

"Will a man rob God? yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation" (Mal. 3:8, 9).

Mrs. Herman Harms, Reporter.

EXETER, MISSOURI,

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ: I will attempt to write

a few lines to the Gem.

I started a meeting at my home church, Macedonia, Nov. 4th, and later Sister Melba White came and helped me in the meeting. We closed it Nov. 24th, with five conversions and one reclaimed, and three additions to the church.

Bro. Ben Henderson and Roy Kelly acknowledged their call to preach the Gospel.

My husband joined the church. Bro. B. F. Brown took him into the church and will baptize him this coming third Sunday. Bro. Brown also married us.

Sister Melba White and my Sister Hazel Robberson have spent this week at our home. We attended church yesterday at New Hope church. New Hope church is just 2½ miles from where we live. We took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Goostree and family. We had prayer meeting in their home and one of their daughters was saved.

I feel that we have so much to be thankful for.

I forgot to tell you good people that Merl's Chapel church was dedicated November 25th.

May God bless each and every one of you is my prayer.

Mrs. Merl Wright.

NEW HOME CHURCH NOTES

We wish to report again that we are still in the fight for Jesus and the great and good cause.

Owing to lots of sickness our attendance has fallen off some during this bad changeable weather, but there is, and always will be a few to carry on the good work. Bro. H. E. Dixon, our pastor, filled his regular appointment with us and preached some wonderful sermons. We are very sorry Sister Dixon and the children didn't get to come to New Home with Bro. Dixon this time, as all of you remember in our last report we told you Bro. Dixon's have moved to Oklahoma City. We just hope and pray they can all come back with him next month. We are also very sorry to report Bro. Dixon's father is very ill, and ask all God's people to pray for his recovery.

There was a large number of neighbors and New Home members assembled at Eld. Charles Thompson's home Sunday, Dec. 2nd, as Bro. and Sister Thompson both have the flu and not able to

go to the services Saturday night and Sunday. We are told in the Scriptures to visit the sick, and you know it helps cheer them up and causes them to forget how bad they feel; so let us as Christians not forget to visit the sick and pray with them.

For the benefit of those that may forget, let us remind you, that we take communion and have feet washing the first Sunday night in January; so if you are where you can, come over and partake with us, for we are always glad to have our brethren and sisters to come and visit and worship God with us. Remember we have services every Saturday night and Sunday in each month.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Grand River Association will begin Friday night, Dec. 28th, at Hogan church at Locust Grove, Oklahoma. Be sure to come.

Guess we have already taken too much space, but we sincerely ask each one of the Gem readers to pray for New Home church, that they will just stay humble and be submissive to God's will. Mrs. W. A. McLaughlin, Reporter

Flat River Church Notes for Nov.

Dear Gem Readers: We are back again with another report from Flat River church, and hope we have come again with a greater determination to stay on the job than ever.

During the first week of Nov. our pastor, Eld. Jas. F. Miller, attended the Co-operative Association at Denison, Texas, and on his return, he brought Bro. Noel Turner of Aurora, Mo. to hold a revival meeting. The meeting continued for a period of three weeks, and has just closed, with 33 conversions and reclaims. Bro. Turner is a young man of sterling ability and we greatly appreciate his services and the much good that has been accomplished during his three weeks' stay with us. The Juniors, which he worked so faithfully with in his Bible study and the good songs he taught them to sing in the Junior choir, especially appreciate him.

We cheerfully recommend Bro. Turner to any church that wishes to have a revival meeting. We sometimes feel that our spirits need reviving to keep us fit sub-

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OBITUARY

Anderson—William A. Anderson was born October 5, 1860, death came November 18, 1934, after three strokes of paralysis within a period of sixteen days. He lived in this life 74 years, one month and thirteen days.

He was born in the State of Texas, moving to Missouri at the age of nine years, with his parents, James L. and Mary Anderson, and lived in Mo. till death.

In September, 1883, he married Caldonia Conn. To this union four children were born: Mrs. Mary M. Click of Lakeport, Florida, Wm M. of Caplinger Mills, Mo., Mrs. Martha N. Sodowsky of Braman, Okla. One child died in infancy.

After the death of his wife, Caldonia, he married Charity O'Conner in 1893. Six children were born to them: Zula M. Anderson, who died in 1896, Mrs. Ollie L. Bean of Lindsay, Calif., Jessie C. Anderson of the home address, Charles U. Anderson of Lafontaine, Kansas, Mrs. Zepha C. Sparks and Elbert Anderson of the home address. He leaves three brothers: A. M. Anderson of Buhl, Idaho, John Anderson of Sapulpa, Okla., Laffayette Anderson of Aldrich, Mo., one sister, Mrs. Anna Blair, Sapulpa, Okla., also twenty-one grandchildren. One infant grandson preceded him in death, April 25, 1933. His last wife died March 25, 1926.

Mr. Anderson was converted and joined the Methodist church when 21 years of age, later he joined the Wagoner Free Will Baptist church with his children, remaining faithful until death, to the church and his understanding of the consistent Christian life.

He won the love and friendship of a host of friends and relatives by his admirable and winning way, always possessing those sterling qualities of a man of God.

He bore his suffering with the patience of a saint, his will being fully surrendered and awaiting the summons to his eternal home to await the coming of all his loved ones and friends. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held in the Omer Methodist church, at one o'clock Monday afternoon by Eld. W. H. York of Hannon, Mo.

Lesson, 2 Cor. 5:1-10; 1 Cor. 15:35-51. Text, Job 14:14. Subject, "Immortality of the Soul."

Interment was made in the Omer cemetery, Omer, Mo., Davis Undertakers of Stockton, Mo. in charge. The Odd Fellows lodge took charge at the grave, officiating their regular service.

Harris—Clovis Odell Harris was born February 2, 1931, and departed this life November 8, 1934 at the age of three years, nine months and six days.

He leaves to mourn his going his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amza Harris, one brother, Harold, two sisters, Wanda Bell and Willa Dean, one grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Harris, besides a great number of other relatives and friends.

Clovis always had a smile for everybody and was a great favorite with all who knew him. He was an obedient child and a loving brother. We can never overcome our loss, but the loss in our home is God's gain in Heaven.

We will miss the sweet form and the childish laughter, but Heaven is nearer and sweeter with our precious one there. So farewell, Clovis, until we meet you with Jesus.

Funeral services were conducted at the Prairie Chapel church, near Fairview, by Eld. Cecil Campbell assisted in singing by Eld. Johnny Swaffar and Oleta Davis. The body was laid to rest in the Dice cemetery.

Blankenship—Susan E. Blankenship, wife of William H. Blankenship, was born December 23, 1857, near Many Springs, in Oregon county, Mo., and departed this life November 28, 1934, at the age of 76 years, 11 months and five days.

She was married to William H. Blankenship (Uncle Billie as he is familiarly known) January 20, 1876, near Jeff in Oregon Co., Mo. To this union was born ten children, eight boys and two girls. One boy and one girl died in infancy, seven boys and one girl lived to be grown, six boys still living; they and her husband were at her bedside when she passed away.

She professed faith in Christ at the age of sixteen and joined the Free Will Baptist church and has lived a devoted Christian life

ever since.

"Aunt Susan" was a daughter of former Sheriff and Collector, James Kidwell who came to this county from Tennessee in the early days before the Civil War.

Aunt Susan lived such a life, that her friends were numbered by her acquaintances, she was loved by all that knew her. She was of such a lovable disposition that her one little task in life seemed to be to make others happy by radiating happiness wherever she went. Just why this darling mother and neighbor was taken from us, we cannot understand. God saw a greater need for her above; so He clipped the cord to her life as we would clip the unfolding rose bud from its stem, and took her to be with the angels in Heaven. There she is resting so sweetly in the arms of Jesus. She will never experience the sorrows that we have, yet that cannot comfort our sad hearts nor fill the lonely spot that will always be there.

All was done that was in the power of human hands to do to save her life. She was too dear to be a human blossom, so now she is a blossom of love and joy in Heaven. She heard a voice we could not hear, which said she could not stay; she saw a hand we could not see, which beckoned her away. Beyond this vale of tears there is a life above, unmeasured by the flight of years, and all that is life and love.

She is survived by her husband, one nephew, Willie Kidwell of Memphis, Tenn., six sons, seventeen grandchildren. The sons' names are: J. P., W. J. and Noel, all of Billmore, Mo., W. H. Jr. of Delaplaine, Ark., H. W. of Saint Louis, Mo., and R. W. of Monett, Ark. The six sons acted as pall bearers at the funeral.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. E. E. Winfree of the Free Will Baptist church at eleven o'clock on Thursday, near Jobe.

Interment was made in the Jobe cemetery, with Funeral Director, Leo Carr, in charge.

By a friend, Della Bryan.

Russell—George William Russell was born near Granby, Mo. November 14, 1877, and died at his home in Pioneer, Oct 2, 1934, age 56 years, 10 months and 18 days. He was the son of Charles P. and Margaret Ann Russell.

He was converted in his youth and united with the Fairview Baptist church in 1917. All is well with him, although our home is broken and there is a vacant chair But we feel assured that he has gone to a home where there is no more parting words spoken.

He was afflicted three years with what doctors pronounced creeping paralysis or locomotexi. Although it was so long he could not walk alone or scarcely utter a word, he was always patient and peaceful until the end.

He was united in marriage to Amanda A. Riddle March 10, 1899. To this union five children were born, two boys, Ermal and Carmel, preceded him in death. Those who are left to mourn his passing are his wife and three children: Earl of Pioneer, Mrs. Anna Herrell of Aurora and Nellie Irene at home; one brother, J. B. of Fairview, and two sisters, Mrs. Samantha Nichols of Commerce, Okla., and Mrs. Martha Miller of Corning, Calif., and one half-sister, Mrs. Eliza Spears of Oklahoma; and four grandsons, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Pioneer by Rev. Harrison Truhitte. Song services by a mixed choir from Fairview and Pioneer. Interment was made in the Arnhart cemetery under the direction of Belka Funeral Home.

Our Father has gone to a happy place,
To be forever blest.
He there, can see the Savior's face,
And on His bosom rest.

Filled with delight, his raptured soul
Would here no longer stay;
Though Jordan's waves around him
roll,
Fearless he marched away.

There, on those high and flowery
plains,
His spirit shall never tire;
But in perpetual, joyful strains,
Redeeming love admire.

And some may think that we'll forget,
Because on earth he is no more,
But in memory he is with us,
As he always was before.

Days of sadness will come to us,
Secret tears may often flow,
Memory keeps him with us always,
But in death we all must go.

But we won't forget you, Daddy,

Tho you've left us and gone on,
For some day we hope to meet you
At the breaking of the dawn.

"Signs" of Christ's Coming

By W. J. Edens

Not long ago I attended services where a traveling evangelist was conducting a revival. The theme of the sermon that evening was, "The Signs of the Second Coming of Christ." In the course of his remarks the speaker recounted several "signs" which he said had already come to pass and declared he had seen some of them himself.

Among these signs was phenomena which the preacher said occurred about three years ago while he was preaching in Denver. On that occasion, he declared, the sun rose one morning surrounded by a blood-red ring which remained visible throughout the day. At evening when the stars became visible, there was seen suspended from each a golden cross. He further told us that while holding a revival in a drought-stricken section of Ark. he saw a 4-pound Irish potato on which appeared in letters similar to braille the words, "Jesus is coming soon." He told also of several astronomers who he said were stricken speechless with awe when recently they saw through their telescopes an army of soldiers marching across the face of the moon. The Bible tells us plainly what the signs of Christ's appearing shall be, and none of these "signs" are mentioned.

If astronomers had sighted soldiers on the moon, and viewed stars supporting pendant crosses, which they certainly would have done if such phenomena had ever occurred, their announcement of so awful discovery would have thrown the world into a frenzy. The preacher accused the men of science of keeping the discovery a secret because, as he said, they could not explain it; so it was left to this enterprising evangelist to divulge the secret to the world.

I can think of no reason for intelligent Christians tolerating stories so obviously false. There may have been a time in the remote past when such fairy tales were given credence, but the main body of Christian people has long

since emerged from that age of stupidity. It is impossible to estimate the harm such fabrications can do. Intelligent young men and women whom we are striving to bring into the church are repelled by stories so repugnant to reason, and older ones who are in the church resent the implication that they are so puerile as to believe them. The sooner we purge the pulpit of myth and sensationalism and demand of our preachers that they "speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where it is silent," the sooner we shall see the church regaining the prestige it had a century ago. Baxter Springs, Ks., Nov. 7, 1934.

FOR SINNING PREACHERS

From The Pentecostal Herald

"A certain preacher closed his sermon with the declaration that 'no man can live without sin.' 'No one,' said he, 'can keep the commandments. I break them all myself, every day and hour.' He called upon a staunch old saint to close with prayer. The brother prayed about as follows: 'O Lord, have mercy on us! Thou hast said: 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me,' Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,' and 'Thou shalt not bear false witness;' and here is a preacher who says he breaks them all every day and hour. Thou hast said, 'Thou shalt not steal,' 'Thou shalt not commit adultery,' and 'Thou shalt not kill,' and here is a preacher who says he breaks every commandment every day and hour. Lord have mercy on us, and send us a better preacher. Amen!"

THE TENTH *

From The Christian Fellowship

No matter what your Income is
As on earth's soil you've trod,
Be you saint or wicked sinner
Your tenth belongs to God.

Perhaps you have been praying
But you've given only part,
Never try to deceive yourself
God knows what's in your heart.

Oh no you would not steal
Such a thot you would bemoan,
Be your Income large or small
The tenth is not your own.

You think the Income is your own
You'll invest it where it pays
Do not forget the tenth is God's
And He collects in many ways.

You may have financial loss
Or some sickness may be sent,
For remember this Collector
Never fails to get the rent.

And now whoever you may be
As along life's race you run,
Do not try to steal the tenth
For that never can be done.

THE NEW KINGDOM

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itself when he was found in proud rebellion against God (Luke 10:18).

V. 10. "Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down."

V. 11. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb," etc.

V. 12. The Devil having great wrath, because he has but a short time longer, so gives his strength to the Beast, for a last effort against God and His Christ.

V. 13. Persecutes the woman that brought forth the man child. Here read again Dan. 7:19, where the fourth beast of Daniel's vision stamps the residue with its feet which have nails of brass. Residue means that which is left after part is taken out, the woman that brought forth the man child, for she was left after the man child was taken. If you read in connection with this, the article on the 7th chapter of Daniel, you will see that both Daniel and John saw the great tribulation, which starts after the man child is caught away, but does not break out into the awful days of tribulation until the last half, or three and one-half years, at which time all living must take the mark, number, or name of the Antichrist, and worship his image, or they cannot buy nor sell (Rev. 13:17). How I wish I could go into detail on this article, the very combination of the numbers of verse and chapter, which mean so much to Bible readers in getting at the truth of the Scriptures, and so many know nothing of them at all, that God in His infinite wisdom caused the translators to place there for those who study the Scriptures, that they might be approved of God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. The infidel will argue all reason away, but none of them have attempted to answer the numeration of the Bible, which confirms the right interpretation. Oh the height and depth of the foreknowledge of God! Hiding these wonderful things from the prudent and revealing them unto babes, but even so. Amen.

V. 14. Woman flees to the wilderness, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, the phrase again means three and one-half years, the time the woman is protected and cared for, and all the powers of the Devil cannot prevail over her until that time is fulfilled. Wilderness is no doubt the time of the reign of Antichrist, when the Holy Spirit is taken from the earth in person after He has prepared the Church to meet Jesus at His coming in the air. At this time Jerusalem is called "Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified."

Vs. 15, 16. Earth helps the woman. Try as he may the Devil is not able to overcome the woman until her time of protection by the Lord is ended. Notice how careful the Lord is to tell us this time of caring for her is only three and one-half years, so only reaches to the middle of the tribulation week of seven years.

V. 17. In this verse we see Satan sending forth his armies to punish the woman that brought forth the man child, and also the Jews who now call for the Son of David. The time of the protection of

the woman is over, and the Jews no longer follow the Antichrist, and will not take his number, name or mark, for they have found him false, as he has taken away the daily sacrifice, and they can no longer follow the law laid down by Moses; for the Antichrist is sitting in the Temple as God (2 Thess. 2:3, 4). This rejection of the Beast as God brings his wrath upon both the Jews and the woman, and he gathers the armies of the world against Jerusalem as set forth in Zech. 14, to prevent Jesus the rightful heir to the throne of David from coming in the second part of His coming. The Beast knows the first part of the second coming is past, for the man child was taken, also 144 thousand of the Jews, twelve thousand from each of the twelve tribes have been sealed and caught away to be with Christ, and are to appear with Him upon Mount Zion, also the two witnesses have appeared upon the streets of the city and are warning the people against worshipping the Beast or his image, and there is no power to overcome them until the days of their ministry is finished, for every attempt to hinder them has proved fatal to the officers or armies, that have been sent against them. An angel has also appeared flying through the air and warning against taking the mark of the Beast (Rev. 14:9-10). Another angel is preaching the everlasting gospel to all peoples, and telling them to worship God and give Him glory. All this is causing this specific effort to keep the Word of God from coming true, but all in vain now, for the wrath of God is being poured out upon the kingdom of the Beast, and full well he knows he must soon meet the Christ, who is coming to take up the throne of the New Kingdom.

GOD CALLS TO SERVICE

By Roena Thomas, Hannon, Missouri

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is today: the night cometh, when no man can work" (St. John 9:4).

These, the words of our Master, make us to realize that He had a special mission, and we know He did, while He came He came, "to seek and to save that which was lost." He knew the time was short, only three short years of His active ministry, and He ends it by those precious words He spoke on the cross, "It is finished." That is, the plan of redemption for mankind was finished. The price had been paid and Jesus was again taken back to His heavenly home, where today He sits at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us.

But before He went away, I hear Him as He gives that Great Commission, to those disciples who had been with Him all along: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19, 20).

The disciples' work for Him Who sent them was really just beginning. As we follow them in the Acts of the Apostles, how faithfully we find them pressing on, in spite of every opposing power. God was working with and through them, because He had chosen them and sent them forth.

And even down to this twentieth century, we find

the Father still sending out laborers into His vineyard; and we must work, work, while it is day. Thank God for the called out ones that He is sending. We believe in a definite call from God. Today men and, yes, women are receiving the call to preach the Gospel. Some one says, "Did you ever see so many people starting out to preach?" Then somebody comes along and we hear them say, "No, sir, I don't believe in women preachers." Well, the Devil don't either; but God surely does, or He would not be sending them out. And God has women in His service that are powers behind the sacred desk; and how dare anyone to stand up and say that He has not called them! Personally, my call to the ministry was as real as any brother preacher I have ever talked with ever had. I know that Paul, in his letter, speaks to the Corinthian brethren, that their women should not speak in the church, but learn from their husbands at home. But the verses just preceding that tells us that there was confusion in the church, then the women were to keep silent. If he meant it to apply to the work of the church in general, then women would have no place in the worship; for if we allow them to pray and testify, when God says, "Preach," we must say, "Amen Lord, thy will be done." Let us read Paul's letter in 1 Cor., chapter 11, there he tells us that women have a right to pray or prophesy, if they have their heads covered. And then he tells us that her long hair is given her for a covering. No, it isn't bobbed hair. Yet some one will say, "Well, read the letter in 1 Tim. 2:12." We contend that preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ does not place woman above man, nor take authority from him. We know that our Bible gives us proof that there has been all thru women that God has chosen for special work. We wish you to read again Exo. 15:20, concerning Miriam, sister of Moses, and a prophetess. Judges 4:4 tells us of Deborah, another woman whom God called and used in His service. 2 Kings 22:14 tells of the work of Huldah the prophetess. Then we come down to the New Testament and read Luke 2:36, of Anna a prophetess who was in the Temple, "giving thanks unto the Lord, and speaking of Him to all them who looked for redemption in Jerusalem;" surely we would call her a preacher?

Then in Rom. 16:1, 2, Paul commends unto them Phoebe, who he says was servant of the church at Cenchrea, and says they must assist her in whatsoever business she has need of them; reads like she must have been pastor of the church there. There are numbers of other Scriptures to bear out our thoughts that we are in line with God's precious word, when we say, "Women have a right to preach the Gospel and take active part in church work."

We find in Acts 2:17, 18, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." So, here before our very eyes we have another prophecy being fulfilled of the soon coming again of our Master.

So we must work, for the night is coming soon, when no man can work. The harvest is ready, and laborers are few; oh Lord, send more laborers!

FLAT RIVER CHURCH NOTES

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jects for Christ's coming, for in his word he has said there would be a great falling away before his coming.

Pray for us; as it has been said, "Prayer is the power of the church."

Raymond La Brot, Church Reporter.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING PROGRAM

The fifth Sunday meeting of the New Hope Association of Free Will Baptist will meet at New Hope church, nine miles east of Vilonia, Ark., beginning at 2:30 p. m., Friday, December 28th, and continue through Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 29, 30, 1934.

PROGRAM

2:30—Opening Moderator
3:00—"Growing in Grace" Rev. J. H. Hartsell
3:15—"Sociability" Rev. E. C. Adkins
7:00—Introductory Sermon, Rev. C. E. Wilson and Rev. J. W. Moore.

Saturday

9:00 a. m.—Opening Moderator
9:45—"Benefit of a Sunday School in a Community." Bro. R. H. Goodman
10:00—"Love" Rev. J. W. Moore
10:15—Devotional services Rev. Rubin Prutt
Fifteen minutes intermission

11:00—Sermon

12:00—Lunch

1:00 p. m.—Opening Moderator
1:30—"How the Lord's House Should Be Kept" Sister C. E. Wilson.

1:45—"How Do We Know We are Christians?" Rev. E. L. Hunter.

2:00—Business session Moderator

7:00 p. m.—Sermon

Sunday

11:00 a. m.—Sermon.

Every one is invited to attend this meeting, and pray that this might be one of the best meetings we have ever held at this place.—COME.

Rev. J. H. Hartsell, Moderator,

Herbert C. Holleman, Clerk,

Rose Bud, Ark.

ENGLAND, ARKANSAS, Nov. 21, 1934.

Dear Brother Brown and Gem Readers:

Just thought if you would let me have space in the Gem, I would let the good people know that we are still in the fight against sin and crime.

We are at this time in a meeting twelve miles from England, Ark., and we sure have met some good people in this country. We are having to meet lots of opposition, Campbellism and every other ism that the truth has to meet, but thanks be to God, the truth will stand the test.

These people have been taught that sinners have no right to pray, and the Second Work of Grace, and everything, almost. But our efforts have not been in vain.

May the good Lord bless you and all of his people everywhere. Pray for me.

Eld. J. E. White.

An Appeal From a Sister Church

We, the Free Will Baptist church in Monett, Mo., are facing the problem of losing our place of worship, or buying the building which we have been renting at \$8.00 per month since the church was organized.

The people who own the building have informed us that they are going to dispose of the building. This building was built for church purposes by the Christian church, and was later sold by them to the Nazarene Holiness people, and a few years ago became private property. It is a frame building and in need of some repair, but is well located in town and, with some repair, can be used for some time.

We can secure this property (lot and building) for \$675.00. We have signed a contract for the purchase of this property, the deed to be made January 1, 1935. In the mean time we are endeavoring to raise all the money we can to make a down payment, then we will have to give a mortgage on the building and lot for the unpaid balance, payable \$10.00 per month.

We feel sure we can raise near \$200.00 in Monett, as we have \$100.00 already promised. If each church in the state will circulate a paper, each member putting in from 10c to 50c, the entire amount can be raised by the time for our first monthly payment, February 1, 1935.

How many pastors, mission circle presidents, or Sunday school superintendents will take this matter up in your church?

Any amount will be appreciated. Send remittance to the pastor, or to Eddie Jones, Monett, Mo.

Eld. O. T. Allred, Pastor.

JOHN TEN EIGHTEEN

I fall to trembling when
I think of how
He made the blood-tipped thorns
That marred His brow.

He made the very cross
On which He died,
The cruel, shining steel
That pierced His side.

And not a man of all
That jeering crew
Could draw a breath unless
He willed him to!

—From *The King's Business*.

To the Free Will Baptist of Mo.

Whereas the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, while in session at Jones Chapel church, October 15-20, 1934, passed a resolution asking that steps be taken to secure a permanent, centrally located site for the erection of a suitable building, in which our Missouri State Association may hold its annual sessions.

Since this matter was left in the hands of the State Executive Board, we, as Chairman and Secretary of the Board, wish to take this means of inviting suggestions from any one who has a suggestion to offer.

If we can get something that prom-

ises to satisfy the need, then the Board can take the matter up and consider it, with others, and be prepared to present some definite plan to the State Association when we meet at Flat River next October.

Send suggestions to the Secretary, or to the Chairman.

B. F. Brown, Chairman, Purdy, Mo.
O. T. Allred, Secretary, Monett, Mo.

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