

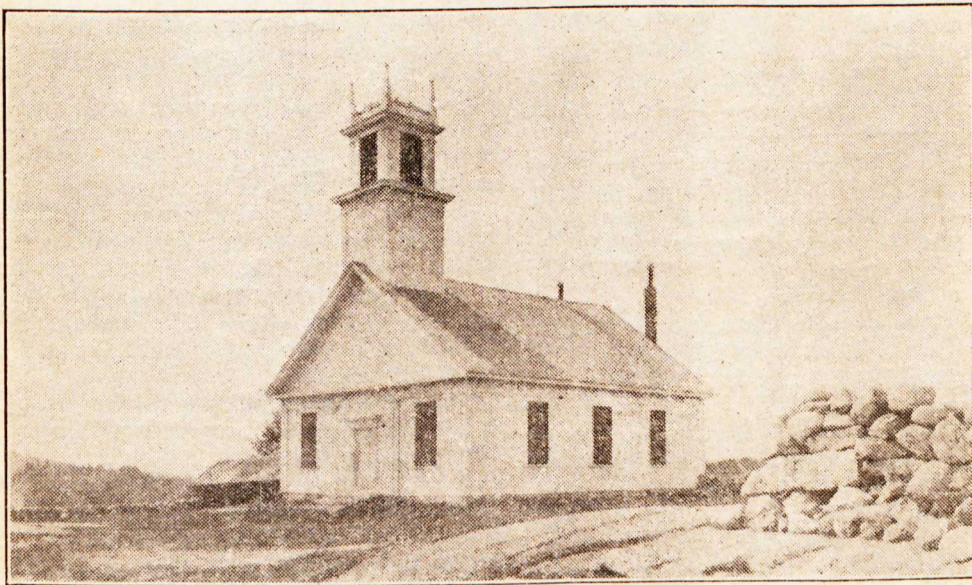
# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

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The above picture is of a church building, which was a Free Will Baptist church house at the time the letter was written from which I have secured this information. . The letter was dated February 1, 1911, written by Edwin B. Stiles, State Agent of the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, to the late Rev. S. L. Morris, then living at Weatherford, Texas.

The site of this church building is New Durham Ridge, where the first Free Will Baptist church building was erected at the beginning of the Randallian period, in 1780.

—Winford Davis.



**Program of Southeast Missouri Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, to be held with Leadington Sunday School, at Leadington, Missouri, March 31, 1935, beginning at 1:30 p. m.**

### PROGRAM

Opening ..... President, Arthur Forshee  
 Song ..... "Leave It There" ..... Congregation  
 Scripture Reading ..... President  
 Prayer ..... To be selected  
 Theme Song, "What the World Needs Is Jesus."  
 Welcome ..... Leadington Sunday School Supt.  
 Response ..... Olen Lincoln  
 Number ..... Desloge Quartette  
 Business Transactions and Election of Officers  
 Number ..... Wortham Sunday School  
 Number ..... Flat River Sunday School  
 Number ..... St. Louis Sunday School  
 Topic: "The Influence of the Sunday School as a  
 Solution of Crime." Discussion by Brother  
 Ferguson, Sister Eunice Miller, and open  
 floor discussion, five minute talks.  
 Number ..... Desloge Sunday School  
 Number ..... Ausberry Chapel Sunday School  
 Number ..... Leadington Sunday School  
 Benediction ..... To be selected

**Program of Fifth Sunday Meeting of the New Hope Association of Free Will Baptist, to be held at Mt. Bethel Church, five miles east of Rose Bud, Ark., beginning at 2:30 p. m. March 29, 1935.**

### PROGRAM

2:30 p. m. .... Open by Moderator  
 3:00 Talk, What does it Take to be a Child of God?  
 Discussion by Rev. O. H. Doss.  
 3:15 Talk, Can Two Spirits Dwell in a Man at the  
 Same Time? ..... Rev. J. W. Moore  
 3:30 Talk, "The Birth of Christ" Rev. C. Lyebarger  
 7:00 Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. H. Hartsell and  
 Rev. C. E. Wilson.

### Saturday Morning

9:00 a. m. .... Open by Moderator  
 9:30 Talk, "Unity" ..... Rev. J. A. Steaphens  
 9:45 Talk, "The Foundation," Rev. Dermont Smith  
 10:00 Talk, "The Soul of Man," Rev. S. A. Morgan  
 10:15 Devotional ..... Rev. W. B. Maddox  
 10:45 Fifteen minutes intermission.  
 11:00 Sermon.  
 12:00 Lunch.

### Saturday Afternoon

1:00 Opening ..... Moderator.  
 1:30 Talk, "The Sunday School," Rev E. C. Adkins  
 1:45 Talk, "The League, and the Good It Will Do,"  
 Rev. Reuben Pruitt.  
 2:00 Talk, "The Power of Prayer," Rev. E. L. Hunter  
 2:15 Business Session in charge of Moderator.  
 2:45 Talk, "Home of the Saved," Rev. C. E. Wilson  
 7:00 Sermon.

### Sunday Morning

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.  
 11:00 Sermon.

Every one is invited to attend this meeting, and come on Friday at 2:30 p. m. And pray that this may be one of the best meetings we have ever held at this place. COME!

Moderator, Rev. J. M. Tucker, El Paso, Ark.  
 Clerk, Herbert C. Holleman, Rose Bud, Ark.

### PAINTSVILLE, KY., February 4, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers: I am glad to send the many readers of our good Free Will Baptist paper the following report, and a number of subscriptions to the Gem:

We cannot be with all our Free Will Baptist brethren, but we love you all and have the interest of our churches at heart.

The Johnson Co. Conference of Free Will Baptist met with Prestonburg church, Floyd County, Ky., beginning on Friday, Jan. 25, 1935. Although I did not get to attend until Saturday morning, by reason of the flu, the good Lord blessed me and I went Saturday, for which I thank the good Lord.

Bro. Straton of Banner, Ky. preached from Jud. 6th chapter, "They stood in their place." The Lord anointed the preacher and the congregation with the Spirit, and we sure had a wonderful meeting.

We met back at 2:00 p. m. and were called into conference by the clerk, F. S. Vanhooose.

Motion carried that Eld. Adron Davis be moderator and Eld. Millard Vanhooose assistant moderator.

Called for corresponding messengers and delegates that the right hand of fellowship be given.

Church letters were called for and eighteen letters were handed in, and three verbal reports, \$38.00 was received with the letters, showing a great increase in our church membership.

Requests in the letters was considered, giving the next conference to the Old Tom's Creek church, to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in April.

A collection was taken and \$24.00 was received, making a total of \$62.00. Motion carried to give \$50.00 to Betsey Layne church, and \$35.00 to the Estel church.

A revival is going on with the Prestonburg church and up to this time there has been about 60 converts, for which we thank the Lord.

We are now in a revival at our home church, Tom's Creek. Baptized two today, Sunday Feb. 3rd. We are having a real old time Holy Ghost meeting, for which we feel grateful.

I will close by saying howdy to all the brethren out West. Pray much for our revival.

Yours in Christ, and for the F. W. B. cause,

Elder Millard F. Vanhooose.

### TULSA CHURCH REPORT, February 26, 1935.

Dear Brother Brown and Gem Readers:

We trust our report will not be too late to get in the March issue, but the month of February has been a very busy month for us, and have seen many things accomplished that Tulsa church has been asking for.

Our new basement is in use, and three Sunday school classes are now worshipping there, and we have had two wonderful prayer services, where the power of God fell in a mighty way; and how we do thank God for its use during our quarterly conference that has just closed. It was convenient for the various committees to hold private conferences in during business sessions, as well as furnishing us a dining room and kitchen to prepare and serve meals to the delegates and friends.

The conference was the largest and the best of any we have ever witnessed: In the neighborhood

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## EARTH'S PROPHETIC WEEK

By Elder B. F. Brown  
Continued from last month

We will begin our study with a brief study of the third chapter of the Second Epistle of St. Peter.

The Apostle Peter is the writer, not only of this Second Epistle of Peter, but also of the First Epistle of Peter (1 Peter 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1).

The Apostle was writing to "strangers and pilgrims," who had "obtained like precious faith" with the apostles.

In this third chapter of Second Peter, the writer's theme is the Second Coming of Christ and the Day of the Lord. He was not telling his beloved brethren something new, but says, "I stir up your pure (sincere) minds by way of remembrance;" and it was said in the same spirit of trustful confidence in his brethren that he expressed in 1 Peter 1:13, when he said, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (at the second coming of Christ). A mind thus braced looks onward and forward to the glorious appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ and His kingdom (2 Tim. 4:1), and looks for every token that the time of His coming is drawing nigh. People having such hope can think soberly of the Lord's coming, because they are preparing for it: and having such hope they will make every effort possible to be pure in heart (1 John 3:3).

"That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets" (v. 2). Fully two-thirds of the Bible is prophecy, and it is the inspired word of God: "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21). They not only spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, but received the words they spoke, being taught by the Holy Ghost (1 Cor. 2:13).

In a very large measure the thought and theme of the prophets was concerning the Lord Jesus Christ and His kingdom. When Jesus said, as it is recorded in John 5:39, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me," He was asking that people read the words which the Holy Ghost had moved godly men to write concerning Him. From Genesis to Malachi much is written about the first coming of Christ; but much more is written about His second coming in the same books of the Bible. All the prophets foretold the first coming of Christ; and all the prophets tell us He is coming again.

And how important that we, in this year of our Lord 1935, should give earnest heed to the words of the prophets! But, alas! many of us, because of our indifference, inaction, or even unbelief, have merited the Lord's rebuke, like as He spake to the two on the way to Emmaus: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken."

*To be continued*

This rather long article on the subject of EARTH'S PROPHETIC WEEK is being printed in book form.

The book will contain 30 or more pages, and will soon be ready for delivery.

Prices, postage paid:—1 book, 10 cents; 3 books, 20 cents; 5 or more books for resale at 5 cents each.

**VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS, December 31, 1934.**

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Family:

As I haven't put in an appearance in the Gem for some time, I beg of you to bear with me for a short time, while I write a brief report of our fifth Sunday meeting, also a few other scattering remarks.

The Zion Hope No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist met in regular session of fifth Sunday conference with Catcher church, 6½ miles southeast of Van Buren, Ark., at 7:00 p. m. Dec. 28, 1934.

We were wonderfully blessed, considering the inclement weather. There was a nice delegation. We enjoyed five double (F. W. B. style) Spirit filled sermons. Elder Glenn Dipboye delivered the opening sermon. Text, James 2:23, "And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the friend of God." Followed by Eld. Ben Pixley.

Saturday at eleven o'clock Eld. Charley Graham preached from Matt. 3:4, "And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey." Eld. Joe B. Lovett followed.

Saturday night Eld. Burl Nye preached, using Joshua 4:6 as a text, "That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones?" Concluded by Eld. Don M. Bice.

Sunday at eleven o'clock the stand was filled by Eld. John Swatsenberg. Text, Zeph. 1:8 with Luke 15:22, "And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel." "But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet." Concluded by Eld. Glenn Dipboye.

Preaching Sunday night by Eld. John Swatsenberg. Lesson Ezek. 37:1-10, text, Ezek. 37:1, "The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones." Followed by Eld. Glenn Dipboye.

There were a number of very helpful talks during the services. One very considerate, if not helpful step was taken in the selection of an investigating committee, composed of Elders Ben Pixley, Arthur Joslin and Plez Mullen, for the purpose of gathering information connected with the possibility and advisability of red-ening the Hackett church building and building site for the Association; also to endeavor to get the membership of Hackett church in working condition—"Let us bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." The committee is to report their findings to the next fifth Sunday conference.

There were, if I make no mistake, twelve ordained ministers present; Elders Plez Mullen, Ben Pixley, Burl Nye, Arthur Joslin, Charley Graham, E. W. Simpkins, John Swatsenberg, Ray Purdom, Joe B. Lovett, Glenn Dipboye, Don M. Bice, Lloyd Weese.

Best I should forget, we had a wonderful spiritual feast Saturday night, when eighteen brethren and nine sisters partook of the Lord's Supper and washed one another's feet; every one rejoiced!

The next fifth Sunday conference goes to Lone Elm (88) church, about five miles northwest of Rudy, Ark., beginning at 7:00 p. m. March 29, 1935.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, may we all pray that such gatherings may continue; that we all may "grow in grace and the knowledge of the truth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

I'd better give way to some one else, for really I'd rather hear than to be heard. I'd rather sit at the feet of Jesus as Mary who "chose that good part;" truly I challenge the integrity of anyone who would "do their alms to seen of men." I challenge the sincerity of one who would boast of their deeds being greater than another's; I feel that I am the least of God's servants and I am willing gladly to do the little deeds, that the mighty, the hasty, and the proud overlook. Such is my mission in this life; pray for me, that I may fulfill it.

Eld. Lloyd N. Weese, R3.

**PICHER, OKLAHOMA, January 24, 1935.**

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

I will make a report of my work since the Association, as I haven't reported. After I returned from Monett, I went to Dewar, Oklahoma, my home town, and held a meeting in the Methodist church, where I met some good people. God sure did bless in the meeting, and saved twelve souls, all adults.

Then I returned to Picher and helped Bro. Judd the pastor at South Picher, in a meeting, and we sure did have a good old time meeting, where the power of God was prayed down in the old time way, and God saved thirteen dear souls, all adults but one, and ten united with the church. Bro. Judd baptized six, and there are three more to baptize.

Pray for us, that God will use us in the way that He can receive the most glory.

Elder Paul Pursell.

**GRANBY, MISSOURI, R2, January 19, 1935.**

To All Juniors:

Since I have received so many letters, greetings and presents from so many Juniors, that it seems impossible to write to each one; I have decided to write to every one through the Gem paper.

I was glad to get every letter, and token of remembrance, and would like to write to each one, but if I should do so it would mean that I must write hundreds of letters.

I often think of every one of you, and of the good times we have had, singing in the Junior choir and answering Bible questions. Sometimes I wonder if any one has forgotten the songs we sang, and the answers to the questions. Surely you haven't tho. I want you to remember them all until you get to be men and women, and also learn some new verses from the Bible. It is much easier to learn quotations from the Bible while we are young than it will be when we get old; so let's learn some things every day that will make us better boys and girls, and then when we get to be old folks, we will know lots about the best Book in the world, the Bible.

I find Juniors everywhere I go, and we have a

Junior choir in several places. I am always glad to organize Junior choirs every place I go, if I can, yet I always remember the others, and am always glad to get letters from you, telling about your choir, Sunday school, Junior league, church, etc.

I think every Junior should go to league, and Sunday school every Sunday, and stay for preaching too. There are several things for Juniors to do, such as mind the teachers at school, parents at home, and just be perfect little Juniors.

Some time I want to visit every place again, where we have organized Juniors, and then I will know who remembers the things we have already learned, and perhaps we'll learn something new, too.

Let every Junior be sure to go to league and Sunday school, and stay for church; then the next Sunday, perhaps your Sunday school teacher will let you tell something good, that the pastor said in his sermon, and maybe you can tell somebody else, too; perhaps some one who can't go to church. Don't you think that would be a real nice thing to do? Won't you try it and see? then write to me, and perhaps we'll have something else that will be good for Juniors to do; I'm sure you'll like it.

Your friend,

Noel Turner.

### CUSHING, OKLAHOMA, February 6, 1935.

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Readers:

We wish to give a report of Mission Circle No. 1.

We have a good report from Drumright—116 sick calls, read 367 Bible chapters, average attendance of 40, received \$9.37 on name quilt, \$1.25 on parcel post box, have paid \$10.00 on our dishes—all sick members reported better. Drumright Junior Home Mission have a good report. They have made 145 sick calls, read 871 Bible chapters, finished one quilt top. They are studying St. Luke—average attendance 30. We are thankful for this good report.

Vance Chapel mission is progressing nicely; have quilted five quilts, made several sick calls, are planning for greater attendance. We desire the prayers of God's people.

Silver City—average attendance 14, made and quilted two crib quilts, made two sales, received \$22.75, which will go for building of church house, still have our postoffice box going, cottage prayer meeting each week. Remember us in prayer.

Arbordale held last mission rally, had two saved, and a wonderful meeting.

Cushing's report for January—Mission workers meet every Thursday, have been busy quilting, making pot lifters and aprons, have made several dollars that way, have cottage prayer meeting each week, made 255 sick calls, read 1058 Bible chapters, have helped the poor and needy. The mission workers are planning on helping the church build a basement for more Sunday school room. Cushing Juniors have made 19 sick calls, read 150 Bible chapters, are still striving to work for the Lord; pray for them.

Eld. J. D. Williams, Reporter.

### Fellowship Meeting

Our Fellowship meeting was a great success. There were ten ministers present.

Sister Fincher of Arbordale had charge of this service.

Special singing and prayer by Bro. Reins and Bro. Waltman.

Bro. Mounds of Cushing led the devotional service. Each minister to talk fifteen minutes, Bro. Tipton to keep time:

Bro. McFarren—Text, Genesis 12:1;

Sister Milo—Text, Acts 27:31;

Bro. Williams—Text, St. John 15:13;

Bro. Epperson—Text, St. John 3:16;

Bro. Fincher—Text, Joshua 3:5;

Sister Newman—Text, Numbers 10:21;

Bro. Hall—Text, Isaiah 55:7;

Bro. Montgomery—Text, St. John 19:15;

Bro. Waltman—Text, Psalm 133.

Two souls were saved.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Montgomery.

P. S.—This is a report of our first Fellowship meeting, which meets the night of each mission rally day. And the Great God of heaven gave us a wonderful blessing. Pray for us all.

Elder J. D. Williams, Reporter.

### STAR CITY, ARKANSAS, January 29, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We wish to report again that our little church is still enlisted in God's army against the Devil and his many cunning ways to drag the human race down into eternal punishment.

Our pastor, Bro. W. M. Guinn of Booneville, Ark., filled his appointment for this month, preaching Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday at eleven o'clock, with good attendance and great services.

We thank God for men who will give their time and money in the service of God and are not afraid to stand foursquare against sin and its entanglements. They will get their reward some day, which will be justly due them.

Our church is having quite a little struggle to pay our pastor to come, since he lives so far away, but wherever there's a will, there's a way, and we now have a system which I'm sure is going to work just fine.

How many of you Arkansas Free Will Baptist have paid your 25 cents on the fund for our old ministers' burial and the tent we're planning on buying for the use of our State Association? Come on all you Arkansas brethren, and let's put this thing over this time. If you haven't already paid, just send it in to the clerk of the State Association, Eld. W. M. Guinn, Booneville, Ark.

We must not forget to mention the fact that we now have our church ceiled and have bought a good stove also.

Hope we haven't taken up too much space.

Pray for us, that we may ever live humble and submissive to God's holy will.

Marie Moore, Reporter.

### BRISTOW, OKLAHOMA, January 24, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will this morning, in honor of my blessed Lord and Master, try to give you a report of the faithful few, who are still trying to follow and practice the

examples Christ gave on the night before He was crucified, and who worship at Liberty church, about twelve miles north of Bristow, Okla.

We look forward eagerly to our regular preaching services, when our pastor, Bro. V. E. Cooper of Tulsa, will come and break the bread of life to us so ably. He also teaches a Bible school on Saturday nights before the second and fourth Sundays.

Owing to much sickness and bad weather, we do not have very large crowds.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. The Get-Together Sunday School rally met with us the first Sunday, consisting of Olive Free Will Baptist, Olive Missionary Baptist and the Church of God of Pleasant Valley, was well attended. A nice dinner was served with program in the afternoon, and all report a good time.

Our Sunday school and Home Mission presented our superintendent, Bro. Tom Shoopman, with a nice Bible, in appreciation of his faithful service.

Our Home Mission has quilted four quilts, tacked two comforts and pieced one quilt; redecorated the walls of the church, stained the floor and varnished the furniture; made a number of sick calls, showered one crippled shut-in. God is blessing in our mission work.

Pray for us, that we will live close to the Lord and do His blessed will. We can look around us and see sin increasing on every hand, and it behooves us as God's children to live close lives and let our light shine so the world can see that there is a reality in the Grace and Salvation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I ask the prayers of God's people for my husband who is sick and away from God, that he will be saved before it is everlastingly too late.

God bless you all, is my prayer.

Stella Prince.

#### WEATHERBY, MISSOURI, January 9, 1935

Dear Readers of the Gem: I will try to report some of the things I have been doing for the Lord since my last report appeared in the the Oct. Gem.

We have so far this winter in this part of North Missouri had an unusually hard winter. For about two months, or perhaps more, the roads have been almost impassable for cars, except on all-weather state highways. I haven't heard of any revival meetings being held in this part of the country.

I had the pleasure of attending the Northeast Missouri Association. We had a wonderful time. It was one of the best associations I ever attended.

At the close of the Association, I went to Connellsville, near there, and started a revival meeting. I had held a meeting here and had a church organized many years ago, but the town and church both have gone down. The church house was in such bad shape that it wasn't fit to hold meetings in; in several places the roof had fallen in. We got the church cleaned out, and secured lamps and song books, then we started the meeting. The congregation kept increasing, and so did the interest in the meetings, till Sunday night, when the church house was crowded with people. Then I had to leave to attend an Executive Board meeting, and turned the meeting over to two other preachers, Elders Dauber and

Cowles, and God wonderfully blessed in the meeting, after I left, and souls were saved. A Sunday school was organized and the church reorganized, and a new roof put on the church house, and other repairs were made. Eld. Dauber was called as pastor of the church.

Later on I went to St. Louis, Mo. and held a revival meeting at the Third Free Will Baptist church. We had a wonderful meeting, and souls were saved and members added to the church. I found a lot of fine Christian people at this church who gave us, with their pastor and family, a splendid co-operation in the meetings, and they were not afraid to shout the praises of God. While I was there the church had an ordinance meeting and a large crowd partook of the Lord's Supper and engaged in the washing of the saints' feet. Elder W. C. Hill is the faithful pastor of this church and seems to be the right man in the right place. He is a very able preacher, and has done a wonderful work for God and the salvation of souls in St. Louis, and at Flat River and other places.

While I was in St. Louis I helped Eld. W. C. Hill and other preachers to organize another Free Will Baptist mission in St. Louis. Eld. Charles Miller was called as pastor of the new mission. We had fine music and singing in the meetings at St. Louis. There was an orchestra composed of five or six young men, with a splendid pianist, furnishing the music.

When I came back from St. Louis I went to a place called Carlow to hold a few nights' meeting, but the meetings were stormed out and I had to come back to Weatherby.

If the roads and weather settles, I plan to go out and hold some more meetings, and I will try to get some subs for the Gem.

I am preaching for the home church where I live.

Elder T. C. Ferguson.

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

Dear Readers of the Gem: I am still living for God, and intend to live for Him the rest of my days; but how it breaks my heart to have so little news about our church at Oglesby, and we have only had Sunday school the first Sunday in this month. Of course it has been stormy the last two Sundays, but it seems to me, if we can get out during the week days in bad weather, we that are here in town, could surely go to the church house on Sunday for Sunday school. Our pastor lives several miles from Oglesby, and it is hard for him to get here when the weather is bad, but he was with us the first Sunday at eleven o'clock and delivered us a wonderful message. I hope he will be with us next Sunday and I am asking all the Gem readers to pray for the people at Oglesby, that they will get out and work more for God, and I am still praying for lost souls.

—Mrs. Jessie Huff.

#### COUCH, MISSOURI, December 30, 1934.

The Cave Spring Association held the Ministers' conference with Billmore church, which was well attended considering the weather.

The morning session opened with prayer by Bro. Ralph Hoyt.

First question for discussion: Has Exodus 20:8-11 ever been repealed? Discussed by Bro. J. E. Rollen who brought out up lots of scripture in connection with the question, and made a fine talk. Then a motion carried to adjourn for eleven o'clock service.

At eleven o'clock the stand was supplied by Bro. H. C. Crase and Bro. H. H. Beatty. Text, Ex. 23:14. The brethren both preached soul-stirring sermons, which were well enjoyed by all those present.

After preaching service the good ladies of that community spread a fine dinner, which we all enjoyed.

The evening session opened with prayer by Bro. Billie Rodgers.

Question for discussion: Who are the two witnesses? Bro. Beatty was called to talk on the question, and he brought up several Scriptures and made a fine talk. Then Bro. E. E. Winfree was called, and he came with lots of Scripture, proving the two witnesses are Elijah and Moses. The brethren left lots of good thoughts on the minds of the hearers.

Owing to the short days other questions were carried over to the next Ministers' Conference, which will be held with Walnut Grove church, the fifth Sunday in March, 1935. —E. L. Frey, Clerk.

#### **WAGONER, OKLAHOMA, January 28, 1935.**

Dear Gem Readers: Victory Hill church hasn't much to report this month because of bad weather.

We sure are thankful for our young people, altho most of them are sinners. We have a real nice little Sunday school.

We certainly hated to lose Sister Lancaster from our community. She was loved by all who knew her, and was a wonderful worker.

Eld. V. E. Cooper who preaches for us the first and third Sundays of each month, failed to fill his appointment the third Sunday, because of the weather being so cold. He preached a wonderful sermon the first Sunday, using for a text, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord."

We have a good Bible study, with much interest manifested.

We were glad to have Bro. and Sister Mathis of Tulsa with us the first of the month. We are always glad to have of our friends with us; for we need your prayers and your help; we never get to the place where we don't need your prayers.

The ladies of the church are working on a name quilt. All names were sold at ten cents each. We expect to have it ready to sell by February 17th. Bro. Cooper will take it to Tulsa and sell it to the highest bidder.

We ask you all to pray for us, and pray for the lost souls. Pray that God will send us a revival, that we may see souls saved. Pray for our young people, for they are our men of tomorrow.

—Mrs. Paul Whitten.

#### **BLUE EYE, MISSOURI, January 5, 1935.**

At the beginning of another New Year, I wonder how many Christian people have started out with a greater determination to do more for our Lord and Savior than we did in the past year.

When we stop to think how our boys and girls, men and women, are being dragged down by sin each day, I think it time each Christian should be at their post of duty.

This little word of three letters, "sin," is very short, but has a great meaning when we see people going down to everlasting punishment on account of sin. How sad when we see our friends and neighbors and our loved ones out in sin. But we can only trust God that our prayers will be answered some time.

I often wonder how people can be so unconcerned about their soul's salvation, when they know that life is uncertain, and death is sure; and can't tell how soon the Lord will call them out of this world, and should we be unprepared to meet Him, how sad it would be!

We often think how our Savior hung on the cross and died that we might have eternal life.

Dear readers, it pays to let Jesus come into our life to rule and reign, and be prepared to meet God. If we fail to take Jesus as our Savior, we have failed in all.

Salvation is free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

The Scriptures teach us the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

If we should fail to be in that number that meets around God's great white throne, what will be the cause? Sin is to blame for it all; "for the wages of sin is death; but the (free) gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

My heart's desire and my supplication to God, is for the lost, that they may be saved.

Mrs. Artie Butler.

#### **WEATHERBY, MISSOURI, January 20, 1935.**

Dear Readers of the Gem: Elder E. T. House filled his regular appointment the 4th Sunday in January, Sunday morning, and Sunday night, Eld. T. C. Ferguson was with us. Bro. House made an interesting talk, and Bro. Ferguson added some good remarks on the same subject.

Our Sunday school is doing fine, with an increase in attendance, with the improvement of the weather and the roads, we hope to have more in Sunday school and at the preaching services each Sunday. We have been having some good lessons in this quarter. We are studying the Christian life and work of Peter, today's lesson was Peter's Restoration.

This community was saddened by the death of one of our young men, Earl Claycome, twenty-one years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Turney Claycome. He was stricken with a heart attack. Earl was a regular attendant at church and Sunday school, never having professed faith in Christ, he was a moral young man of good habits and character, he had a kind disposition that won him many friends. He was warned of his approaching death in a dream. He told his brother he had dreamed that he had only one more day to live. God spoke the warning to him in a dream; and no doubt he had made peace with his Savior before the end came.

The Lord giveth: He also taketh away.  
Mrs. Herman Harms, Center Point Church Reporter.

GID, ARKANSAS, February 13, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers: I have been a subscriber to the Gem for one year, and have never written, so if you will allow me space I will write. I have never yet seen a letter in the Gem from the Bethel church at Gid. Ark. I enjoy reading the Gem more than any paper I ever read, and I am now forty-eight years old.

I noticed that a question was asked and answered in the February Gem that I want more light on. The answer says that the keys to the kingdom of heaven are power, and that they were given to the church (Matt. 16:19). According to that, if Peter was the church, it seems that they are trying to put another mediator between God and man; but 1 Tim. 2:5 says that there is only one Mediator, and that is Christ Jesus. If the keys were given to the church, that put Peter as the church and Christ says, "I am the head of the church."

As this is the first time I have written, I will run, before someone jumps on me for a debate, and I am not a debater. I hope someone will explain this question to me through the Gem.

I remain a Free Will Baptist, a member of Bethel church.

—G. E. Richardson.

#### - DESLOGE CHURCH NOTES

The days go by so quickly and so much to be done, we failed to send out notes for the February number of the Gem; but as usual we enjoyed reading the reports and articles by others. We hope to see the time when our paper can come to us semi-monthly, or weekly, would be still better.

Our pastor enjoyed her visit and rest in the "sunny south," where the roses were blooming and returned to us January 4th, with an increased zeal and determination to do greater things for the Lord.

We have been enjoying unusually good spiritual services since the first of the year. A revival spirit has prevailed; just in our regular services we have witnessed four conversions and one reclaimed, one conversion in a mission meeting, and one reclaimed at a cottage prayer meeting. Sunday morning, February 3rd, the Spirit led in a peculiar way, and all pre-arrangements and formalities were crowded out; the pastor's morning message was not delivered as usual; a precious woman was so sin-burdened that she requested prayer after Sunday school; and the Heavenly Father met her as He did the prodigal son; so a time of feasting followed—far better than a fatted calf—an old-fashioned praise service of testimony, prayer, and shouting continued during the hour for worship. The one who had been restored to the joys of salvation sang sweetly in the Spirit, "The Heart That Was Broken For Me." God has given her a wonderful voice and other talents; so we predict a life of great service for the Master, if she perseveres and goes forward. We ask prayers in her behalf.

At the League convention, January 22nd, our league received a blue ribbon, meeting requirements for a 100% organization.

Bro. Roscoe Myers and family of Buckhorn, who are members of our church, worshipped with us January 6th and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Brown.

Several from our church attended the quarterly meeting at Flat River January 31st. The usual amount of business was taken care of. The Lord met with us and God's presence always insures a good service: it was good to be there. Eld. Mark Lewis brought the message at eleven o'clock. The ladies served a splendid dinner in the basement of the church at noon. Bro. Lewis is one of our most promising young preachers and at present is in a revival at Leadington where he pastors.

REPORTER.

#### REPORT OF THE CRANE REVIVAL

Dear Gem Readers: I am glad to give you a report of the revival we have recently held in Crane, Mo. We began New Year's night and closed Febr. 15th. Even forty (40) souls were saved and the pastor received fifteen into the church, with good prospects for several more. Most all of those saved were elderly people and a number of them real old people. Not more than three or four children in the entire number.

Crane is a town of about 1,000 population, next station down from Aurora on the White River division of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, a beautiful little Ozark town. Though Crane is just thirty miles east of where I live, I had never spent much time there and knew but very few people there; but while there I surely met a number of splendid people. I shall never forget them for their kindness toward me while in their midst. I made my headquarters at the parsonage with the good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zimm. I never expect to be treated nicer anywhere than I was in this home. Bro. and Sister Zimm are real people of God and very easy to work with. Bro. Zimm has full time there with the church. This church is of the denomination known as the "Church of God," the Winebrenarian type founded by John Winebrenner in Penn. in 1825 to 1830. You who are acquainted along this line know that the points of doctrine of this type of the Church of God, and the Free Will Baptist are exactly the same. They believe in the three ordinances, including the washing of the saints' feet the same as we do. All points of doctrine are alike.

They have a nice young people's meeting at the church every Sunday evening, a nice ladies organization, a good Sunday school, and a lively prayer meeting. We had a lot of folks attend the meeting from other churches of the town and the entire country round about. We were also glad to have folks with us at different times during the meeting from our churches at Monett, Aurora, Blue Eye, and Meri's Chapel. The Monett Gospel team was with us one night.

I am thankful that God is still pouring out His power and showing people that the lives of hard hearted sinners can still be transformed, and that the days of old time revivals are not past and gone.

I secured sixteen (16) subscriptions to the Gem while there, for which we are grateful to those good people.

I hope that each of you young converts will continue right on in duty, get into the church, stand by your pastor, and grow in the grace of God.

I had the privilege of talking to the Crane High School one morning while there. I was splendidly



received by the superintendent, Mr. Grimes, as well as by the entire school. I enjoyed it very much. It is to be appreciated when any school will invite the ministry in to talk to them.

I will close by saying our prayers are for your church work there. I was glad to see the number join the church. I left the baptizing for the pastor to do later.

I ask that you pray for me, your brother in Christ,  
Winford Davis.

#### WAGONER, OKLAHOMA, February 18, 1935.

Dear Gem Readers: The Lord has wonderfully blessed Victory Hill church. We have an average attendance of about seventy at Sunday school.

Prayer meetings are really good. We have good attendance at Bible study and much interest is shown. Bible study is taught by our pastor, Elder V. E. Cooper, who comes the first and third Sundays of each month.

On last business meeting night Bro. Paul Whitten was elected deacon for the coming year.

Bro. W. F. Kirklin, Bro. Tom Whitten and Bro. Mac Chaney were nominated delegates to the conference meeting at Tulsa.

Bro. Cooper brought a wonderful message Sunday and Sunday night. Communion service was held Sunday, in which fifteen took part. The power really came down. We were glad to have visitors from Tulsa and Muskogee with us, we certainly appreciate your coming.

We ask the prayers of the Christian people, to pray for our little church. Our hearts are burdened for lost souls, we have loved ones in this community who are in sin; pray for them.

We ask special prayer for our beloved father, T. L. Whitten. We know he can't be with us many days, but we ask the prayers of the Christian people, remember him in prayer. —Mrs. Paul Whitten.

#### TULSA, OKLAHOMA, JUNIOR MISSION

Dear Readers of the Gem: We are glad for the opportunity of making this report to the Gem.

We have our room in the basement now. Our class colors are orchid and white, which color scheme we plan to carry out in decorating our room.

We are now studying Paul's missionary journeys. We have almost completed his first journey.

Our class is growing steadily. This month we have read 415 Bible chapters, have 29 Bibles, and have made 27 sick calls. —Pauline Peachy, Reporter.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING REPORT

Our fifth Sunday meeting met with the Blue Front church, Saturday night, Dec. 29, 1934. Opened by Elder Elda Crain.

Services opened Sunday morning by singing, and prayer by Bro. Bill Johnston. Stand was filled at eleven o'clock by Eld. Erelta Smith (a new preacher making her second attempt to preach), and Elder Paul Pursell.

Praise service was conducted by Bro. Pursell just before the noon hour.

At one o'clock services opened by singing, and prayer by Elder Jeffries. The afternoon message

was brought by Eld. Jeffries, Eld. Cecil Hugh (his first sermon), followed by Elders F. E. Crain, Lester Judd and Elda Crain.

Specials were rendered by Sisters Elda Crain and Lillian Lutton, Bro. and Sister Anderson, Sister F. E. Crain and Sister Elda Crain.

Prayer services led by Sister Posey.

Sunday night the stand was filled by Elders F. E. and Elda Crain, followed by Communion and Feet Washing services.

Sister Elda Crain was chosen to deliver the introductory sermon at South Picher Free Will Baptist church, Sunday March 31, 1935.

Eld. Paul Pursell was elected moderator of the fifth Sunday meeting for the year 1935.

Mrs. Lillian Lutton was elected clerk for 1935.

Mrs. Lillian Lutton, Clerk, 307 South Emily St., Picher, Oklahoma.

#### VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

Dear Editor and Gem Readers: In reading the Gem I very seldom see a report from this part of Arkansas, but we have some spiritual churches here that are doing a good work for the Lord. I have been urging the people of the three churches I pastor to subscribe for the Gem.

I wish to report that our new church at Davidson is progressing in number and in spirit in spite of a few sorrows and disappointments.

The people at Davidson regretted to lose Bro. Jim Carlton and his wife as neighbors, as they were real Christian workers and members of our church. They moved to Wister, Okla. in early winter, but we thank God for permitting them to return each month on our meeting day, for we have learned to love them dearly. They are still members of our church and contribute freely to its support.

We also report the death of Bartlett Hopkins who was not a member of our church, but was always present with us in Spirit of the Lord. We miss him every time we gather together. He was a great singer and sang in the Spirit; and even in his illness, he continued as long as he had breath, to sing those beautiful old time Gospel songs. He was 68 years old, a member of the Missionary Baptist church for 50 years. He acted the part of a wise man and joined up with the Lord in his youth. His life was an outstanding record that will be long remembered at Davidson. Funeral services were conducted by Eld. Roy Rose and myself, as requested by the deceased. He was not a member of our church, but was one of us in the Lord.

At my last appointment Bro. Dake Young and wife united with the church, and we feel that they will be a great blessing to the church. We are rejoicing in receiving them and we know Jesus rejoices too.

The Catcher church is doing better now and have a real Sunday school, about as good as there is in this settlement, we think the church is growing.

Sickness prevented me from filling my appointment at 81 church, near Rudy, but I am informed that the church is still in good condition, it holds its own against the devil pretty well, for which the praise goes to our blessed Savior Jesus Christ.

Pray for us all, that we might be strengthened as we are fed on spiritual milk. —Eld. Glenn Dipboye.

# F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

## STATE LEAGUE OFFICERS

President, .....Eld. Winford Davis,  
Monett, Mo.

Vice President, ....Eld. Wm. Reeves.  
Farmington, Mo., R4.

Sec'y-Treasurer, ....Eld. O. T. Allred,  
Monett, Mo.

## FIELD WORKERS

For Cave Springs Association  
Eld. E. E. Winfree..... Couch, Mo.

For S. E. Missouri Yearly Meeting  
Eld. Albert Halbrook, Leadington, Mo.

For N. E. Missouri Association  
Monte Peterson .....Greentop, Mo.

For Union Association  
Eld. Geo. Scott, Sr. ...Mt'n Grove, Mo.

For N. W. Missouri Association  
Chloe Lewis .....Pattonburg, Mo.

Field Worker at Large  
Eld. Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo., R1.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. Johnny Swaffar, Purdy, Mo., 1935  
Ethel Newcomer, Greentop, Mo., 1936  
Damon Dodd, Flat River, Mo., 1937

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Farmington, Mo., R4.

Dear League Workers and Readers of the Gem: It gives me great pleasure this morning to write a few lines to my brothers and sisters and fellow soldiers of the warfare for souls.

Just a few days ago I received a message from the front ranks (The Gem), that progress was being made and that the enemy was driven back in places. I just received the message back last evening as I had passed the good word along to my brethren.

We are fighting a good fight here. Eld. Mark Lewis is conducting a meeting at the Leadington church, which he is pastoring, and three souls have been saved.

I sure was glad to see so many good league reports, also there were many good articles; our work is moving on, facing greater oppositions, but moving forward by the power of God.

Dear League Workers, it is our privilege to serve God in His power, and Israel's God is our God; all we need to do is to live up to our privilege of salvation, and, by so doing our work will grow.

We are still seeking reports from all the young people's organizations in our churches of the state. I would like to have a report from each organization in our Free Will Baptist churches, whether they are Free Will Baptist leagues or not.

Please send report as follows: Name of church and its location, name of organization, names of officers and number of members.

We would like to have the co-operation of every brother and sister, whether you are a league worker or not, give us your support. If you care to send it through the Gem, then we can all see what other leagues are doing.

My heart's desire and prayer to my God is that our work will continue to grow. May God bless all His workers.  
—Eld. Wm Reeves.

## REPORT OF ST. LOUIS LEAGUE

1405 South 7th Street

By Harvey Hill, President.

The following are our present officers: Pres., Harvey Hill, 1133 So. 10th St. Vice President .....Ollie Griminger Secretary .....James Langly Treasurer .....Mrs. Birdie McCauley Jr. Class Teacher, Francis McCauley Sr. Class Teacher, Elder W. C. Hill Have had several additions to our league lately, but owing to so much sickness in our community, our average is not so good as it should be. We can see however an improvement in our work in every way.

Our Senior class is taught by our pastor, Eld. W. C. Hill who outlines the lesson on the blackboard, which makes it real interesting.

Our Junior class teacher, Brother McCauley is a very capable teacher and keeps the Junior class very much interested in the lessons.

We meet each Tuesday night, which gives us plenty of time for our service. Pray for us.

This is our first League report to the Gem.

## N. W. PICHER LEAGUE REPORT

Martin Dunn, Reporter

We are glad to report that our league is still growing and glowing for God. Although it has been some time since we had a report in the Gem, the Lord has blessed us. During the last two months we have received several new members into our league, nearly all of them Christians.

At the beginning of the year we elected the following officers:

President .....Lee Anderson  
Vice President .....J. Dameron  
Sec'y-Treas. ....Erma Mae Dunn  
Intermediate Sponsor ...Edna Choen  
Junior Sponsor .....Aretta Smith

Nearly every Sunday evening our pastor, Eld. Paul Pursell, gives to the Intermediates a talk on the lesson.

We feel that God is with us in all league work that we attempt to do.

Pray for us, that we may keep Him as our ever present help.

## REPORT OF FLAT RIVER LEAGUE

Martha Burcham, Reporter

As it is again time for our monthly report, we are glad to say that our league is still growing and prospering in the service of the Lord. We received six new members January 27th, for which we thank the Lord. Our present enrollment is 80. We have good interest and every one seems to be well satisfied studying from the Word of God. Once every month we have a Scripture contest, some one

giving chapter and verse, some one keeping the name of the one finding the most scripture, which we find is very interesting. Our average attendance last month was 63.

We are glad to say a few words about our League convention, which convened with our league Jan. 22nd. Our convention was very interesting, we had some very interesting talks, and a number of very beautiful songs. We also had a fifteen minute praise service, which was led by Sister Anna Reed, and I'm sure was very interesting to every one.

We desire an interest in all your prayers.

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

By Raymond La Brot, Sec.-Treas.

On Tuesday night, January 22nd, the Free Will Baptist League Convention of Southeast Missouri, met with Flat River church, it being the fifth annual meeting, and the 22nd business session, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p. m.

Address by Chas Lund, President. Song, ...."The Place of Prayer,"

By Congregation

Scripture Reading ..Raymond Powell Prayer ..... Alvin Halbrook League Song, "It's a Good Thing To Be a Leaguer."

Welcome Address, Maxine Williams Response ..... Sylvia Wood

Topic—"The Relationship of the League to the Church." Discussion by Elders Mark Lewis, Albert Halbrook and Wm Reeves. All made good talks.

Song ..... Desloge Quartet Praise Service, Led by Miss Anna Reed Song ..... Leadington Quartet "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

Topic—"The Necessity of Supporting the State Organization." Discussion by Elders Jas. F. Miller, Wm Reeves and Mark Lewis.

Song ..... Desloge League Song ..... Flat River League

## Enrollment

Flat River League .....	35
Desloge League .....	13
Leadington League .....	08
Wortham League .....	0
St. Louis League .....	0
Visitors .....	1
Total enrollment .....	57

Minutes read and approved.

We had a letter from another league located at 1443 So. 18th St., St. Louis, asking for admittance in our S. E. Missouri Association, but as they were not present, motion carried to put this item of business in the hands of the Executive Board.

Song ..... Desloge Quartet Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction ..... Eld. Wm Reeves.

## JONES CHAPEL LEAGUE REPORT

By Dorlis Turner, Sec'y-Treas.

We are very happy to say, Our league is in as good, if not better condition than it has been for a long time.

Our enrollment is, in Senior department, twenty-five, with an average attendance of twenty-two or twenty-three. Each officer has put his or her all into the work, and we feel sure we are seeing results.

Our officers are as follows:

President ..... Jewell Lewis  
 Vice President .... Bessie Campbell  
 Sec'y-Treas. .... Dorlis Turner  
 Quiz Leader ..... Mrs. Ada Williams  
 Pianist ..... Maurine Campbell  
 Chorister ..... Wilma Eaton  
 Group Captain No. 1, Donald Campbell  
 Group Captain No. 2, Wayne Williams  
 Junior Sponsor, Mrs. Edna Gentry

We enjoy reading the reports of other league workers, and are planning to have a report from Jones Chapel League more often.

We are looking forward to our next League Rally, which we feel will be very beneficial to each leaguer. We cannot forget the wonderful rally we had at Jones Chapel in September, 1934, wishing that each one might be better, if possible.

You may count on us (Jones Chapel League- to help carry out our motto, "The Kingdom of God First."

Yours for better leagues.

#### REPORT OF UNION LEAGUE ASS'N By Miss Zelda Young, Secretary

The members of the Union League Association of Free Will Baptist met Sunday, December 30, 1934, with the Big Creek church.

The meeting was called to order by the president, and the service opened with singing.

Scripture reading, Jer. 3:4, by the president. Prayer by Eld. Ruel Parker.

Motion carried that the League Association meeting be separate from the quarterly meeting.

The time for meeting was set for the second Sunday in March, June, September and December each year. Brushy Knob league requested, and was granted the next meeting.

Motion carried that we elect a chairman to preside at each session. Bro. Ray Hutsell was elected to preside at the next meeting.

Eld. L. J. Gearing was elected to preach the sermon at next meeting.

Eld. Herbert Vandivort delivered a very helpful message, using as a text, Eph. 6:10. After the sermon a short and soul-stirring program was given.

#### PROGRAM

Song, Mary, Daisy and Adam Scott  
 Reading ..... Ardell Halliburton  
 Reading ..... Vera Parker  
 Reading ..... Agnes Scott  
 Reading ..... Paul Parker  
 Reading ..... Genieva Gearing  
 Song ..... Leah Mae Scott

The meeting was closed by a short talk and benediction by Eld. L. J. Gearing.

Pray for our leagues, that they may become more interested in the work.

#### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huey of Flat River, Missouri, Febr. 3, 1935, a baby girl, has been named Edna Ruth, mother and baby doing fine.

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond La Brot of Flat River, Missouri, January 23, 1935, a baby girl, has been named Carolyn Ann, mother and baby are doing nicely.

#### LEADINGTON LEAGUE REPORT

Chas. Grifford, Reporter

I will now send our second report for the Gem.

We had one report in our league discussing the Gem. The members enjoyed the paper, also the president and myself read the two papers and enjoyed them a great deal.

The Leadington league has improved a great deal in the last few weeks. Bro. Mark Lewis our pastor and Bro. Wm Reeves have been holding a meeting at our church, also Bro. Miller of Flat River church, Bro. Ferguson and Bro. Odey Wright have done some of the preaching. This meeting has improved the league, the Sunday school, and also the church.

#### CUSHING, OKLA., Feb. 19, 1935.

Dear Brother in Christ:

Your letter at hand, and was glad to hear from you, but sorry to hear that you were not well. I haven't been well for some time myself, haven't seen a well day in five months; but I am still going, preaching the Word of God, and will as long as God will let me go. Praise God, the only joy I have is when working for the Lord and I aim to die in the harness.

Well, Bro. Brown, I have been sending in some stuff for the Gem. Why do I do it? Because we need the paper. If every Free Will Baptist in the denomination would take the little Gem, why, our denomination would grow twice as fast as it does now, and our Sunday School, League and mission work would go over the top for Jesus; and I won't be satisfied until they awake and do so. We have the doctrine of the Bible, and we know it; and, thank God, the world knows it too.

You said the Gem ought to get 100 subs each month. Well, I don't think so; I think the Gem should have 1,000 subs each month, and instead of 1,500 or 2,000 subscribers, we should have 15,000 by the end of this year. I don't know why people do not get the Gem: it is worth more than anything else to the Free Will Baptist. I love my brethren in all the states, and love to hear from them; and through the Gem is the way that I can get in touch with them. Yes, I aim to send in some more subs. I tell you, Bro. Brown, I think I am doing my friends a great favor when I beg them out of 50 cents and give them the Gem instead. There are thousands of Free Will Baptist today who are

not taking the Gem. If they were to take it for a while, why they wouldn't take a hundred dollars for it and do without it, as bad as they think they need money. Well, what is 50 cents by the side of one year of satisfaction? Well, brother, I am sure, if they knew just how much they could get out of the paper, you couldn't print enough papers to supply them, without enlarging the plant. Some that have just got the Gem, would not hear to stopping now; sure would have a squabble if you tried to make them do without it: in other words, they must have it. That is what I knew would happen, if they once read it.

Well, excuse me till I sharpen up my hatchet; I want a few more scalps, will send them in later.

O yes, the mission work is still alive in Oklahoma, and in our churches where we have real leaders that really love God and have His work at heart: it is helping put the work over.

Malachi said, "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."

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that shall not be room enough to receive it."

But some people say, "We don't want to be in the mission work; for we will have to comply with the State By-Laws, and pay tithes, and you owe God just as much on the outside as you do on the inside." Don't be a slacker, but repent and pay God what you owe Him, and quit robbing Him; and He will bless you.

Eld. J. L. Waltman.

#### ALMOST A MARTYR Experience of J. H. Crowell

Copied from a tract contributed by Eld. J. L. Waltman of Cushing, Okla.

"He was converted at the age of sixteen and within six months shipped on board a sailing vessel with a crew of twelve. He was the only Christian on board and he previously promised his mother that he would meet her three times a day at the throne of grace. To

accomplish this he would go below and reeling that he was not making satisfactory prayer unless it was audible, he made it a point always to pray aloud. This brought terrible persecution upon him from the sailors. They tried to get him to desist praying but he would not. They sang and danced around him while he was engaged in his devotion, but he would pray. They threw wood upon him and bruised him and poured buckets of water upon him, but could not put out the fire in his soul. Then they tied him to the mast and laid thirty-nine stripes upon his back, the marks of which he carries today, but still he prayed. Finally, they tied a rope around his body under his arms and threw him overboard. He struggled and swam as best he could, and when he would take hold of the side of the ship to climb up they would push him off with a long pole. At last his strength gave way and supposing they really meant to kill him, he made a final effort, prayed that God would forgive them and called to the sailors: "Send my body to my mother and tell her I died for Jesus." He then sank into the deep and the water poured over him, but he was pulled out and up on the deck and after being worked with for some time he came to. Conviction then began to seize hold upon those sailors. Before night two of them were gloriously converted, and while they were praying down below with the young martyr, the others thought they were up to their persecutions again and called to them to desist, saying they had persecuted the boy enough. Inside of a week everyone on board the vessel, including the Captain, was blessedly saved.

In a little while the vessel put into Provincetown Harbor, near Cape Cod, on account of an approaching storm. Other vessels gathered in to the amount of nearly three hundred. The boy had been conducting religious services every Sunday on board the ship. Unbeknown to him, when the vessels were lying at anchor, the Captain sent word around that at 10 o'clock Sunday there would be services on his ship and a boy would give his experience of how he was persecuted and nearly killed for Jesus' sake. While the boy was down below preparing

something to say in the meeting as usual, the people began to gather in. They filled the ship's deck, climbed into the rigging, filled every available space, and also sat in boats all around the ship. When the young preacher came on deck this was the sight that met him. The crew formed a ring around him and they sang, and he prayed and then took for his text, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." The Holy Ghost began to work and after the message, an invitation was given for all who wanted to be prayed for to manifest it. In every direction came the response to be prayed for. The work of grace broke out and people began to get saved until, after as careful a count as could be made, there was estimated one hundred conversions that afternoon. And it did not stop there, for after that while the vessels lay in the harbor and out on the ocean, vessels would come to us and those on board tell us of someone being saved. They had us keep our colors at the masthead to distinguish us from the other vessels. People were getting saved and word kept coming in that on such and such a vessel they had a meeting and someone was saved. So it continued for weeks.

This shows what our God is able and willing to do. Let us all be channels for the Holy Ghost to work through to the saving of men. Certainly there lies before us mighty possibilities. Shall we have them? Shall we be at our best for the Lord? God make us soul-winners."—Selected.

**BRISTOW, OKLA.,** Feb. 19, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I have been reading the Gem now for some time and enjoy the letters very much, especially from those we know. We are interested in the Gem and hope you can reach the 2,000 mark soon. We read your letter in our prayermeeting. We will be glad when we can order our Sunday School literature from the Gem office.

The work at our church is moving along fine. We had one soul saved at our Sunday night service.

We are building a new church house, and hope to be moved in by next Sunday.

Mrs. P. E. Lacey.

**PICHER, OKLA.,** Feb. 21, 1935.

Dear Bro. Brown and all Readers of the Gem: Just a few lines to let you know that we are still among the living; and all out for the Master's cause.

Well, we are getting ready to move: we do not know just how soon, but we have a lease on a Home we never have seen, but it never cost us a cent, and it is forever and ever, in Heaven above, where all is love, and there will be no sorrow there. Glad we have such a title.

I will now give a short report from the South Picher Mission circle. We have a fine working circle, doing all we can for the cause; we meet every week. This week we met with Bro. and Sister Webb, two of our young converts who are all out for God. Our next meeting will be with Sister Slaight, one of our old-time Free Will Baptist. Sister Elsie Thomas is our worthy president. Sister Landreth is Clerk, and Sister Capron is Treasurer. Now we have something to do down here. We are all poor people, and the next Indian Creek Association will convene with South Picher church, and it's a big undertaking for so poor a people, but we are going over the top.

Pray for us, and God's blessings be with you.

Eld. T. E. L. Curry.

## CHRISTIAN DUTIES

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## YOUNG AND OLD

By Mrs. Lina Claxton

Happy New Year to All:

I hope you all had a happy Christmas, and I hope too that we all try to have a closer walk with God this year of 1935 than during the year just past. I for one need to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

I have just now been reading in the Bible, looking at the alphabetical index of the Holy Scriptures, and I notice in the "Y's" that young folks have their duties.

"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear God: I am the Lord" (Lev. 19:32). This would make the old folks feel happy to speak to them and treat them kindly, take them by the

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**CUSHING, OKLAHOMA,** January 29, 1935.

Dear Editor of the Little Gem Paper:

John said: Mr. Editor, I know some folks over here in Oklahoma; they are Home Mission workers, too, and they would like to get your good paper for one year, because they would like to read all about the work all over the country everywhere. Of course they are Free Will Baptist; and I thought if you knew about it, and we would send you 50 cents each, that you wouldn't mind for them to read the Gem for one year; so here we go for a try. You know Bro. Editor, folks ought to be glad you would let them read the Gem.

Of course I wouldn't recommend everybody, unless they had the 50 cents, but just as soon as they

find out that, they might get some one to recommend them, I think some more folks will want me to recommend them, and, of course, me being tender hearted, and wanting folks to get something good, why, I might ask you again to let some more folks get in on the paper too.

Now, Bro. Editor, if this don't make you mad, because I recommend these folks that would like to get the paper; why, just take your pencil and copy down the names as follows:

Eld. B. H. Perkins, Jennings, Okla., Gen. Delivery, J. P. Holland, 314 E. Pecan St., Cushing, Oklahoma, Mrs. H. B. Walker, R. F. D. No. 2, Cushing, Okla., R. L. Mounts, 1026 E. Main St., Cushing, Oklahoma, Don Reese, Cushing, Oklahoma, Gen. Delivery.

Eld. J. L. Waltman, State Mission President.



The above picture is of five Mission Workers, taken about nine years ago, when we were publishing the New Morning Star at Tecumseh, Okla.

Reading from left to right in the picture, those standing are Sister Livia (Mrs. J. L.) Waltman and Sister (Mrs.) G. W. Smart; those seated are Sisters Flossie Perkins, Mae Dickinson and Mae Graham.

These were all real Mission Workers nine years ago, they have kept at this good work and are still real Mission Workers; and they, with the help of many others, have accomplished a great work for God. —The Editor.

**PLATTSBURG, MO.,** Feb. 14th.

Dear Home Mission Workers:

We will send our report to the Gem family. Have visited several churches, but haven't organized any missions or leagues since our last report.

We have been working in Union Association. The first church we visited was Ashley. We enjoyed being with these good people and working with them, although we didn't get any work organized. We visited in several homes. It

is a fine community and a real spiritual church.

We next visited the Wolf Creek church and had three services. They have a Home Mission here and we had a talk with the workers who are very interested in mission work.

We left Wolf Creek and next visited our church at Mt'n Grove where they were having a Ministers' conference. They have a good league and the work is progressing nicely.

We visited Amity church where we organized a league last year. They haven't had very many meetings this winter, but are going to meet regularly in the spring.

The Mt. Olive church, near Odin, Mo., was our next stopping place. On account of the severe cold weather we had only one service, but enjoyed meeting with these good people and making new friends.

Our next place was Hartville where we organized a mission last



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year, which is still progressing. We enjoyed being here with our good friends.

Our last place to visit was Oak Grove. We have a Home Mission circle here, also a real live wire league. We organized the league last year and are so happy to know they are growing in the Lord's work.

We were glad to meet with so many of our good friends in the Union Association and to be in so many of their homes. May the Lord bless them all, is our prayer.

We left Mansfield, Mo. the 4th of this month and came home for a while. We had an all day service at my home church (Mt. Zion) the second Sunday. Bro. E. T. House had the morning service and we had the afternoon service, and Bro. House concluded the service. We had a wonderful time and the Spirit of the Lord was felt in both services and songs.

I now have the new Mission badges for sale at five cents each. Send stamps for mailing please.

Mission circles, send your ten per cent of all local funds for the state work to Sister Tommie Franklin, Sec.-Treas., Desloge, Mo.

Some have asked me for Mission year-book of programs. You can send to Mrs. Fannie Polston, Nat. Sec., 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tennessee.

I hope this year will be the very best we have ever experienced in Home Mission organization, but we will need co-operation from our ministers as well as lay members. If we can help you in any way with mission work, write to us and we will be glad to help you in any way we can. Remember we are "laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9).

Melba White,

State President of Missions.

### HOUSE — CULLEY

Miss Ada House, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. T. House, was married to Leslie Culley at 5 o'clock a. m. Saturday, December 22, at the home of the bride's parents, five miles southeast of Maysville. The Rev. E. T. House, father of the bride, officiated and used the ring ceremony, which makes the marriage vows most impressive.

The ceremony was performed under an alcove arch, which was beautified with flowers.

The bride wore a brown crepe dress trimmed with transparent velvet, and brown hat, shoes, scarf, gloves and handbag to match. Mrs. Sarah House of Plattsburg, sister-in-law of the bride, was maid of honor. Milford House of Plattsburg, brother of the bride, was best man.

The bride is a Junior student of the Maysville High School.

The groom is a graduate of the Weatherby High School, and an industrious young farmer and stockman.

Immediately following the ceremony the newly-weds, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Milford House, left for St. Louis, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is a sister of the bride. They will return by way of Kansas City, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tallman. Mrs. Tallman is another sister of the bride. After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Culley will be at home on a farm near Maysville, on Route 1.

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hand and help them over the difficult place.

"My son hear the instructions of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother" (Prov. 1:8).

I want to tell you just now, about a young man about sixteen years old who is going to High school here at Hartville. He came in for a short visit, and while my husband and he had a little conversation about tobacco, he said he began to smoke, and his father told him he didn't want him to smoke; and he just quit; but he he was glad his father forbade him smoking, for there were other boys in school that were not making the grades they should, because they smoked so much of the time.

When he went out of the house, he had his cap in his hand, and remarked, "I didn't want to wear my cap this morning, but mother said I should wear it, for I already had a bad cold." This will not only make his father and mother love him, but all that love God will love him for his obedience. You know it is the fashion now for boys to go bareheaded.

Another duty enjoined upon young people is, "Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccl. 12:1).

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth" (Lam. 3:27).

"Young men likewise exhort to be sober-minded" (Titus 2:6).

Examples — "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Casting all your care on upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:5-7).

"And it came to pass that after three days they found him (Jesus) in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions; and all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers." (Luke 2:46, 47). He was then twelve years old.

"Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old" (Prov. 23:22). These are just a few of the duties of young people that came to my mind: Now we will mention some things concerning the duties of older people:

Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 2:6).

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4)

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

"That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, . . . teachers of good things,

"That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

"To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:1-5)

Oh, there is such great responsibility on us mothers, and grandmothers; the example we set, and what we teach the little children.

We note what love Paul had for Timothy, and the unfeigned faith was in Timothy himself, his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois (2 Tim. 1:1-5).

I heard a mother say a few days ago (and she is a leading member

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## THE NEW KINGDOM

### Part 11. The Final Battle. Armageddon.

*By Elder Everett Wilson*

As the champion of the Philistines, Goliath, defied the armies of Israel, and was met and defeated by the son of Jesse, and the glory of God was revealed in David, so the Son of David is to meet the champion man of sin, in the final struggle of the Gentile nations. This man of sin is known in Revelation as the Beast, but in the book of Daniel as the little horn, with eyes and mouth as a man, and is the Antichrist.

It seems strange that such should be the case, but it is true; and when the children of Israel were weakened by sin among them, and God had departed from their midst, and a sinful nation was making war against them, and King Saul and all his army feared as a champion of the enemy, in his pride and strength, defied the armies of the living God. It was then that the shepherd king went out in the name of the God of Israel, to give the flesh of the giant, and the bodies of the Philistine army to the fowls of the air and to the beasts of the field (See 1 Sam. 17:45-47). Just so will the son of David leave the dead bodies of the soldiers of the God defying beast king for the fowls of heaven to feed upon, and the Beast will be taken alive and cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20, 21).

Already the world is preparing for war on a far greater scale than has been done before. Navies are being increased, and so many machines are being added to the air forces. Boys and men are being trained for service in every branch of the army, every effort at limitation seems to be failing, and as it looks now the whole earth will be ready to fall into line with the man of sin when he comes to muster the armies of the world against the Christ. The Pope, in an article in the papers of this country, has warned his people against the coming Red movement, and seems to realize the time is not far away when a red king will be placed upon the throne. and when he is, he will soon appoint the ten kings over the different nations of the earth, and all who are Christian, or claim to follow the teaching of Christ, whether Catholic, Protestant, or Jew, will be the objects of the Antichrist and his armies, and to all these nations so well prepared for war will the devil spirits that John saw coming out of the mouth of the Dragon, and out of the mouth of the Beast, and out of the mouth of the false Prophet, be sent to gather them together to battle against Christ and His armies (Rev. 16:13-16).

I am glad this red champion, the master man of sin of all time, the beast out of the pit, endued with power from the dragon, the Devil, and Satan, will have to meet the Master of righteousness, who has conquered even death and hell, and the beast with all his host will not be able to stand against Him and His faithful army, pictured to us, coming on white horses. No matter if the beast does come up out of the pit and is the crowning act of the power of Satan, he must meet his doom at the hands of the Champion of the Cross. For all the fury of hell was turned loose on Jesus as He hung upon the cross, it only tore away the veil, or natural, and released the supernatural with all power given unto

Him in heaven and in earth. Full well may the angels and all earth sing, "Glory to God in the highest."

The church must arise to meet the needs of the day, just as David met the demands in his time. It will take the whole armour of God to be able to stand. Only people who drink freely of the waters of life can ever hope to overcome the awful spirit of indifference toward the church and its Christ, and the growing hatred for all righteousness. No use to overlook the prophecy of Paul which says,

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

"Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false-accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

"Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God;

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

Also remember the words of Jesus when He said, "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service" (John 16:2). We are seeing these words fulfilled more and more, and the time is now here when we ought to be faithful unto death, that we may receive a crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

"And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip: and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine" (1 Sam. 17:40). This brook was David's place of preparation, his upper room, his place of enduement with power, and he drank deeply until he was fully ready for the conflict, he needed just five smooth stones and he found them there, all of which would just fit his trusted and tried sling. Oh, that the churches would get down before God and wait before Him until they were endued with power from on high, not just a testimony, but a life that is above sin, overcoming the world, a faith in God that will defeat the lions and bears of sin of this time, and fit us to stand in our place against the spirit of the Man of sin, that is now spreading over all the earth. It is the privilege of every Christian in this day to be ready to join the King of kings when He comes to meet the Red champion.

How the world needs a revelation of Jesus Christ! Sin is increasing on every hand. People are in bondage as in the days of Moses, but such a different bondage! Society is demanding so much, and furnishes no means by which this demand can be met. A few years ago, one could live an entire life time in one county, a full flour bin, a barrel with plenty of meat for the family the whole year round, a few home-spun clothes, a good wholesome Christian atmosphere and society was satisfied and people were happy, but now the demand is such that these conditions are inadequate and looked upon as too old-fashioned and out of place. People scorn the old time Gospel. The Bible is an out of date Book, at best only a history of the Jews. Man is no longer the crowning act of God's creation, but is the outcome of evolution, a mere development of some kind

of an animal, beginning away back in the dark past, and going into a future just as dark and uncertain, and according to this doctrine, all of life that there is to be had is here and now. This creates a demand for a man who can cause "craft to prosper" (Dan. 8:25). Such a man will become the object of worship, especially when no born again experience is needed, and only the demands of the carnal mind to satisfy (So the anti-God crowd reasons).

No doubt in my mind, that as God looked down upon the earth He saw these awful days coming, and the people living in open defiance of God and His Holy Word, and declaring war upon the Bible. Such an act is to challenge the Lord to battle, for He most surely will defend the Book, "For thou hast magnified thy WORD above all thy name" (Psalm 138:2). As we realize this awful condition, we can see in the Word of God where John got a glimpse of the angel God sent to answer the challenge of the world (Rev. 19:17-19), calling the fowls of the air to come and fill themselves on the flesh of the army of the Beast, and their horses. Such an answer to the Goliath of this time! and as John still looked upon the vision he saw the three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the Beast, and out of the mouth of the Dragon, and out of the mouth of the false Prophet, for they are the spirits of devils working miracles, going forth to the kings of the whole earth, to gather them together to the battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:13-16). All the preparation going on in the world for war, and no chance to get them to lay down their arms; a common foe must be found upon which to train their implements of death. The remnant of the church, the residue, or that which was left after part was taken out (Dan. 7:19, also 7:7), and answering to the woman who brought forth the man child who was caught up to God and His throne, and she fled into the wilderness where she was cared for and protected from the face of the dragon for three and one-half years (Rev. 12:5, 6), and also who knows but the five foolish virgins may at least foreshadow this group that will make up that number the armies of the Antichrist and his ten appointed kings will seek to destroy because they will not take his number, name, or mark? All these may be that common foe upon which to center the minds and hatred of the whole world, and Christ being the head of all these will be the main one against whom they will come and He will meet them and conquer.

Already in this country men are saying, "The preachers have too much power, and must be stopped. The church is hindering the progress of the world, and also that people are mistaken when they think the days of persecution of Christians is past, for it is not." This no doubt is a thought foreshadowing the awful days of tribulation coming upon the whole world. Preachers, you dare not give too little time and attention to such statements, coming as they do from men of influence in the world. Your flocks are in danger, over whom God has made you the overseer, to give them their portion of His Word in due season. I am persuaded that in the church, there are faithful men and women who would be willing, if the case demanded, to lay down their lives for the Gospel and the people they love. I love to think I am a member of an organization that has in it people of this kind. Praise God! the

Antichrist can never overcome such people as these; but some day in the near future must look upon saints like these coming dressed in robes of purest white, and waving the victors' palms, and he must see his red banner fall into the dust to rise no more, and his vast army fall before the sword of the Lord, and the banner of Love lifted over the whole world.

The man of sin, it is written, will break his covenant with the Jews in the middle of the week, and take away the sacrifice (Dan. 9:27 and 12:11). That the temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem is sure, for we read in 2 Thess. 2:3-5, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

"Remember ye not, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?"

Paul was preaching the coming of the Antichrist when he was here, and when he comes and convinces his followers that he is God, they will see no need of any more sacrifices, but will fall down and worship the Beast or his image. But as the three Hebrew children refused to bow before the image Nebuchadnezzar had set up in the plain of Dura, so will the Jews who have returned to Jerusalem, refuse to worship the Beast king or his image to which the false prophet has given life, and causes it to speak, and also causes all, both small and great, to fall down and worship, and also receive his number, name, or mark, and all who do not must be put to death. It is then that the Jews will turn to God and call for His Son from Heaven, and God will answer this prayer and Jesus will appear upon the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem, and the mountain will divide in the midst; and the children of Israel will say, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." And this will be the second stage of the Second Coming of Jesus, and the battle of Armageddon will be fought, and Christ will be King over the whole earth (Zech. 14). And so will begin the one thousand years of peace on the earth. Truly this is the New Kingdom.

This is not Heaven on earth, but is the fulfillment of the promises of God to the Jews.

The first of these splendid articles appeared in the May issue of the Gem, 1934: the last article of the series will appear in the April issue of the Gem, 1935. We know that many of our readers have enjoyed these timely articles on prophecy, and will join with the editor in a hearty expression of our appreciation to Bro. Wilson, who has so patiently labored to give us this prophetic foreview of the time which we believe is near.—The Editor.

### CAN A MAN FALL AFTER HE IS SAVED?

By Eld. Carl Holcome, Coweta, Oklahoma, RI

I am a reader of the Gem, though I do not take the paper. But as so many are writing on subjects of the Bible, if it will not take up too much room in the Gem, I would like to give a few quotations on a subject that is being taught and preached by many of our preachers and churches, not that I am



any smarter on this subject, but I do want to say that unless we can back our statements up by the Bible, they are worthless; it is not what man says about it, it's what the Bible teaches: for Paul said, "Let all men be liars and God be true."

Our subject is, "Can a Man Fall After He Is Saved?" "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit" (John 15:1, 2).

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch can not bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine: no more can ye, except ye abide in me" (John 15:4).

Now Christ says that we must abide in the vine, if we bear fruit. If do not bear fruit, He will take us away; but many people get mixed up on 1 John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." The second word of this verse explains it; "Whosoever is." That means at the present time, for the 8th verse of the same chapter says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil." We all know that God created Adam and Eve, a perfect man and woman, gave them just laws to abide by, but they did not abide in them (Gen. 3rd chapter). Now these first two, perfect offsprings of God, backslid; and God gave the very Jewel of Heaven to redeem them.

God saved His people out of the bondage of Egypt and kept them forty years in the wilderness, then they disobeyed God's laws and fell. Paul says, "Neither let us commit fornication as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand" (1 Cor. 10:8). Some people say that Christ was not with his people in the wilderness, or saved them out of Egypt.

"This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us" (Acts 7:38).

"I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not" (Jude 5).

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment" (2 Peter 2:4).

"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto judgment of the great day" (Jude 6).

Also the ten virgins: "And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out" (Matt. 25:8).

And the Lord said to the church in Ephesus, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love" (Rev. 2:4).

And to the Laodicean church, He said, "Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:16).

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1).

I have given book, chapter and verse for my subject. Much more could be given, but I will close.

## "LIFE"

By Elder H. B. Smith, Norwood, Mo.

Life, as is said by the poet, is like a mountain railroad.

We read of its description as being like the grass and the flowers of the field.

David has so wonderfully described the godly man as being like a tree planted by the rivers of water.

As I think of this quotation from the Psalmist, and as I look upon the glistening upturned branches of a beautiful tree, I think of the poem:

### TREES

By Joyce Kilmer

"I think that I shall never see

A poem lovely as a tree,

A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed

Against the earth's sweet flowing breast,

A tree that looks at God all day,

And lifts her leafy arms to pray.

A tree that may in summer wear

A nest of robins in her hair,

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;

Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,

But only God can make a tree."

Then I think, how typical of a great forest is human life. In the forest are found the beautiful and the undesired, the strong and the weak, the giant oaks and the pygmies.

The beasts of prey find hiding places in the thick shadows of the forest, and the winged songsters are sheltered by its foliage. The flowers, with bright colors of nature, lift their faces, give fragrance to the shade for a time, and pass away.

The vine, supported by some great monarch, climbs toward the sun. Like man, the woodland dwellers, differing in stature, are diverse in design and varied in color, yet depending upon the same mother earth for life. The oak and the violet draw substance from the same source: the birch tree with its paper-like bark must get its material from the same ground as the rough-coated elm.

A cluster of sturdy trees, linking limb in limb, may be able to stand against the tempest that hurls itself upon them, while beneath, the less strong are protected and shielded from its force. One of these cannot fall without its neighbor feeling the shock and sustaining injury. Yet, over the spot where life has ended for the one, the neighbors spread a little wider their branches, to shelter the weak and tender shoots struggling for existence, until they shall be able to stand with their fellows and meet the storms of life.

When the storm strikes the tree, standing alone, no friendly branch or companion reaches out to touch and join in resistance, and when it falls there is none to regret. So is man.

He may feel his independence and think his own strength is sufficient. He may not feel, for a time, the need of human sympathy and fellowship.

But when adversity comes, when sorrow blights, how sweet the companionship of loving friends.

As individuals we differ as much as the trees of the forest. In religious beliefs, in mind and temperament, in physical strength and mental equipment we may be unlike, but the church offers an opportunity for a unity that challenges the world, in harmony and devotion to one another.

Let us be deeply sensible of the dreadful consequences that come to ourselves and others by a division in principle, spirit or practice. Let us live this life, that we may be able to possess the life that Paul speaks of in Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." One has recently said, "While codes regulate almost every other industry, nothing has yet been done about the wages of sin."

## SIN

By Elder Claude Smith, Macomb, Mo.

The Bible is the one comprehensive treatise on the subject of sin, dealing, not only with the sinfulness of sin, but with the cure for sin.

Each reader of the Bible should read carefully the first three chapters of Genesis, as this gives the first account of sin in the world. First John 3—4 teaches that sin is lawlessness, and that God gave Adam and Eve his law and forbade them to break it under penalty of death. But they wilfully violated it at the subtle suggestion of Satan.

And as Satan came with his tempting allurements, he deceived Adam and Eve, and caused them to commit that awful thing the Lord calls sin, which is causing so much woe and misery in the world today. It should be noticed here that the temptation was not sin, but yielding to the temptation is what brought the curse of sin on man. God placed man in the garden and put him to a test, but it must not be regarded as an evidence of God's disfavor, for James 1:12, says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." Also James 1:2-4.

Sin is a voluntary act. While one may suffer from the sins of others, yet he must give an account for his own sins (Rom. 2:6).

Sin separates from God (Isaiah 59:2).

Sin finds out (Numbers 32:23).

The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

And after this cometh the judgment (Heb. 9:27).

It can only be set aside by accepting Jesus as the Savior from sin.

Jesus Himself bore our sins in His own body upon the tree, that we, having died to sin, might live unto righteousness (1 Peter 2:24).

Notice the word sin. The first letter is "S," and that stands for serpent who brought sin into the world. The last letter is "N," and that stands for nothing, for sin is emptiness; there is nothing in it worth while. But between its beginning and its ending is the big capital letter "I." The only thing to do with this heart center of sin is to let it be crucified with Christ, so that it's not I that live, but Christ liveth in me (Gal. 2:20).

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son for the sins of the world, and by so doing manifested his great love he had for man.

Because sin is so great in the world, it behooves God's entire force, the army of the Lord, to do all we can to fight the monster to the end of this life. Then as Paul the Apostle has said, There is a crown of righteousness at the end of this Christian warfare.

## CHRIST REJECTORS

By Elder J. B. Rollins of Eldridge, Mo.

I am happy to have the opportunity of writing to the Gem, and I hope to be able to say something to advance the Great Cause.

I wonder "what the end will be?" when I think of Christ rejectors. When dealing with the thought of the rejectors of the Son of God, we face a sad story as old as history. The Book of books teaches that Christ came to his own, and was rejected by his own. Jesus was of Abraham and David according to the flesh. He was a Jew—He came to the Jews, and was rejected by the Jews. This is generally accepted as the truth, and we wish to substantiate or set a seal of truth upon the truth. We find this in the character of Christ's vile betrayer, Judas Iscariot. The very name, Judas Iscariot, means so much. Thanks to our good Brother, Everett Wilson, who speaks a marvelous truth concerning the Bible as a "Three in one unit." It being first, a Common Bible, or the Bible we ordinarily read; second, a Numerical Bible, which tells so much Gospel truth in the numbers used in the Bible; and third, a Bible of Proper Names. To the Jews, every proper name means something, so in the name Judas Iscariot, the one whom we may call the chief of Christ's rejectors, we find his history and character, which is proof within itself that God's word is infallible. In studying the Bible concerning the twelve disciples, we find that Judas was the only one from the tribe of Judah. His very name seals the truth that he was of Judah. The great significance of this is the fact that Jesus our Lord was also of the tribe of Judah (Heb. 7:14). In connection with this, I remember hearing a Jew say that **ish** means **man**, whereupon, I learn that **Kerioth** is a city in the inheritance of Judah in Palestine. Therefore, we have the name Judas Iscariot (**ish-Kerioth**), the man from the city of Kerioth of Judah, the name of Christ's betrayer. It is a great truth that Christ "came unto his own, and his own received him not."

Upon learning the bitter experience of the man from Kerioth of Judah, we face a stern, vehement, and emphatic rejection of Christ in these days of the fulfillment of the Times of the Gentiles—in the closing days of this age—the End Time of this age. Gentile rejectors of Christ are waxing worse and worse in their continued rejection. I remember hearing Bro. Morris Kullman, a converted Hebrew, preaching in Pieher, Oklahoma; and what a powerful, soul-stirring message he delivered! He made an altar call and not a move was made, nor any interest manifested. Whereupon Bro. Kullman spoke with all the earnestness of his soul, saying in part, "Gentiles are quick to hurl defiance in the face of the Jews, calling them 'Christ rejectors, Christ haters, Christ killers,' and at the same time they are rejecting Christ as much as the vilest Jew ever has." His statement is true. Gentiles, our time is fast being fulfilled; how is it going to be with us in the End Time,

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of the church), as we were discussing the spiritual conditions of the churches, that if folks would go to church and Sunday school, it would be all right to go any where they wanted to go in the afternoon. She said she saw it that way, but I can't see it that way. "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."

"For all that is in the world, 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 for ever" (1 John 2:15-17).

"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8). Some folks seem to think it a small matter to live pure religion, and keep himself unspotted from the world.

"Be ye therefore perfect" (Mat. 5:48). There is only one life that wins, and that is the life lived for Jesus Christ. Every man may have that life; every man may live that life, the life that counts; to live it means to get rid of sin. Oh, help us, dear Lord, to win souls for Jesus this year of 1935.

I have talked too long again, but I do love to talk about my Father in Heaven, and about the blessed promises He has left here on record for us; and I hope this poor unworthy talk don't do you any harm, and that you will pray for me. It seems that I have some more work yet to do for Jesus, if I am old.

"Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God: they shall bring forth fruit in old age" (Psalm 92:13, 14).

This is the only way I have of communing with my aged sisters in Christ that live so far away. I sincerely ask God to bless all who may read this.

**S. Charleston. W. Va., 321 5th Ave.**

Dear Editor of the Gem:

It has been some time since I have written any for the paper,

for I haven't been attending many meetings lately. I was at the quarterly meeting one day, which was held at Chesapeake, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1934.

We had a wonderful meeting. I heard two splendid sermons, one by Rev. Spurgeon Young, and one by Rev. Charles Ornal.

The business was transacted in a smooth and pleasant way.

The next quarterly meeting will be held with the Ruth church, about five miles from Charleston, W. Va. Rev. H. W. Scott is to preach the Introductory sermon on Friday at 7:30 p. m.

While sitting in my lonely room I wrote a sketch of my life in verse, and the other night one of our best preachers, Rev. B. F. Hedrick, came and spent the night with me. While I was busy he picked up what I had written and read it, so he asked to send it to the paper, as he takes the Gem. I am sending it, and you can print it if you like.

F. E. Nicholas.

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of 175 delegates attended from various parts of the state, also Bro. Rogers from Denison, Texas, who remained over and brought us a wonderful message Saturday night.

On Thursday night Bro. Boyd Williams brought the Introductory sermon, followed by Bro. Carter of Wewoka, and each day as the good brothers delivered the messages, the power of God was felt in mighty ways, and we felt, like the prophet of old, "That it was good to be there."

Seemingly we cannot find words to express our great love and appreciation to all the different churches in the Association for their wonderful co-operation and the cash donation that was given us to help defray the expenses. Also the many Tulsa business houses, and our own members also who responded so faithfully—we ask God's richest blessings to be bestowed upon them all.

We are happy because God is still ruling and reigning, and His good work still goes on. He laid His hand upon the lives, and saw fit to call three of our young members to preach the Gospel, one a boy of seventeen years. It brot

great joy to our hearts to see these young soldiers of the cross start out in the broad fields of sin to help our old war horses to battle against Satan, whom we are made to realize more and more each day is raging up and down in the earth seeking whom he may devour.

But last Sunday afternoon we put old Satan on the run. We had an old-fashioned prayer meeting that lasted three hours, with tears a-plenty, and laughing and rejoicing and shouting and praising God for His great love.

We covet the prayers of all of God's people everywhere.

Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

**ST. LOUIS. MO., Feb. 15, 1935.**

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

Just a short report of our work at this time. We are coming out of the winter in good shape, with all expenses paid up, and an increase in membership.

Sunday night, Feb 3rd, we had three professions, and on Sunday night, Feb. 10th, we had two professions and two united with the church. Then on Wednesday night, the 13th, a young mother gave her life to God.

Eld. W. C. Hill.

**LAWNWOOD CHURCH NOTES**  
**Sand Springs, Okla.**

Dear Gem Readers: As we begin our report for this month, we think of the goodness of our Lord in blessing our little church.

Our Sunday school and church services are well attended and our hearts begin to yearn for an old time revival where God blesses us.

On the first Sunday night of this month we partook of the Lord's Supper and had feet washing, and had a wonderful time.

The mission meeting was held at the New Home church, and a goodly number from our church attended and reported a wonderful time with the Lord.

We need your prayers, that we may always be found doing the things God would have us do.

Our church met with the Tulsa church in quarterly meeting on this the 23rd day of February, and had a wonderful time, and one of our deacons was ordained.

Bro. Boyd Williams is our good pastor.

Helen Persall, Reporter.

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Bro. Hill has spent many years in the Lord's service. He is now pastor of the Third Free Will Baptist church in St. Louis, Mo. He is also city missionary for the City of St. Louis, being appointed to this work by the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist. For several years Bro. Hill has been working among the people of St. Louis as pastor and missionary and has accomplished a great deal, which speaks of his worthiness and ability; he is well and favorably known over the State of Missouri.

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