

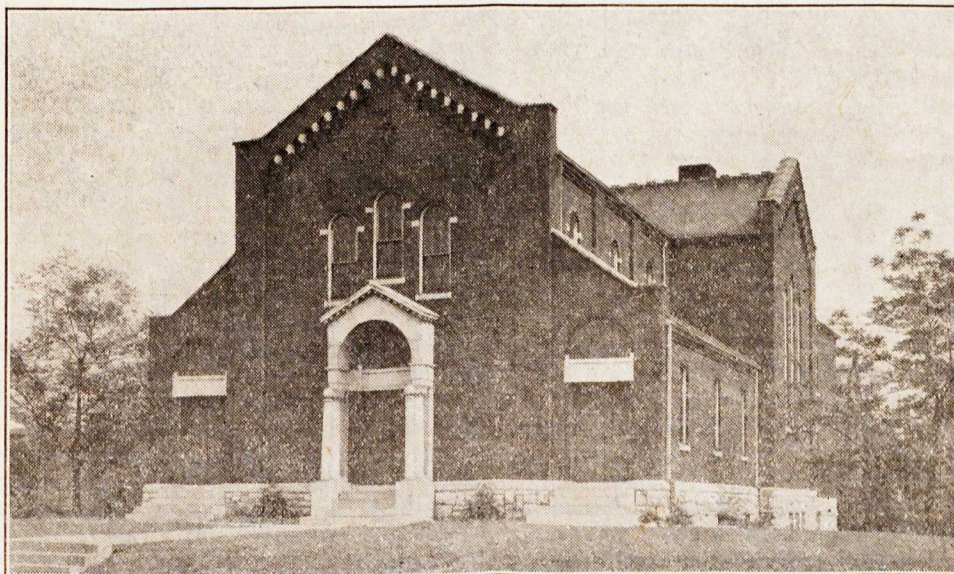
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We have three churches in Nashville: This one in East Nashville, one in West Nashville, and one in North Nashville.

This picture was made possible through the courtesy of Rev. J. L. Welch, formerly pastor of this church, but at the present time he is pastor of the North Nashville church.

—Elder Winford Davis.



## THE NEW KINGDOM

### Part 12. "And a Little Child Shall Lead Them."

*By Elder Everett Wilson*

We are most surely coming close to a great change. For near six thousand years we have been going along life's way, witnessing the fulfillment of many prophecies given in the Scriptures. God has most surely proved that He can and will deal with man, whom He created in His own image and set him in the high office of having dominion over all His vast creation, but unbelief has so often broken the sweet communion between man and God, and has caused God to move out in judgments of different kinds. Near the close of the first two thousand years, God sent the Flood upon the earth, saving but eight persons alive. God surely warned the people of the coming judgment, but only eight heard His voice. No doubt Noah and his family seemed but babbling children in the eyes of the worldly wise, "For who had ever heard of such a thing as a flood so great," but it came on schedule time, and many threw up their hands and cried out, "If we had only heeded his word!" This will be the cry of many thousands who fail to heed His final warning of the second coming of Jesus.

The next two thousand years witnessed the birth of Christ. Every word uttered by the seers, from the days of Adam on down the many years, who spoke in minute detail of His coming. Some catching a full view of the final acts of His coming, and others giving out the different stages of His coming, but all together they give the full account of both His first and His second advent, and all will end up with the one and great event, the final Judgment, on which we all agree. It is a fact we cannot deny, that when Jesus arose from the dead, many of the dead arose with Him, and were seen of many in Jerusalem (Matt. 27:52, 53). While there is no direct statement that they were taken to heaven, yet there's so much in the Bible that makes us sure they were taken there. Here may be at least a hint at this, when Mary first met Him, early that resurrection morning, He said, "Touch me not, for I have not yet ascended" (John 20:17). A little later it seems she held Him by His feet (Matt. 28:9). So it looks as if He slipped away between these two meetings, and no doubt took those whom He had raised to heaven. Read Eph. 4:8, "He led captivity captive," or as some say, "multitudes of captives." According to type, as High Priest, He must have entered into the holiest of all, with His own blood, and then returned back to earth to finish the instructing of His followers, before giving over to them the work of spreading the Gospel. At any rate it must be in His own power to raise the dead in as many different groups, or classes, as may meet with His divine purpose and plans, and can all be in the range of His coming, for He is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25). So the period of resurrection must have begun when Jesus came forth from the grave, but we may sum it all up in the words of Paul when he said, "There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust" (Acts 24:15), and again, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according

to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). Let us remember, no opinion will change facts, and all must be done God's way.

Great were the events that closed up the fourth great millennial day of 1,000 years. Nearly two more of these days are gone now, and we are living in the evening light of the sixth day. The world's great Saturday night, just before the great sabbath rest day of 1,000 years. The sixth day will close with man having his way, but the seventh will open with Christ upon His throne in Jerusalem, as He is heir to the throne of His father David.

In six days God created all that is created and rested on the seventh day. I believe these days were evening and morning days, just as stated in the Bible. To me God is the Creator; nothing came of its own will, or evolved. The arguments offered by men of science are no arguments to me, for if God could create one animal or fish, He could just as easily speak any number into existence, and turn and destroy them in the next instant by a great upheaval of some kind, crushing all the oils and fats out of them, thus making the vast oil deposits in the earth, if such was His way of doing. I do not say He did this in just this manner. Scientists claim they were millions of years forming by slow and natural process, and God usually works in harmony with the laws of nature, but He being the author of nature can also set aside all natural laws and do "all things after the council of His will," and why take God out of the picture and guess at anything? one kind of a guess is as good as another. The Bible gives the most reasonable answer to all kinds of vital questions of today, so let us at least keep in harmony with His plan of times and seasons, giving Him all rights as Father and Creator.

In keeping with the great six day week of creation and a seventh day of rest, the Bible sets forth a week of millennia of one thousand years each, six of which are all but past, and we as pre-millennial people look for the second coming of Jesus before the seventh, or rest millennium begins. Can we think that the time of the second coming of Jesus is yet a thousand years away? With so many of the signs of His coming so definitely fulfilled, and so many dates given for the fulfillment of prophesied events which have taken place on time. Some say that the binding of Satan for a thousand years took place when Christ was born, or there about. Can any one think of Christ making so poor a guess by saying one thousand years, when nearly two thousand have passed since then, and men and nations are more deceived now than ever before? He said, "The nations should be deceived no more until the thousand years are past." Deception was taught right from the resurrection of Jesus thenceforth, for the Jews offered money to the soldiers, saying, "Say ye his disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept." This teaching is still believed by many and I am certain there could be no greater deception than this (Matt. 28:13-15). And if this is the binding of Satan, as one minister says, "He is sure tied with a mighty long chain." There seems to be no place in the past six thousand years where we can say, "The Devil is bound and nations are not deceived." If we want to say, "Satan is hindered," then we have Scripture that amply

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## EARTH'S PROPHETIC WEEK

By Elder B. F. Brown  
Continued from last month

Then, if we really care, we will take with us that competent Helper, the Holy Spirit, and search the Scriptures for things concerning our Lord, and find out what He would have us know and do.

"And of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior" (v. 2). The apostles had been in school for three years and more, under the greatest Teacher that ever taught among men, and had learned many things that Christian men, even today, should know of the Lord, and of things pertaining to Salvation, which they should teach to others, and teach others to observe (Matt. 28:19, 20). And were the apostles constrained to minister and teach as they were commanded? Let us see. Peter and John, when on trial, said to the Sanhedrin, "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). And after this seven deacons were appointed to have charge over the business of the church, so the apostles could devote their whole time to prayer and the ministry of the word (Acts 6:3, 4). While our Lord was on earth He ministered unto men, and said, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister; and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). This is the key verse to Mark's Gospel. And before Jesus left this earth (after His resurrection), He said unto His apostles, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (Jn. 20:21). And even now they that believe on Him must carry on the work He left to be done. All God's work on earth is done through men and women who have come to Jesus and learned of Him.

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers" (v. 3). But how did Peter know what would come in the last days? And how do we know what shall be in the last days? How do we know that Christ is coming for His saints, and that seven years later He will come to rule and reign on the earth? By studying what the prophets have written, as the Lord commanded we should. Then perhaps Peter received things by inspiration as did Paul and the holy prophets, and he was taught of the Lord. Well, Peter was right about the scoffers; they are here now, lots of them, and their number is increasing as the end of this age draws near. And from Peter's time even until now many men have appeared, who, "professing themselves to be wise, they become fools" (Rom. 1:22; Jude 10).

"Walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming?" (vs. 3, 4). These are men whose own pleasure is their only law, and having no reverence for God, they are unrestrained. Men who spend their time dealing scientifically with natural and material things generally accept the Evolution lie and reject the Genesis account of creation, and this lie is being taught to millions of our boys and girls in our present day schools. This of course leaves God out; and to such men there can be no miracles, no miraculous change in the earth, nor in the works of nature. They therefore reject the story of the Flood, and the Bible in general; and become scoffers, saying, "Where is the promise of his coming?" In the minds and hearts of such

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**HASKELL, OKLAHOMA, March 6, 1935.**

Dear Editor and Gem Readers: The Rothhammer church wishes to be represented in the church paper. We are just a few in number (34), but are striving to do our part in the upbuilding of God's kingdom. God has blessed us with weather and health, so that we haven't missed one of our regular meetings on the first Sunday.

The young folks have their Free Will Baptist league on Sunday night, and prayer meeting afterward.

On last first Sunday Shahan church remembered us with eight visitors, and Lone Star with three. Bro. Carl Hembree opened the preaching service. Text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

In this time of distress and depression, we know from this verse from God's eternal Word that man has failed. Some have failed in their service toward their fellow man. Christ's language, "As ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," and some in financing His cause. "Will a man rob God?" Will each child of God remember us when you pray, and visit us when possible.

Elder Fred Jones Pastor,  
Ethel Turner, Clerk.

**SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, January 15, 1935**

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Family:

I have never written any before, but I haven't language or words to express how thankful I am for the Gem. I can hardly wait from one month to the next for the paper to come. I hope I will not say anything that will harm anyone, but hope I can say something that will help someone.

God has been so wonderful to us, that I cannot work for Him enough the rest of my life. It seems like heaven here on earth sometimes; and I am so glad that God called my dear companion to preach His Word; pray for me, that I may be always ready to help him in the good work, not only him, but all of the ministers; they need our prayers, so let us hold them up to the throne of grace.

To you that helped us in the time of need, some of you I do not know or ever met, but God knows you, and I pray that God's richest blessings be with each and every one of you. It seems to me that prayer is the most wonderful thing; when God's children need help, just to go to Him, and talk to Him as we would to our father or mother, asking for what we need, and then, how willing our dear Heavenly Father is to help us bear the trials and temptations we must face from time to time, if we will but ask His help. He will never forsake us if we will stay close by His side and always willing that His will be done, and not ours.

I am so thankful that I got to attend the Association this year, and above all we could feel God's presence there and, dear ones, when we get to hungering to hear our brethren preach the old time Gospel and to see the power of God manifested in the old time way, and to see the dear old soldiers of the cross, more determined to go on than ever,

like dear Sister Lina Claxton, dear Sister Scott, and like many others we haven't space to mention.

May we ever be ready to do whatever the good Lord would have us to do. We know that we are weak, but it does us good when we can talk to the old soldiers, and to hear them pray gives us new strength and courage. May we be ever ready to hold up the cross, for it means something to be a Christian. Dear sinners, if any of you read this, for your sake and for God's sake, let Him come into your heart, and you will never regret a moment of your life that you found Him dear and precious to your soul.

We would not forget the dear people around Oak Grove church; they have a warm place in our heart that will never be forgotten, and I thank the dear Lord for the way they are letting Him live in their lives, and may the new converts ever let their light shine and press on to the mark of the high calling.

I ask the prayers of God's children everywhere, that my companion will let God have His way in his heart and life, that He may use him to His glory. He and Bro. O. L. Allen are in a meeting, and I am hoping and praying that the dear Lord will give them souls for their labor, not that they would get a name, but that the Lord will get the praise.

May the Lord bless all who read this, is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Linna George.

**BRYAN, TEXAS, March 15, 1935.**

Dears Gem Family: It rejoices our soul to write and tell you that God has been blessing and saving souls since we last reported. We finished the meeting with our people at Bryan. Had 23 saved, and eleven added to the church. We certainly enjoyed working with Bro. and Sister Blackwelder; they are real saints of God, and will be greatly missed here in Texas.

After we closed at the Free Will Baptist church, we were invited to conduct a revival up in town at a mission, run by a splendid Presbyterian and his wife. They too, are real children of God. We had 24 conversions at the mission.

After Bro. Blackwelder left, the church asked us to fill in till their new pastor comes. He is to be on the field by the first of April.

After our meeting at the mission closed, we went to Falba, Texas to see our home folks, and while there we gave a few lectures on the Second Coming of our Lord; The Battle of Armageddon; The Great Tribulation; The Millennial Reign; The Battle of Gog and Magog; The White Throne Judgment; The New Heaven and The New Earth; and we believe great good was accomplished.

We came back to Bryan Sunday morning and filled the pulpit both services, and this week we are giving the same lectures at the mission, that we gave at Falba.

We are so glad to see so many good letters in the Gem each month, and we thank Bro. Davis and Bro. Brown for the pictures on the front page.

Pray for us, that God will give us great success this year in Texas, and that many souls may be saved.

—Lizzie McAdams.

**FT. SMITH, ARKANSAS, 1214 Kelly Highway.**

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I used to get the Gem, but let my subscription lapse until Bro. Bud Wilson came along and made me understand just how much I needed the Gem. I have just received my first copy and it seems just like an old friend returning home.

Now, if you will give me a little space, I will be glad to tell you and the Gem readers something about the newest church in Zion Hope Association No. 2. It was organized August 24, 1934, by myself, with the help of Bro. E. W. Simpkins of Van Buren, Ark., pastor of the First Church of Ft. Smith, and Bro. Ray Purdom, ass't pastor of the First Church, and Deacon Geo. Wilson, also of the First Church.

We organized with 18 members, now we have 30.

**Officers of Church and Sunday School**

Pastor .....	Eld. Don M. Bias
Deacons, Brothers Kenneth Kagen and Jas. Parker	
Church Clerk .....	Sister Flora Ward
Treasurer .....	Sister Lillian Kagen
Sunday School Supt. ....	Bro. James Parker
Secretary .....	Sister Robert Brown
Treasurer .....	Sister Ora Sillman.

Last week a Junior League was organized.

The name of our church is Oak Grove Free Will Baptist, and is out near the Acme Brick Plant.

We have services every Sunday, and prayer meeting every Thursday night. We ask prayers, that we may be found faithful to the end.

—Eld. Don M. Bias.

**QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT**

The Wright Co. Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist met with Big Creek church, Thursday night before the fifth Sunday in December, 1934, and was called to order by singing. Bro. Albert Brooks being absent, Bro. G. W. Scott Sr. was elected to preach the introductory sermon. Lesson 28th chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Eld. Clarence Ussery. Text, Matt. 28th chapter and part of 9th verse. Communion and feet washing administered by Eld. D. R. Royster. After which the old moderator took charge and called for registration of ministers, deacons, church clerks and ministers' wives.

Committee on Divine Service, Brothers Ed Fagan, Walter Scheets and A. W. Belt.

Committee on Credentials, Brothers Ben Owens, Clarence Ussery and L. J. Gearing.

Friday Morning—Conference called together by singing. Reading 23rd Psalm by moderator. Prayer by Eld. N. E. Snider. Roll call. Election of moderator. Elder J. J. Postlewait elected, Eld. Ben Owens assistant. Eld. J. E. Burney chosen on credentials committee. Report of credentials committee called for. Report favorable on ten churches and delegates seated. Report of new church, Tyrone, received and church received into the Quarterly M.

Eld. D. R. Royster, Eld. N. E. Snider and Bro. Lee Maxwell appointed on business committee.

1st Query: "Is it the duty of a God-called preacher to warn Christian people of their sins before they commit them, or after?" Opened by Eld. Ruel Parker. Taken up and discussed and passed by

satisfied that it is the duty of a God-called preacher to warn Christian people of their sins before and after.

2nd Query: "Have we any Bible evidence that our Lord will soon come after his bride?" Opened by Eld. John Oxley. Discussed and passed by satisfied that we have plenty of scripture that the Lord is coming soon and we urge that our people look for his coming.

Report on Big Creek church and delegates seated. Conference adjourned till 2:00 o'clock, with prayer by Eld. Ben Owens.

Stand filled at eleven by Bro. J. J. Postlewait and Bro. Clarence Ussery.

Conference called together by singing. Reading: Jude by moderator. Prayer by Eld. J. E. Burney. Credentials committee report favorable on Union Grove No. 2.

Report of executive board made and taken up.—"We request the Q. M. to not license or ordain any one to preach the Gospel except they believe the Articles of Faith in full and deal with those that teach and practice anything else." Passed by satisfied that we adopt in full and deal with same.

Resolution: "Be it Resolved, That this Quarterly Meeting discontinue the evangelist from now on." Taken up and discussed and passed by to go ahead the same as we have been.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Geisler.

Stand filled at night by Eld. N. E. Snider and Eld. J. E. Burney.

Conference opened Saturday morning by reading Psalm 120 by moderator. Prayer by Bro. Roy Pembroke. Minutes of Quarterly Meeting up until present read and received.

Report of committee on credentials. Report favorable on Willow Springs church and delegates seated.

Request from Wolf Creek for to extend the license of Sister Zeldia Young. Request rejected.

3rd. Query: "Is a preacher of the Gospel as responsible to support and attend his home church as a lay member?" Opened by Eld. Clarence Ussery. Taken up and discussed and passed by satisfied that he is just as responsible for the support and just as responsible for attendance when not engaged in his own ministerial work.

4th Query: "Please explain Matt. 5:14-15. What is the candlestick?" Passed by satisfied that it is the church.

5th Query: "Please explain the work of the Holy Ghost, regeneration throughout a Christian life." Passed by satisfied that the Holy Ghost comes at conversion and stays with us through a Christian life.

Passed by vote that the next quarterly meeting be at Wolf Creek. Bro. Clarence to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. J. E. Burney alternate.

Home Mission funds called for. \$11.35 received.

Resolution: Taken up and discussed and passed by satisfied that we take our stand against the doctrine being preached, that of Jesus Christ coming back and setting up an earthly kingdom here on earth.

Conference adjourned till 2 o'clock, with prayer by Bro. Walter Baker.

Stand filled at eleven by Bro. Pembroke and Bro. L. J. Gearing.

Conference opened at 2 o'clock by singing. Reading 1st chapter of James by moderator. Prayer by Eld. N. E. Snider. Call for report of credentials committee. Received on Mt'n Valley.

Resolution: "Be it Resolved, That the Wright Co. Quarterly Meeting change our time of closing on Sunday evening to Saturday evening. Res. adopted.

Resolution: "Be it Resolved, That hereafter no trouble or grievances shall be brought before the conference until every possible effort has been made to settle it outside the quarterly meeting." Resolution adopted.

Vote of appreciation to moderator and assistant.

Vote of appreciation to church and community.

Vote of appreciation of church and community to quarterly meeting.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Eld. G. W. Scott Sr.

Eld. J. J. Postlewait, Moderator,  
Riley Hutsell, Clerk.

It may be safe to pass resolutions against the doctrines of men: but to pass resolutions against the doctrines of the word of God is dangerous; better be careful, brethren.

—The Editor.

### FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS, Route 3

Dear Gem Family: While reading the lesson of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32), how he told his father to give him his portion of goods that falleth to him, so that he might go out into the world while he was young.

He had probably grown tired of helping his father who was a good man and was trying to serve God and set the right example before his family.

This boy, like many children of today, wanted to get away from his parents, so that he might do as he pleased. He wanted to go where he wouldn't have to work, where he could spend all his time and money for the things of the world. Satan will gladly go before us if we will allow him to, and cause us to find pleasure in the ways of the world.

Then came the sad time in this boy's life. When his money was all gone, his friends (supposed to be) turned him down and ignored him; so he went into the fields to feed swine.

When he came to himself, he said, "I will arise and go to my father (v. 18). I believe this boy realized his condition and was willing to repent, he was even willing to go home and confess his faults to his father, and ask his father to make him as one of his hired servants, because he had disgraced his family and was no longer worthy to be called a son.

Luke 15:7 tells us there is more joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth, than over ninety-nine just persons which need no repentance.

May God help all who, like Peter, are following the Lord afar off, to forsake sin and do what they can for the cause while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Pray for me, that I may be able to do more for the Master.  
—Mrs. C. C. Finn.

**WAGONER, OKLAHOMA, March 18, 1935.**

Dear Gem Readers: We want the world to know that Victory Hillchurch in on the firing line and

always ready to uphold the blood stained banner of Christ. God is really blessing at this little church. No souls are being saved, but some are under deep conviction. We believe that we will see souls born into the kingdom in our next revival, which we believe is right at hand.

We had an attendance of one hundred fifteen at Bible study Saturday night. Ten Bibles were present. Starting at this place with an average of about twenty-five. We believe that it's all through prayers of the Christian people. Prayer meetings are good, and we have a wonderful Sunday school.

Bro. Arnold from Tulsa brought the message Sunday morning. We were glad to have him with us.

We want to thank our friends and neighbors for the gratitude shown in behalf of our father Sunday, on his seventieth birthday. After services Sunday morning the congregation went to the home of T. W. Whitten where the dinner was prepared. All the living children were present. One daughter passed away about two years ago, but had her precious baby to take her place. Children present were: Rev. T. L. Whitten, father, Mrs. L. P. Neal of Wilderness, Mo., Mrs. C. D. Nance, Mr. R. V. Whitten, Mrs. Archa Mathis, all of Tulsa, Okla., Mrs. J. L. Cox, Mr. T. W. Whitten, Mr. W. P. Whitten, all of Wagoner. Twenty grandchildren and one great grandchild were present. Those present from Tulsa were Bro. and Sister Haines, Bro. and Sister Wilson, Bro. Arnold and families. We were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Carr, Mrs. T. F. Kennedy, Miss Helen Sullivan from Wagoner.

Rev. W. B. Carr brought a wonderful message after lunch was served. A goodly number from this vicinity were present. After services at the home a wonderful message was brought at the church on Sunday night. Rev. Charley Wilson, just a boy preacher taking the stand for the second time. He made a wonderful talk and kindled the fire. His text was, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Then Bro. V. E. Cooper our pastor finished the service. The power came down from on high. He really preached a sermon and God was by his side.

The church has the quilt finished and ready to sell.

We were called to one home this month to pray for an infant which the physicians had no hope for. But God laid a healing hand on the child and he is a blooming rose in the home again. We ask all Christians to pray for these parents who are in sin.

We beg the prayers of the Christian people to pray for the lost of this place; our hearts ache for them.

I ask you Christian people to remember my own precious father in prayer, that he may be saved before it is too late. He is in bad health and growing old. I know he hasn't but a short time to stay with us on this side of eternity; but pray that the circle will be unbroken when we all reach the other shore.  
—Mrs. Paul Whitten.

### BOWDEN, OKLAHOMA

Dear Editor and All the Good Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to let you know that the Eastside Mission circle is still working for the Lord.

Our last rally was held at the Tulsa church. The Lord blessed in many ways, there was a good crowd

present, and a young man that has only tried to preach two or three times, Bro. Durpre, brought us the eleven o'clock message. The Lord wonderfully blessed him; let us remember to pray for him.

The following churches were represented: Lawnwood, Allen, New Home, Blue Bell, Pleasant Valley and the Tulsa church.

Fine reports were turned in by all the churches: Lots of sick calls made, a number of cottage prayer meetings held, several souls saved.

Bro. Burt Rogers from Texas brot the afternoon message, using as a text, "Blessed are they that keep his commandments, for they have a right to the tree of life." It was a real spiritual message. Let us thank God for ministers who are not afraid to preach the truth. Bro. Bingham gave us a good talk after Bro. Rogers finished, which we all enjoyed. Bro. Rogers has been holding a revival at the New Home church, with wonderful success, many finding Jesus precious to their souls.

Our next rally will be the third Sunday in April, at Blue Bell church. We desire an interest in your prayers, that we will always live close to the Lord and do His will. Pray for me.  
—Mrs. J. L. Smith.

### WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We wish to make a short report for our little church here at Wewoka.

We have been wonderfully blessed by the Lord here in the past five or six months. We have a full time pastor, Bro. W. H. Carter, and he is not afraid to preach the Bible truths. Our attendance is good at all times.

We have Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., young people's meeting at 6:00 p. m., and preaching at 7:30 p. m. on Sunday. Then we have prayer meeting at the church on Wednesday evening, and cottage prayer meeting on Friday evening.

We are now laying plans for a new building, and wish to be remembered in prayer by all the Free Will Baptist readers, and may God wonderfully bless all of you, is our prayer.

I am enclosing a poem that has a great meaning to me:

#### "OUR GREAT NEED"

A city full of churches;

Great preachers, lettered men.

Grand music, choirs, organs,

If these all fail, what then?

Good workers, eager, earnest,

Who labor hour by hour,

But where, oh, where, my brother,

Is God's almighty power?

Refinement, education,

They want the very best,

Their plans and schemes are perfect,

They give themselves no rest.

They get the best of talent,

They try their uttermost,

But what they need, my brother,

Is God, the Holy Ghost.

You may spend time and money,  
And preach from wisdom's lore,  
But education only

Will keep God's people poor.  
God wants, not worldly wisdom,  
He seeks no smiles to win,  
But what is needful, brother,  
Is that we deal with sin.

It is the Holy Spirit,

That quickeneth the soul;  
God will not take man-worship,  
Nor bow to man's control.  
No human innovation,  
No skill or worldly art,  
Can give a true repentance,  
Or break a sinner's heart.

We may have human wisdom,  
Grand singing, great success,  
There may be fine equipment,  
But those things do not bless.  
God wants a pure, clean vessel;  
Anointed lips and true,  
A man filled with the Spirit,  
To speak his message through.

—Selected.

Thank God we have that kind of a man.

—Mrs. Maudie M. Sharp.

### CUSHING, OKLA., March 11th.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We wish to give a report of Mission Circle No. 1 of First Mission Association, which convened with Tuskegee Free Will Baptist church, Mar. 1, 1935. The Tuskegee church is a new one in our circle and we have a splendid report from them: Meeting days each Thursday afternoon, have given two clothing showers, one grocery shower, have given flowers to the sick, have had eight cottage prayer meetings, made 297 sick calls, read 1056 Bible chapters, received \$4.48 collections. Eld. John H. West, Pastor.

Keep up the good work, Tuskegee, and may the Lord bless you.

Drumright Mission circle is still working for the Lord. They have quilted one quilt and almost finished another one, read 391 Bible chapters, made 125 sick calls, have an average attendance of 28 at Bible study, ask an interest in the prayer of God's people.

The following churches were not represented at the Mission rally by letter and report: Cushing, Cushing Juniors, Drumright Juniors, Vance Chapel, Jennings, Silver City, and Arbordale. We hope these will have a good report next time.

While I am not the church corresponding secretary, I wish to give a report of the Cushing church.

At present the church is having a revival meeting, and several souls have been saved already. The meeting is now in its third week. Perhaps this accounts for Cushing not having a report. Sister Sadie Fincher from Drumright preached for us the first two weeks, and Sister Fincher and Bro. Waltman are continuing it into the third week. Pray for us, that many souls will be saved while the services continue.

Eld. J. D. Williams, Mission Sec'y.

### GRANBY, MO., March 16, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I have been a reader of the Gem for some time, and I sure enjoy reading the good reports and I am glad for the wonderful words of encouragement from our brothers and sister in Christ.

Just closed a revival meeting at the Oak Grove church in McDonald Co. where I am trying with God's help to pastor. Eld. Cecil Campbell helped us hold the revival. We had a wonderful meeting, with eight conversions, the church was greatly revived and the Christians were wonderfully blessed, for God's Spirit was with us throughout the meeting. Two united with the church and several more are expected to unite.

On Friday night, March 7th, a young man united with the church and was baptized after the service. We drove to the river's edge and the car lights shone out across the river and the gas lights that were used made a wonderful scene.

As I received an injury to my ankle the second week of the meeting, I was not able to do the baptizing, but Bro. Campbell took charge of the service. I think it was the first time any of us ever witnessed a baptizing at night, and it sure was a wonderful service. The world was completely shut out, and I think every one had their thoughts centered upon God, and the service, I am sure every one was greatly blessed, especially the young man that was baptized, there sure was a shine on his face when he came up out of the water.

I want to hold some more meetings this summer and I feel very much in need of your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,

Eld. Sherman Harris.

### DESLOGE CHURCH NOTES

March eighth was observed as a day of fasting and prayer in our town by the Mission women of the different churches, at the Missionary Baptist church. It was good to be there.

Our Sunday school is enjoying, and we trust is gaining much from the lessons of this quarter, "Studies From the Life of Peter." We profit from the study of the lives of great men: we find they make mistakes even as we, but are given strength to overcome by calling upon and trusting the God of heaven, the source of all true help and strength. Peter was to become a mighty spiritual factor in the founding of the Christian church, so his experience on the day of Pentecost made him a bolder man for God. Men and women are needed today who are established in the faith and will stand true amidst all the persecutions, trials and difficulties of life. God can equip his children for service and lead them out into lives of victory and usefulness when they are fully surrendered to His will.

—REPORTER.



## TULSA CHURCH REPORT

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

Tulsa church continues to push forward in the battle against Satan. We have felt a real revival spirit for some time during our regular services, as we have had several souls saved and perhaps would be in a revival here now, but several of our folks are attending Bro. Roger's meeting at New Home church.

They report a wonderful work being done out there, with good attendance, good singing, good preaching, and quite a number of souls being saved.

We were happy to have the Mission rally to meet with us on March 8th. It was a fine gathering from start to finish. We heard two good sermons that were real food to our souls.

Our Mission Mothers are busy on our different quilts, we are planning on having a quilt sale in the near future.

Our Sunday school attendance is gaining. Our pastor plans a "Know Your Next Door Neighbor" campaign right away, to invite people out to the house of God, that they might hear the Word and be saved. We are made to realize more and more each day that Christ's coming is not far off and it behooves us to watch and pray, and to work while it is yet day.

After a short devotional service on Wednesday night the pulpit has been occupied by some one of our new boy preachers and they have been delivering some wonderful messages.

On Friday night is Bible study. The congregation being divided into three different departments for this course. Bro. Melvin Bingham has charge of the adult department, and is teaching Paul's Missionary journeys to a much interested class.

Sister Bingham teaches the Junior Mission. Her department is taking a great interest in learning about God's work.

—Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

## MONETT, MO., March 16, 1935.

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Readers of the Gem: I am a reader of the Gem, but have never written to it, so will try to write a few lines.

I enjoy so much, reading the good letters from the brothers and sisters of the different churches.

I am now an invalid and have been bedfast for the past six weeks and will probably be compelled to remain in bed for some time yet. I am just trusting in the Lord, that he will heal me by His healing power, and I just ask all the brothers and sisters to pray for me.

When I think of dear Bro. York who passed away recently, of the terrible condition he was in, it just enables me to have more patience and to thank my Master that my illness is no worse than what it is.

I belong to the Macedonia Free Will Baptist church in this community, of which my dear brother, Eld. Winford Davis is pastor. We have a mission circle which does much for the church. I always enjoy attending each mission meeting, as I feel that in this way we

are helping much to carry on the good work of the Lord.

I have a dear companion, who is not a Christian; pray for him, that he might not be lost. I also have three dear little children, the oldest one has started out to live for Jesus, he will be 13 years old in July. I am trying to encourage him, as he is young in the cause. I am just praying that God will spare me to raise my little children up right, as that is one of the greatest desires of my life.

Let's take our troubles to Jesus,

He is a Friend indeed;

If we'll call on Him in each undertaking,

We're always sure to succeed.

He watches over us daily,

And from us He'll never depart,

If we trust Him each day and always obey,

And keep His love deep in our heart.

Mrs. Opal Frazier.

## HARTVILLE, MO., Feb. 27, 1935

Dear Readers of the Gem:

You all may get tired of me talking every month, but the churches in this part of the country just have preaching once a month and I don't get to go very often at that. I love the church, I love the church folks, I love to be in their company, I love to study God's Word, and I love to think and talk about the good old days when father and mother lived here on earth with us, and taught us the word of God as best they could, and took us to the old fashioned country church where they worshipped God through tears and in humility. When my father came to the Ozarks, to Wright county, Mo. in 1874, he met with old acquaintances here that had lived in the community with him in Tennessee before the Civil War broke out, and having been separated from them for eleven years, it was great joy for him to meet with them, and the best thing I think of, one of his playmates had been called to preach the Gospel. His name was Will McClanahan, and some who read the Gem will remember him as well as I, he was Bro. Widd McClanahan's uncle; I am sure he remembers him. Well, he was a Methodist preacher, and one among the best exhorters you ever heard. He was a fleshy man, low and heavy set, but did not excuse himself, by saying, "For convenience, let us stand while I pray," but he got on his knees humbly while he talked to God and plead for him to send convicting power to the unsaved and revive Christians, and send a real old time revival in the hearts of the people. Then when he read his lesson, he would tell sinners how dangerous it was to live away from God, and in sin.

John preached in the wilderness, saying, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2).

Jesus began preaching, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17).

Christ preached, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

"Repent therefore of this thy wickedness; and pray God" (Acts 8:22).

And this preacher I am telling you about, pleading so earnestly for the unsaved to come to the altar, the tears flowing down his cheeks in sympathy for them, sometimes had 25 or more at the mercy seat, or mourners' bench, if you would call it that, and you could see the tears and hear them praying, asking God for mercy, and when some one, may be five or six, would be saved, they would arise with their faces shining, with the love of God in their hearts and praising God through tears, then there would be joy and shouting in the camp.

"Tell Hezekiah . . . I have heard thy prayers. I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee" (2 Kgs. 20:5).

David said, "My tears have been my meat" (Psa. 42:3).

"Behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house brought an alabaster box of ointment, and stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment" (Luke 7:37, 38).

"Ye know after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears" Acts 20:18-19).

And when I read this it made me think of a Christian woman that lived here at Hartville some years ago, her husband managed the canning factory here. I was present with her at a testimony meeting while she lived here, and she said that was the first time she had ever had the opportunity to testify since she had lived in Hartville. While standing up she said, "I can't talk like other folks, but I love Jesus and I can cry, and glad I can," which meant much to me. She now lives at Niangua, Mo. God bless her, where ever she may be.

"Esau, who for one morsal of meat, sold his birthright . . . when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears" (Heb. 12:16, 17).

Paul said to the Corinthians, I wrote unto you with many tears; not that you should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you" (2 Cor. 2:4).

Oh, the love of God is wonderful when we can shed tears with those that weep and shed tears with those that rejoice; "they that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psa. 126:5, 6).

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Even a true mother takes notice of the tears on her precious child's cheek, and how quick she tries to find out the cause, then tries with the love of God in her heart to comfort, and kiss away the tears.

Dear Christian friends, when the tears at any time run down your cheek, just breathe a word of prayer for me.

When I can read my title clear,

To mansions in the skies,

I'll bid farewell to every fear,

And wipe my weeping eyes.

Mrs. Lina Claxton.



## F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

### STATE LEAGUE OFFICERS

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

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

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

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

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Chloe Lewis ..... Pattonsburg, Mo.

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Eld. Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo., R1.

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

### STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Young People: I didn't write you last month, not that I had lost interest, but I was so busy in the revival at Crane, Mo. till I just let the time for writing slip by. Then perhaps you appreciated a month's rest any way.

I had a fine young people's organization to work with at Crane, and they talked very favorably of representing with us in our league rallies of Indian Creek Association.

I know of no better subject to talk to you about for a few minutes than the word or name "Christian." This is simply an enlargement upon the word Christ; we might say, "Christ-ian." It means a follower of Christ or a Christ-like person. You remember the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch. Whatever we profess we are likely to be designated by that title or name, and might well expect to be. You notice the man that drinks strong drink is called a drunkard, the man that swears is called a blasphemer, the man that steals is called a thief, the man that professes politics is called a politician, and so the man that professes Christianity is called a Christian; but what a contrast between the name Christian and the names just mentioned above. Also what a difference in our thoughts when we hear the words called. There are certain people you can think of, and every time you hear their name called your mind runs to thoughts of goodness, righteousness, faith, purity,

spirituality, etc. Then there are other persons that live such lives until every time their name is called your mind runs to thoughts exactly the opposite: Murder, whisky, uncleanness, filth, etc. That old question, What's in a name, might be answered this way: It depends altogether on what is associated with that name. There were numbers of other people named Jesus. You remember we have one in the Bible named Bar Jesus; but as Evangeline Booth has said, there is one of them who is *Supreme* Jesus, and has been of such tremendous influence till our thoughts entirely change when we hear the name mentioned. The five letters, M O O D Y, mean but little within themselves, and are but an English arrangement, but because of what has been associated with that name our thoughts quickly turn to things real when we hear the name called. Then let us use the name this way just for the sake of illustration: Just to bear the Moody name does not always mean one is anything like the Moody we are thinking about just now; neither does bearing the name Christian always prove that we are a true Christian or follower of Christ, but it is that which is associated with our name that prove the fact. One has said, "Your actions speak so loud that I cannot hear what you say." It is wonderful to bear the name Christian, but let us not forget the great responsibility of bearing that name. Remember it means to be Christ-like, and so if we are a Christian we should let Christ be our pattern. Try to so live that when you are mentioned as a Christian, folks will have thoughts of real Christianity. Don't reproach the cause of your Savior by esteeming the term Christian lightly and failing to consider what it means to bear the name.

I beg an interest in your prayers.  
May the Lord bless our young people's work.

Winford Davis.

### SOUTH FORT SMITH, ARK.

March 7, 1935.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I am sending you an outline of our Free Will Baptist Junior League which was organized March 3, 1935. This league was formed in the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist church, which is located on Greenwood Road and Sunnyside Addition in Fort Smith, Ark.

The church was organized August 24, 1934, with an enrollment of eighteen members. Bro. Bias is pastor. It now has 30 members.

Our league has a total of eleven members and five officers:

President ..... Angus Belser  
Vice President ..... Jack Belser  
Secretary ..... Miss Eunice Karr  
Treasurer ..... Bud Howard  
Ass't Treasurer, Miss Mildred Silmon  
Sponsors for the League are: Mrs. Lillie Kagen and Mr. Bias.

The league will appreciate it if we can get correspondence with other leagues. The address for the correspondence is: Eunice Karr,  
South Fort Smith, Arkansas.

### REPORT OF MACEDONIA LEAGUE Ruth Davis, Reporter

We didn't send in our report last month because we didn't have anything new to report. We don't have this time, but we want you to know that we are still at work. We have league every Sunday evening, regardless of the disagreeable weather which we have been having. It seems to me that each lesson is more interesting. We still have a membership of about thirty. Most all of our league members attend prayer meeting at least once and sometimes twice each week. We have prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at the church and cottage prayer meeting once a week.

We hope to accomplish much good through the league work. We desire your prayers, that through the league work, some lost soul may be saved.

We hope to see you all at the League Rally at the Merl's Chapel church.

### ST. LOUIS, MO., March 13, 1935

To the Gem Family:

Just a brief report of our St. Louis church. The Lord is wonderfully blessing us, and we have had nine professions in the last five weeks, and five united with the church. At our league last night we had one profession.

Brothers Frank Miller and Everett Simmons and a Bro. Stiener, and Sister Miller, companion of Bro. Frank Miller, gave us the benefit of a musical program of 45 minutes at our league, March 12th. The program consisted of both vocal and instrumental music. The program was well rendered and enjoyed by all present. These good people are composers and teachers of music; both instrumental and vocal, also are open for evangelistic work as singers. We feel that it is a great blessing to us to have them with us occasionally.

Our Sunday school is moving along nicely, and our finances are coming along very well.

The Free Will Baptist mission at 1443 So. 18th St., of which Bro Chas. Miller is pastor, is doing good work. The mission is an arm of the church at 1405 So. 7th St. They have had several professions up there during the winter. They are expecting to hold a revival soon. We are hoping some day to see them become a full fledged church.

Your brother in Christ,  
Eld. W. C. Hill.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eld. and Mrs. Cecil E. Horner of Niangua, Missouri, Route, announce the birth of a baby boy on February 26, 1935. He has been named James Melvin. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hill, at 1133 South 10th Street, St. Louis, Missouri. His grandfather thinks he will be a preacher.

## OBITUARY

**NEWCOMER**—Lorena Jane Newcomer, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Newcomer, was born Jan. 4, 1935, and departed this life Jan. 27, 1935, at their home near Greentop, Mo. Death was due to pneumonia, and came as a shock to the family and friends, as she was sick only a few hours.

She leaves to mourn her death, her father and mother and one brother, Ellis Eugene, also grand parents, aunts and other relatives and friends.

God in His wisdom hath recalled  
The babe His love had given,  
Like a sweet flower she budded here,  
But blooms again in Heaven.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. C. M. Dauber, on Jan. 28, 1935, at New Harmony church.

### IN MEMORY

In loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Annie Owens, who departed this life December 22, 1934.

Our darling mother has left us,  
And now from us has gone;  
The angels came and took her  
To that bright eternal home.

It seems so sad without her,  
But, oh, how sweet to know,  
That she is now in heaven,  
In a robe as white as snow.

We feel so sad and lonesome,  
Without her smiling face,  
But we hope some day to clasp her hand  
In that bright and happy place.

It's so sad to be without her,  
But the Father knoweth best,  
And our dear mother will no more suffer,  
She's in that land of rest.

She suffered much, murmuring not,  
We watched her day by day,  
Until at last, with broken hearts,  
We saw her pass away.

Let us live to please our Jesus,  
So when our work on earth is done,  
We can go to meet our mother,  
In that bright and happy home.

**DEGRAFFENREID**—Susie Ellen Hickman, daughter of James W. and Rachel Hickman, was born near Brumley, Mo., February 7, 1902, and departed this life February 20, 1935, being 43 years and 13 days of age.

During the year 1912 she was united in marriage with A. C. Degraffenreid of Kaiser, Mo., where they resided until death took its toll and she was called away. To this union were born four sons, Jewel, Russell, Curtis and Gordon who are still at home.

She leaves to mourn her passing, besides husband and sons, here father, one brother, Sam R. Hickman of Jefferson City, Mo. and four sisters, Mrs. James N. Cardwell and Mrs. L. M. Miller of Jefferson City, Mo., Mrs. M. O. Evans of Spokane, Wash. and Mrs. A. Joliff of St. Marys, Idaho, and

a host of other relatives and friends. Her mother, two sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

During her girlhood she united with the Baptist at Ulman, Mo., and during the year 1919 she transferred her membership to the Free Will Baptist church at New Hope, near Kaiser, where she remained until death.

She was a loyal companion and a devoted mother, and will be missed by her Sunday school and church, as well as by all who knew her. But we know our loss shall mean her eternal gain.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to all the friends who assisted in the sickness and death of our loved one, and may God bless and recompense you in glory.

The Family.

**YORK**—William Henry York, the youngest son of Elder Thos. L. York, was born near Vilas, Kansas, July 25, 1897. He lived in and near Chanute, Kans. until about fourteen years ago when he moved to Hannon, Mo.

On April 28, 1929, he was united in marriage to Miss Myrl Hughes. To this union were born three children, a son, Thomas Deck, passing away August 26, 1934, at the age of eight months.

At the age of fourteen he was converted to the Christian faith and united with the Free Will Baptist church in Chanute, Kans. He entered the ministry at the age of fifteen. He was ordained at the Chanute church February 9, 1913, at the age of sixteen. He has been in constant service of the Lord since that time, and has practiced what he preached. He has held important association and state offices in the church.

He passed away at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Pittsburg, Kansas at 5:00 a. m., on March 14, 1935, being 37 years, seven months and 19 days old.

He trusted all the time that the Lord would heal him, and a few days before his death he said to his wife, "I understand now how I am going to be healed, in a more perfect manner than I had thought for."

Near relatives are the wife, Mrs. Myrl York, two children, Elizabeth Marie, age five, and Allan Dee, age three, his father, Elder T. L. York of Lafontaine, Kans., four sisters, Mrs. Lottie Blakely of Dedrick, Mo., Mrs. Iva Kennedy of Petrolia, Kans., Mrs. Lillie Sparks of Stockton, Mo., Mrs. Bessie Anderson of Lafontaine, Kans. and two brothers, Hiram York of Hannon, Mo. and T. R. York of Lafontaine, Kans.

Funeral service was conducted at the Hannon Free Will Baptist church at eleven o'clock Friday, March 15th. Scripture reading the 23rd Psalm by Eld. B. F. Brown. Prayer by Eld. O. T. Allred. Sermon delivered by Eld. Winford Davis. Text, Daniel 12:3, used in connection with 1 Cor. 15:57. The pallbearers were the following Free Will Baptist ministers: Elders B. F. Brown, O. T. Allred, Noel Turner, John Swaffar, Arlie Hoover and Boyd Thornton. Flower girls were:

Roena Thomas, Edith Mayfield and Rena Thomas. The Hannon church was packed to overflowing with sympathizing relatives and friends. The body was laid to rest in the Oak Grove cemetery north of Greenfield, Mo. A short service was held there, where another large crowd viewed the remains of their departed friend and fellow laborer.

Bro. York will be greatly missed, not only by his family, but throughout the denominational ranks where he has labored for many years. He pastored the Hannon church twelve years, the Verdella Baptist church equally as long, if not longer, and was pastor there at the time of his passing. He also has pastored the Neola church, the Fairview church, the Hickory Grove church, the Pleasant Hill church, and many other churches throughout the Central Western Mo. and Southeastern Kansas Association, and adjoining associations. It will take eternity to reveal all this life has been worth which has been spent in God's service since childhood; and truly his works will follow.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thankfulness and gratitude to our many friends who so generously ministered to our needs and helped us during the sickness and death of our loved one; and may God bless and recompense you.

Mrs. W. H. York and Family.  
Eld. T. L. York and Family.

### IN MEMORY

Composed in Remembrance of Brother Elmer Holleman. now departed this life.  
*Composed by a true friend, E. Thomas*

Come listen to my story,  
I'll try to tell it all.  
Of a loved one just departed,  
In answer to God's call.

His life was full of sunshine,  
And many friends had won,  
He made his peace with Jesus,  
And a crown in heaven won.

There will always be a vacant spot,  
In that little home so dear.  
For he left a dear companion,  
And for her it's lonely here.

But, oh, dear friends, please listen!  
It's a debt we all must pay,  
So let's make peace here with Jesus,  
And for each other pray.

Now all who loved this father,  
And want to meet again,  
Please give your heart to Jesus,  
And to Him true remain.

For there we'll be united,  
And rejoice for ever more.  
We'll wear a crown in glory,  
And meet on the golden shore.

The Savior will not ask of us,  
A thing we cannot do.  
He will save from sin and lead us on,  
If we will just pray through.

And when you reach the glory land,  
From grace you cannot fall,  
But be for ever united,  
In answer to God's call.

So let's meet Jesus first of all,  
And loved ones gone before.  
There we will shout the victory,  
For parting will be no more.

And when you get discouraged,  
Don't give up in despair,  
Just raise your eyes to Jesus,  
For he always answers prayer.

When you long to see this loved one,  
Just say, I'll meet you there,  
And with the help of Jesus,  
He will hear and understand prayer.

### GRANBY, MO., March 19, 1935.

Dear Gem Family:

Just a line today to tell you that I am still working in the Master's vineyard. We are doing our best to lead the flocks which are entrusted to our care to better and greater things.

The first Sunday of each month is my regular appointment at Hickory Grove church, in Cass Co., Mo. Every one there is still striving for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

The third Sunday of each month is my regular appointment at Niangua, Mo., where all are still loyal to the church and interested in all that is good, and anxious to see things progress for God's cause.

Last Friday before the third Sunday we went to the Amity church, which is about eight miles east of Niangua, for a service. Bro. Selph Jones is the pastor at this church, and has done a great work in the the church and community.

We had a wonderful service with this good people who are real workers and ready to help in every way possible.

The singing at Amity was extra good, due to the wonderful talent in the community and, no doubt, the efficient coaching of Bro. Jones who has been with these people as pastor for the last several years.

Eld. Kenneth Turner.

### REPORT OF DESLOGE MISSION CIRCLE NO. ONE

From Sept. 1, 1934 to March 1, 1935  
No. of meetings held ..... 25  
No. of sick calls ..... 343

Also a number of trays, fruit and flowers to the sick; some used clothing given out.

A chapter from the Word is studied at each meeting, with special readings occasionally.

#### Cash Received

On hand Sept. 1, 1934 .....	\$ .75
Quitting .....	13.55
Penny drills .....	3.08
Mission box .....	3.50
Christmas cards .....	2.36
Sale of doughnuts .....	4.80

Total receipts ..... \$28.04

#### Disbursements

State work .....	\$2.80
Stove for church .....	11.25
To pastor .....	3.00
Flowers .....	.50
Secretary book .....	.10

Total paid out ..... \$17.65

Balance ..... \$10.39

Our report is small so far as dollars and cents is concerned, but we feel sure some things have been accomplished that cannot be valued with dollars and cents.

Pray for us to be faithful in the little things.

Mrs. Nellie Stegall, Pres.,  
Miss Anna Reed, Secretary.

### REPORT OF HANNON GOSPEL TEAM

As Bro. Reeves has asked for a report of all young people's organizations in the Free Will Baptist churches of the state, we will send in a report of the Young people's Gospel Team of the Hannon Free Will Baptist church of Hannon, Missouri.

This team was organized one year ago the first of this month. Officers are as follows:

Captain .....	Eld. Roena Thomas
Ass't Captain .....	Eld. Boyd Thornton
Sec.-Treas. ....	Erma Thornton
Pianist .....	Alta Deane Wade
Ass't Pianist .....	Allene Wade
Chorister .....	John Worsley

#### Members of the Choir

Hazel Thomas, Walter Cook, Richard Talbott, Sarah Marie Talbott, Irma Mae Smith, Evelyn Thornton, Naomi Hoover.

Our Pledge—To Read God's Word and Pray Every Day.

Team Song—"Ready."

Aim—Salvation of Souls.

These young people, with their captains, go out and hold meetings where ever the Lord opens the way for them. During the last year we have had a number of calls. We have visited several churches in our local association, besides the churches of adjoining communities. God has wonderfully blessed these young folks as they endeavored to use their talents for His glory. We witnessed four conversions in our work last year, and do pray that we may be able to do more this year for the cause of our Master.

These boys and girls are all real Christians and desire your prayers as they go forward for the Lord.

Roena Thomas.

### PAINTSVILLE, KY., March 18th

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I sure am glad to have the privilege to report our good revival held with the old Toms Creek Free Will Baptist church (our home church), which is a monument to our country. We began preaching on the last Sunday night in January and continued three weeks. What a glorious meeting! The great God, the Creator of heaven and earth, came down to be with us, and big strong sinners wept their way to an altar of prayer—thank Him for ever! I believe in sorrow for sin, crying to Him for forgiveness. There were 28 precious souls saved and a number baptized. The old church renewed spiritual fellowship and brotherly love flowing like a river.

We now have a big Sunday school and prayer meeting each week.

We want to extend our love to Bro. Ervin Rice, D. C. Hays and C. Z.

Cavin of Ashland, Ky. for their work done in the meeting.

Closing out on the third Sunday we went to Rock House Free Will Baptist church of which I am pastor, also in company with Ervin Rice and C. Z. Cavin, we preached ten days with 12 conversions, and had a real old time spiritual meeting with the church. We sure were received with thanks, and what a delicious dinner we received! May God bless them with the richest of blessings.

I will close by saying good morning to all of our Gem readers.

Elder Millard Vanhooose.

### TULSA JUNIOR MISSION

Dear Gem Readers:

We are glad to report that our class is still working for our Lord.

We are making improvements on our room all the time. Last week we started taking up collections, the proceeds of which will go for our room.

This month we had 450 Bible chapters read, we made 12 sick calls and had 24 Bibles at Bible study.

—REPORTER.

### GRAVEL RIDGE, ARK., Mar. 19.

Dear Gem Readers:

We have our little church house all finished now, and have Sunday school every Sunday and Free Will Baptist League ever Saturday night and preaching every first Sunday, and we are praying that we might grow and become stronger.

We had a social a month ago and we are to have another March 21st.

—W. T. Woodruff.

### BRISTOW, OKLA., March 20th

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

I am enclosing a few new subs. for the Gem, so thought I would write a few lines to let you know that our little church at Tuskegee is still on the map. We certainly have a fine bunch of people in this church. God is blessing us in a fine way, and we praise Him for it. We are praying for a real revival this year. If there ever was a time in the history of the world that we needed an old time Holy Ghost revival it is now. We hear folks say, What has become of the old time religion? The answer is, It's where we left God, as He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Pastor's, let's try to get the Gem in every Free Will Baptist home. Let's put the old Free Will Baptist over the top, we can do it. Why? Because it's the doctrine the Lord Jesus Christ. When are we going to do it? When we get a vision of lost souls in hell, and quit making excuses, and pay God what we owe Him. Lots of us say we are honest, but brother, are you paying your debt to God? Do you believe God will do what He says He will do? Some say, Oh, I am helping my folks, you're commanded to do that. But let's be honest with ourselves, and with God.

Pray for us at Tuskegee.

Eld. John H. West.

**ST. LOUIS, MO.,** Febr. 18, 1935

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I have just read a book, "The Life Story of Eld. E. T. Vestal," of how he was saved from the State prison, the hangman's rope, the insane asylum, the electric chair, and from sin.

You know Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever. It is a wonderful thing to have a refuge in time of trouble. You know it takes trouble sometimes to bring us down to the place where we are willing to seek God. This young man started out for God, then left home in his teens, got into bad company, and finally committed a crime for which he was sentenced to hang; so he began to call on God and put his trust in a higher Power than man; God heard and answered prayer, and he was delivered from the rope.

Later on he was pronounced insane, but God wonderfully worked a miracle there, and he was retaken back to court authorities and was sentenced to the electric chair; but God worked another miracle, and freed him from that. So you see it pays to put your trust in the Lord, One who is a present help in every need.

I am sure this book will help every one who reads it to have more faith in God. It is a wonderful book, showing how God is still hearing and answering prayer.

You know these are perilous times, such as Spoke of in 2 Tim. 3:1-6.

Folks, Jesus is coming back in the same manner he went away, on the clouds of power and great glory. He also gave us many signs of His coming. We see them fulfilling every day. He said by the mouth of his prophet that in the days of his preparation chariots (automobiles) would rage in the streets, jostle one against another in the broad way, run like the lightnings, with torch lights (Nhaum 2:3, 4). We know this one sign is fulfilled.

And the Word states that there would be a great falling away; and we can see there are very few people now that have time for the Lord. The prophets said Jerusalem would be delivered from the Gentiles back to the Jews, and in 1917 that was done, now the Jews are back in a nation of their own, and have their own flag, the first time in history to have their own flag. Jesus said the Jews would be gathered to their own land just before his return. So, readers, you who are not ready to go up in the air to meet him, better consider where your soul will spend eternity, for eternity is long. We are only here for a short time to prepare ourselves to be fit subjects for Heaven, which is a holy place.

It sure gives you a thrill in your soul to read this book to see how God works among those who trust him and the way his power and presence runs thru the soul almost makes you shout aloud to be reminded of the wonderful miracles God is still performing, and to think, after he delivered this young man, he called him into the ministry to be a soul winner for him, that he could have many, many chances to witness for God and uplift the blood

stained banner of Jesus Christ. You know the word of God says we live an overcoming life by the word of our testimony and the blood of the Lamb.

—Mrs. Nora Black,  
1449 So. 18th St.

**WEATHERBY, MO.,** March 9th.

To the Readers of the Gem:

I wish to say a few words in favor of the book advertized in the Gem, "The Life Story of Eld. E. T. Vestal."

I believe this is a really good book, and well worth the small price asked for it. It has lots of good Gospel in it. Eld. W. C. Hill, pastor of the Third Free Will Baptist church in St. Louis did a fine job in writing the book, and Eld. B. F. Brown, editor of the Gem, did a fine job in publishing it.

I am personally acquainted with several of the Vestal family. I found them to be good honest citizens and many of them were very religious people. I helped to ordain one of them to the Gospel ministry, and another one as deacon in the Free Will Baptist church. I have never, so far as I know, met Emmett Vestal of whom the story in the book is written, but I know of him. While I was in St. Louis last fall holding a revival meeting I met Emmett's wife and children. I believe Mrs. Vestal is a fine Christian woman.

The story in this book is a true story, and I find that both saints and sinners love to read the book. Many people in the neighborhood where I live have read it, and they speak very highly of it. I gave one to a wicked sinner to read, and he said it was one of the best books he had ever read, and it did him lots of good. Let's all buy this book and read it, then pass it on to our friends to read, and buy a few copels and give them to the wickedest people you know to read. In that way you will be a home missionary and do lots of good, and souls will be saved.

—Eld. T. C. Ferguson.

**MONETT, MO.,** March 9, 1935.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

It has been some time since I have written to the Gem.

As I sit down to write this, it is storming out side, but I thank God for the peace I have in my soul, I thank him that the same One that said, "Peace be still," is my ever present Savior.

As I write this I am just wondering if we, as the children of God, appreciate having our brothers and sisters in Christ to associate with when we are thrown into the association of those who do not seem to care for the things of God and his people. I am bound to give thanks to God for them. I do not mean just Free Will Baptist alone, but think we have some wonderful people and thank God for them. There are many good Christian people in this old world of sin.

I thank God for our young people who are so willing for God to use them. Solomon said, "Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth."

I thank God there are young people who are living devoted Christian lives, and may God bless each of them.

Sinner, let me say this much to you, you may think you are having a good time, but I had much rather live the Christian life and have no condemnation in my heart, than to suffer for it when life is over. If every boy and girl could just see where Satan is leading them to, I am sure they would quit sin and give their life to God, but Satan has so blinded their eyes they are unable to see the destruction that is before them. May God help them.

I have had many wonderful blessings from God since I last wrote, and have been in some wonderful services. I attended prayer meeting in the home of Bro. Phillips last Tuesday night and God poured out his Spirit in a wonderful way. I expect if some had been there they would have declared we were drunken with new wine, as they did on the day of Pentecost. I am glad for old time heart felt religion. Some people say there is no such thing as heart felt religion. An old old darkie said one time, "Not as they knows anything about."

May the Lord bless you all.

—Lucy Deckard.

**GOWER, MISSOURI,** March 11, 1935.  
*Mt. Zion Church Notes*

Eld. E. T. House filled his regular appointment the second Sunday in March at Mt. Zion church north of Plattsburg, Mo. Owing to climatic conditions we had and all day service, with dinner at the noon hour.

The text for the eleven o'clock service was 2 Peter 3:11. "What manner of persons ought ye to be."

The text for the 2:30 service was John 3:7, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again."

Miss Ollie Tyer, Reporter

**BUHL, IDAHO,** March 20, 1935

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Just a word to let you know that we got through O. K. We had a nice trip and made good time, and saw many wonderful works of God and man. It is great to see the wonderful places God has made for people to enjoy.

—Mrs W. M. Watkins.

**THE TWO BIRTHS**

By Elder J. A. Karr, DeQueen, Ark.

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit" (John 3:6).

Before beginning our lesson on this verse, let me say that the great need of the hour is that preachers preach the new birth, "Ye must be born again." We must show sinners by the Word of God that they must be born of the Spirit.

Now let us see if we can learn how we are to be born again. In St. John.



**GOD'S APPROVED WORKMEN***By Mrs. Essie Hearron, Newhope, Ark.**"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).*

Such a lovely letter from Sister B. F. Brown (one of my dearest friends), asking me to write an article for the Gem, and mentioning some wonderful young men of Missouri, who have entered the ministry, suggested this verse as a starting point of my letter.

"Study," the very first word is a challenge, "to set the mind to," "to learn thoroughly, to consider," etc.

Jesus said, "Search the scriptures." So many are willing to study if they have a certain school to study in. Oh, for more good schools. But if no school is available, do like Timothy—Study.

God will open your understanding, if you will study. Solomon prayed, "Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people." James 1:5 tells a man how to get wisdom.

"Study to shew thyself;" so many people go just this far and no farther, and we all see the result. Oh, get self out of the way, forget all about yourself, and do as Paul told Timothy to do. "And the things thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who will be able to teach others."

Do you ever realize that Jesus sent men (just flesh and blood, human beings) like you into the world with the Great Commission? "The same commit thou to faithful men, who will be able to teach others"—faithful and able—the same things taught by Paul. What a wonderful Golden Chain! Are you a link in that chain? If you are faithful and able to teach the same things Paul taught: not some new thing. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God." Oh, who can stand the test? A faithful, able person, who can commit the things Paul preached to other faithful men; may be "approved." Talk about your medals: will not God's approval be more than all the approval of the universe? To be approved will mean to be like Christ, as in Acts 2:22, "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God." We read in 1 Cor. 11:19, of the kind of people who are approved; they are not of them who are full of heresies; they walk a straight way. Paul prays for the saints at Philippi, "That ye may approve things that are excellent, that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ."

Paul instructs Timothy in the way he should teach, his life walk, and besides warns him against modernism; then he says, "Thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, . . . yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus must suffer persecutions. . . But continue thou in the things that thou hast learned, knowing of whom thou hast learned them, and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to

make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

So we find that the whole thing rests on a study of the scriptures. "A workman," one who works, not a shirker—a busy man about his Father's business. Not showing himself, but showing Christ in his work, letting his light shine. Not putting it under a bushel, but on a candlestick. What is a candlestick? We find its spiritual meaning in Rev. 1:20—a church. So when we put our light on a candle stick, we get into the church. But first we need a light to shine, or else we will only be in the way on the candlestick.

Now we find this workman approved, and at work, rightly dividing (dividing right) the word of truth. I see this as being "instant in season, out season, reprove, rebuke, exhort." "Preach the word," "Instruct," admitting of no delay. The word of truth must be preached to some as a rebuke; some need reproof, and some need exhortation. I may need sound doctrine: you may need reproof; some may need milk, some meat, as Paul says in Heb. 5:12. But divide it rightly. Don't be like the choir that sang, "Thou Art Gone, Our Precious Darling," during a baptizing service.

"If ye do these things," Jesus says, "All men shall know you are my disciples." Not only teach, but do. Practice what what you preach. Read and profit by reading Rom. 2:21-23.

And may you be rewarded at the end of the way by the blessed Christ, saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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1:12, we find that, "As many as received him (Christ), to them gave he power to become the sons of God." So then we learn that we must receive him before we can become sons of God. Then it stands to reason that before we can receive him, that is receive his word and believe it, we must first hear the word.

Read Rom. 10:13-18. Here we learn that faith come by hearing the word of God. Then in order to be born again we must be begotten of God by his word. James 1:18, "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creation."

In 1 Peter 1:3 it tells us that God has begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; which is so true, for without the resurrection our hope would be vain.

Read 1 Cor. 15th chapter. Then we are begotten of God by the Word, which is Christ. See John 1:14, "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." The new birth takes place, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (1 John 5:1). "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of

God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23). So then when we are born again or anew we are a new creature—"Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). How true this is. we that have been born again know just how true this is.

Now let us compare the two births, that we may better understand the new birth. As the natural birth introduces us into natural life in consequence of which we have union with and breathe the air of this world; so by the spiritual birth we are introduced into spiritual life, have union with God and breathe the spirit of prayer and praise.

2nd. The natural birth opens our natural senses, our eye sight, hearing, tasting, and so on, and thereby discloses natural things, so the spiritual birth opens our spiritual senses and imparts the seeing eye, the hearing ear, the sense of feeling, and thereby manifests to us spiritual things. Read Heb. 6:4, 5; 1 Peter 2:3.

3rd. The natural birth prepares us to enjoy natural things which, without being born into this world, it is impossible we should enjoy. So the spiritual birth introduces us to the enjoyment of spiritual things, gives us a clean mind, a pure heart manifestation of the divine communications of the Divine Spirit, peace, joy, love, through believing, lively hopes of eternal life, and above all, fellowship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and all true Christians.

4th. The natural birth introduces us among men, and partaking of their nature as we proceed on the course of life, we begin to share in their desires and hopes and fears, sorrows and joys, cares and labours; we hear and understand, and then begin to converse in like manner. The spiritual birth introduces us among Christians, true Christians, and not only among them, but of them, and as we partake of their heavenly and holy nature by regeneration, we also soon begin to entertain their views and manifest affections and dispositions, desires, designs, hopes and fears, joys and sorrows similar to theirs. First we hear and then, being improved in knowledge, we speak forth the same words of love and cheer as they.

5th. When born into this world we are capable of receiving, tasting and being nourished by the food provided for us. So when born of God we begin to have an appetite for and partake of first the sincere, uncorrupted milk of the word adapted to the state of babes in Christ, and then of the stronger meat suited to those of riper age. Hence follows a growth in spiritual health and strength, knowledge, experience and holiness till growing up into Christ in all things we arrive at the measure of the stature of his fulness. So let us pray God to give us men and women that will stand for and preach, "Ye must be born again."

May God bless every one that reads this. is the prayer of your brother in Christ.

### THE NEW KINGDOM

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bears this out, for since the advent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit the Devil is surely hindered in what he would like to do, but when the Spirit has finished His work here and is gone in person with the people of God (Read 2 Thess. 2:7, marginal reading, "Only he who now hindereth will hinder until he be taken out of the way"), then the Devil can work unhindered to a much greater degree. He seemingly is limited only in the case of the two witnesses whom he and his beast king can have no power over until the days of their ministry is finished (Rev. 11:3-9), and he also has no power over the angels who fly through mid air preaching their God given message to earth (Rev. 14:6-11). But how different this Scripture sounds, when John said, "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season" (Rev. 20:1-3).

I sometimes wonder, when we try to spiritualize such scriptures too much, if we are not weakening the faith of people in the Bible. Some even take the privilege of saying, "Heaven is a condition, and not a place," thus changing the 14th chapter of St. John to a mere condition. Others say, "The second coming of Jesus takes place when one dies," thus doing away with the visible coming of Christ. All these, seemingly, are very religious and seldom, if ever, believe in eternal punishment of the wicked. I believe Heaven is a real place, and that Jesus has gone there, and was seated at the right hand of the Father when Stephen saw Him. He is also preparing a place, not a condition, for us, and that He will come and take us to a **real place of real beauty and peace.**

I also believe that the bottomless pit is a **real** place, and that the Devil will be bound and cast into it, and a seal will be set upon him, and he will be shut in for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3). And whether this chain is of forged steel, or is a chain of darkness, as described in Jude 6, I know not, but he will be there for a thousand years, and then loosed for a little season, to deceive the nations and bring them together to the final battle of Gog and Magog (Rev. 20:7-9). This battle will be fought with fire coming down from God out of heaven, and takes place one thousand years after the battle of Armageddon, which will be fought with the sword proceeding out of the mouth of the Christ as He comes upon the mount of Olives east of Jerusalem, for the Lord says, "By sword and by fire will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many" (Isaiah 66:16).

Great will be this reign of peace on earth, a sabbath of one thousand years, when the smiting stone of Dan. 2:35 has become a great mountain, or kingdom (Isaiah 65:25), and filled the whole earth, or as Zech. 14:9 says, "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth, in that day there shall be one Lord and his name one," and in verse 17 it says, "And

it shall be that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain." This most surely sounds like an earthly reign, when Jesus will be King, and not the new heaven and earth, for there will be no rain there as far as we have any record. Jesus must reign till He hath put all enemies under His feet, and the last one is death, then shall the Son himself be subject unto the Father who puts all things under Him, that God may be all in all (1 Cor. 15:22-28). Notice the statement in verse 23, "Those that are Christ's at His coming, and then cometh the end," the end comes after He comes for His own, and not at His coming. For He first comes and gets them, and then comes with them to execute judgment upon all ungodly sinners (Jude 14, 15), and those who come with Him shall reign on the earth. These are those redeemed from every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation (Rev. 20:9, 10). Again we read that one thousand years separates the resurrection of the redeemed and the wicked (Rev. 20:4-6), and the righteous reign with Christ a thousand years. When this reign shall end I feel that we will be with Him, not a thousand years, but for ever.

How black and low the war clouds are hanging on the evening of the sixth millennial! The lighting of artillery soon will flash, and the thunder of armies roll, dread and fear is seizing the hearts of men in every nation. In spite of the dark picture on the the earth, hope is rising in the hearts of the redeemed as they look for the Sun rising of the great Sabbath of one thousand years of peace. Truly the watchman would cry, "The night cometh," and then burst out with a glorious shout, "and the morning also!"

We don't mean that the end of the world is near, as some would have it, but that the end of this age is near; this sixth day is closing. It won't be long till the Lord will come for His people, then that awful time of tribulation will come upon those that are left on earth, and after the tribulation that glorious millennial day will dawn. Yes, there will be one more thousand year day to complete earth's history. It will be a time of wonderful blessing for all those who prepare to live with the Lord during that day, and afterward.

Isaiah surely must have rejoiced when he saw this great rest time, when he said, "And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

"They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

"They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 65:21-25).

Now look at these lovely words, "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie

down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

"And the cow and the bear shall feed. their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

"And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:6-9).

"And a little child shall lead them." Where can this be but in the "New Kingdom?"

The End.

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unbelievers, the light they have is turned into darkness, and they dare not think on the precious promises of the Bible, the second coming of Christ and the day of the Lord, but do their best to forget, ignore, and deny them.

Setting nature and its so-called laws above God and what He has revealed, arguing that since all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation, there can be no future change, was the sin of the antediluvians and will be that, or is that of the scoffers in the last days. "The world continues on through all time," say the scoffers; "there has been no change; there will be none."

Peter says (v. 5), "They are willingly ignorant." How can these men speak of a creation and say there is no Judge? They claim a constant law in nature, and wilfully forget that law implies a Lawgiver, and that He who made must have power to unmake.

Peter's answer to the scoffers [vs. 5-7] is short, but it is sufficient to prove that all things are NOT the same. He states that the heavens and the earth which were of old, which came by the word of God, were by the same word overflowed with water, and perished; and that the present heavens and the earth are "kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

In our study of these first seven verses of this third chapter of Second Peter, we have briefly estimated the value he places on the words spoken by the prophets, by the Lord, and by His apostles; we have observed that the scoffers that shall come in the last days are willingly ignorant of these things; we have noted Peter's answer to the scoffers; and we have considered the advantage to those who accept the inspired word of God and look for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior, and know that the day of the Lord is coming, and coming soon.

But scoffers and mockers who make fun of and deny the promises and the prophecies of the Bible are by no means all outside the church; but many belong to the church, some of them preachers.

The following is taken from "The Pentecostal Herald," a quotation taken from a book, "Jesus Through the Centuries." This book was written by Professor Shirley Case, President of Divinity School, Chicago University.

Prof. Case said: "That he (Jesus) was not such a model of perfection that we could not equal it in

our own lives. Indeed, it is not even correct to accept Jesus' teaching as an infallible rule of conduct. In fact, his religion is probably not best for America today. At any rate, were Jesus living in America, we should not elect him President or deposit our savings in a bank under his management, or employ him as an architect. Perhaps we might feel hesitation in calling him to the pastorate of our family church." "The modern man," says Case, "will not make Jesus an object of worship, nor do we need to ask him to tell us how we ought to worship or what to do."

Prof Case is not alone in his attitude toward our Lord and the Word of God: for there is a multitude with him, such as Bishop McConnell, Fosdick, Cadman, Jenkins, and a host of others, besides a multitude of lesser lights(?) who fill many pulpits of our land. Yes, they reject Christ, but dote on the social order. As Prof. Case says, People of this class "will not make Jesus an object of worship, though many of them pretend to. These Christ rejectors advocate the Federated church, and they have many followers; and now boast that the Federal church has over 22,000,000 members in America.

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## SEVEN THINGS THE LORD HATES

*By Jesse E. Pratt, Rose Bud, Arkansas*

"These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him. A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among the brethren" (Prov. 6:16 to 19).

Dear Readers of the Gem: I have read the scripture quoted above, and thought what a marvelous world we would have if there were none of the seven things the Lord hates scattered abroad in our land.

When we read this scripture, let us humbly ask God to help us place our minds on things above, that we might not be vain, or haughty, or liars, or sowers of discord. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.

Each of us has a special commission from God, to do right and to use the talent that we have been given; and we cannot do this if we are doing the things that are an abomination to our Master.

Let us earnestly work and pray for the salvation of lost souls, and keep in mind the fact that we must keep ourselves unspotted from the world, living day by day, and year by year, in the way the Matchless Savior wants us to live; and we will grow in grace and influence to the extent that we will be able to help lift up some sin-sick soul to the throne of God.

I am a stranger to many of you, but I am no stranger to God, for I have anchored my soul in the haven of rest, and when Jesus comes to gather His jewels home, I expect to be sheltered safe in the fold.

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