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The above picture is of the Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas; located at the corner of Sterling Avenue and 27th Street, about four blocks from the main part of the city. The pastor of this church is the Rev. E. Sterl Phinney who has lately moved there from the East. The building at the side is the Sunday School annex, with five Sunday school rooms. The church building also has five Sunday school rooms, besides the main auditorium. The auditorium seats about 200 and there is room on the rostrum for a choir of thirty-five people. The church owns a furnished parsonage, has two active ladies' mission circles, a league with an average attendance of about fifty-five, a Sunday school with an average attendance of 119, and quoting from the words of the pastor, "The church is growing in spiritual things, and I feel that the Lord has better things in store for us yet."

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—Winford Davis

# PROPHECY

## Second Article

By Elder T. H. Dixon of Hitchita, Okla.

(Editor's Note: The following article by Eld. T. H. Dixon is printed just as received, without any changes.)

Dear Readers of the Gem:

With the greatest of pleasure I continue my discourse on prophecy. Micah 4.1 But in the last days, it shall come to pass, That the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills, and people shall flow unto it.

Explanation of the above mentioned verse, This reads all most as Isa. 2.2, And it means the same. Keep in mind it was not the House Established but the mountain of the House.

And nations shall come and say, come let us go up to the mountain of the lord, And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths, For the law shall go forth of Zion, And the word of the lord from Jerusalem.

This prophecy was fulfill at the date of A D 33, When God made the New covenant with the house of Israel, as is recorded in Heb. 8 9 19. We read in Acts the second chapter of the Jews out of every nation under heaven gathering at Jerusalem.

Here it was when the law went out from Zion, and the word of the lord from Jerusalem.

Verse 3. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off, And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks: Nations shall not learn war no more.

Some of our friends think because the nations are at war these scriptures have not been fulfilled. Note, in past ages the Israelites fought on one side, and their enemies on the other side. And here is what must be considered in learning war no more. Since that blessed day when God put his law in the minds of his people, and written it in their hearts, The church of God have fought war no more. The nations that have been in war since, they have been next with saint and sinner; And this will continue on and on; But many of the old soldiers of the cross died before they would give up their faith in the lord, the power of Rome ruled and many lives were taken, But the church of God fought war no more.

And they shall beat their swords in to plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks. We who read the Bible know the children of Israel fought with swords and spears.

But at the fulfillment of this prophecy, The war tools were beaten into plowshares and pruninghooks; This scripture means just what it says. The Israelites learn war no more they had no more use for spears and swords. So they were beaten into plowshares and pruninghooks. Verse 4 But they shall set every man under his vine, and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the lord hath spoken it.

Numbers. 21. 21 22; And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon, king of the amorites saying let me pass through thy land, we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards, we will not drink of waters of the well, but we will go along the king high way; untill we pass the borders. Verse 23 Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border, Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness; and he came

to Johaz, and fought against Israel. Verse 24 And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from arnon unto jobbok even unto the children of ammon: for the border of children of ammon was strong. Here we see Israel fought with the sword. Dose Israel now use the sword? No not as in that age. The children of God now use the Sword of the spirit which is the word of God. Yes the Swords and spears have long since been beaten into plowshares and pruninghooks: and were and are Used to till the soil, and pruning the Vineyards; Yes the time come when the children of Israel were freed from their enemies.

Every man shall set under his Vine, and fig tree: and none shall make them afraid. Let us read Luke. 1. 74-75 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear in holiness and rightness before him all the days of our life. This scripture teach the freedom of the children of God, they bought land, they put out Vineyards. They was delivered from their enemies, the power of Rom lost her grip; Isa. 40. 3 The voice of him that cryeth in the wilderness prepare ye the way of the lord, make straight in the desert a high way for our God: Verse 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.

Some of our friends think these things are yet to be fulfilled: But we will read from Luke. 3. 4-5: As it is written in the Book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying the voice of one crying in the wilderness prepare ye the way of the lord make his paths straight: Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the rough ways shall be made smooth: Verse. 6 And all flesh shall see the Salvation of God.

Explanation on the above mentioned scripture. This doesnt mean these mountains and hills we now see: Peter Tell us the lord will come as a thief in the Night; In the which the Heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the Earth also and the works therein shall be burned up. Then if the Earth burnes up it will not be the home of the saints: The mountains was the exalted Jews: The valleys was the Gentiles: And Jesus came and delivered the Israelites from under the law, and from their enemies that they could serve him with out fear in holyness all the days their life. Yes, the Jews were brought low: the gentiles were exalted high.

Brother Wilson spoke of the first stage of christ returning, dear friends we do not read in God Book of the Stages of our lord coming: WE read in S T John. 14. Let not ye hearts be troubled believe in God believe also in me, in my father house are many mansions if it were not so I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto my self, that where I am ye may be also.

Rev. 1. 7, Behold he cometh with clouds and every eye shall see him; and they also which pierced him; and all kinders of the earth shall wail because of him even so Amen.

In the above mentioned scripture we find that at the return of our lord every Eye shall see him: which thing could not be if he should come to Jerusalem and reign with only the Jews.

Matt. 24. 26 27, Wherefore if they shall say unto you, behold he is in the desert go not forth; believe it not. Any doctrine that teach the return of our lord to any part of the Earth and not be seen by all men is the very doctrine Jesus said not believe. Verse 27 As the lightning com-

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## EARTH'S PROPHETIC WEEK

By Elder B. F. Brown  
Continued from last month

In studying the Bible we find that, among the divisions of its great body of truth, seven themes or subjects with seven parts each are prominent, and that by closely following these themes through the Bible, we are able to see the Bible as one Book, of which the one true and living God is the Author, and that the one great theme is the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ: and at the same time, following these themes will greatly help us in understanding and rightly dividing the word of truth.

## THE SEVEN SEVENS

**I. The Seven Days of Creation Week**—No doubt these were twenty-four hour days, but evidently they are typical of the prophetic week of seven days of one thousand years each, making a total of seven thousand years, the total span of time to be covered by the history of the earth.

Notice that with each of these days except the seventh, it says, "And the evening and the morning were the first (second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth) day." So God called these periods of time "days," and we learn from 2 Peter 3:8, that "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day;" so each of these days must represent one thousand years of earth's history. Then these seven days of creation week are a pattern of the Hebrew week, also of the week in this dispensation, except that the day of worship and rest has been changed from the seventh day to the first day.

The seventh day was the Sabbath Day, a day of rest (Gen. 2:2, 3), and is typical of the seventh one thousand year day, the thousand years reign of Christ on earth, as described in Revelation 20.

The first six days of both creation week and earth's prophetic week constitute man's work day; and the sixth day of prophetic week is now near its close; what man does, he must do before the day closes, for he will have no time to buy oil after his day closes. This is the sixth day; the seventh day will dawn soon, and will be the Kingdom age.

## II. The Seven Dispensations:

**1. Intocence** (Gen. 1:28). In this dispensation man was innocent, his environment was perfect, and he was required to be obedient unto God; but man failed under the test and the dispensation closed with his expulsion from the garden of Eden.

**2. Conscience** (Gen. 3:23). Under this dispensation man must gain his living by the sweat of his face, battling with the earth under a curse. He now had an experimental knowledge of good and evil; and was required to choose good and reject evil, and to worship God through sacrifice. The result of this test is stated in Gen. 6:5, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." The dispensation ended in the Judgment of the Flood, 1656 years after the creation of Adam.

**3. Human Government** (Gen. 8:20-22). This was the government of man by man. Man was responsible to govern the world for God, and the

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**DESLOGE CHURCH NOTES***Received too late for the May issue*

Since our last report the Sunday school of Southeast Missouri Association enjoyed a splendid Sunday School convention with Leadington Free Will Baptist church. Many good thoughts were brought out in discussion of the topic, "The Sunday School A Solution of Crime." The young folks from the Desloge Sunday school gave two numbers; a Bible drill by a class of girls, also a girls' quartet. We are proud of our young people and children who are always willing to assist and help to make our religious gatherings a success.

Our quarterly League Convention also met with the church at Leadington the evening of April 21st, with a full house present, thus showing an interest in the league work.

Eld. Lester Ferguson visited our church recently and brought the evening message. Bro. Lindell of Mine La Motte was also present with his guitar and brought a message in song.

Mission circle No. 1 gave a volunteer program Tuesday, April 30th, after which the entertainment committee served ice cream and cake.

Mission circle No. 2 are also meeting each week and report good spiritual services.

The folks at the parsonage were made happy Saturday evening, April 20th, when the "Ruth Class" of our Sunday school presented a basket of nice fruit.

The three classes of our league prepared an Easter program, which was rendered at the preaching hour on Sunday evening, April 21st.

Elder Wm. Reeves and family are now residents of Desloge. We are glad to have them in our services.

We enjoyed three good cottage prayer meetings the past week, at the homes of Bro. Elmer Stegall, Bro. Blaine Matthews, and at the parsonage.

Only one new member has united with our church during April. It seems these days are sowing time for us: the faithful ones are still praying that the seed that is being planted will bear fruit and result in the salvation of many who are yet in darkness. Will you join with us in this petition?—Reporter.

**BRISTOL, VIRGINIA**

Dear Brother Brown:

I notice the following resolution in the Gem:

"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 on earth."

We deplore the fact that this assembly of brethren in their deliberations have made a resolution to try to stop part of the Word of God. But maybe (we) can correct them by telling them that Christ will set up an earthly kingdom for one thousand years, which will be the perfect day on earth, when Christ our Lord shall rule and reign; the 20th chapter of Revelation tells about that. We find the phrase, "In that day," which God said would be perfect, and all the prophets saw that perfect day, and Christ said in Luke 13:32, "Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the

third day I shall be perfected," and we are now in the evening of the second day.

May our brethren in Christ in Wright County be led gently to the light.

Hoping for no offence, but praying for more knowledge of the Word, I beg to remain,

Your brother in Christ,

Joe Corvin.

**HARTVILLE, MISSOURI, March 27, 1935**

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Readers:

I am still thinking, and seriously meditating about the happy by-gone days when our fathers and loved ones were here with us, and folks had old time religion; and I thank God that some folks have it yet, and it will still be here when Jesus comes.

"Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). Search! We all seem to be busy searching, some for one thing, some for another; some for some office, some for money, some for pleasure, some for beauty, and almost innumerable things; can we say as David said, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23, 24). Oh, give me the old time religion each day I live! "I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old, I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings; thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a god as our God? We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done, he commanded our fathers that they should make them known to their children, that generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born, who should arise and declare them to their children; that they might set their hopes in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments" (Psalms 77:5, 11, 12; 78:4-7).

"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls" (Jer. 6:16).

"They shall ask the way to Zion, saying, Come, let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten" (Jer. 50:5).

"Zaccheus sought to see Jesus who he was; and he ran before and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him; for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place he looked up and saw him, and said unto him, Zaccheus, make haste, and come down, for today I must abide at thy house; and he made haste, and came down; and received him joyfully" (Luke 19:4-6).

The very smallest word in the Bible has a very important meaning; Jesus said, "Make haste."

"Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens, being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless" (2 Peter

Again he said, "The prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Have you ever stopped to think how seriously the work of God's church is blocked by the dead Christians who are not willing to stop long enough to get power from God to him acceptably? When General Gordon was in Africa, he was very busy; but he found time to pray every morning. There was spread outside of his tent a handkerchief to remind the soldiers that their General was having an interview with the great General of heaven and earth. He was on his knees praying, and before him lay an open Bible. Mr. Potts, a Quaker, followed George Washington on one occasion at Valley Forge, and saw him on his knees in prayer. He returned and told his family he was sure the American cause would prevail, because he had seen the American Commander in prayer. Never was prayer needed more than it is needed just now! the great people of the earth today are the people who pray: these are the people who put prayer first. These are the people today who are doing the most for God in winning souls. We hear a great deal said these days about the Old Age pension, which would be right and good, so far as I know, but nothing to compare with the Old Age

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We have just closed a revival, in which our dear Brother B. F. Brown did all the preaching. His messages were well received by all who attended

and are interested in Christianity. His messages were more in the form of Bible lectures than sermons, and were sound to the core, and instructive. They were something new and different from anything our people had ever heard.

We began the revival with a baptismal service, and closed it with a baptizing. We had two valuable additions to the church as a result of the meeting.

About the time we opened up the meeting, a carnival set up within a half a block of the church, which hindered us a great deal, and caused our congregations to be much smaller than otherwise they would have been. We had, however, a very good attendance, and there was a good spirit manifested all the way through the meeting.

Our work is moving along very well, and we are expecting the revival to grow in interest and efficiency. Our Sunday school is on the increase, and our league is doing good work.

Yours in Christ,

Eld. W. C. Hill, Pastor Third F. W. B. Church, at  
1405 South 7th St., St. Louis, Mo.

### DOUGLAS COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING

The Douglas County Quarterly Meeting convened with Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist church east of Mansfield, Mo., March 29, 1935, at 3:00 p. m.

Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. L. M. Marler. Bro. Marler used Rom. 1:16 for his text. Eld. L. M. Marler elected moderator, with Eld. Claud J. Smith assistant moderator. The following committees were appointed: Credentials, Pulpit, and Business. The stand was filled Friday night at 8 o'clock by Elders Claud J. Smith and Oliver Letterman.

The enrollment this time was composed of sixteen ordained ministers, two licensed ministers, three ministers' wives five ordained deacons, five deacons' wives, two church clerks and fifteen delegates, representing eight churches which sent a letter and delegates to this session of the quarterly meeting.

Two new churches, Pleasant Valley church of near Drury, Mo. and Dobbs church of near Dora, Mo. joined the Douglas Co. Quarterly Meeting.

The churches representing at this session of the Q. M. sent funds for evangelistic work as follows:  
Lone Star, \$2.00; Breeden, 50c; Harmony, \$2.00; Pleasant Valley, 55c; Friendship, \$1.35; Pleasant Ridge, \$3.14; Liberty, \$1.00, Total..... \$10.54.

Eld. C. D. Findley resigned as evangelist and Eld. Claud J. Smith was elected to fill out the term.

Stand was filled at 11 o'clock Saturday morning by Elders J. B. Easter and C. D. Findley.

A resolution adopted by the quarterly meeting:  
Be it Resolved, That we, the Douglas County Quarterly Meeting, instruct the pastors of the churches of this quarterly meeting to preach the F. W. B. Church Covenant to each church they pastor at least once a year.

Voted to hold next session of the Douglas Co. Quarterly Meeting at the Liberty church, north of Seymour, Mo. Bro. Oliver Letterman elected to preach the introductory sermon, with Eld. E. N. Owens as alternate.

Saturday night preaching service was conducted by Eld. E. Carpenter, followed by the Lord's Supper

and feet washing services, with the moderator, Eld. L. M. Marler, in charge.

Sunday morning the remaining "Topics for Discussion" were taken up, thoroughly discussed and passed by satisfied. All committees were dismissed. Farewell address was delivered by Eld. J. E. Burney. Adjournment until next quarterly meeting, which convenes with the Liberty F. W. B. church north of Seymour, Mo., on June 28, 1935, commencing at 3:00 o'clock p. m., at which time we wish to invite all the Gem readers to attend our Q. M. and help us grow and prosper in the Lord's work.

Eld. L. M. Marler, Moderator.  
Arthur Lund, Clerk.

### TULSA JUNIOR MISSION REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are still on the Lord's side and are doing our best for Him. We have a little money in our treasury now, and as soon as we get enough, we will finish our room.

We only had three meetings this month because of a week of prayer meetings we had at our church. The three times we met we had 17 Bibles in class, 53 chapters read, and 36 sick calls made. Pray for us.  
Miss Pauline Peachy, Reporter.

### TORNADO, W. VA., May 14, 1935

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

As I am sending in a renewal and one new subscriber, I will write a few lines. I was at my old home church Sunday where I was a member so long, but had not been there for a long time. They are having one of the best Sunday schools I ever saw in the country. They have about 115 on the roll, of the nicest and most interested boys and girls I ever saw. It makes me home sick to hear them, and to hear Bro. E. F. Stanley teach his fine class the Bible, and to sing. He is a fine singer and a fine teacher, and has the ability. Although he doesn't belong to any church, I am sure he is a Christian and a God called man to the Sunday school work.

I will close for this time, asking all the good Gem family to pray for us and Bro. Stanley in his work.  
F. V. Nicholas.

### BLUE EYE, MISSOURI, Mt. Olive Church

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I feel like giving in a report on some good work Blue Eye church is doing for the Lord. Our good pastor is Eld. Cecil Campbell, and he is doing fine with the church, and all members are liking him fine, much more than most of us thought we would.

The church has bought new window shades and some more needed things for the house. All work is going on fine and we all love our church and want to see the cause of Christ move forward. We can never in this world know the worth of little words of encouragement and manifested love for each other. No matter how much love I might have for father and mother and friends, if I do not tell them about it, either in words or actions, it will be of no worth to them; and in writing this article, I have in mind not only to drop a little flower in pathway of some poor one who feels the need of comfort and help in this life of disappointments and sorrows,

but also to impress on the minds of others the importance and also the joy and satisfaction of doing the little things.

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). This one sentence means much to me. Every one has an influence either for good or for evil. Now if we go to church and feel that we should lead in prayer, sing or testify, let's do that. We never know who we might influence, besides it will help us to be better, stronger and braver boys and girls, men and women every time we stand for Jesus.

In 1 Thess. 5:21, 22, it reads: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil." Let each one of us examine ourselves and see just where we stand, for we know not what time Jesus may come; and will he find us ready when he comes? I am so glad I know I am ready to go when God calls me.

This second Sunday in May was Mothers' Day and the church had all day services. After Sunday school Eld. Cecil Campbell brought a wonderful message about Mother. In the afternoon we had a program, and in the evening we took the Sacrament and washed feet. God surely was with us, for there were shouts and praises going up to God. I wish all you Gem readers could have been with us.

I am asking you all to pray, that God will ever bless and keep us humble at his feet.

May God bless the Gem family, the editor and his wife.

—Mrs. Wilbern Taylor.

#### PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY, May 6, 1935

Dear Gem Readers:

I am glad to report our quarterly conference held with our home church, Old Tom Creek church, that has withstood the storms for these many years, where our foreparents used to worship, and where we heard the good old Free Will Baptist preachers preached when we were just a lad, and where so many have found the Lord precious to their souls; and thank the good Lord, she is standing in the front line for her Maker, with Eld. H. B. Conley as pastor. He has gone through rain and snow to advance the greatest cause known to man. May the good Lord give us a few more old stand-patters and genuine Free Will Baptist preachers like him.

The conference met on Friday morning, Apr. 29th and was called to order by the assistant pastor, Eld. Millard Vanhooose. Eld. Vanhooose was appointed to preach the introductory sermon. Text, 1 Cor. 13:13—Faith, Hope and Charity. Had a good spiritual meeting.

Met back at 2:00 p. m. Bro. Patton from Estel, Ky. acted as moderator for the Ministers' conference. Had some fine discussions May the Lord bless all our preachers.

Met back at 7:30 p. m. Brothers Isaac from Haymon, Ky. and Ray Belomy from Estel, Ky. delivered a wonderful message.

Met back Saturday morning. Sermon by Elder Jackson of Shelby, Ky. Had a good meeting.

Came back at 2:00 p. m. Clerk, Eld. F. S. Vanhooose, called conference to order. Eld. Millard Vanhooose nominated moderator, and Eld. Adron Davis assistant moderator.

Twenty churches reported by letter. 172 addi-

tions to the different churches, for which we feel thankful. \$38.00 received with letters.

Motion carried to give Estel church \$40.00 to pay on their new church house they have just finished. Had a real business session. Ordained Elder Allen of Seco, Ky. May the Lord bless you, Bro. Allen.

Sunday services—Devotional led by moderator, and thank the good Lord, what wonderful testimonies were given! Bro. Sprauce of W. Va. preached a wonderful message.

Adjourned to meet with Estel church, the fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

May the Lord bless our people.

—Elder Millard Vanhooose.

#### CUSHING, OKLAHOMA, May 15, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We wish to give a report of Mission circle No. 1. We received letters from the following churches:

Drumright Junior mission are doing a splendid work, meet on Thursday nights, have an average attendance of 40 to 50, are studying St. Luke, have made two quilts and sold them, made \$5.85 at candy sale, made \$4.50 at our bake sale, have made 50 bonnets. We had in our treasury \$18.00, paid out \$3.00 for a pair of shoes for our pastor, have a balance of \$15.00 in our treasury. May the Lord bless the Juniors.

Drumright Mission report for April:

We have made two quilts, sold doughnuts, and are having good success selling our furniture polish, we are having a wonderful revival, ten souls saved. We ask an interest in your prayers.

Tuskegee Mission—We have one quilt ready to quilt, which will go to the highest bidder, have paid out \$4.28 for repairs on our church, made 116 sick calls, read 415 Bible chapters. Pray for us.

Silver City Mission—The mission workers at Silver City are still in the fight for God, but not having a way to come, we don't get to attend our monthly meeting very often, though our prayers are there. Our work day is Wednesday, have made two quilts, sold one for \$3.50, one for \$5.00, have made near 30 bonnets and sold them at 25 cents each, we have another quilt sold soon as we get it done, we are still working on our name quilt, have about half enough names, we have an average of about twelve on our work days, we have bought new windows for our church, also paint for seats, also paid some on our new lamp, we have given one layett shower, have made a number of sick calls. Our Juniors meet with us on our work days. We ask an interest in your prayers. We are starting a revival May 5th. This revival has started and have had fifteen souls saved to May 12th. A new preacher every night.

Cushing Mission report for April:—The mission workers have been working hard the past month, they have been quilting and working on a name quilt, have made 82 sick calls, read 316 Bible chapters, have visited the sick and helped all they could. Pray for us.

I, the secretary, wish to correct an item which appeared in the Gem some time ago, in regard to the Cushing church, as originally stated. We were to build a basement to our church, but have built a 20 by 32 ft. addition instead.

Eld. J. D. Williams, Mission Secretary.

**ATKINS, ARKANSAS, May 7, 1935.**

Dear Brother in Christ:

We are doing fairly well down here in Arkansas. Some have all the religion they want, others not as much as they want, not many have as much as they ought to have, of the right quality.

I sure enjoy reading the Gem. Some object to it because they don't agree with some theories set forth in the Gem. I might not agree with some of the brethren's views on some subjects, and many would not agree with me on many of my views on Bible subjects, should I write them. But there are too many good things in the Gem to throw it away because we don't agree on one or two articles.

The reports of the work over the states are inspiring and encouraging. We need more of the spirit of forbearance, meekness, gentleness, kindness: these are the fruits of the Spirit. As ye would that men do unto you, do ye also unto them. If your brother is in error, deal with him in kindness, and convince him that you are his friend, trying to help him to a better life. You may lead, but don't undertake to drive; most people are honest in their convictions.

I want a few copies of your booklet, Earth's Prophetic Week, when you have them ready.

God bless you, Bro. Brown, and every worker in the field.

There will be a home coming time when the sun goes down for the weary toilers.

—Eld. W. R. Jobe.

**CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA, May 15, 1935.**

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem:

It is my purpose in this letter to tell you about the good things that have been done for my home community, Harmony Star, eight miles east from Claremore, by Eld. Kelly Mathis, a Free Will Baptist preacher.

Prior to August, 1934, our neighborhood was in bad shape spiritually, having no regular church services, nor Sunday school.

About that time Bro. Mathis held a meeting, the first regular or continuous services we had had for more than ten years.

Our youngsters were living under a bad environment, while gambling, illicit whisky making and selling, and petty thievery being the "order of the day," and was not recognized or regarded as a myth.

His first meeting lasted eight weeks, and ended with the organization of a church with 39 members. Several additions have since been made, and no backslidings or popular opposition. Old men and women who have been out of touch with the better things of life for years, and many youngsters who had never known anything of the kind, being regular attendants, workers and contributors.

We have preaching twice each Sunday, with prayer meeting Wednesday night, and Sunday school every Sunday morning at ten o'clock. We have one among the best, if not the best, rural churches and Sunday schools in Eastern Oklahoma.

Elder Mathis is universally regarded as the Moses who led our people out of the wilderness.

Our deacons are Homer Wallis, Bill Kellyhan and J. W. Yonce. The oldest member is John Picaman, age 76, the youngest, Virginia Bump, age 12. We had Sacrament and feet washing on Easter

Sunday, when twenty-three washed feet. Had a good program and basket dinner. Attendance 200.  
—H. E. Wooldridge.

**CARTERVILLE, MISSOURI, May 21, 1935.**

Beloved Friends, and Brothers and Sisters:

I am getting the Gem paper every month, some kind heart has sent it to me. May the Lord abundantly bless who ever it is. I praise God for such fellowship and am thankful for their kindness.

I want to tell all who read the Gem that the Gospel Banner is still up and waving at the Free Will Baptist church in Carterville. Some are there with their Bibles at prayer meetings, ready to testify, pray and work and keep the fire burning and the table spread with the Bread of Life that no one need go away hungry.

I was privileged to be there at the Mothers' Day services. It was the best service of the kind I ever attended; everybody seemed to be tendered. How beautiful it was to see those strong young men stand up and thank God for their good mother. Their voices would choke up and tears fall on their cheeks. As I sat there hearing all this I thought, how happy Sister Leona Johnson must be to have those splendid boys stand and say they loved their mother, as she sat there with bowed head and grateful tears. I know it paid her for all the labor and care she had bestowed upon them.

Then there was Sister Ellis who told of all her children being at home with her for dinner. I was rejoicing with them, though my dear children were far away and I had dinner just alone. But I am trusting and praying that in that great day my loved ones will come into the Courts of Glory and sit at the Lord's table with me and all the redeemed. Your sister in the bonds of holy fellowship of Christ,  
Amanda Templeton.

**BLUE EYE, MISSOURI, May 20, 1935.**

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Just a few lines to let you know that our mission workers are still working for the cause of Christ. I'm thinking not only of the workers in our church, but of many others who are working for the same cause. I hope we, as mission workers, will see the real need of being mission workers and be ready and willing to do the Lord's will.

Our last elected officers are as follows:

President ..... Arvilla Fultz  
Vice President ..... Lizzie Shipman  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Ila Butler  
Chaplain ..... Dee Matlock

Active members, 10; sick calls made, 30; Bible chapters read, 335; quilts quilted, four; amount we pay pastor each month, \$1.00.

Our pastor, Bro. Cecil Campbell filled his regular appointment the second Saturday and Sunday of this month. Sunday being a day set apart to honor our Mothers, Bro. Campbell brought a wonderful message at eleven o'clock. Dinner was served at the noon hour. In the afternoon a program was rendered in honor of Mother.

Sunday night was our regular Communion and Feet Washing service, in which fourteen took part. Each service was well attetded.

We ask an interest in your prayers.

Mrs. Artie Butler, Reporter.



## TULSA CHURCH REPORT

May 20, 1935.

Dear Brother Brown:

We do not mean to be greedy, in asking for space in this wonderful little paper each month, but God is so wonderful to us that we feel that we just must tell everybody about our great blessings. Personally, I get so much good out of the different reports it's food to my soul, and we are always glad to see the names of the different brethren we have heard preach, and to know that they are still fighting sin.

We had one of the most enjoyable Mothers' Day programs we have ever been in, beginning at ten o'clock a. m. with a little girl of near five years, giving the opening welcome, followed by songs and readings from the Junior classes. At noon a good lunch fit for a king was spread on the church lawn for all who wished to stay.

The Seniors and young married people's classes had charge of the afternoon program in two different plays, and our quartet singing several good numbers, all honoring Mother; and we owe much praise to Bro. and Sister Gihhardt and our good friends from Dawson who furnished us lots of music and singitg throughout the evening.

But the sweetest part of the day came when Bro. Melvin presented flowers to the youngest and oldest mothers present. A precious old Grand Mother came forward to claim that honor, having a grand son and a granddaughter and one great grandson present.

Again our hearts were made to rejoice when our pastor called our church into conference and raised \$73.60 to buy more material to finish ceiling the Sunday school rooms and ten more seats. We are trusting that God will continue to bless us and that the day will soon come when we can set our walls out and have more room to worship in.

Both our Sunday school and church attendance is growing and almost every preaching service some hungry soul comes to the altar.

God has given another young preacher, Sister Laura Gihhardt, one of our young devout Sunday school teachers, delivered her

first message here Sunday morning, followed by Bro. Elrie.

Bro. Melvin is planning to attend the Eastern Conference, near Greenville, N. C. in June, providing Sister Bingham who is now ill improves sufficiently to be left alone.

At our regular business meeting we elected our delegates to the quarterly meeting at Cushing, which meets this week. We also voted to send \$3.00 to help the Cushing church defray the expense of caring for the delegates while there.

We covet the prayers of each and every one, that we might always do God's will.

Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

## NEW EDINBURG, ARKANSAS

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Having been silent for several months, I will now, God helping me, try to report and say a few things in Jesus' name.

Last Saturday, May 25th, our pastor, Bro. R. M. Moore, brought us a real message, using for his subject, "The Motherhood of America." Dear brothers and sisters, it was fine to feast this hungry soul upon. There being a little division in the church, we didn't have our regular Communion and feet washing service. But I just thank God for helping Bro. Moore deliver the soul-stirring message Sunday at eleven. He had for a subject, Rom. 12:1-5.

Verse 1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Now dear readers, this is a wonderful quotation. I have heard folks say it was such a hard task to serve the Lord, but if we'd only present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable it wouldn't be such a task, in fact I know by experience that there is real joy in serving Christ.

Verse 2, "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Now dear people, the first part of this verse is one of the reasons why so many pretended Christians find it such a hard task to serve Jesus, they having their lives conformed to this old sinful world, are trying

to serve God and mommon. How I wish all those who profess to be children of God would so live that the world may see Jesus in them. Let us live lives before our children, that we'll not be ashamed for them to walk in our footsteps, for the majority of children think father and mother are the best folks in the world. My chief desire and prayer to God is, that I will train my two little girls up in the "way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart" —I want to claim this promise.

Well, perhaps we'll have our protracted meeting (it is to begin the 3rd Sunday in July) before I will report again. And I'm asking all who know the worth of prayer to pray for this people, that we may have a glorious revival, and that Christians will be revived, backsliders reclaimed and the unsaved brought to Christ.

I forgot to mention that we have had two revivals, one conducted by old Bro. Ashcraft, and the other by old Bro. Hartley. These dear old ministers who have worn out their lives proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. Pray for these old brothers, that their last days may be their happiest ones.

And we also had the 5th Sunday meeting in March at old Macedonia church, but on account of rainy weather, we didn't have the delegation we had expected; any way the meeting was a blessing and many good things discussed, and resolutions passed.

I'll close by asking all who read this letter to pray for me, that I may live a life that will be pleasing in the sight of God.

As ever trying to serve a God that hears and answers prayers, I remain a sister in Christ,

Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

## ELVINS, MO., May 18, 1935.

Dear Brother Brown:

I am praising the Lord, that this morning still finds me up and doing for Him. I enjoy reading the Gem so much, and I don't believe I could possibly do without it. Would you please change the address of my paper from Flat River, Mo. to Elvins, Mo?

Although I have moved, I am still working with the Flat River church. It seems that we are on the increase in all departments of our Flat River church. Our Sunday school attendance is growing and we have fine, spiritual meetings at every service. In fact it seems that everyone is doing

his best to worship God more perfectly. We had a very sacred and solemn service last Sunday night. An impromptu Mothers' Day program was given. The majority of those who contributed to this program were Juniors, and we could feel the Spirit of God among us as we listened to those little ones exalt their mothers and other mothers in verse and song. The sweetest part of the service was when we shook hands with our dear old mothers and told them how we loved them. I am thanking the Lord for my Christian mother and for your Christian mother. Without them; their help and advice, this nation which we call the United State would never have existed.

With best wishes to God's people everywhere and with a prayer to God on my heart for those who are not saved, I beg to remain,

Your fellow Christian,  
Eld. Damon Dodd.

### NEOSHO, MO., May 15, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Perhaps a number of the readers of the Gem would like to hear how the Free Will Baptist church at Oak Grove is getting along, so I will send you a short report. Bro. Harris filled his regular monthly appointment at Oak Grove Saturday before the second Sunday in May, also Sunday and Sunday night. On Sunday we had dinner on the grounds, so had an extra service at three p. m. One was added to the church, Bro. Marian Rogers, a young married man.

At night Communion service, followed by feet washing. The church is still growing, and I think more will join soon. There were 45 in attendance at Sunday school.

Best of all, the members appear to be a unit and have a mind to work. One of the members, Bro. John Haslip, is sick and has been for some time. April 24th was his birthday, he being seventy-three years old, and a birthday dinner was given him. Some 33 met with him there, and after dinner a prayer meeting was held.

In conclusion I would ask all who read this to pray for this aged man, for he suffers much, and the cancer on his face has caused him to be blind.

I. C. ALLEN.

### BRISTOW, OKLA., May 19, 1935

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Words cannot express how I appreciate the little Gem; and I think every

Free Will Baptist ought to take it.

I haven't much to report this time. Sunday school is holding up pretty well, have no prayer meeting, mission work has slowed down; state of religion is very low.

I pray that God will wake up the few Christians in this church, that they become more concerned about their Father's business and that there will be a mighty wave of conviction spread over this community; they are trampling God's mercies under their feet.

Eld. V. E. Cooper, our faithful pastor, brought a wonderful message on Mothers' Day, taking for his text, Luke 1:42, "Blessed art thou among women."

Dinner was served on the church grounds and a very nice little program was rendered in the afternoon. All reported a good time.

Our Bible class was very well attended Saturday night.

The thoughts brought to mind as we think of Mothers, remind us of the great importance of the right sort of home life. The home is the oldest institution in the world. God started the human family with a home; and heaven is built on the model of a home. Jesus was always trying to get into the homes of the people; and His great desire today is to get into our homes. Oh, that every home were a Christian home, and a home of prayer! If we would only put God first in our homes! For many of us the first hour after rising in the morning is the most crowded hour of the day; the family needs us, or we must go away to our work; every minute of the first hour is occupied with concentrated activity. Perhaps before we leave our rooms we think hurriedly of God, or ask Him to bless the day; but we do not stop to listen to what He has to say to us. How can we stop to listen to God when we have scarcely time to see everybody else off to work, or off to school, or time to eat and set off to work ourselves, believing that there will be time later to make a real contact with God.

God wants some minutes of that first hour, and He wants us to give those minutes to Him gladly, eagerly, nothing else that you can do throughout your day, for yourself or for others, will yield you better returns.

There is something wonderful about the early hour contact with God; it means that in your life you definitely put Him first. It means that you are asking Him to take control of your day, your affairs, your loved ones.

There is praise in it, too: you are giving God time that to you seemed busiest of your day; you are giving Him your freshest moments; you are putting Him before your comfort, for you will rise earlier; you are putting Him before your family, before anything and everything else; you are giving Him that which is His due.

In this early period of prayer, you draw from God something that will make your day a better day for you and for those whose lives touch yours.

You cannot keep to yourself what you draw from God; it spreads, it makes you a different person; people feel its effect in you; you cannot calculate the changes that it may make in the lives of others throughout the day.

Prayer—Our Father who art in heaven, teach us to pray more as Jesus prayed, give us more of His freedom and His joy. May our hearts burn within us as we converse with Thee about the high things of the Spirit, and may our entire lives be in continuous communion with Thee.

Amen.  
Stella Prince.

### WARREN, ARK., May 18, 1935

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I wish some of you readers would please explain Romans 9:13, "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."

Two unborn babes, neither of which has done good or evil; do we then have a baby hating God?

Please let me hear from some of you.  
Eld. W. P. White, R1, Warren, Ark.

### THE REVIVAL

Contributed by Mrs. Lina Claxton

How my memory loves to linger  
Round a certain time and place,  
When was seen a great out-pouring  
Of our Father's saving grace.

'Twas a good old fashioned meeting,  
With the old time mercy seat,  
Where the lost ones came repenting,  
Humbly bowing at His feet.

There conviction deep was given,  
By the Spirit from above,  
And the soul came up rejoicing,  
In the new found Savior's love.

What rejoicing! oh, what rapture!  
Just to see God answer prayer,  
Some were shouting, laughing, crying,  
Just a taste of Heaven there!

Those were blessings that will help us  
Overcome this world of strife,  
And the memory will go with us  
To our home beyond this life.

## OBITUARY

**Hyder**—Mary Jane Hyder, daughter of Will and Nancy Lewis was born August 9, 1854, in Union County, Kentucky, just after the close of the Civil War.

She was married to James S. Hyder, and to this union seven sons were born: Johnson, Hiram, Albert, Ervin, Austin, Rodney and Harrison. All lived to manhood. Her husband died Dec. 13, 1911, Harrison died in Feb., 1916, Ervin died in Dec., 1918. The living children were with her during her last illness, and did all that love and skill could do.

She moved with her family to Texas county, Mo., later moving to Cedar county, Mo. where she has made her home except a few years spent in Oklahoma and Ark.

She was converted during girlhood and was a charter member of Wagoner Free Will Baptist church, to which she was always loyal, and to the best of her ability she served her Master, to be ready when He should say it's enough, come up higher. The summons came May 27, 1935. Besides her children she leaves fifteen grandchildren, three having gone on before, and nine great grandchildren, one brother, Hiram Lewis of California, and other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at Wagoner Free Will Baptist church by the writer and her body was laid to rest in Wagoner cemetery to await the great Judgment Day.

Servant of God, well done,

Thy glorious warfare's past,  
The battle's fought, the race is won,  
And thou art crowned at last.

—Eld. C. R. DICK.

**Priest**—Demeryl Turner Priest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Turner of near Allen, Okla., was born Dec. 17, 1913, and departed this life May 1, 1935, in a very tragic death, in a school bus accident, near Hickory, Okla.

She was married to Gilbert Priest of Non, Okla. community, April 12, 1935. Mrs. Priest was finishing this term of school at the East Central State Teachers College at Ada, Okla., to begin teaching school this coming term.

She leaves a husband, father, mother, two brothers and three sisters: Floyd Brice and Mrs.

Robert Holliday of Atwood; Mrs. Lester Watson and Mrs. Louis Stewart of Ada, Okla., and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her going.

She was laid to rest in the Allen cemetery May 3rd. Eld. J. E. Yandell of Red Oak, Okla. officiating. Her grave was covered with flowers and wreathes by sorrowing friends, school mates, and teachers. Mrs. Priest was converted at the age of fifteen and united with the Missionary Baptist at Round Prairie.

She was one of the finest young ladies of this county and her work in the school room was outstanding, her name coming out in the Who's Who of the school. Her young husband is one of the finest young men of this, the Non community, a member of the Free Will Baptist church. I never saw so many sorrowing friends at a funeral, at least 200 people could not get into the First Baptist church at Allen, where the funeral was held. We cannot understand why these things have to be in this life, but the Lord knows and does all things for the best. This couple had a great future promising them.

By Frank Purser,  
Clerk F. W. B. Church,  
Non, Oklahoma.

**SHOLLY**—Rachel Ann Sholly was born in Milton, Iowa, Oct. 26, 1854, and departed this life April 12, 1935, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Neely, being at the time of her death, 80 years, five months and 17 days old.

At the age of five years she came to Adair Co. with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Sholly.

On Feb. 20, 1876, she was united in marriage to Alexander Clifton. To this union three children were born. Her husband and one daughter preceded her in death, her husband passing away July 3, 1896. She was again united in marriage to Joshua Owings, on Nov. 1, 1900, he passing away April 12, 1929.

She leaves to mourn her departure two daughters, Mrs. Ben Walters of Kirksville, Mrs. E. E. Neely of Stahl. She leaves three step children, Mrs. Frank McFailand of Napa, Idaho, Mrs. Frank Capps of Green City, and Edgar Owings of Greencastle. She leaves 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

She professed faith in Christ in her early girlhood days and kept that faith until the end. She united with the Holiness church years ago and later joined the United Brethren church. Aunt Rachel always loved to go to church and did go as long as her health would permit. She was loved by every one that knew her. She was also a member of the Stahl Mission. Her face will be sadly missed, but we know our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral conducted by Eld. Sam Marcum.

When death takes our dearest loved ones,

Who have shared our toil and care,  
Oh, what anguish fills our bosoms,  
How our grief torn hearts despair.

But we look beyond death's portals,  
Where their souls have taken flight,  
And we view their home Immortal,  
Where there comes no death nor night.

**ROYSTER**—D. R. Royster, son of Samuel and Laura Royster, was born January 6, 1892, and departed this life May 3, 1935. He spent 43 years, three months and 27 days in this world of sin and sorrow.

He was married to Grace Wynn March 17, 1914. To this union three children were born. Their first child, Norman, died in infancy, Erma, 18, and Doyle, 11, are left to mourn his departure. Others left to mourn their loss are his wife, Grace Royster, his father, Samuel Royster, Manes, Mo., three sisters, Amy Emerson, Hartville, Mo., Telia Keller, Competition, Mo., and Mavel Fownall, Twin Falls, Idaho, two brothers, Earl Royster, Hartville, Mo., and Lee Royster, Filer, Idaho, and a host of other relatives and friends. But they all realize their loss is Heaven's gain. He was converted at the age of 22 years and joined the Free Will Baptist church and was truly a faithful and devoted member of that great religious body to the end.

He was called to the ministry in 1924, and spent those years at the Lord's work. He, like Jesus, said, "I must be about my Father's work." There were many souls saved by his preaching. He administered the ordinance of baptism to several, helped ordain deacons and preachers and pastored

churches. He never failed to warn the churches to live close to God, and warned sinners to prepare to meet their God.

His suffering was almost unbearable, but he, like Christ on the cross, would ask the Lord to relieve him of his suffering, but then would submit to the Lord's will, and get happy. At his death a useful life came to an end.

Only eternity can tell the influence of a life well spent. He is resting from his labors, but his moral and spiritual footprints will be marking the sands of time for years and years.

Funeral services were conducted at the Cope church by Elder Selph Jones and Elder William Scheets to the largest crowd that ever assembled at the Cope church and the body was laid to rest in the Cold Water cemetery, Elder Paul Parker conducting a short service at the grave.

Dee sought not for worldly pleasure,  
He chose between wrong and right,  
And then in Heaven he stored his treasure,

As a reward for his brave fight.

When the heavenly Father gathered  
His grain,

Dee passed from this earth in gladness,

For he was not living just for his gain  
In this life of sorrow and sadness.

If you are laden with earthly trouble,  
If you are fighting life's battles alone  
Just think of dear Dee's joys that were double

When he reached his heavenly home.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DARLING BABY

With sad hearts, but with loving memories of our darling baby, Charles Lee Brooks, who left his home of love to live in heaven above, one year ago, May 12, 1935, at the age of five years, four months and 17 days.

Peaceful be your sleep, dear baby,  
'Tis so sweet just to breathe your name;

In life we loved you darling,  
In death we do the same.

More and more each day we miss you;  
Friends may think the wound is healed,

But they little know the sorrow  
That lies in our hearts concealed.

We feel so sad and lonely

Without your smiling little face,  
But some day we're going to meet you  
In that bright and happy place.

You shall not be forgotten dear baby—  
Never from our memory fade.

Our loving hearts will always linger  
'Round the grave where you are laid.

Sadly missed by father and mother  
and brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brooks.

### About the Picture on Front Cover

For some time we have been making a point to have a picture of interest on the front cover of each issue of the Gem. To make this possible is more experience than you might think, as each picture cut, postage included, costs about \$4.20. I saw that I could not keep it up as a continual thing, so a few of us whose names appear below, have put our minds, as well as our means, together, and formed what we are pleased to call a "Picture Staff." So with a small donation from each of these per month we expect to keep the pictures appearing on the Gem continually. We wish to thank each of these for their ready co-operation in making this possible. We are reminded again of the old saying, "United we stand: divided we fall." We also thank you who are so ready to send in the pictures.

#### THE STAFF

Eld. O. L. Allen, Mountain Grove, Mo.  
" Harry Beatty, ..... Thayer, Mo.  
" Cecil Campbell, ..... Stella, Mo.  
" Kenneth Turner, ..... Granby, Mo.  
" John Swaffar, ..... Purdy, Mo.  
" W. K. Weston, ..... Monett, Mo.  
" Noel Turner, ..... Granby, Mo.  
" Winford Davis, ..... Monett, Mo.

### PAWNEE CITY, NEBRASKA

Dear Brother Brown:

This last issue of the GEM seems to have brought about the need of the little CROSS, saying, RENEW. So here is my renewal for two years. Have been obliged to discontinue practically all of our papers on account of my accident which has eaten up what little finance we had, but just can't let the GEM go with rest. My arm and hand are somewhat better, but it will be some time yet before I can do anything with them.

Glad to note the great number of revivals among our churches, FOR THAT IS THE MAIN OBJECT OF ALL CHURCH WORK. May the Lord bless you and the good wife in your labor of love for the KINGDOM.

John H. Wolfe.

### OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Family: We are at present in

Oklahoma City in a meeting with Bro. D. R. Manghan, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church here. It is a new church with 15 members, and I will say the good Lord sure is blessing them. They sure are people of God, and have that old time faith in God.

We want all you who read this, and that know God, to pray for the church here, that many souls will be saved, and that the church will be blessed of the Father.

—Eld. W. E. George.

### STEWARDSHIP

By Sister Lizzie McAdams

*"The earth is the Lords, and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein."*

God's Word can speak louder and contain more than all that man can ever tell; and in writing on Stewardship, it will be wise to let God's Word speak as often as possible. We see by the introduction, that everything is in God's hands. John tells us that everything was made by Him, and David says He possesses all.

Everything must have a beginning, and the beginning of stewardship is what we want just now, in order to have a foundation to build on.

Genesis 1:26 contains more than we will be able to explain. With God the owner of all things, He has power and authority to appoint the first steward. Stewardship is as old as God's first creatures that were placed upon the face of the earth. No doubt, when Adam was given such a high position as steward over all God had made, he felt very humble, and yet rejoiced to know his Maker had entrusted such great treasures into his hands.

Adam, like many today, didn't prove a good steward, but drifted away from his first love and confidence. We can't go into details to explain Adam's failure, and why he failed. But we must place before you the different stewards mentioned in God's word. We will refer you to a passage by the Apostle Paul, 2 Cor. 8:5, "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord." A steward must first acknowledge his Creator, then make a full surrender of self to Him; and then God will entrust him with a field to work in, and talents to work with. Then it is our privilege to be a wise steward or a foolish one.

When we begin to speak of stewardship, some will say, "No one can live like that, and besides, all that was done away with back under the law."

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**EARTH'S PROPHETIC WEEK***Continued from page three*

responsibility rested upon the whole human race. Man again proved a failure, and the testing ended in the confusion of tongues at the tower of Babel, but the dispensation continued under the Noachic Covenant until the call of Abraham, B. C. 1917, or 2083 years after the creation of Adam.

4. **Promise.** (Gen. 12:1-3). This dispensation began with the call of Abraham, 2083 years after the creation of Adam, and lasted 430 years (Gal. 3:17), half of which time (about 215 years) was spent in Egyptian bondage. The dispensation ended at Sinai, but the Covenant of Promise made with Abraham, being unconditional, is still in force.

5. **Law** (Exo. 19:8). This dispensation extended from Sinai to Calvary—from the Exodus to the Cross, a period of 1520 years. The testing of Israel under Law continued for about 900 years, and ended in the judgment of the Captivities, but the dispensation itself continued under the Mosaic or Law Covenant to the Cross, when it was suspended.

6. **Grace** (John 1:17). Here law, which was connected with Moses and works, ends: and grace connected with Christ and faith begins. The law demands righteousness, but cannot give it (Rom. 8:3): under grace God gives righteousness. The test under grace is acceptance or rejection of Christ, with right living and fruits unto righteousness following. This dispensation has now lasted about 1900 years, and we must be near the close of this sixth dispensation, this sixth day, for we see practically all the signs the prophets and our Lord and Savior said would be manifested at the end of this age. This dispensation or age will end with the coming of the Lord at the Rapture (1 Thess. 4:15-18).

7. **Dispensation of the Fulness of Times, or the Kingdom Age** (Eph. 1:10, 11). This dispensation covers the seventh and last day or age of the span of time allotted to earth's history; it will continue for one thousand years. This means more than the "fulness of time" (Gal. 4:4), when Christ came in His first advent. It includes all the Gospel times: "The ends of the ages" (1 Cor. 10:11); "the times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24); "the times the Father hath put in His own power" (Acts 1:7); "the times of refreshing" (Acts 3:19); "the times of restitution of all things" (Acts 3:21); all these and many other "times" God will "gather together in one all things in Christ."

God's purpose to have a people and a church on earth existed in the mind of God from the beginning, long before they existed in creation; and God before ordained, or predestinated, that all who by faith and obedience become His children shall be led by the Spirit; and being children, they shall be heirs of God, equal with Christ as heirs; "if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Rom. 8:14-17).

Yes, the Lord's obedient children have an inheritance in Him, being "sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise which is the earnest (first payment) of our inheritance" (Eph. 1:13, 14), and the Lord's inheritance is in His saints (Eph. 1:18). This will be fully realized when the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Christ (Rev. 11:15).

**III. The Seven Sacrifices or Offerings** (Lev. 1:

1 to 7:38). Under the Law of Moses God's people (Israel) had to approach God in their worship by or through sacrifices and offerings; and in the sacrifices they had a cover for their sins. These sacrifices could not take away sins, but were types of Christ, and were offered in anticipation of the Cross (Heb. 5:1-10 and Heb. 10:10-18). So what the bloody sacrifices typified is realized in Christ. The Hebrews who offered these sacrifices, looking forward to the coming of the Lamb of God, with faith in Him whose sacrifice of Himself would take away sin, were saved. They looked forward, and we look back to the Cross.

*To be continued*

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eth out of the east and shineth even unto the west so shall also the coming of the son of man be.

We read of the first coming of our lord, and we read of second coming: we all admitt the return of the holy spirit at penecost, But we are discussing his second coming.

*To be continued*

Thomas H. Dixon, Hitchita, Oklahoma.

**CONDITIONS OF TODAY***By Elder Winford Davis*

"Watchman, what of the night?" (Isaiah 21:11).

In studying the watchmen of Israel, their position, obligations, responsibilities, etc., we see a striking likeness relative to our ministry of today. The Gospel minister is, or should be, as a watchman upon the wall to warn people of approaching danger.

Surely no alert God called minister would deny the fact that God's hand is undertaking in a powerful way the world over at this time, and that we are being punished for our sins.

If I were asked to give my honest opinion of the main cause of our chaotic condition today I would be obliged to say, though with shame, "An apostate and compromising ministry." Some might say, "The church;" but brother, sister, the ministers are the leaders of the church, and no stream ever gets higher than its fountain head. You are largely right when you mention the church, but just go a little farther and mention the leaders. When you find that a one time fundamental church has gone modernistic, if you will trace the matter out you will usually find that some modern (which as used in this connection means faithless and powerless) minister has led them away from their spiritual life. How applicable would be the words of Jeremiah today as we hear the weeping prophet say in the last two verses of his 5th chapter, "A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land. The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so; and what will ye do in the end thereof?" Isn't that exactly the condition today? Did you notice that statement, "My people love to have it so?" Paul's prophecy is being fulfilled when he said, "They will heap to themselves teachers having itching ears."

As we look out upon this night of sin, we see great and approaching dangers, and already we can see enemies within our gates. The populace of any nation have reason to cause them to tremble when they see their government ignoring God. To ignore God is but to invoke wrath. Never before in the history of this nation was God so ignored and His counsel so unsought as it is today. Only past history and the Word of God have to be considered to determine the outcome except there be a quick returning to God and the Bible. Immediately after the World War the words of that Christian statesman and defender of the faith, William Jennings Bryan, were well spoken as follows: "Conditions will never be any better until there is a general returning to God." How our nation is suffering today for the need of such God fearing men as we have had in the past. Communism is being turned loose upon our country like a flood, and how could we expect anything else when the flood gates have been lifted? In my mind, one of the greatest mistakes that has lately been made was the establishing of negotiations with the Soviet Union of Russia; and that, in spite of opposition, authorities tell us, by such organizations as The American Legion, The U. S. Chamber of Commerce, The American Federation of Labor, etc., and when thirty-five other nations had refused to do so. It is an evident fact that Russia wants to make this country "Red," and considering our internal conditions we are getting well enough ripe for the picking too.

Then we have in our country chartered Atheistic organizations which until a few years ago were not known, especially as legally chartered organizations.

Then we have whisky back in a worse way than ever. We were promised that the old saloon would not come back, but instead we got something worse. Our young girls are practically made bar tenders, and our youth loyal buyers. In the language of one recent note, "We are not going to sink, we are sinking now."

War is imminent; we might well expect a break anywhere any time. Lloyd George of England recently said, "The world is in a jangle. The nations are prowling, snarling and baring their teeth at each other. They are licking their wounds now and refilling their veins. Any moment a mistaken gesture or misunderstood arrangement may make them spring again at each others throats."

The nations are crying peace, yet

preparing for war more than ever before. God's word says, "When they say peace and safety sudden destruction cometh upon them." The same conditions we are told were true just before the outbreak of the World War. Even early in the spring of 1914 the U. S. and Great Britain were carrying on negotiations relative to matters of world peace, and then like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, the entire world, practically, was thrown into a holocaust of hell. How ready conditions are for something like that today!

Yet in all this that is so alarming to many, and so much more dangerous, than multitudes stop to think, we can see the direct fulfillment of our Bible. Does this unusual uprising of dictators mean anything? It surely does. Does this setting forth of so many national works mean anything? Certainly it does. Even in our own country there has been the granting of dictatorial powers and the mark was set forth. According to God's word we are soon to see the uprising of a super world man, and conditions are surely getting ripe and ready and the way being paved for his coming. I recently picked up the February issue of the Cosmopolitan Magazine and was reading an article by Arthur Brisbane. The staff of that magazine asked him to write an article on the outlook for 1935. Some of his statements were as follows: "The events of 1935 depend almost entirely upon the actions of no more than a half dozen men of the world." He mentioned Mussolini of Italy, Stalin of Russia, Hitler of Germany, our own President, etc. He further said: "Though these men seem to be antagonistic one toward another, and irreconcilable, yet they are working with the same idea in mind, that is, that one man must rule; some one must find the solution to the present world problems and then force it." I wonder if Arthur Brisbane knew he was talking God's Word.

This certainly is a time when we need to know our bearings, spiritually speaking, for there is a storm at sea, and many light houses are gone out. If you are not certain of your bearings, you had better stop and check up, for the winds are rough and very uncertain; but let us not forget that the one great Beacon Light, which is Christ, will ever be shining. In June, 1933, we were driving in the Ohio river bottom on the Kentucky side about midnight. Being confronted with great difficulties in crossing the river so late at night, we were thrown off and were not so certain about our

way. I said to Rev. Shahan who was with me, "Let me out, I will find the north star and see which way we are going." We stopped and got our bearings, and made sure we were right before risking our way farther in the dark. So it is on this pathway of life, it is necessary to stop, dear reader, and, as the poet says in song, "Think on thy way."

—Winford Davis.

## F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

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### EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

### CARTERVILLE LEAGUE REPORT

By Esther Broadhurst, Secretary

We are still in the league work, though we haven't sent in a report for some time. We are certainly having some interesting lessons this second quarter and the programs prepared by Bro. Davis are certainly interesting and inspiring. We can always understand the lessons much better when we know the writer. I do hope more of our ministers from our Indian Creek Association would send some programs; I am sure God would help them in the work.

Our league is gaining more spiritual ground, and it is the spirit in the leagues which counts, much more than the large attendance, I think.

We have just elected new officers and I am sure they will take up the work that our old officers have started and keep our leaguers moving toward the goal of "The Kingdom of God First."

Our officers are as follows:  
President ..... Helen Strech

Vice President ..... Leonard Siler  
 Sec'y-Treas. .... Esther Broadhurst  
 Quiz Leader ..... Georgie Strech  
 Group Captain No. 1, Emmett Strech  
 Group Captain No. 2 Elmer Johnson  
 Pianist ..... Bertha Johnson  
 Choir Leader ..... Lloyd Johnson  
 Junior Sponsor ..... Leta Johnson  
 Junior Group Captains:  
 No. 1 ..... Lola Anna Brown  
 No. 2 ..... Dorothy Goforth  
 We have 29 Senior members and  
 18 Juniors.  
 Pray for our league.

### REPORT OF S. E. Mo. L. CONVENT'N By Raymond La Brot, Sec.-Treas.

Tuesday night, the Free Will Baptist League Association of Southeast Missouri met with Oak Grove church of Leadington, Mo., it being the 5th annual meeting, and the 23rd business session, beginning at 7:30 p. m.  
 Opening Service .... Chas. Lund, Pres.  
 Song ..... Congregation  
 Scripture Reading, Chas. Lund; Pres.  
 Prayer ..... Bro. Forshee  
 Theme Song ..... Congregation  
*It's A Good Thing To Be A Leaguer*  
 Welcome Address ..... Irvin Mills  
 Response ..... Zelda Briley  
 Song ..... Flat River Quartette  
*Enrollment by Leagues*

Desloge .....	23
Flat River .....	33
St. Louis, 1405 S. 7th St. ....	0
Wortham .....	10
Leadington .....	32
St. Louis, 1443 S. 18th St. ....	7
Visitors .....	29
Total number present .....	134
Reading of minutes, approved.	

Motion made to accept a new league into our Association (Bethel), which was received by a large majority vote. Sylvia Wood was elected President. Bro. Chas. Lund who has been President for the past three years was elected Vice President.

Raymond La Brot who had been Sec'y-Treas. for the past three years was reelected to that office.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. Chas. Miller, .... for three years  
 Bro. Olan Lincoln ..... for two years  
 Bro. Irvin Mills ..... for one year.

Bro. Wm. Reeves brought up an item of business in regard to the question of another division of our S. E. Missouri Association, stating that the majority at the League convention at Leadington, Mo., April 23, 1935 voted that we stand by our League Manual, which should be State, Associational and Local.

Motion carried that our Sec'y-Treas. notify our State Sec'y. of action taken on this matter, which was against any change or revision of League Manual.

The contest was taken care of with no winners of a blue ribbon this quarter. Percentage as follows: Flat River, 90% League; Desloge, 85%; Leadington, 85%; Wortham, 85%; St. Louis, 1405 S. 7th St., 60%.

Wortham league asks for the next League convention, which was granted them, it being July 23, 1935.

Song by Desloge League.  
 Song by St. Louis, New League.

Topic—One question from each of the following Leagues: Flat River,

Leadington and Desloge.  
 Song ..... Wortham League  
 Song ..... Flat River Juniors  
*In the Harvest Fields*  
 Song (by two children) .... Desloge  
 Song ..... Leadington League  
 Dismissed by Bro. Charles Miller.

## NOTICE

To all who are planning to attend the League rally and Mission meeting at Aurora the fifth Sunday in this month:

We are planning on that day to take a free plate collection to help on the finishing of our new church building there. I am sure you all know that the church has been working hard for some long time on the erection of the new building, and the Lord has been wonderfully blessing. So whatever you feel you could throw in that day will be highly appreciated by the little church there and will help greatly.

We are looking forward to a most wonderful time. Remember the church is located in the southeast part of the town, south of highway No. 60, on Rinker Avenue. It is easily found.

We will look for you; come praying.

In behalf of the church,

Eld. Winford Davis, Pastor.

## STATISTICIANS

REMEMBER, That the month of July is the month in which statistical reports are to be made by each Free Will Baptist church in the State of Missouri and sent to the statistician of your Association, who will report the statistics of the association to our State Statistician, Miss Tommie Franklin, Desloge, Mo. The blanks will be prepared and sent out about July first. If you receive a blank, we hope you will do your best to fill it out in full, for we desire a complete statistical report at our State Association when it meets in October.

## STEWARDSHIP

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Alright, we will call Abraham on the stand, and see what he says about the matter. After Abraham had gained a great victory and met Melchisedec, he gave him a tenth of all (Gen. 14:20). When we give a tenth of all, it not only means money, but it means our time, talents, goods, money and all. Now trace Abraham's life and you will find that God blessed him all through his life.

Next we will hear Jacob's testimony on stewardship (Gen. 28:22). He made a vow, and said he would give God a tenth of all. Many say they would tithe, if they only knew what part was God's. No need in being confused, when these great men gave

tithes of all. Every one knows what he has in his hands that he calls his own; and God requires the tenth to take away selfishness from His children. He doesn't need the tenth, it all belongs to Him.

Hag. 2:8—"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine."

Psalm 50:10—"For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."

God's plan for financing His kingdom work has always been the tithing system; and a simple way to express it is: We pay tithes and give freewill offerings.

The great depression of these last seven years is just a repetition of the times mentioned in the book of Amos, when the people were three years behind with their tithes and offerings.

Then it would be well to read the third chapter of Malachi, and see what God says to His people concerning the tithe: "Will a man rob God?" If a curse came upon the nation in Malachi's day, why wouldn't it be the same with the United States of America, if God has been robbed? Remember God has promised to give an abundant harvest, if all the tithes are brought into the storehouse.

It will be wise to read Matt. 23:23; Luke 11: 42; and Heb. 7. Under every dispensation the tithing system has been God's way. The Pharisees were making tithing the first thing in their religious program and Jesus rebuked them. He said, Love and mercy should come first, but the other they should not leave undone. Some are leaving it all off. When the church of today gets back to God's plan of financing His work, we can have schools, churches, parsonages, and money to send missionaries to all parts of the world. God lays down both a challenge and a promise: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the widows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." To be a faithful steward you must obey God, and not misuse His goods. If you are faithful in a few things, He will make you ruler over many things. If we don't use the means God gives us to be a blessing to others, we soon become selfish and forget that God gives us what we have, whether it is much or little. Let's lay all selfish plans aside and try God's way, and we will be just what the first Psalm says a man will be, that walks in the counsel of God.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ZION HOPE NO. 2 Association will meet in its Twenty-first Annual Session with Mountainburg Church, at Mountainburg, Ark., beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1935.

L. D. Coatney, Clerk, .....Rudy, Ark.

LACLEDE COUNTY Association will convene in its Thirty-first Annual Session with Green Ridge Church, in Camden County, Missouri, beginning at 3:00 o'clock p. m. Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1935.

Introductory sermon by Elder Glen Jones, Elder W. F. Millard alternate. Eld. W. F. Millard, Clerk, Lebanon, Mo.

FIRST MISSION Association will meet in its Eighth Annual Session with Vance Chapel Church, near Clinton, Okla., beginning Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1935. Every one come prepared to camp.

Eld. J. H. West, Clerk, Bristow, Okla.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI and SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS Association will meet in its Twenty-seventh Annual Session with Neola Church, near Greefield, Mo., beginning Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1935.

Bro. Boyd Thornton to preach the Introductory sermon, Sister Roena Thomas alternate.

Lee Hammonds, Clerk, Archie, Mo.

INDIAN CREEK Association will meet in its Twenty-third Annual Session with South Picher Church, at Picher, Oklahoma, beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1935.

Eld. Kenneth Turner to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. John B. Rollins alternate. Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk, Granby, Mo.

UNION Association will meet in its Thirty-fifth Annual Session with Oak Grove Church, about eight miles north of Norwood, Mo., beginning at 4:00 o'clock p. m. before the first Sunday in September, 1935.

The Introductory sermon to be preached by Eld. J. L. Branstetter, Eld. Shelby Medlock alternate. E. L. Jones, Clerk, Hartville, Mo., R3.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER Association will meet in its Fifty-seventh Annual Session with Glenwood Church, Glenwood, Pike Co., Arkansas, beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1935. R. D. Smith, Clerk, Clarendon, Ark.

ROBERT MCGEE Association will meet in its Thirty-fifth Annual Session with the Pleasant Valley Church, at Poteau, Oklahoma, beginning Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1935. Sister J. L. Broome, Clerk, Poteau, Ok.

HOPEWELL Association will meet in its Forty-second Annual Session with Folsom Church, six miles south of Coleman, Okla., beginning Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1935.

The Introductory sermon to be delivered by Eld. B. F. Rogers, Elder J. W. Fulce alternate. M. L. Bonds, Clerk, Folsom, Oklahoma.

MISSOURI STATE Association will meet in its Twenty-second Annual Session with Flat River Church, Flat River, Missouri, beginning on Monday night before the third Sunday in October, 1935.

Introductory Mission sermon on Monday night by Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin. Tuesday given to Mission and League work.

Introductory Associational sermon on Tuesday night by Eld. Selph Jones, Elder Winford Davis alternate. Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

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