

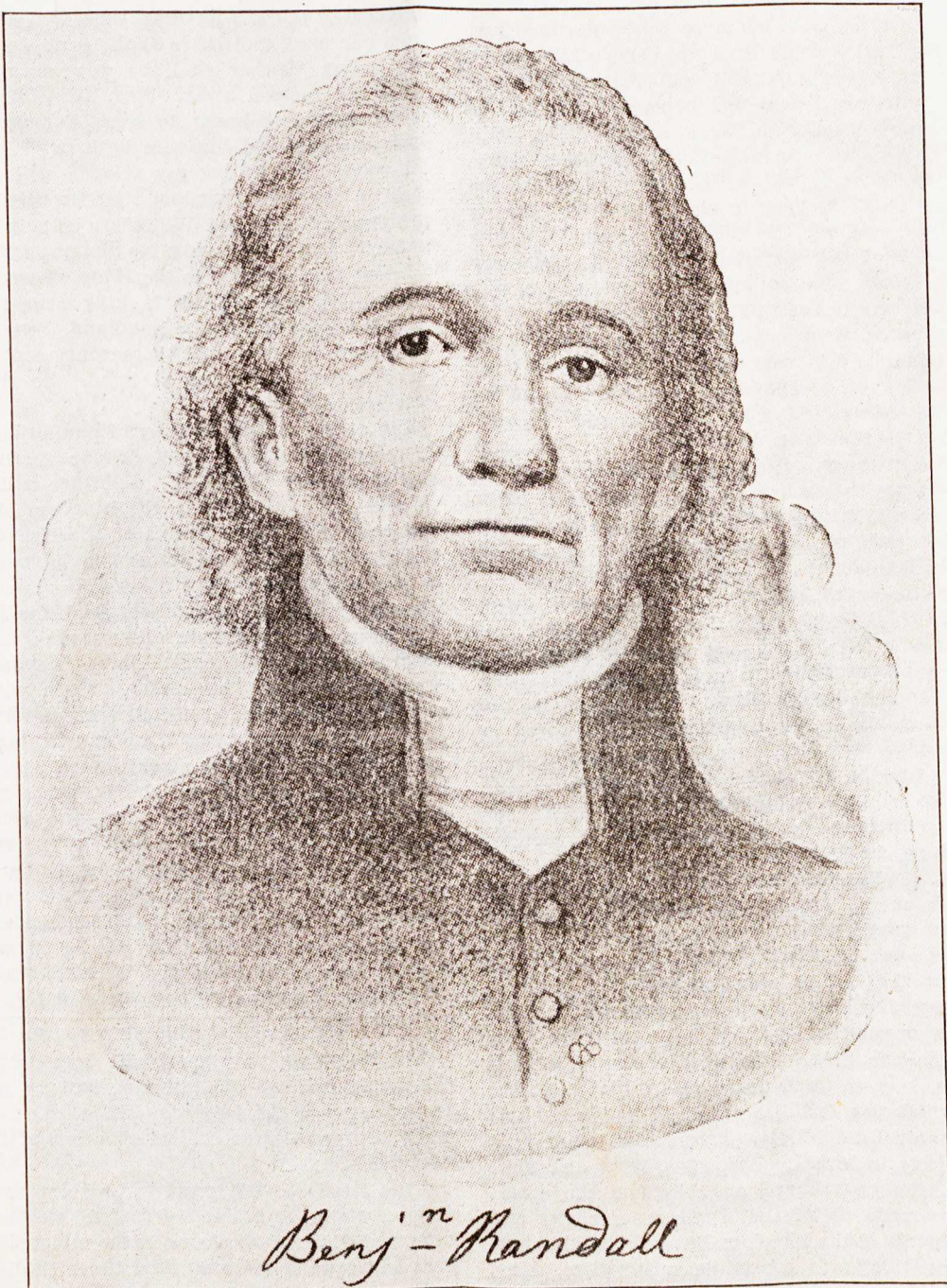
# THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

ORGAN OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
AND OF THE CO-OPERATIVE GENERAL ASSOCIATION—FOR FREE WILL BAPTIST EVERYWHERE

Vol. VII. No. 7.

Purdy, Missouri, July, 1935.

50 cents per year.





# PROPHECY

## Third 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, we are happy to continue our discourse on Prophecy. Prophecy means foretelling future events. Among the last things we discussed in Article 2 were the distruction of this Earth, Peter, says seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and Godliness, looking for and hasting to the coming of the Day of God where in the Heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; 2. Peter. 3.11 12 keep in mind dear readers peter was writing by Inspiration and we must belive his writings. and he said the Earth would burn up, verse 13 speaks of a new heaven and a new earth; we will discuss this later. The earth on which we live is the theme now we are discussing. We quote Zechariah 14. 4, And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of olives which is before Jerusalem on the East, I just use the words in each verse that is touching on the subject in view, and if the readers choose they may read all the verse or verses, I do this to save space. Some of our friends think this prophecy is yet to come, I beg your pardon, this is one of the last things Jesus did was to fulfill this prophecy.

Luke tell us he led them out as far as bethany, and he lefted up his hands and blessed them, he was parted from them and carried up into heaven; Proff, Luke 24. 50 51, Here it was that Jesus blessed his disciples and returned to his father, and the Disciples returned to Jerusalem with joy because of the promise their lord had made them that he would pray the father and he would send them another comforter. Bethany was situated on the mount of Olive. Mark tells us, And when they come nigh to Jerusalem unto bethphage and bethany at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth his disciples. Mark 11. 1, other proff, Luke. 19. 29, S T John. 11. 18;

I quote from Acts. 1. 6, When they therefore were come together they asked of him lord will thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? it seemed as the disciples were looking for the kingdom to be restored to Israel as they once had it: Verse 7 of the above mentioned chapter; And he said unto them, it is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the father hath put in his own power.: In fact the Israelites had no promise of a political king as they once had.

Proff. Ezekiel. 21. 25, This saith the lord God; Remove the diadem and take off the crown; this shall not be the same"; exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high,: all Bible readers know they had earthly kings untell Jesus came and set up that which men had loward.

Yes, he set it up; Jesus was Born King and ever element of the kingdom existed in the days of christ, he were their king, He is our king. The prophecy says it shall not be the same, keep in mind dear readers that after the prophecy of Daniel was fulfilled we have had one king; you may read again Daniel 2. 44, Christ Jesus is our king we are his subjects in his kingdom, some folks and some preachers teach the church and the kingdom the same; The Church are made up of the members of christ and they are the subjects of the kingdom But not the kingdom.

It takes three things to constitute a kingdom, king, teriotory and subjects, and I might add law:

1 Cor. 15.24, 25, Tell us, Christ must reign tell he hath

put all enemies under his feet: Verse 24 thus, Then cometh the end when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father; When he shall put down all rule, and all authority and power: Verse 25, For he must reign tell he hath put all enemies under his feet: Explanation, Note the end here means the end of the world, He)christ( shall deliver up the kingdom to God. The word tell or untell means a limited time, so christ must reign tell all enemies is put under his feet, and then cometh the end when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God.

Luke 22.16, For I say unto you I will not any more eat thereof untell it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God; Matt. 26. 29, But I say unto you I will not drink hence forth of this fruit of the Vine, untell that day when I drink it new with you in my fathers kingdom. Oh Yes, we will eat and drink with christ in the kingdom of God: This eating will take place after christ has delivered up the kingdom to God: At that time God will wipe all tears from our eyes, and there shall be no death, nether sorrow nor crying, Nether shall be any more pain, for former things are passed away. Rev. 19. 7, Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to him; For the marriage of the lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

I would like to ask my friends will these things take place in the New kingdom that Brother Wilson says will be setup in Jerusalem? Will there be no pain, No sorrow, No tears, No-death, No crying, No dieing, in the New Kingdom?

I dont find nowhere in the Bible where Christ will set up a new kingdom. Christ is king over the kingdom that John the Baptist preached at hand, Yes, John the Baptist, The twelve apostles, and the seventy sent out, all preached the kingdom of heaven at hand. So the kingdom have long been set up.

And at the second coming of our lord instead of setting up a new kingdom he will deliver up the kingdom he is now king over; And God the Father will take charge and we will eat and drink in the kingdom of God; There we will walk the golden streets of the Heavenly Home. there we will meet our love ones who have gone on and are at rest now with God.

I can not find in the good old Book the Bible where Jesus will return to Jerusalem and setup a new kingdom and reign one thousand years: Dear friends theres to many scriptures against that theiry. I am willing to give my brethern their views of the Scripture; And I hope we all can come together some time and all agree as it would be much better some are now saying The Freewill Baptist will soon be divided on thees things but I hope not; May we all read and pray over the differences I belive that will help us more than any thing., less take the Bible for facts, and no man sayings unless he has scripture to back him up; I don't think these differences would have ever been if men had not read some books that some so call big gun had wrote. May God help us to belive what we can find in the Bible and let facts teach us truth.

To be continued

### BIBLE QUOTATIONS (By the Editor)

"At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered into it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem; neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart" (Jeremiah 3:17).

"And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south" (Zech. 14:4).

## THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

Organ of

## THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Published monthly at Purdy, Missouri.


Eld. B. F. Brown, Editor.

Entered as Second Class Matter, June 4, 1930, at the  
Post Office at Purdy, Mo., under the act of March 3, 1879.

## TERMS

50 cents per year, cash in advance. Paper will be discontinued when subscription expires.

We will be glad to change your address for the Gem, if you notify us. Please give the old address with the new.

Your time is out if a pencil mark appears here 

We are always glad to receive articles, letters, reports, etc. from our readers for publication in the Gem, along any line that will help the cause.

## MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

## OFFICERS

|               |                      |                 |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Moderator,    | Eld. Jas. F. Miller, | Flat River, Mo. |
| Ass't Mod.,   | Eld. Selph Jones,    | Mansfield, Mo.  |
| Clerk-Treas., | Eld. Winford Davis,  | Monett, Mo.     |

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Dea. M. H. White,      | Plattsburg, Mo. |
| Eld. O. T. Allred,     | Monett, Mo.     |
| Eld. B. F. Brown,      | Purdy, Mo.      |
| Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr., | Mt. Grove, Mo.  |
| Eld. Harry Beatty,     | R3, Thayer, Mo. |

## GENERAL CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

## OFFICERS

|               |                       |                  |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Moderator,    | Eld. M. F. Vanhooose, | Paintsville, Ky. |
| Ass't Mod.,   | Eld. W. E. Dearmore,  | Wanette, Okla.   |
| Clerk-Treas., | Eld. Hattie Newman,   | Drumright, Okla. |
| Ass't Clerk,  | Eld. Winford Davis,   | R1, Monett, Mo.  |

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

|                       |                                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Eld. Selph Jones,     | Mansfield, Mo.                   |
| Eld. Bert F. Rogers,  | 401 W. Munson, Denison, Texas    |
| Eld. F. S. Vanhooose, | Paintsville, Ky.                 |
| Eld. Noel Turner,     | R2, Granby, Mo.                  |
| Eld. J. L. Waltman,   | 1109 E. Broadway, Cushing, Okla. |

## EARTH'S PROPHETIC WEEK

By Elder B. F. Brown  
Continued from last month

**IV. The Seven Feasts of Jehovah** (Lev. 23:4-44). These were seven great religious feasts which the Jews were required to keep every year unto the first coming of Christ. These were given in the Law of Moses, and continued in force from the giving of the Law at Sinai to the Cross, about 1487 years, beginning about the middle of the third thousand year day and ending early in the fifth thousand year day. Since the observance of these feasts covers about 2,500 years of earth's history, we are giving a brief explanation of each of them:

**1. The Passover** (vs. 4, 5). The Passover is to Israel a memorial of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage: it is typical of "Christ our Passover, sacrificed for us" (1 Cor. 5:7). This Feast was kept on the 14th day of the first month (Nisan), at evening, until the Lamb of God (slain from the foundation of the world) should be offered for the sins of whole world.

The Passover foreshadowed the crucifixion of Christ.

**2. The Feast of Unleavened Bread** (vs. 6-8). This Feast is also memorial. When Israel kept this Feast, they were reminded, or should have been reminded of the sufferings and death of Him who should be crucified for the sins of the world, for the Passover lamb was a type of the Lamb of God. When Christians eat unleavened bread in the Communion service, discerning the Lord's body, they do it in remembrance of Him who died to redeem them from sin (1 Cor. 11:23-26). And none but unleavened bread should ever be used in the Communion service, for leaven represents evil.

**3. Feast of First Fruits** (vs. 10-14). This Feast is typical of the resurrection—Christ first, then they that are Christ's at His coming (1 Cor. 15:23; 1 Thess. 1:13-18). By this Feast the Jews understood that they should have part in the resurrection at the "last day" (John 11:24); and Martha was made to understand that Jesus is the "resurrection and the life;" so they that live for Him in this life will live with Him in Glory.

**4. The Feast of Weeks or Pentecost** (vs. 15-22). The wave-loaves, two of them, baked with leaven, were offered (waved) at Pentecost, fifty days after the wave-sheaf. The wave-sheaf typified the risen Christ and those that should rise with Him, and was offered without leaven, which represents evil, for there is no evil in Christ: but the wave-loaves, which typified the church, were baked with leaven, for there is still some evil in the church. The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost united the many individual disciples into one body, the church; so the wave-loaves, many particles united into one body or loaf, represented the church, which should be endued with the Holy Spirit and power (Acts 1:8) fifty days after the resurrection typified by the Feast of First Fruits on the first day of the week of Passover week.

Of these four feasts, three of them came in the first month (Nisan) of the Hebrew sacred year and the fourth feast in the third month (Tammuz), then there are four months without any feasts. When Jesus, as He sat on the curb at Jacob's well, said unto

His disciples, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?" (John 4:35). He meant these four months. They represent the church period, from the Cross to the Crown, the time between the sufferings of Christ and His glory. It is the Dispensation of Grace.

**5. The Feast of Trumpets** (vs. 24, 25). This Feast is prophetic and refers to the regathering of Israel after the church age ends. Perhaps the Rapture will take place at the Feast of Trumpets; for this feast celebrated a finished harvest, a time of rejoicing, a delightful time; hence the word "Rapture" signifies an ineffable joy and delight. This Feast comes in our month of September; then will begin the seventieth week (seven years) of Daniel's prophecy (Dan. 9:24-27). During this seven years the Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached (Mt. 24:14). The Antichrist will be reigning, and all the things set forth in Revelation, chapters six to the end of chapter nineteen will take place on the earth. One reason why Bible readers have such difficulty in understanding the Book of Revelation is, that they fail to use the key to the book given in Rev. 1:19, together with Rev. 4:1. "The things which thou hast seen" are written in the first chapter; the "things which are" are written in chapters two and three; and the "things which shall be hereafter" begin with chapter four and continue through the book. The "things which are," mean the church and the things considered with it, and the "things which are" are still here, for the church is still here. After all the members of the true church are taken in the Rapture, then the "things which shall be hereafter" will be in manifestation on the earth. From the beginning of chapter four of the Revelation, the word "church" does not appear again until all is fulfilled; and I believe that Rev. 4:1 is the fulfillment of 1 Thess. 4:14-17. For seven years following the Rapture Satan will be unhindered, for the Holy Spirit will go with the church; it will be the "time of trouble," a time of "great tribulation." See Mt. 24:21; 2 Thess. 2:1-12.

**6. The Day of Atonement** (vs. 26-32). This Feast shows Israel, first gathered back to Palestine in their sins, but afterward they repent and are blessed. For forty-two months (3½ years), or for the first half of the seven years' reign of Antichrist, the Jews will serve him as their Messiah, worshipping at their temple at Jerusalem, which will be rebuilt; and it is reported that the material for this new temple is all cut out, prepared, and ready, that the temple may be put up quickly without the sound of a hammer. It is now stored somewhere in Italy, waiting for the proper time to build, when it will be transported to Palestine and the temple erected. But after three and one-half years he (Antichrist) will take away their sacrifice and oblation, and will show his real character, then will begin Jacob's trouble, which will continue three and one-half years, but they will repent and be saved out of it (Jer. 30:7). The first three and one-half years we call, The Tribulation, the second or last three and one-half years we call, The Great Tribulation.

The Day of Atonement typifies Israel's repentance and restoration. Just as Moses, who was a type of Christ the great Deliverer, when he attempted to deliver his people, the Israelites from Egyptian

bondage (Exo. 2:1-15; Acts 7:20-28): so was Christ rejected when He came to deliver His people, the Jews (See John 1:11; Acts 7:51-53; Mt. 23:37-38; Mt. 27:25). Yes, the Jews rejected their Messiah, He did not deliver them, but they crucified Him, saying, "Let His blood be on us, and on our children." That blood is still on the Jews, and they are still "without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice," etc. (Hosea 3:4). Instead of accepting their Deliverer and being delivered by Him, they rejected Him and crucified Him; and their house is left unto them desolate (Mt. 23:38).

While Moses was in rejection he married a Gentile bride (Exo. 2:16-21). Likewise, Christ, after His rejection, "as a nobleman, went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return" (Luke 19:12). And He delivered unto His servants things which they are responsible to keep and use while He is away; and He said unto them, "Occupy till I come." Christ is still away, and while He is away (in rejection by the Jews), His Gentile bride, the true church, is being made ready (2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-32), and for her He is soon coming.

After forty years Moses appeared again to Israel as their deliverer and was accepted (Ex. 4:29-31); likewise will Christ come again as Israel's Deliverer and will be accepted, and rule over them in righteousness in His Kingdom. Long after Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage, because of their sins, they were cut off and sent into captivity, and God had said, "I will punish you seven times (2520 years) for your sins" (Lev. 26:18, 21, 24, 28). Yes, the Jews (natural branches) were broken off, and the Gentiles (wild olive branches) were grafted in "until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" (Rom. 11:13-25). The times of the Gentiles (Luke 21:24) is nearly full, will be full at the end of this Dispensation of Grace, which is near its close; and the next thing on God's program is the coming of the Lord into the air to call His children unto Himself; then will begin the seventieth week (the last seven years) of Daniel's prophecy (Dan. 9:24-27). During this seven years the Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached by Jews (Matt. 24:14), the Antichrist will be reigning, and all the things set forth in Revelation, chapter six to end of nineteenth chapter will take place on the earth. Jesus says in Matt. 24:14 that the end (of this age) will come when the "Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." This is the Gospel that John the Baptist, the Lord Himself, and His disciples preached, but it was suspended when the Lord was rejected by the Jews; but they will hear this Gospel at that time, and many will be converted; and they will be ready to accept their King when He comes in glory to set up His kingdom here on earth, at the end of the seven years of the tribulation (Hosea 6:1-3; Matt. 23:39; Isaiah 25:9).

*To be continued*

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

The book will contain 30 or more pages, and will be printed and ready for delivery by June 20, 1935.

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

## REPORT of Quarterly League Rally of Union Association

The members of the Quarterly League Rally of Union Association of Free Will Baptist met Sunday, June 9, 1935, with the Mountain Grove church.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman and the service opened with singing. Prayer by Eld. L. T. Koch. Mary Scott was elected as secretary. After which Eld. Homer Smith took charge of the services. Scripture reading, Proverbs 22:1-4. Text, Matt. 5:41. A splendid message was enjoyed by all. Dismissed for the noon hour by Eld. L. T. Koch.

Afternoon services called to order by chairman. Singing by Big Creek class. Scripture reading, John 10:1-5, by chairman. Prayer by Eld. Claud Smith. After which the business session was held. Registration of delegates and officers. Letters from the Mountain Grove and Brushy Knob leagues were read and approved.

Eld. Herbert Vandivort was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next rally. Adam Scott was elected as chairman and Oval Coffman as secretary. The following were elected as delegates to the Union Associational League: Adam Scott, John Parker, Zeleina Gearing, Oval Coffman, Nellie Gearing, Berniece Hogarth, Herschel, Burl Halliburton.

Brushy Knob requested, and was granted the next League rally. Only two leagues were represented, but a soul-inspiring program was given.

### PROGRAM

Reading ..... Jewell Louise Watson  
Reading ..... Leslie Wallace  
Reading ..... Norene Smart  
Song ..... Leah Mae Scott  
Reading ..... Paul Parker  
Reading ..... Merlen Paul  
Play ..... Five Little Girls  
Song ..... Betty Jean Smart  
and Wayne Watson

Reading ..... Grace McCarty  
Reading ..... Daisy Scott  
Reading ..... Perry Hutsell  
Song, Effie Barker and Letha Brickey  
Reading ..... Merlen Paul  
Reading ..... Benjamin Scott  
Song ..... Wilma Paul  
Reading ..... Arthur Booker  
Trio Adam, Mary and Daisy Scott  
Reading ..... Alice Halliburton  
Quartet, Mt'n Grove F. W. B. Church  
Closing Piece ..... Mayme Eden  
Three Songs ..... Big Creek Class

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

Adam Scott, Chairman,  
Mary Scott, Secretary.

## WARREN, ARKANSAS Pleasant Valley Church

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

We will try, in our weak way, to write a few lines, telling you about the wonderful Easter program which the Sunday school classes rendered.

The opening number was a song, "He Arose." Then a play was given by the young boys and girls. In this play, we impressed deeply on the minds the meaning of the Cross, also what the rising of Jesus means to those who love God. We presented the Cross in white, with a grassy mound beneath. A quartet, conducted by Leonard Doggett, sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

After the program our pastor, Bro. J. E. White, gave a wonderful discourse on the Resurrection. Then Bro. S. L. Woodard made an interesting talk.

Pray for us, that we might grow stronger.

Misses Ruthie Mae Jones and  
Vera Doggett.

### MT'N GROVE, MO., June 14th.

Dear Gem Family:

With love and best wishes to all, I will write just a few lines. I am still in the fight against sin, doing what little I can in the name of the good Lord to advance His cause.

I guess all of us like to report our good meetings, but not quite so ready to tell of our failures; but that is mostly what I have to report.

Last July I went to Northeast Mo. and was with Bro. Sam Marcum two weeks at one of his churches, but didn't have any visible results. I enjoyed being up there with those good people, some folks I won't forget soon; and as Bro. Marcum was giving up some of his churches up there, some of the brethren asked me about some of our ministers down here. I told them of some I thought would be interested in going up there, and among the number, Bro. Dauber accepted care of two churches, and I hope and pray is making good for the Lord up there.

Eld. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo. was chosen by a big majority vote of the church at Mountain Grove to help in the revival here, in fact he did about all the preaching, and we had a good meeting. Bro. Allred has been here in two meetings and is well liked by all. I helped Eld. J. E. Burney in a meeting in Dallas Co., Mo. without any visible results.

Then I went to Oklahoma, near Tulsa, and was with Bro. Staires in his church. We had a right good

meeting, but not what we had hoped for. Bro. Staires has accomplished a good work there, and has lots of opposition. I enjoyed being there and went one Sunday over east of Claremore where Bro. Kelly Mathis had held a good meeting and had organized a church. We sure had a good day there. Eld. Stinnett took me over there.

Bro. Clarence Ussery and I started a meeting at one of my churches in January, but were stormed out, just had two conversions. I am planning to have revivals at two of my churches in July and August this year, if the Lord wills. Eld. Claud Smith of Macomb, Mo. was with me at one of my churches last Sunday and did some of the best preaching I ever heard.

One of the worst doctrines we have to contend with here is the No Church idea, "Just as good not to belong to any church." I don't think just belonging to the church will save anyone, neither do I believe anybody can live just as well out as they can in; if I did, I know I would not make so many long hard trips as I do. I love the church and am ready to do all I can to defend it in the name of the Lord.

I earnestly covet an interest in all your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,  
Geo. W. Scott, Jr.

### SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS, R2 June 13, 1935.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

I am writing you my first letter, and I am a poor writer, but just want to tell you how God is blessing us.

This letter is from the Old Mt. Zion church. Bro. J. W. Allred is our pastor and everybody loves him. Bro. Allred is always on hand. He preaches the second Sunday of each month. Last second Sunday we had a wonderful service; the Lord blessed us wonderfully. Some shouted, while others were singing.

We have a good Sunday school too, and a Junior Bible class with an average attendance of 25.

We are getting ready for an old time revival this summer, and we ask the prayers of God's people, that sons and daughters may be born into the kingdom of God, and I also ask the prayers of God's people for my wife who is suffering from blood poison which set up last July 17th.

May God bless you all.

Eld. Bruce Phillips, Reporter.

## THAYER, MISSOURI

Dear Brother Brown and all the "Blessed Hope folks;" In the fall of 1932, seeing a request for all who would promise to pray fifteen minutes each day for revival in Canada and the United States, I sent my name in and on November 21st my Certificate (No. 2741) reached me. We promised to keep on praying till it came.

Over 12,000 had "signed up" at last account, and you know that many believers all over the country, praying every day will certainly bring results.

These "perilous times" of so-called depression are really a suppression of the power of the Holy Spirit by multitudes who are "entangled" with worldly matters. Even before the depression fell we were very considerably "reduced," and how we regretted our inability to help many worthy causes engaged in the work of our Lord, the linotype for one. When our State Association met in our county, we who attended were rewarded with wonderful showers of blessing. And say, folks, do we count our blessings in these trying times as we should, and then thank God and take courage? He has blessed every one of us every day as much as we will let Him. Let us let Him bless us all He wants to do in the future!

About two years ago David and I dug our sweet potatoes, about five bushel, many fine large ones, and as long as they lasted that was about all the food we had, not a crumb of bread of any kind. The latter part of the season was wet, and even then a good many potatoes rotted, but do you know, right there we proved Phil. 4: 19, just as Paul wrote it, for we have a life long practice of really trying to practice James 2:8, and folks, it pays much larger dividends than worldly stocks and bonds just as it always has. That "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding" of 1 Cor. 15:58 always brings glorious results.

Wish I could have been as close to you brethren at St. Louis at the revival Bro. Hill writes about, for I know the Lord was even closer!

Wish I could clasp glad hands with all of the vineyard laborers of which the June number of the Gem tells, but God who knows every thought can and will bless in all ways those that are His. More power to you all from the inexhaustible power house of the universe.

Yours in His name,

Ralph T. Hoyt.

## HARTVILLE, MO., April 22, '35.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I want to thank God this morning for sparing my life to see one more Easter Sunday, and for the blessings that sweet day brought to us yesterday, the 21st day of April, 1935. The sunlight which gives light to all the world was beautiful, and it seemed to be the most sacred day.

"Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified . . . He is risen." This is wonderful for us to know. Yesterday seemed such a lovely day, that all nature seemed to say, "God is love." The little blossoms, blooming beneath our feet, the earth with its green robe, the trees in the forest putting on their leaves of green, everything demonstrating the resurrection and the Life. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

Well it was our privilege to be at the Coon Creek church yesterday, there at 10:00 o'clock, the time appointed by our leader of the Old Harmony Band singers. And after I was seated in the church, I looked around and, seeing so many beautiful pictures, was reminded of some Bible characters we had read so much about in the Bible, but the motto on the wall, "He is risen," means it all to us. Then the old time singers began to come to the church, coming from the north, south, east and west, with those Christian Harmony books in their hands. Some looking old and grey, some very feeble, then, when all were seated, our leader said he felt very sad, as some of our class had been called away, and that meant so much to him; they had been so faithful and true, but while they were singing in Glory today, a few were still left to sing here. He talked with the Spirit, and as the big tears flowed down his cheeks, he said, "Let's sing for our first song this morning, 'Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.'" He said that was the best song he ever knew. Now, as they gathered in, I thought, "How beautiful heaven must be." Then of what David said, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Well, after a bountiful dinner was served, and after some songs had been sung, Bro. Lon Denis made us a talk on the power of song, how it fills and thrills our souls when sung in understanding. Then a little eleven year old girl, who went on the bus with us last year and sang for us, was there; so she sang, "Life is Like a Mountain

Railroad." Then she was requested to sing a favorite, "When I Make My Last Move." I wish all the Gem readers could have heard these old songs; almost every one in the Christian Harmony is a sermon within itself, because they are compiled from the promises of God; the most of them are Bible doctrine.

I think now of a little story I read about an infidel traveling in the west with his uncle, a broker, who were not a little anxious for their safety when they were forced to stop for the night in a rough wayside cabin. There were two rooms in the house, and when they retired for the night, they agreed that the young man should sit with his pistol, and watch until midnight, and then awaken his uncle who should watch until morning. Presently, they peeped through a crack, and saw their host, a rough looking old man, in his work suit, but clean, reach up and take down a Bible; and after reading it a while, he knelt on his knees and began to pray. Then the young infidel began to pull off his coat and get ready for bed. The uncle said, "I thought you were going to sit up and watch." But the young man knew there was no need of sitting up to watch in a cabin that was hallowed by the Word of God and consecrated by the voice of prayer. So, if by chance you are in the old path, and stop at a home where they read the Bible and pray, and sing old time religion, you perhaps will see one of these old song books, that to my own knowledge have been in use sixty years, and the first song I ever learned to sing with the music is the first song in the book, "Awake and sing the song of Moses and the Lamb, Awake every heart and every tongue, to praise the Savior's name."

I think of Brother Jackson Barnett, one of the old pioneer preachers, that once rode over these Ozark hills on horseback. He witnessed hundreds of conversions, went through the heat and cold; and "Old Time Religion" was one of his favorite songs. Bro. Jim Miller heard the old singers here in this part of the country, and he knows the half has never been told. He said he never felt better in life.

Isaiah said, "And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness. . . . No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain

joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isa. 35:8-10)

"Sing praises unto his name: for it is pleasant." We know this is true by experience. When we had our little children at home with us, we had an organ, and there were two neighbor men in the community that led singing, Jim Bolen and Willie Thornhill. They would have singing in our home; and it was home, sweet home, be it ever so humble, there's no place like it to me.

Well, Easter Sunday is forever past for 1935, but Jesus is alive for ever more. I used to hear father and mother sing, "Mary to the Savior's Tomb." I did not understand it at that time, but it means Jesus rose from the dead and is alive for ever more." This is the greatest blessing that ever came to humanity; and then to know we can worship Him by singing songs of praise to His holy name!

I think just now of my dear old father, how he did sing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and another, "I Am So Glad Our Father In Heaven, Tells of His Love in the Book He has Given." Although he has been gone to the Glory land 41 years, I remember them well.

David said, "Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing" (Psa. 100:2).

"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being" (Psalm 104: 33).

Oh, there is so much said in the Word of God about song: John the Revelator said, "I heard the voice of harpers, harping with their harps and they sang as it were a new song before the throne, and no man could learn that song but the hundred forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the earth."

"He is risen." This why we can worship Him in song, praise His holy name! "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed."

"He is risen." If it were not so our preaching and singing would all be in vain.

Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." When we all get to Heaven, and when we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory.

Pray for us, that we may be among that number; and God bless all who have asked to be prayed for.

As ever, your unworthy servant,  
Mrs. Lina Claxton.

### DENISON, TEXAS

Dear Gem Family:

No doubt you will be glad to hear of our good meeting here in Denison, Texas. God gave us some precious services and the old time power came down. We had some wonderful after services, two nights, and I don't think I ever saw the Spirit work as He did. Confessions were made and people drawn nearer to the Master. Bro. and Sister Rogers have done a splendid work in the Denison church. We had 36 converted and reclaimed. Only five united with the church during the meeting, but we look for others to take membership later.

We had so much rain during the meeting, that some nights the congregations were small, but powerful services just the same. We have some splendid people in the Denison church and they have the tithing system to finance their church work. Brother Rogers is one of our coming preachers. I am so glad our young preachers are doing so well. The meeting closed on the Mountain top, with a good interest.

God bless the work everywhere.  
With prayers that many may be saved.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

### WARREN, ARKANSAS

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

If space will permit, I will write to the paper my first time. I have been a reader of the Gem for nearly a year and sure like the little paper. I am always glad when it arrives at my postoffice. I sure enjoy reading the many good letters from different people, some of whom I have no idea of ever meeting on this side of eternity, but some glad day I am expecting to meet you in the world beyond. The Gem for one year is worth any man's fifty cent piece.

I just read in a newspaper where some man said, "Keep planning for pleasure ahead." He said further, "Always I have some books, such as novels, biographies, etc., selected to read and waiting for me as soon as a spare hour comes." Which book do you choose? I choose the Book Sir Walter Scott asked for on his dying

bed. Scott said to his son, "Get the Book and read to me, son."

"Which book, father?"

"The Bible, the Book of all books."

I have been reading the Bible for some time and it hasn't become old yet: it only becomes fresher every time I read it. My mother and father have read the Bible as far back as I can remember, and they still read it. The Bible is a Book that never grows old: there's no other book like the Bible. Of this Book thousands of the best and most talented men of the world have testified, and not only that, they are never tired of reading it. The promises of the Bible are the only comfort millions of people have today, yet brave men have joined themselves together to defeat the Bible, but as time rolled on, one by one they passed on into eternity, leaving the Bible and its sweet promises unharmed. It is strange that a man would try to rob any one of the cherished hope of Heaven. Unchanged and unchangeable has the Bible stood through the history of mankind, speaking words of comfort to those who will accept its Lord and obey its teaching. I hope every one who reads this article has accepted the Lord of the Bible and is looking forward to the great vacation day:

When all my labors and trials are o'er,  
And I am safe on that heavenly shore;

Just to be near my dear Lord I adore,  
Will through the ages be glory for me.

That will be glory, be glory for me,  
When by his grace I shall look on his face,

That will be glory for me.

There seems to be a deepening conviction on the minds of God's children, that that great day is drawing nigh, that we are living in the days that immediately precede Jesus' return. However it may be several years, but still short comparing with eternity. My prayer is, that we as children of God, keep praying, waiting, watching and listening for the words uttered from above, that time shall be no more. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Pray for us at Pleasant Valley.

—Howard Jones



**TULSA, OKLAHOMA**

Dear Brother and Sister Brown:

We are just back from the General Conference with a glorious report.

We left Tulsa Wednesday morning, June 5th, and reached Ayden, N. C. at 6:30 p. m. Friday, had a wonderful visit with Bro. and Sister Blackwelder, then early Saturday morning we went to Davis, N. C. and spent Saturday and over Sunday with the good people we used to know.

Our party consisted of Bro. and Sister B. F. Rogers and child, and Bro. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla.

Before I get off from it and forget to get back to it, I want to mention that Bro. and Sister Rogers made me a present of my trip to the Conference. God bless them abundantly for their love and kindness to me.

Bro. Bingham preached Sunday morning and Bro. Rogers Sunday night, and I made a talk Sunday p. m. Bro. Bingham with his southern fire, and Bro. Rogers with his manner of sweet song and power won the hearts of the Davis people.

We left Monday morning for Moorehead City, where we spent one night and preached to a packed house. Bro. Luke Weatherington is pastor there and he and his good wife surely made us welcome. Then in connection with the visit we were permitted to view God's mountains, rivers and ocean. It was all wonderful.

Then on Tuesday we arrived at our Black Jack church where we found Bro. Griffin waiting to receive us along with the hundreds. A nice home was assigned us, and, oh, how we did appreciate the kindness of Bro. and Sister Gaskins. A splendid message was brought by Eld. K. V. Shults of Fort Worth, Texas, after which a good old getting together took place.

Wednesday morning the meeting opened for business, but it would take me too long to give you a correct minute of all the proceedings. Delegates and ministers were there from Ky., Tenn., Nebr., Ohio, Ala., Tex., Fla., Ga., Miss., Okla., and perhaps others.

Bro. Davidson brought the message Wednesday morning with great force and power.

One of the Bible schools was reported by Bro. Barrow. A National Missionary Society was organized. Sister Barnard was there from Ga. and gave a wonderful talk on Foreign Missions and is also on her way to India to begin a work for the Master. Her talk stirred our people up on their duty as well as privilege to carry the

Gospel to every nation. An offering of almost \$100.00 was taken and given Sister Barnard for help on her journey.

The Merger committee reported immediately after noon, and their report was unanimously accepted. And oh, what a joy it gave us to see our people coming together as one united force! So we are looking forward to the National meeting in Nashville, Tenn. this coming November.

On account of Sister Bingham being sick, we left Thursday afternoon and didn't get to hear the report of the other Bible school, nor either of our papers, the Gem and the Free Will Baptist.

We would say the Conference was a grand success.

We had a safe journey back, not even a flat going or coming. We reached Tulsa Saturday night at 11:30 o'clock. We are glad to report Sister Bingham is better. God so led that we should begin a meeting with Bro. Bingham and his people, and four have been saved already. I haven't felt the revival spirit in a place for years as I feel it here. God led from the first to preach to the unsaved. Pray for us, that this will be a great revival, and many souls saved.

God bless you dear ones for your faithful service to God and to our beloved denomination.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

### **LIBERAL, MISSOURI** **Children's Day Exercises at the** **The Verdella Baptist Church**

Sunday evening, June the 9th, the clouds dispersed and the rain ceased long enough for the Children's Day Exercises to be held at the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church.

The room never looked more lovely in its dress of pink and white crepe paper, bordered with clusters of pink Ramblers, and the stage setting represented a garden with its rose covered trellises, bouquets of lovely cut flowers and potted plants, with Christ's picture, "The Gardener," as center piece, and Christ's voice again came, as of old, saying, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

All did their parts well.

A musical reading rendered by seven characters, portraying four different stages of the Christian's life, from infancy and youth to middle and old age, was well rendered and well received. The title: "Memory Melodies."

Collection, \$2.25.

Eld John Swaffar filled his regular appointment Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

The rain hindered some from coming, but any one hearing the sermon Sunday at eleven o'clock could receive enough soul food to carry over until the third Sunday in July, if being unfortunate enough as to miss the Sunday night service.

Sunday school attendance 50.

Long live the editor and wife to carry the good work on.

Mrs. O. T. Fast.

**BOONEVILLE, ARKANSAS**

Dear Brother Brown:

If you will give me space again, I would like to talk to my Free Will Baptist brethren in Arkansas again, about the 25 cents our State Association asked them for at its last session.

Now brethren, what are you going to do? Is it possible that you are going to drag around, do nothing until our Association meets again, then have to admit that you were one that didn't even as much as try? It's strange to me, that even our preachers will come to the Association, all keyed up, and on the mountain top, could do anything. Yes, they could preach and sing, and almost take the world for Christ, but after the Association is over, you go home and forget every resolution that was passed that was for the advancement of our church; and some forget to preach during the year, but when the Ass'n meets again they are there with a big mitt on. Will you please remember that, if we ever take the world for Christ, we will have to do some preaching, singing, praying, and a little paying, from one Association to the next one. I feel that some of our preachers are afraid to mention the 25 cents for fear their offering may be short, but this is not so. We need to teach our people their duty, and when taught, they will do it. Please don't stand back any longer to collect this money and send it in, for it's not long until our State Association will meet. We are going to have some funeral expenses to pay, and we have some old worn out preachers, that must be cared for: they have given their lives to God and our church, and it's our duty to care for them in their last days, when the churches no longer use them. You preachers, remember, your day is coming when you, too, will be on the shelf. And if we fail to have some system of supporting our church and caring for our



born out ministers, it's going to be too bad. I am young yet, so to speak, and have many years before me to preach and sing, but I remember those who preached to me, and were instrumental in God's hands of my being saved; and now, to see them begging their living is more than I can stand. Will every preacher, with all lay members, join hands with me in helping collect this 25 c assessment?

I thank God for those who are interested enough to give me five dollars on this move. They are:

J. E. Phillips ..... Booneville, Ark.  
J. M. Borum ..... Booneville, Ark.  
J. J. West ..... Russellville, Ark.  
B. R. Tackett ..... Atkins, Ark.

There are others that God has blessed with the things of this world, who are able to pay five dollars, will you please do so? Your name will be mentioned later. Now preachers, will you please help help me, for with your help, we will succeed; without your help, it will fail. I am on the field most all the time, but can't see every one. May God bless the cause everywhere.

W. M. Guinn, Clerk and Treasurer.

## LA MESA, NEW MEXICO

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We have preaching here at Misquite by a Free Will Baptist preacher by the name of A. F. Pierce. We have organized a church with seven members, and have preaching service twice each month. Bro. Pierce is surely a man of God.

Verna G. Edson.

## STAHL, MISSOURI, June 26th.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I will try to write a few lines to let you all hear from me. I am still living and trying to serve the Lord as best I can. How I would love to see all of my friends: may God bless each one, and may we all meet in Heaven some day where there will be no parting. I love to read the letters in the Gem, and would love to be in an old time meeting. May God bless all who read this: and I ask all to pray for me, that I may do His will.

I think we should all live closer to our blessed Master, and in this way we would help win souls for Jesus.

Judge Rutherford's work has taken quite a hold on some friends, and I hope and pray the Lord will step in and wake them up.

Your sister in Christ,  
Bessie Fowler, Stahl, Mo., R2.

## CUSHING, OKLA., June 22, 1935

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We wish to give a report of our work in the First Mission Association of Oklahoma, Circle No. 1.

We have another church in our circle, has been in only a few months. It is the Free Will Baptist church of Olive, Okla. We extend to them the good will of our circle, and may God bless them abundantly.

Our next rally will be at the Olive church, July 5th, Mrs. Rosco, Sec'y.

Vance Chapel Mission is progressing nicely. We are working to please God, and our greatest aim is to help others. We have a good attendance, have visited several homes, quilted several quilts, paid out one dollar to Bro. Waltman. We desire your prayers in behalf of our mission. Mrs. Lindsay, Secretary.

Our good report from the Drumright Juniors—The Free Will Baptist Juniors have made 39 sick calls, read 295 Bible chapters, 107 regular members present, have papered our class room, wall and ceiling, as a surprise to Bro. Staires. The Junior mission gave him a new suit of clothes. We have a flower garden quilt top to sell. The Junior Home Mission and Sunday school class entertained Mother and Father with a program and served for refreshment ice cream and cake for Mothers' Day. Keep up the good work Juniors. —Lula Moore, Sec'y-Treas.

Cushing Home Mission has made 154 sick calls, read 537 Bible chapters, gave two grocery showers and one clothing shower, have quilted two quilts, sold pot lifters and bonnets, had one cottage prayer meeting, have taken in \$3.25, paid out 84 cents. We ask your prayers in our behalf.

Mrs. J. D. Williams, Sec'y-Treas.

Silver City Free Will Baptist Home Mission met last Wednesday, have an average attendance of 8 to 12, have taken in \$4.64, paid out on our lumber bill. We are making bonnets, also still working on our name quilt, have one quilt not sold yet, have given one layett shower, made a number of sick calls. We ask every one to pray for us.

Evelyn Beyley, Sec'y-Treas.

We have no report of our last Fellowship meeting at hand, but there were 18 ministers present, and each one preached for about ten minutes. (We would like to make honorable mention of Bro. Taylor, a minister from Washington state who is a brother to Sister Hattie Newman, pastor of the Silver City church. Bro. Taylor brought us a wonderful message. Text, Judges 16:20, last part of

the verse, "And he wist not that the Lord had departed from him."

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

## LAWNWOOD CHURCH NOTES

June 26, 1935.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We want to put in a letter from our little church this month to let you know we are on the firing line for God.

Our Sunday school and church services are growing and taking more interest in church work, and wanting a closer walk with God. Our little church was filled Sunday night and we had a good service.

Bro. Jack Eadon is our new pastor. We know Bro. Jack is a man of God, and we hope he will get this little church at heart, as we co-operate with him. God being our helper, we will go over the top for our Savior. We know we owe him so much, while we have done so little for his cause.

We hate to see Bro. and Sister Williams go from here; they have been so faithful and have done much for our community, and helped build up the little church. Bro. Williams has not taken a church yet, but is holding a two weeks' revival at Iron Post.

Our young folks attended the Sunday School rally and put on a wonderful program, and brought back the banner the second year in succession, of which we are proud.

We wish to ask the prayers of all God's children, that our work here will grow and prosper through this new year, and that a revival will break out here in the near future, which is badly needed. Pray for us.

Helen Persall, Reporter.

## TULSA CHURCH REPORT

June 24, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As we begin this report today we want to give God the praise and glory for His many blessings since our last report went in.

Quite a large delegation from Tulsa church attended the Quarterly Conference at Cushing, Okla. Personally, I got so many wonderful thoughts from the different messages and the business in general that was transacted during the meeting and the sweet fellowship that we enjoyed while mingling with the dear brothers and sisters.

Our church was well represented at the Sunday School Rally, at New Home church, on June 9th, and our part on the program was very good. We are going to work harder next

year and bring back the banner—we hope.

Bro. Bingham has just returned from the Eastern Conference. He made the trip by auto, with Bro. and Sister Rogers of Denison, Texas and Sister McAdams, also of Texas.

They reported seeing much of the flood waters, but made a safe journey there and back, and enjoyed a wonderful time, both at the Conference and while visiting on the Atlantic Coast as well. Sister McAdams has told us that she, too, was made glad to go back to Morehead City and to Beaufort, N. C. where she used to preach, and there they met old friends and relatives again, some having been converted during her ministry. While at Davis, N. C. all three of her party were called on to preach.

At the present time we are in a grand revival here at Tulsa church, with one or more souls coming to the altar each night. In a very miraculous manner God saw fit to call Sister McAdams to do the preaching, and is giving her a host of wonderful messages, and all of Tulsa church, and the whole community in general have lifted up their heads and are drinking in the good food. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. To date we have had ten conversions and reclaims and all the old members are getting revived up and prayed up to where we should be, and to where we are really fit to work for God. We covet your prayers.

The Mission Mothers sponsored an ice cream and cake social last week and made a nice little sum, even if the weather was stormy out side.

Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

## WILL THE CHURCH ESCAPE THE TRIBULATION?

By Eld. O. T. Alford

As this a question of vital importance, I want to appeal to every Christian, and especially to every minister, to make a thorough study of God's word on this subject.

Abraham said to Lot (Gen. 13:8), "We be brethren."

God said, "Come now, and let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18).

Paul said, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing" (1 Cor. 1:10).

Now, brethren, isn't it about time we were laying aside our preconceived ideas and men's theories, and accepting God's word on this great subject?

We read Christ's statement of the tribulation (Matt. 24:6-8), where He

said, That wars, pestilences, famines, and earthquakes, in divers places, were the beginning of sorrows.

Mark 13:19, 20, says, That these days of tribulation are so terrible, that except those days be shortened, no flesh will be left on the earth.

Rev. 13:14-17, tells us that those who refuse to take the mark of the beast will be killed. Enough for the tribulation period.

If the church is to suffer in this period, where is our comfort?

1 Thess. 4:18—"Wherefore comfort one another with these words." What words? That we who are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet Him in the air (1 Thess. 4:15-17).

In Luke 21:36—When Christ had been warning His disciples of deception and destruction, He said to watch and pray, that we might be accounted worthy to escape all these things. Now, if it is impossible for the church (the bride) to escape this awful tribulation, why did Christ ask us to strive for something that is beyond our reach?

Now, brethren, Christ made no mistake and the Rapture, or catching away of the church (bride) before the tribulation is distinctly the hope of the church 1 Cor. 15:51—"Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." Now, if the church is to remain here during the tribulation period, and all who refuse to take the mark of the beast are killed, and those who take it are destroyed by Christ when He comes in power, where are you going to find a Christian to be translated? Thank God, brethren, He has given a message of hope to all those who will be ready. Matt. 25:10—"And they that were ready went in."

Sodom could not be destroyed until Lot and his family were taken out (Gen. 19:22).

That restraining, or withholding force must be taken out of the way before that man of sin, or lawlessness, the mystery of iniquity can have full sway (2 Thess. 2:6-8).

We can see world conditions fast shaping themselves for the reign of the Antichrist. Democratic forms of government are being pronounced unable to meet the issues of the day, dictatorships are plunging the nations further into bondage, individualism, and personal rights are passing into the hands of the governments, governments which will soon be under the hand of one man, Satan's man; but Scriptures teach that, while he is having his short reign, the church

(the bride) will be with Christ and will come back with Him when He comes in power and great glory to destroy the Antichrist and his armies at Armageddon (Rev. 19:17-20); Jude 14 and 15. See also Col. 3:4; 1 Thess. 3:13; 2 Thess. 1:7-10.

May God give us wisdom, and then faith to rest on His promises, and not try to wrest the Scriptures to our own destruction.

Monett, Missouri, R1.

## THE NIGHT BELL OF PRAYER: PULL THE NIGHT BELL

By John Tucker, Greenbrier, Ark.

This is the inscription we often see written on the doorpost of the shop in which medicines are sold.

Some of us have had our experiences with night bells when sudden illness has overtaken some member of the household. When the sick have rapidly grown worse, how have we hurried through the silent street when only here and there a light glimmered from some chamber window; how eagerly have we pulled the night bell at our physician's door, and then with prescription in hand, have sounded the alarm at the place where the remedy was to be procured. Those of us who have had these lonely midnight walks, and have given quick relief, know the meaning of that Bible text, "Arise, cry out in the night seasons of trouble and distress," so often spoken of in God's word.

Under the simile of night, the word vividly pictures those times when the the skies are darkness, and apprehensions gather like fancied spectres to make us uneasy or afraid.

If prosperity be likened to the noonday, the seasons of perplexity or distress may be likened to the night time. Perhaps some of the readers of this paragraph may be in a gloomy night season of poverty or bereavement, or of spiritual doubt and depression; each heart knoweth its own bitterness.

Friend, arise and pull the night bell of prayer; God your Father says to you: "Call upon me in the time of trouble, I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me." Centuries ago it was said of certain people, "They cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses."

There are different kinds of prayer: there is the calm communion of the soul with God; there is the affectionate converse of the believer with Him in

*Continued on page eleven*

# F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

## STATE LEAGUE OFFICERS

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

Vice President, .... Eld. Wm. Reeves.  
Desloge, Mo.

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

## FIELD WORKERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

## JONES CHAPEL LEAGUE REPORT

By Dorlis Turner, Sec'y-Treas.

Dear Gem Readers: We are very glad to report that our league is still working for the Lord.

We have twenty-four members in the Senior department, and ten in the Junior department. We are very proud of our Juniors, for they seem to like the league work and take an interest in it.

The league wants to take this opportunity to thank Bro. Davis for the programs he had put in our League quarterlies, for we enjoyed them very much.

We earnestly desire the prayers of all you that pray, that our league may grow and glow for the Lord.

## REPORT OF NIANGUA LEAGUE

Freda Sell, Reporter

As we have never had a report of our Free Will Baptist League at Niangua, Mo. to appear in the paper, we will try again.

I am more than just glad to say that our league is growing.

We held our first League social at the home of Sister Gladys Fillmer, Friday night, June 14th. Our next social will be held in September at Sister Ance! Alexander's.

We elected a few new officers and held held over a few of the old ones.

Officers at present are as follows:  
President ..... Champer Sell  
Vice President ..... A. V. Walton  
Group Captain ..... Stella Walton  
Sec'y-Treas. .... Ancel Alexander  
Junior Sponsor ..... Verda Arthur  
Social Committee: Stella Walton and  
Josie Pettet  
Flower Committee: Gertie Dudley,  
Gladys Fillmer and Ancel Alexander  
Membership Committee: Verda Arthur  
and Stella Walton

League Reporter ..... Freda Sell

We ask the prayers of the Christians, that our league may grow.

## NEW HARMONY LEAGUE REPORT

By Louise Buchanan, Secretary

Our regular time for electing officers was March 24th, and the following officers were elected:

President ..... Monte Peterson  
Vice President ..... Esther Peterson  
Sec'y-Treas. .... Louise Buchanan  
Group Captain ..... Ethel Peterson  
Quiz Leader ..... Elaine Buchanan

We haven't had league regularly this winter and spring, because of bad weather and muddy roads.

## HORSE SENSE

A horse can't pull while kicking,  
This fact I merely mention.  
And he can't kick while pulling,  
Which is my chief contention.

Let's imitate the good old horse,  
And lead a life that's fitting;  
Just pull an honest load, and then  
There'll be no time for kicking.

## THE NIGHT BELLS

Continued from page ten

which faith feeds on the promises and recounts its mercies, and finds its meditations to be sweet. then, too, there is the sharp piercing cry of the earnest appeal of importunity, which will not let God go without an immediate response. Christ described the beseeching eagerness of this style of prayer when He told His disciples about a certain housekeeper who went to a friend's house at midnight and clamored for the loan of three loaves of bread to feed unexpected guests, until, because of his importunity, he got all the bread that he needed.

There are many varieties of night calls for relief, from the sudden cry of little ones in their cribs, to the shout for help in the street, or the eager call under the physician's window. These are all types of the prayer which you are to pour out into the

ear of God in seasons of difficulty, or distress, or danger.

"This is all a very pretty theory," some of you may say, "and it has a very pious sound, but please tell me what actual and positive good it can do me; does it really move God, does it really bring relief?"

Such cavils are as common as breathing, the Devil can suggest them in a hundred forms, and it is astonishing how much readier some people are to believe the father of lies than to believe their Father in Heaven.

## BARTLETT, KANSAS, June 28th

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

I am delighted to get so much good reading out of the Gem, and some from friends that I put much confidence in.

I noticed a question in the June issue by Bro. W. P. White of Warren, Ark. He wants an explanation on Romans 9:13, "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."

We understand that God is all-wise and foreknew all things. If we read the 8th and 9th chapters, we will see that he predestinated some things and foreordained some things from the foundation of the world; for instance, in the beginning Christ already had given up to come into the world to die for sinners, for the Scriptures say He stood as a lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Abraham, being a foreordained or called out man, was the beginning of a people or nation that God intended to prepare to receive Christ, for in Abraham all nations are blessed. Now, you see there was just one of Abraham's children that was reckoned in this nation; then we come to Isaac who had two sons, Esau and Jacob, and these two sons represented two nations, and God was preparing one for the blessing. Jacob was the chosen man, and God knew it before they were born. Esau was never reckoned among the Jews; but was the nation of the Edomites or Gentiles. Now I will close on this, but turn to the 25th chapter of Gen., verse 23; you will find there were two nations.

—J. P. Apperson.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

By Eld. R. M. Moore, Star City, Ark.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We begin with the 12th chapter of Exodus, how God commanded Moses to make ready for the Passover. This was about 1500 years before Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary.

"And God said unto Moses, this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever." Space will not allow us to take up every point of the Passover, but it was for a memorial of the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt. This continued until Christ instituted the Lord's Supper.

God commanded Moses to make ready the Passover: Christ commanded Peter and John to prepare the Passover, and He (Christ) sat down and the twelve apostles with Him. Christ and the twelve apostles ate the Passover supper and as they did eat Christ "took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you. But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table" (Luke 22:19, 21).

Some one has said that Judas Iscariot was not there when Christ instituted the Lord's Supper. I don't like to have confusion, for the Lord said, "My house shall be a house of prayer," but I would have you notice Matt. 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22; and John 13. I say that Christ and the twelve apostles were present at the Passover; Christ and the twelve were present when the Lord's Supper was instituted; and Christ and the twelve apostles were there when Christ washed the apostle's feet; and all of this took place the same night.

All right now, who should partake of the Lord's Supper? Bro. Paul tells us (1 Cor. 11:28), "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." But I would have you notice that word unworthily—it is not worthy. If I waited until I felt worthy to preach a sermon, I would never preach one: if we wait until we feel worthy to eat the Lord's Supper, it might be a long time. If you are worthy to have your name on a church book, you ought to eat the bread and drink the cup, for Christ said by this we show forth His death till He comes. We should do this in remembrance of His death; if we take it any other way we have not done as He said. If we fail to remember Christ's suffering for our sins, and it is not memorial

of His death, then we have taken the emblems unworthily, for it is to refresh our minds back to the time He died for our sins. Paul tells us not to come together for a jubilee, or for a big time with our friends, but to eat the Lord's Supper. So this supper belongs to the Lord, and all Christians belong to Him. I have no right to invite any one, or exclude any one; I say that if you are a Christian, you belong to the Lord, and it is your duty to partake to show Christ's death to the world. Don't forget that I believe God has some people in all the churches—I mean in local, visible, organized bodies. Just because the government is different in different churches doesn't cause me to think that all people that don't belong to the Free Will Baptist church are going to hell. We have 48 states in the United States, and I live in Arkansas, and Arkansas has its law making body; they make our laws and we abide by them, or pay the penalty for breaking them. So the other states have their law making bodies, that make their laws, and the people that live in the other states are under their laws, not under Arkansas laws, but we don't say they don't belong to the Union of the 48 states. If we as Free Will Baptist would not let other people that belong to different churches commune with us, then we would have a Free Will Baptist supper, and not the Lord's Supper. Don't think I love other church government as well as I do the Free Will Baptist, but I don't say they are all going to hell because they don't belong to our church.

All in love and for the cause of Christ our Lord.

## THE MIDGET BIBLE A GREAT CURIOSITY

### SMALLEST BIBLE IN THE WORLD

Size of a postage stamp, over 200 pages. Said to bring good success to the owner. A genuine work of Art. Must be seen to be appreciated. Every Minister, Deacon, Teacher, Christian and Sinner should have one. Give Them as presents to your classes, and friends. Or Raise Money Selling Them to your friends and church acquaintances (Selling price 25c). Sample 15c, 3 for 40c, 12 for \$1.35, 100 for \$7.75. Send coin or M. O. with order. Payable to

MINIATURE BIBLE PRESS,  
2115 East Pine St., Tulsa, Okla.,  
Department M. B.

## UNION LABEL PRINTING

At Prices That will surprise you.  
3 Ply Velum Business cards, White, Blue and Buff, \$1.75 M. Plus postage. Blotter Cards in 5 assorted colors, \$1.95 M. 6x3 Blotters 5 assorted colors, \$2.95 M. Genuine Process Embossed Printing at the price of ordinary Printing. Write me for better prices in larger quantities.—Roy Minugh, 2115 East Pine St., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## "HELLO"

Contributed by Mrs. Zula Lewis

When you see a man in woe,  
Walk right up and say, "Hello,"  
Say, "Hello," and "Howdy do,"  
"How's the world a usin' you?"

Slap the fellow on his back,  
Bring your hand down with a whack,  
Walk right up, and don't go slow,  
Grin and shake, and say, "Hello."  
Is he clothed in rags? If so;  
Walk right up, and say, "Hello,"  
Rags are but a cotton roll,  
Just for wrappin' up a soul.

And a soul worth a true,  
Hale and hearty, "How do you do."  
Don't wait for the crowd to go,  
Walk right up, and say, "Hello!"

## PAY BUDGET IN JULY

July is the month in which every Free Will Baptist belonging to the Missouri State Association should pay at least 10 cents as Budget money for 1934.

Pastors should see that every member of his church or churches pays this 10 cents per member.

Half of the money goes to the State Association, and half to your home Association. Let's see how near we can come to having every church paying a FULL BUDGET this year. Don't wait: act now.

## SPECIAL

FOR JUNE AND JULY

Just get five of your friends to subscribe for the Gem at 50c per year and add your own subscription for your trouble. Or you can give the free sub to a friend. Or if you want to earn 50c, just get six subs at 50c each, send us \$2.50 with the six subs, and keep the other 50c. More than six subs on the same terms, that is, a credit of 8 and one-third cents for each sub. sent in at 50c per year.—Editor.

"Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His ancients gloriously" (Isaiah 24:23).



## OBITUARY

**Terry**—The death of Mrs. Bessie Amy Terry, wife of Jasper Thomas Terry, of the Hickory Grove community south of Harrisonville, occurred Monday, May 6, 1935, at the Harrisonville Hospital.

Bessie Amy, daughter of John and Janie Green, was born near Gerster, St. Clair County, June 12, 1894, and lived to be forty years, ten months and twenty-four days of age.

She united with the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church in 1924 and was a loyal member in this fellowship to the end.

On February 24, 1911, she was united in marriage with Jasper Thomas Terry, and they have journeyed together in happy companionship, sharing the joys and sorrows, as such would alternate in the daily experiences of life. To this union four children were born, James Ezra, Eula Mae, Jasper Neil and Ardith Marie.

For many months Mrs. Terry has been a constant sufferer and submitted to an operation Sunday for relief. Everything that human hands could do was done to help her, but the Master called and her spirit answered the summons of her Heavenly Father and quietly slipped away to that Blessed Land where there is no suffering, no sorrow, and all is at peace with God.

"Mother, how we loved you,

So hard to say, Goodbye,

But Jesus called,

And He knows all.

And, Mother, how hard we try

To love and care for the ones you left;

And live so near to Him,

That, when He calls,

We will come to you

And find a home in Heaven."

Mrs. Terry had spent many years in this community and will be greatly missed in the home, in the church and in the community. In her passing to the eternal home, we feel the keen loss of a good wife, a wonderful mother, and a kind friend and neighbor, but we can only say, "It is well." She now rests in the arms of her blessed Savior for whom she toiled so faithfully.

In the passing of this good woman she leaves her bereaved husband, the four children, a

daughter-in-law, Thelma Terry, two grandsons, Ezra Ray and Harry Lee, three sisters, Mrs. Alice Estes and Mrs. Emma Bishop of Osceola, and Mrs. Lula Johnson of Nevada, and several nieces and nephews.

She kept faith with herself, her friends and with her God, with a song in her heart. She was glad to live and not afraid to die.

"Thanks to God, who gave her to us,  
And we lay her 'neath the flowers;  
Such a gift was never due us,  
As that Mother dear of ours."

The funeral service was held at Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon, May 8th, with Eld. Kenneth Turner, pastor, in charge, assisted by Eld. Noel Turner of Granby, Mo. The body was laid to rest in the beautiful Freeman cemetery.

**HILL**—Emma Jane Fairbanks was born in Canada, Dec. 8, 1863.

She was united in marriage to Jacob Hill, October 22, 1885. To this union was born seven children, one son and six daughters. Two daughters (twins) and the son preceded her in death while still babies; while her aged husband and four daughters remain to mourn their loss. Three of the daughters, Mrs. Martha Daugherty of Springdale, Ark., Mrs. Luella McCoy of Fayetteville, Ark., and Mrs. Flora Sizemore of Springdale, Ark. were at her bedside, while the other daughter, Mrs. Pearl Johnson who lives in California could not be there.

She also leaves nineteen grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

She departed this life June 5, 1935, at the age of 72 years, five months and 27 days.

Mrs. Hill became a member of the Methodist church at Marlette, Mich. more than 50 years ago and lived a faithful servant of Christ until her death.

She was laid to rest in what is known as the Joyce cemetery, southwest of Springvalley, Ark. Eld. Geo. Been was asked to conduct the funeral, but owing to rainy weather was unable to take the time, but the 4th Sunday in June was set for the funeral sermon to be delivered.

The pall bearers were the three sons-in-law, Emery Daugherty,

David McCoy and Tom Sizemore, and three grandsons, Earl Holly, Herbert Daugherty and Lee Sizemore.

Dearest Mother, you have left us.

And our loss we deeply feel,

But 'tis God that has bereft us;

He will all our sorrows heal.

### FAITH IN GOD

Text, "Have faith in God"—Mk. 11:22.

By Eld J. E. Phillips, Leslie, Ark., Rt

The whole course of things teaches us Faith; and we need only to obey. There is guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening, we shall hear the right words; and we will obey accordingly. If our faith is placed in God, we will obey the voice of God, but if our faith should be in the material things of this world, then our faith is out of balance; and right here is the parting of the ways of life. As the majestic Rocky Mountain range directs the course of the streams, so faith directs the activities in the life of man. Faith is a necessity of life: destroy faith, and the wheels of industry will stop, transportation will cease, the fires will die down and become dead ashes, church bells will fail to send forth their appeal to the children of God, that they may come and sing carols of praise, and from a heart full of love send up a prayer of thanksgiving to God and His Son; no more will the voice of the minister be heard in pleading tones, telling the poor lost soul how Jesus died for him, no more will the altar receive the tears of the boy or the girl that is sick of sin and is on bended knees, asking God for mercy. All life would march up to a starless night, with all hope gone for ever, if faith should be destroyed.

All men have faith, but not saving faith, not faith in God. Take the farmer, while the air is chilly and nature has not yet begun to bud, he sets his plow in the bosom of the earth and makes a scar across her breast. Here is faith in the laws of nature. After the ground has been prepared, he takes the seed and, with a hand made strong by faith, he scatters the seed, and with the eye of hope, looks into the future and sees the golden harvest.

What is really needed is, that man's faith be converted to the things of God, that his trust may be as strong in the things of God as they were in the laws of nature. Glory to God! What a wonderful day in our life,

*Continued on page nineteen*

**PATIENCE AND FAITH***By Mrs. Nora M. Wilson*

Charleston, Ark., Feb. 27, 1935.

"Patience"—Some one might ask, "What is patience?" and we might answer, "It is constant endurance without complaining." If you will read your Bible, the Book of all books, you will find it a word with deep meaning.

Search the Scriptures and see what God says. As we go deeper into the things of God, patience becomes the crowning grace of mature life. It means an even temper and ability to rise above wrongs and injuries. A patience will have such perfect self-control, that he will never answer friend or foe in an unkind, harsh, excited voice. Patience is that mild-voiced, sweet-tempered, gentle spirited, long-suffering grace which should adorn the life of every professed Christian. Ask God to give you more patience, for surely we all have need of it.

"Faith"—Some one might ask, "What is Faith?" Let us see what God says it is: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1).

Dear ones do you have enough faith in God to believe when you ask Him for something that you will receive it? He tells us He knows what things we have need of before we ask Him. We should always pray His will, and not ours and then if our prayers are not answered, it may be, we have no need of that thing. Don't forget to thank Him just the same. If you have faith to believe He can save you from sin, why not step out on faith and trust God for all things? Do you know, dear ones, it grieves our dear Lord Jesus when we fail to trust Him? "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." We should have the faith of a little child. Mothers, begin now to teach your little ones how to pray for things by faith. Pray about it. Surely if we can trust our earthly parents, how much more should we trust our heavenly Father. He is a God that cannot lie. Too often when we pray, if the answer does not come right away, we think God does not mean to answer, and we go ahead of Him and try to do it in our own way, nearly always without success. This is lack of faith and patience. Perhaps He is testing our faith and trust in Him. May be before you get through praying even, He starts the answer, but the devil comes along and says, "Now, you know He wont answer that prayer." Perhaps it is for an unsaved

friend or loved one. The devil will torment you severely, for you see he is trying so hard himself to get that person. But so long as you have faith and trust God for that promise He gives us, just that sure He will answer.

"Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus; Just to take Him at His word."

I shall pray for all who do not know Jesus as their Savior. Isn't it precious to know when you go to bed at night, that you can rest in the arms of Jesus, and His all-seeing eye that never sleeps is looking down upon you and caring for you. Praise His dear name! Pray with faith believing, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psa. 27:14). Read Psalm 28: 7 and 27:10.

I shall be praying for all God's believing children and those who do not know Him, and may He greatly bless all who are worthy of His blessings.

I could write on and on about the love of Christ Jesus, but perhaps I have already taken too much space in your good paper. Oh, that God will come down with power from above and fill the heart of every one who reads this, with Love, Patience, Faith and Trust.

**SET THINE HOUSE IN ORDER***By Eld. P. H. Coffman*

Much has been said about being ready at the appearance of the King, and there is nothing of more importance just now than to be ready, but today we have our message on arranging our affairs for taking our long journey from which there is no return.

It seems to me as I study the importance of this voyage, that the world at large should take more pains to leave the estate in good sound condition. As a rule people think less of this trip than any other in their life time, and make less preparation for this one than any other. We don't seem to realize the importance of that great voyage. There are people who are sitting right here who are not making any preparations at all. One these days some of us will be called around their bedside, and while they groan under the disease that is carrying them lower and lower into the valley of death, they will have to say, "I haven't set my house in order; I am not ready to make the trip."

"Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12). "Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die and not live" (Isa. 38:1).

"Be ye therefore ready also: for the

Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not" (Luke 12:40). We brush shoulders with eternity when we obtain salvation, in fact salvation has its base on eternity

"Now is the accepted time."

"When ye hear His voice harden not your heart." One of these terms is as momentary as the other, and both are of vital importance. When ye hear His voice harden not your hearts, which means at the same time ye hear His voice. At the time of the voice, set your house in order, then don't delay, for this is the accepted time with God. The accepted time is when God will accept, not when you will accept.

Now comes the question: What is His voice, and how may we know it?

Psychology teaches us that the mind is something similar to the system of telegraphy. I believe a part of that, but there is the sending of the message that I do not agree with. The mind gathers thought, and if it is not acceptable, discharges it.

The atmosphere is filled with two kinds of messengers, and they are continually furnishing the mind with thought, with all the thousands of thoughts you have through the day. They are classified into only two varieties: the one is GOOD, the other is EVIL; and all matter for thought is in one of these two classes.

"For as he thinketh in his heart so is he: Eat and drink saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee" (Prov. 23:7). Thought is to the mind what the legs are to the body, it carries the soul to the glorious heights of heaven, or perhaps the next moment to the sweltering depths of hell, and then into the morbid sway of the wounded conscience; "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

Christian Science went to the very extreme of this idea, and taught that the thought controlled the body. It does not control the body any more than the compass controls the great ship that ploughs the deep, in fact the only direct connection the mind has with the body is to direct it or point out paths for the body to follow.

Now we have learned that thought is the most useful instrument of the mind, and that from a spiritual standpoint it maps out the way for the soul to follow. We find in Rom. 12:2, that we must have our minds renewed, changed: "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds."

Paul gives instruction, Phil. 2:5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Now, Paul came back to the Corinthians, and said, "We have the mind of Christ" (1 Cor. 2:16).

However, with all this change, we are not completely shut out from the devil, he still makes his appeal, but we have by the renewing act the power of resistance: "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." The unsaved cannot resist the devil, for they have not the mind of Christ.

Now let us come to the concluding thought. Where does the mind go after death? It either ascends, or it descends, whichever the case may be, and people have the same mind after death that they had before death. As proof of this, the rich man retained his mind after death: "Let Lazarus come and dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue." He thought it would be nice to have Lazarus come and minister to him. Abraham had the right exercise of his mind after death: for he remembered that they had Moses and the prophets as messengers of truth, and that all the people were supposed to hear them

**SET THINE HOUSE IN ORDER!**  
What is my house? The place where I live and house the Spirit of God. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16).

"For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1).

I have reached the conclusion now, that the house that I am required to set in order is my spiritual house.

"If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Cor. 3:17).

Now, how can I set my house in order? First by having the old mind renewed, being born again, exchanging the carnal mind for the mind of Christ. The rich man failed to set his house in order. He had worked hard and gathered much goods together; his barns were filled with feed, his granaries were bulging out with food stuff. Then he said, "Soul (mind), take thine ease, I have much goods laid up. My mind has been much in labor gathering all this stuff together; but now you can have a long rest."

But! footsteps are heard approaching, the pale face of a tireless rider is seen coming into view, his features seem to be chiseled into his face, his cold unfriendly look is enough to send a chill through the most confidential spirit: here comes the grim reaper,

on his pale mount, he dismounts, approaches the farmer with a cheerless message, and as he raises his hand to make the last fatal blow, he says, "Thou fool, this night is thy soul required of thee."

"Hold off," says the farmer, "I want a few days to set my house in order."

"NO. NO!" said the reaper, "you have had all these years and all you got ready, and set in order, was your farm house. You neglected your soul; now come, your soul is required; time waits on no man."

When I leave this tabernacle of clay, I want to leave it in order, not in disorder.

Denison, Texas.

### THE HORSE LEECH

By Eld. Harry Beatty

Text—"The horseleech hath two daughters, crying, Give, give" (Proverbs 30:15).

The leech is a parasite that lives in water where horses drink. When a horse drinks at one of these places, unaware of the danger, he drinks a leech, which lodges in his throat and starts living from the blood of the animal.

The horse may be a fine, stout, healthy animal until the leech starts living in his throat, where it sucks blood from him continually. As the leech grows the horse weakens and finally dies, a victim of the horse leech. Even then the leech cries, Give, give, after having destroyed health, strength and life.

Such is sin. As the horse drinks freely from the sparkling water, unaware of the danger therein, so it is with man who takes freely of the pleasures of sin, unmindful of the danger and destruction ahead.

The two chief daughters of sin are Lust and Murder, which are now crying, Give, oh give! "When lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15). The adversary of our souls cries out through these daughters in many ways.

Lust—Adultery, fornication, and uncleanness" (Gal. 5:19), these sins are against God's divine law, and the moral purity of life. The voice is crying today, "Give me the fine young men and women, as well as the older ones who have fallen captive to lust." It is abasing the moral standard of our land, carrying all that heed to eternal ruin and destruction.

Idolatry—Worshiping that which has no power to deliver from sin, any possession, business or occupation,

that causes men to neglect the salvation of his soul is his god. Therefore it is an idol. The shame of idolatry today, using the Lord's day for pleasure, revellery, drunkenness and carousal!

The voice cried, "Give us 3.2 per cent beer," and the cry was heard and answered. She cried again, "Repeal!" and her petty cries were answered. Now she cries, "Give me the right to sell on Sunday, too!"

These daughters are crying today, through crime, and things that lead to crime: Murder, envying, hatred, emulation, wrath, strife, sedition and heresies. One-half the cost of our government today is for crimes, all of which are the fruits of sin; and shall be revealed and consumed by the Spirit out of the mouth of the Lord, who will destroy them with the brightness of His coming.

But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom be praise, honor and glory.

May the Lord bless the Gem family. Pray for me.

Thayer, Missouri, R3.

### THE MAGIC POOL, In the House of a King

By Eld. Everett Wilson

In the ages past there lived a great King, "Whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom." All his subjects became mighty men of valor, so much so, that the whole world marveled at their power. They were very noticeable because of their iridescent cleanliness, and too, they were in possession of powers that were magnetic in their action upon other people, either causing a desire to be like them, and to belong to the same kingdom, and to be in subjection to the royal majesty of this kind and loving king, or creating a hatred for this class of people who were as a generation of "kings and priests." The class who hated this royal line drifted into lives of so many different types, all of whom had a selfish desire to satisfy their own likes and dislikes and would not have this king to rule over them. Now this good king, in his fervent love for all humanity, did not send forth his mighty armies to subdue and bring this selfish people into subjection to him, but built in his house a pool, or "fountain," in which anyone desiring to become a subject of the king, might wash, and as they washed they, too, became like all the people of this king and his kingdom, and were such ardent lovers of the kingdom.

Just to make clear to the minds of our readers, the regenerating power of this "fountain" at the present time, we want to use as an illustration, a family in deep poverty and sin, who came to this king's gate for help. The man's name was Mr. Indifference, and, as his name suggests, he was not only careless in his dress and manner of living, but had also fallen into many hurtful habits, which under such adverse times as we are having, he could not afford to indulge in, without taking away from his family such things as they needed for their every day living, but to do without these things that were constantly gnawing away at his weakened nature, and demanding that they be satisfied, caused such despondency within him, that he became very irritable, and to say the least, could not bear to hear the cries of his children as they would ask for the things their childish nature longed for. He would stay out late at night to avoid, as much as possible, their presence, and when he was at home, how he would scold and threaten, so, that at times they would run to hide from him. They could not run to their mother at such times, for she had long since lost all the charm she had at one time possessed for her husband and children. Before her marriage her name was Miss Prim, and, as you can readily see, she was a very worldly young lady, with a good college education, and was a firm believer in modern theories, namely, that man came from a lower order of animal life. For her, the future held no hope, and the present was dark indeed. She had two lovely children, who of late were grieving her mother's heart as she saw their growing indifference to the things that she was beginning to realize made life worth living. Bobby Indifference Jr., a lad of fourteen years, spending his time at the movies as often as he could get enough money from his news route, and by running errands of different kinds for the neighbors. He was fast following in his father's footsteps, neglecting the little home duties, and shunning his mother when he did things he knew he ought not do. He loved the company of boys of questionable character, and was often out late with them, matching pennies and shooting craps, and had also taken up smoking. Well she knew the end of such habits, but how helpless she was to stop them!

Betty, the second child, a beautiful girl of twelve years, and bright in her school work, standing high in all her grades, but so vain and proud. Nothing that her mother could do

pleased her, she was always scolding and finding fault with her clothes, said, "They are not near so nice as the other girls have." She was following fast in her mother's footsteps, so quick to grasp theories, which to her became facts, but "truth had not yet 'set her free,'" but soon, "you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."

Now, these characteristics in the children caused the mother to get a reflection of herself, for, like a mirror, the child will most always show the parents what kind of people they themselves really are. Betty and Bobby had told their mother the dislike they had for the King and his loyal subjects. This caused the mother to consider a few facts. A Mrs. Faith who lived next door, and was always so ready to help in any time of need, had two children, a boy and a girl, almost of the same age of Bobby and Betty, but oh, so different, tidy and clean, and so thoughtful of their mother. Both the children, as well as their mother and father, had been to the king's house and had washed in the "beautiful pool." This washing had made their home such a place of harmony and joy. As far as their worldly possessions were concerned, they had but little more than she, but Mrs. Faith had told her one evening, when Mr. Indifference was away on one of his spees with some of his friends, how that the King had granted them access to all his vast storehouse, and that they could petition him at any time and everything needed would be granted to them, for the King had made such provision for every one of his subjects. Finally, by kind and patient dealing and living each day such a victorious life, the influence of Mrs. Faith, and that convincing something that seemed to fill every one of the King's people, caused poor Mrs. Indifference to cry out, "Oh, if I could only be like that!"

"You can," said Mrs. Faith, "if you will wash in the magic pool."

"Will you take me there?" was the next question.

"Yes, gladly," was the answer.

They both went down to the King's house. Such lovely grounds surrounded his palace! What beautiful flower beds of "Faith, Hope and Charity" Every tree in the garden loaded with fruit, "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

"Oh, what grand fruit," cried poor Mrs. Indifference, "I wish I had some."

"You can, as soon as you wash in the pool," said Mrs. Faith, "for you

see it is just inside the fence, and as soon as you wash you will be on that side among the trees of the Spirit, which yield this fruit."

"Did you ever taste this fruit?" asked Mrs. Indifference.

"Why yes, we have it at home every day," said Mrs. Faith.

"Then, I too, will wash in this beautiful pool," and with this "I will" upon her lips, uttered deep from the heart, she plunged in and, oh, such a change! her garments became shining and white, she was robed in "righteousness," and as she looked up thru her tears of joy, she saw standing right by the "pool" the "King in his beauty." With outstretched hands, he bade her welcome to the King's house and his beautiful garden, where for the first time in her life she "tasted and saw that the Lord is good." Such peace and satisfaction as now filled her heart, and with a longing desire to see her family come to this "pool" and wash.

On arriving home she found that the children had been wondering what had kept their mother so late, but when they saw her radiant face, and new shining garment, they cried out, "Oh, mother, you look so changed! have you been to the King's house?"

"Yes, yes," she cried, "and have washed in the beautiful pool, and have had a taste of the fruit of the Spirit, and it is wonderful. As she said this, she threw her arms around the children, and they of course, felt that strange sweet wooing of the Spirit, and began to cry, "Mother, we have never seen you this way."

"No, my darling children, I have been wrong all my life, I have been living on the works of the flesh, and their wages is death, but now I have the gift of the King, eternal life."

"Mother, may we, too, have this lovely gift that makes you look and act so different? Why mother, you look so neat and clean and fresh, just like a flock of sheep that have come up from the washing."

As these words died upon their lips, their father half staggered into the house. Seeing his children clinging to their mother and weeping, and beholding her face, "as the face of an angel," he cried out, "What does all this mean?" Throwing her arms around his neck, she told him of going with Mrs. Faith to the King's house and washing in the "magic pool," and how she saw the King, and was welcomed into His courts, and was given a "new robe" and the "gift of eternal life," and had eaten of the "fruit of the Spirit."



And he said, "You?"  
 "Yes me, and the King said, Go call thy husband and bring him here."  
 "Does he really want me? I am so vile and unclean, He surely would have nothing to do with me, why, His subjects are kings and priests."  
 "Yes, I know dear, how you feel, and it's only natural that you should feel that way, but He is calling for thee: He has something for you to do. Come, let us go now."

"But it is so late now, it is midnight and all will be sleeping."

"Oh no," she cried, "the King never slumbers nor sleeps, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely."

So, going down to the King's house with his wife and children, they found it brilliantly lighted, and the gate to the pool open, and she said, "Plunge in now and be made whole."

Grasping Bobby with his right hand and Betty with his left, they all three plunged into the "beautiful pool." How the King smiled and welcomed them to His courts, saying, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Then turning to the father, he said, "I have a special work for you to do. Go for me and tell all the words of this life, and look, I have given you a clean new robe; do not soil it with the works of the flesh; and call upon Me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee."

Did he go and succeed? Oh yes, and his name was changed from Indifference to Obedience; and now he goes forth clad neat and clean. As he is to represent a great King and Kingdom, he feels it will not do to be untidy or slovenish about the "King's business," and be clothed with garments "spotted by the flesh."

Let us all look and be at our best, as we too are to represent those who have been washed in the "Fountain that was opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness," and as our little story closes we find this happy born family gathered each day at the family altar, where they all partake of the good things of the Spirit, and on Sunday morning, neat and clean, on their way to church, they all feel they are a "Royal line of kings and priests unto God," not proud and "stuck up," but to show respect to Him who opened up the way to glory for them. All harmful habits formed in the days of serving the flesh have gone now, and they have the "high cost of low living" to use in the work of the Master they love so much.

My friend, if you do not think this

"pool" will work just such wonders in your life now, just try it once, and you will say, "The half has never yet been told." May God bless you, one and all. Let us remember that, as kings and priests unto God, we owe our best unto Him who is worthy of all honor and praise.

216 W. Copeley Ave., Emporia, Ks.  
*All rights reserved by author and editor.*

## THE BAPTISM OF DEATH

BY ELDER WINFORD DAVIS

Before we discuss this I wish you would get your Bible and read the sixth chapter of Romans, for it is principally that chapter that we want to consider.

It isn't every time the word baptism is found in the Bible that it means in water, and I am not trying to minimize on water baptism either, for I believe in water baptism in its place as much as any one. I believe, as was said by one of our early ministers, Rev. Geo. H. Ball, in his book on baptism, as follows: "Immersion is not a mode of baptism, it is baptism." But there is one fact we should never forget, that the water baptism, or any other ceremonial rite, will never cleanse the creature from sin. If it would, I know a lot of folks who need a real good soaking. A lot of folks resort to Rom. sixth chapter to prove immersion for baptism, but it cannot be done, as to the meaning of this chapter, though the fact is true in type, for baptism is baptism so far as the meaning of the term is concerned, whether it be in death, water, or the Holy Ghost, for it means complete, or to submerge. A better scripture to prove that water baptism is a type of the burial and resurrection of Christ is to be found in 1 Cor. 15:29, "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?"

Now then, let us see, can such a doctrine as the baptism of death be established upon God's word, Read Luke 12:50, "But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened (pained) till it be accomplished!" This is the language of Jesus referring to His approaching death, and calling it a "baptism." Turn to Matthew 20:20-23, The mother of Zebedee's children asks that her two sons may sit, the one on the right and the other on the left of Jesus in His kingdom. Jesus said, "Ye know not what ye ask . . . are ye able to be baptized with the baptism that I am

baptized with? They say unto Him, We are able. And He saith unto them . . . Ye shall be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with." Here again He is referring to His death and to the martyrdom of the apostles. They all died the martyr's death except the Apostle John, and he suffered worse than martyrdom, then finally died a natural death. So we see that death is called a baptism in more than one place.

Now, back to the sixth chapter of Romans: "What shall we say then?" After law and grace have been clearly treated upon in the previous chapters; also it has been clearly stated that we are justified by faith, and not by any ceremonial rite. So now, what shall we say? "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?"

Notice that it says, Dead TO sin, not dead IN sin. Death means a complete separation, regardless of what it is referring to. We can't live in sin and be dead to sin at the same time, though some seem to think so. A minister once said, "There are two kinds of Christians—Christians and sinning Christians." A Mr. Patrick once visited a zoo and saw a giraffe for the first time. Directly he walked away, shaking his head and muttering, "Bedad, there ain't no such an animal." So we say as to the sinning Christian, "There ain't no such an animal."

Verse 3. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?"

V. 4. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life." Now, how are we baptized into Jesus Christ? We certainly do not believe it is by water. Then it must be, and can only be by the power of the Holy Ghost. The 5th verse holds out a planting and a resurrection. For the grain to be planted is to die; and there can be no resurrection without first a death. When we are baptized into Christ's death, it is the crucifixion of the old man, the destroying of the body of sin; and he that is dead is freed from sin. Sin has no dominion over a dead man. So with the Christian, he may be tempted, but there is a vast difference in temptation and sin.

V. 16. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey;

whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" We will naturally serve the one we are sold out to. If we have received the baptism of death by the power of the Holy Ghost, to the killing of the old man of sin, then we are certainly going to naturally show it by walking in newness of life. But it takes a complete death as is held out in the very meaning of the term baptism. Water baptism is but an outward sign of an inward cleansing, a type not only of the burial and rising again of our Lord, but also of that spiritual death and resurrection, which the applicant is to have previously experienced, and should never be administered until sufficient evidence is given by the believer that he has first experienced the baptism of death to sin. A baptized church member, without a spiritual experience is no better than before the ordinance was administered; but, if anything, worse, because a mockery has been made. One of the greatest curses to the cause of Christ today, is people trying to get by on ceremonial rites and performances, or works only, without yielding their lives to God and being saved by grace through faith in Christ.

### PASSING BY UNCONCERNED

By Eld. Kenneth Turner

*"All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their heads at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?" (Lam. 2:15).*

These are a part of the lamenting words of the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, who was beholding the condition of his beloved city in its sinful state, a city that at one time was really looked up to and admired. But now, because of their drifting from God, Satan's spirit was at large and the city was full of idols, and worldly allurements.

As we look back and behold the scene as it was then, we see an unconcerned people, who were mocking (making fun), and dragging conditions to a worse depth; while Jeremiah and the prophets of that time, who were deeply touched and really prayed, and did something to glorify God. Do we not have the same conditions today? Yes, we still have the cause of God to work for. And people are doing things to tear down the work, or discourage it, by ignoring the religious cause. They say things and do things for no other purpose than to discourage the ones who labor for the Lord. We might say they

are passing through this world unconcerned, mocking, clapping their hands at the church.

But thank God for the Jeremiahs of today who are weeping, praying, and fighting on. There is so much passing by, and has been all through time, and people refusing to do the things that are Christ-like. I think of the Priest and the Levite in Luke, chapter ten, who came along and saw the poor unfortunate man wounded and half dead. No doubt he was cold, unconscious, and really in need of help. But no, they passed by on the other side, turning down a chance to help some one in need, and an opportunity to give a blessing. No doubt they took steps out of their way to keep from getting near enough to lift the man; for he surely was in their pathway, because we read that they passed by on the other side.

But there came a Jeremiah, a Samaritan, who was concerned: he was touched and had compassion on the man, and helped him.

Let's not be in too great a hurry to neglect His work and commandments. Don't pass by too hurriedly, take time to go to church, take time to read the Bible, take time to pray, and take time to think of God and His goodness.

"Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord" (Exo. 14:13).

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

We go too fast too many times to let God have His way in our lives.

Let us take time to be a Jeremiah, and a Good Samaritan.

Granby, Missouri, R2.

### NATURE AND BLESSINGS OF ADOPTION

By Eld. Claud Smith

..Text, *"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons"* (Gal. 4, 5).

First we come to the privilege of adoption. There are some people in the world that seem to think that God never gave us, as a people, any freedom of choice, but the apostle in Eph. 1:4-14, said, "According as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will."

Notice the apostle used the word predestination, and also before the foundation of the world, but God

never said anywhere in his word that our adoption was not according to the freedom of choice. The privilege of adoption which God ordained before the foundation of the world was purchased by the Son: "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition of your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God" (1st Peter 1:18-21).

So we see that it was not our adoption that was purchased before the foundation of the world, but the atonement that Christ purchased, and also our freedom of choice.

In John 3:5, we read that the Lord told Nicodemus that he must be born again, and in this statement we see that there was something for Nicodemus to do. Also read 1 Pet. 1:22-23, "Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

Notice that Peter says, "It is by the incorruptible word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

John says this Word was in the beginning with God, and that it was made flesh and was here among men.

In John 3:5, the Lord used the words "Spirit and water:" in 1 Peter, we find the words, Corruptible and incorruptible seed;" and James 1:18 says, "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be the first fruits of his creatures."

After the Lord had accomplished his work here and made his ascension back to the Father, and the apostles began to carry the Gospel to all nations, as the Lord had commanded, we see the fruits of their labors, as the Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost preached to those people after the descent of the Holy Ghost; and the ones that had crucified the Lord were pricked in their hearts. We see according to the words of the apostle that they cried out. We see the first fruits of and the commencing of the church to all nations.

The conditions of adoption are:

1. Repentance—Mat. 4:17; Acts 2:38.

2. Faith—Heb. 11:6. 2 Cor. 1:24

3. Confession—Romans 10:10.

Next we come to the blessings of adoption:

1. Change of nature—Rom. 8:9-14.

2. Change of relationship—Eph. 2:19-22; Heb. 12:22-24.

3. A new name—Isa. 62:2; 65:15; Acts 11:26; 1 Peter 4:16.

4. Well provided for—Matt. 6:25-33.

5. Fatherly correction—Heb. 12:5-11.

6. Fatherly protection—2 Peter 2:9; Psalm 34:15-18.

7. A new home—John 14:1-3; Rev. 20:1-2.

8. A new body—1 Cor. 15:51-53.

9. An inheritance—1 Peter 1:3-5.

So this represents the whole scheme of adoption, as outlined by the Lord and the apostles.

Will close by quoting Rom. 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

## FAITH IN GOD

*continued from page thirteen*

when we really believe God, fully trust Him; and I want to ask you why we should not? Are there any impossibilities with God? Am I not justified in believing that He will perform those things for me that I am not able to do for myself, or that the world cannot do, and knows nothing about? Praise God for the mustard seed faith that the Devil cannot puncture.

"Have faith in God." "When you pray, believe that you receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mk. 11:24).

Believe those things that He said would come to pass (Mark 11:23).

Believe that Christ died for the sins of the world, that He was buried, that He arose on the third day, that we have a living Christ, and a living Christianity. Believe that He now sits on the right hand of God, making intercessions for us (Heb. 7:25).

Believe that this same loving Christ is coming BACK AGAIN to receive us (John 14:3). Believe that where He is, you may be also. Believe that heaven is a place, and not just a condition, where we will know as we are known, where faith will end in sight, and hope in fructification, and charity shall dwell in all of its glory in all eternity. Believe that, in order to enjoy this, you must by God's grace become the master over sin (Rev. 3:12).

Don't let any one make you think, that because you have believed in Christ, you can serve the Devil and go to heaven; for if you do, you will find that your ticket has hell for its

destination. My brother, may the Holy Spirit burn this deep into your soul. We must "live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world" (Titus 2:12); "that he might redeem us from ALL INIQUITY, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, ZEALOUS of good works" (Titus 2:14); which is the results of faith in God; and right now I want you to stop reading for a time and annotate the word zealous. I want to say that if you believe in God you are going to do something for Him. Of all the things I get disgusted with, it is a lazy church member. He can trade horses on Sunday, go fishing or hunting, or play ball on Sunday, and I saw two preachers doing that one Sunday right close to where I live. They can stand in a crowd and let smutty jokes roll over the lips that promised God he would serve Him. Well, they may belong to some church, but their energy is so low that they can't get to Sunday school or church, or go to any trouble to help the cause of Christ. Don't tell me they believe in God; if they did, they would do what He told them to do: and if heaven is their home, there sure must be a change take place in their soul. Read James 2:18, 20, 26 and James 4:17. If I am wrong in this, you may write and tell me, and set me right.

"Lord, I believe: help thou mine unbelief."

## 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.

## SINS OF OMISSION

*By Jesse E. Pratt*

Dear Readers of the Gem:

How sad it is, for us to look back over our lives and see the many things we have failed to do, in the work for our Savior.

Many of us forget that we should be our brother's keeper, and that we cannot please God unless we love our brothers; for the plan of salvation and God's kingdom is built on the foundation of love.

We often fail to encourage the young converts, and give them the

support that we should; for they are just babes in Christ, and must be taught the priceless doctrine of Jesus Christ.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another" (Rom. 12:10)

Can we fail to be our brother's keeper, and still obey the Scripture quoted above? No, we cannot; let us have love for our fellowman and earnest consecrated prayer in our hearts, that we might press onward and upward, setting as our goal, the celestial city of God.

The sins of omission will certainly be recorded against us in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Christian friends, we must be steadfast and loyal, because the tempter with all his satanic power is busily engaged in destroying the thing that we are striving to uphold.

Let us forget our selfish interests and look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who is able to pardon and bless, and keep us by His wonderful love until we have finished our course, and are ready to cross over to the Great Beyond, and enter into the beautiful city of God.

If we have committed a sin, either by commission or omission, toward our brother, we must humbly pray to our heavenly Father to pardon our act. Then we should go to the one we have sinned against, forgetting our pride, and ask his forgiveness, and freely forgive.

Our Lord says in Luke 6:37, "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven."

We must get the beam removed from our own eye, before we can see clearly what God wants us to do.

Then when we have that deep settled peace in our soul, all the sins of omission, with the entire works of Satan, will be easily overcome: and by holding to God's unchanging hand, we will be guided safely over the restless sea of life; and will be among the number that hear the righteous Judge when He says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:30, 31).

**REMEMBER**

That the Gem office is well prepared to do your job printing.

That we do minute work in first class shape, and want your work.velopes, cards, circulars, posters, That we print letterheads, envelopes and most anything that you may want printed, and the price is as low as you can get anywhere.

Ask us for samples of any work you want done, and get our prices. We will appreciate your work and need it. If we can do your work cheaper than you can get it done elsewhere, we will both be ahead; so don't fail to REMEMBER us.

**Blanks**

Ministers' Ordination blanks, 10c  
Ministers' License blanks, .....10c  
Evangelists' Cert. of Election, 10c  
Deacons' Ordination blanks, .....10c

Letter from a Church to a Q. M., Y. M. or Association. Letter from a Y. M. or Association to State Association or General Co-operative Association, 5c ea., 6 for 25c.

All these blanks are 8½x11 in. and the Ordination and License blanks are suitable for framing. All sent postpaid at prices quoted. We pay the postage

**Butler-Dunn Theology**

The Butler-Dunn Systematic Theology, the standard book on Free Will Baptist faith and doctrine, is now reprinted, and every minister and Christian worker should have a copy. This is an important book in the SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE, conducted by Eld. John H. Wolfe. Ministers and Christian workers, wishing to better prepare themselves for Christian work, should have this book, and should take the correspondence course offered by the "School of the Bible."

The book is well bound, has 476 pages, at \$2.00 postpaid.

Send orders to the F. W. B. Gem, Purdy, Missouri or to Eld. John H. Wolfe, Pawnee City, Neb.

**TWO NEW SONG BOOKS****SUNDAY SCHOOL AND REVIVAL SONGS NO. 2**

A book of 285 songs

For use in Sunday Schools, Young People's meetings, Revivals and other church services. Has nearly 100 most used old songs. Prices: 35c each, \$3.25 per doz., \$11.00 per 50 books, \$21.00 per 100

**CLASS & CONVENTION BOOK**

For 1934

Just off the press—160 pages—All new songs. It contains the songs: "On the Jericho Road," "I'm Going to Outshine the Sun," and many other hits.

Prices: 35c each, \$3.60 per doz. Sample of either book for 30c.

All books prepaid

No free copies

Both Books Printed with Shaped Notes

Send all orders to

THE OZARK MUSIC CO.,  
Purdy, Missouri

Please say, "I saw your add in the Free Will Baptist Gem."

**NOTICE**

Our Treatise are all sold out—we cannot fill orders for Treatise.

**NOTICE**

Sunday School Literature is not printed at the Gem office—we cannot fill orders for Sunday School and League literature, but The Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, N. C. does furnish literature for Leagues and Sunday schools. Send them your orders.

**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. Shebby 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.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI Association will convene with the New Harmony Free Will Baptist church, two and one-half miles west of Greentop, Mo., August 29th to September 1, 1935. Bessie Fowler, Clerk, Stahl, Mo., R2.