

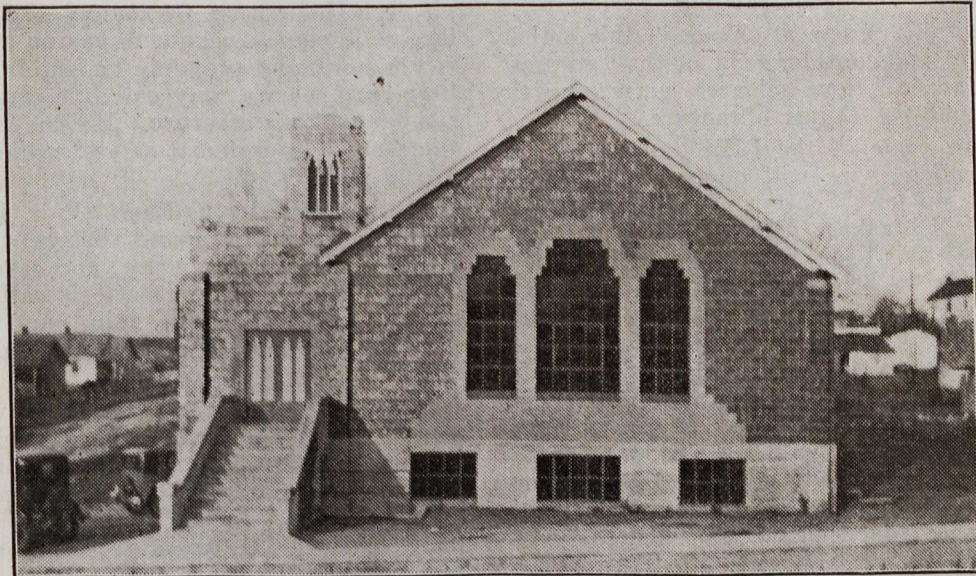
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The above picture is of the Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Mo. The building is made of glazed tile and is valued at \$10,000. 00. Has a seating capacity of 450, and is very modern in construction. The Church has a membership of 457, a Sunday school with an average attendance of 235, Young People's League with an enrollment of 80, and a good Home Mission work.

This church is one of the ablest in Southeast Missouri, and is worshipping in its third building; this one being erected under the pastoral care of Rev. H. M. McAdams in 1930.

The present pastor is the Rev. Jas. F. Miller. Rev. Miller is also Moderator of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, and let us remind you here that the State Association convenes with this Church, beginning on Monday night following the second Sunday in October of this year.

Begin now to plan so you can attend; a wonderful time is anticipated.



# How, When, Where, Did Human Life Begin?

## By B. F. Brown

Since man in the flesh is a creature of time, there must be a time when the first man lived on the earth. Perhaps we can find out how, when and where human life began on the earth; but where shall we find reliable information? The Bible tells us that God created man, that the first man was called Adam, and that his home was in the garden of Eden; and according to the Bible, it has been 6,000 years since Adam was created.

History tells a different story; for many historians tell us that man was not created, but that through a long process of evolution man was developed from the lowest animals. They say that men have lived on the earth for 400,000 years or more, and they speak as if they really knew, but you know we don't believe their big "fish" stories.

We shall not just guess at things in this article, but will present and consider some of the "guesses" men make (and call them science) concerning the human race and the things of nature.

Just to show some of the LIES taught in high schools and colleges, we will quote from "World History," by Hutton Webster, Professor in the University of Nebraska. Many high school students have used this book, and no doubt have been influenced by it, to believe its lies and reject the Bible. Chapter I., pages 1 to 7, treats of Prehistoric Times, in which Professor Webster says:

"Civilization is a recent thing, almost a thing of yesterday. It began not more than five or six thousand years ago in the river valleys of Egypt and western Asia. The Egyptians and Babylonians by this time were cultivating the soil, laying out roads and canals, working mines, building cities, organizing stable governments, and keeping written records" (Page 1).

As we will find by reading subsequent pages, this historian says that many, many thousands of years prior to this time, "The fossils (remains of animal forms) show that life began in lowly forms on the earth, and that all existing life has been evolved from these earlier lower forms."

He says, "The geologist tells us" (page 3), that the earliest or Primary epoch, "saw the appearance of plants, such as seaweeds, mosses, ferns, and finally of huge-stemmed trees, whose abundant vegetation formed our coal measures. It saw also the appearance of animals, beginning with simple invertebrate (an animal without a backbone or spinal column) creatures which lived in water and passing to fishes and amphibians."

Then, in the Secondary epoch, appeared "enormous reptiles," and, "During this time bird-like animals developed and became true birds as they grew wings and modified their reptilian scales into feathers."

They say that in the third or Tertiary epoch, "there appeared for the first time a variety and abundance of mamals." First the climate was "semi-tropical," then changed to what is called the "Ice Age." "An immense ice cap formed in the lands encircling the North Pole and gradually

moved southward." And, think of it! We read that an icy mass more than a mile deep covered the earth from the North Pole to the valleys of the Ohio and the Missouri rivers in North America, and to the valleys of the Rhine and the Thames rivers in Europe. The Professor says, "Guesses about the duration of the Ice Age vary considerably; one estimate makes it begin about 500,000 years ago. Our own postglacial stage may have begun about 25,000 years ago" (page 4).

Then, on pages 5, 6 and 7, we read of some wonderful things concerning the origin of man and what he was like hundreds of thousands of years ago. We learn that

"In 1907 a human lower jaw was found in a sand pit near Heidelberg, Germany." It is said to be the largest human jaw known, has no chin, is very narrow behind, and probably he couldn't talk. "Heidelberg man, as we may call him, must have been a strange-looking creature. He has been assigned to the second interglacial stage," which they say was 375,000 years B. C.

Then, at Piltdown, England, in 1911-1912, workmen in a gravel pit found "human remains, consisting of a skull, a lower jaw, and several teeth . . ." This "Piltdown man," as he is called, had a thick skull, a small brain, no chin, and "is thought to have lived during the third interglacial stage."—150,000 years B. C.

Human remains were found in western Europe several years ago, which the historian says belong to men who lived during the fourth glacial age, about 50,000 years B. C., described to be "short (about 5 feet, 3 inches), thickset, heavy browed, heavy jawed, and with receding chin. His body was probably hairy."

Then in 1768 some skeletons were found in a French cave. These skeletons were said to be of men who lived about 25,000 years B. C. Man of this age is described as being tall, with a broad face, a pointed nose, slightly developed eyebrow ridges, well-developed chin, and large brain. His physical and mental development places him close to modern man."

We will close this part of this article with a short quotation on "Human Evolution" found on page 7 of this World History which thousands of high school boys and girls have studied and taken for the truth:

"Western Europe, the scene of so much of later history, is thus unique in providing us with the **physical evidence for human evolution**. Though the evidence is incomplete, we already know that during a period probably several hundred thousand years long, man was slowly working upward from an almost brute-like state."

Notice that the professor says civilization began 5 or 6 thousand years ago. We believe it did, for according to the Bible God created man 6,000 years

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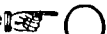
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ago, but man was not created a savage nor a barbarian, but a perfect man; he was not evolved, but was created in the image of God. Man was therefore civilized at his creation, but sin caused him to become barbarian, and even a savage. There was a fall of man when he sinned.

The Bible gives the history of man from the creation; and, if we take the "generations" of Adam (Gen. 5), of Noah (Gen. 6), of Shem (Gen. 11), of Isaac (Gen. 25), and trace the people of God on through the Old Testament to the birth of Christ, we find the time from the creation of Adam to the birth of Christ is 4,000 years, and from the birth of Christ to the present time is near 2,000 years; so the human race began on the earth 6,000 years ago.

The things we have quoted are but guesses, and for most part are not true: but the Bible tells us the truth. Those who believe these extravagant guesses (lies) reject God, and are subject to the Devil who is the author of all lies (John 8:44).

Even if "the fossils" do show that there were forms of life on the earth hundreds of thousands of years ago, they do not show that man lived that long ago. There perhaps was plant and animal life on the earth prior to the condition of chaos described in the opening verses of the Book of Genesis, but there is no evidence (only guesses) that "all existing life (including man) has been evolved from these earlier lower forms of life." Let us believe the Genesis account of creation—THAT GOD CREATED ALL LIVING THINGS IN THE BEGINNING, AND THAT ALL LIVING THINGS BRING FORTH AFTER THEIR KIND. Then, it is not true that the lowest forms of life, living in water turned to fishes and reptiles and other vertebrate animals living on land and in the water. Nor is it true that some of these, "bird-like animals developed and became true birds as they grew wings and modified their reptilian scales into feathers."

What if certain animals which God created do resemble man in some particular way; it is an insult to God for man to say that such animals have developed and become men; God created everything just as He wanted it to be, and He knew just what He wanted. I wonder if the men and women who say they believe in this evolution theory would be proud to take some member of the monkey family, say a gorilla, and go about introducing him as their great, great, great grandfather.

Perhaps the jawbones, skulls, etc. found in sand-pits and gravel-beds, etc. were not human, but belonged to apes or gorillas: human bodies, after death, turn to dust or petrify, unless embalmed.

It is no wonder that so many high school and college graduates do not believe in God, say the Bible is a hoax, and never go to church or Sunday school. They are taught that man came to his estate by evolution, that, while man is just developed from the lower animals, he is universally supreme in intelligence. To them there is no God, and, if there is a God, he is weak and limited, not even as intelligent as they are.

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**FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI**

Dear Gem Family:

Just a word to you. I am using this as a way to talk to you about the Missouri State Association, which will convene with the Flat River church, Monday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, October 14, 1935.

The people of our Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting are planning for one of the greatest meetings in the history of our State meeting, and we are expecting the Free Will Baptist of the State of Missouri and other states to help to make the meeting all we have planned for it to be. Come, and come praying. There are many things before us, and they are of such vital importance that we dare not trust them to our own judgment—we must have the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Fields are white ready to harvest, the call has come to us; souls are lost and dying in sin and to the Free Will Baptist has been assigned a Gospel to preach, a work to do, a story to tell of One who died that we might live. Let us come together at our State meeting to unite our efforts together to help to carry out plans for the furtherance of the cause of Christ, so that when we stand at the great Judgment, we will not have to bow our head in shame, and say, "As a people, we have not done our duty."

Arrangements are being made to take care of a large delegation; so don't disappoint us.

Flat River is on State Highways 61, 67 and 32. Locate either of the above named routes, and they will bring you into the Flat River district. The church is located in the east part of the town.

We will be looking for a large number of Free Will Baptist people.

Yours for a great time in the Lord,  
J. F. (Jim) Miller, Pastor of Flat River church.

**A TRIBUTE TO REV. E. J. O'NEAL**

*By Mrs. W. A. Hearn, New Hope, Ark.*

*From The Glenwood (Ark.) Herald*

"Arkansas, with its wonderful scenery, its valuable deposits of mineral, its vast resources yet untouched miles of Pine, Oak, Gum, Cypress and Maple. Its productive farm lands, its hill sides covered with luscious peaches, pears, grapes and apples. Its undergrowth yielding huckleberries, wild plums and blackberries, is a veritable garden for mankind. But its greatest treasures are those old settlers who are to be valued more than Pike County Diamonds, or its vast fields of Cinnabar, who by industry, right living and honesty laid the foundation for the Arkansas of today and we should honor those old settlers as they are only to be here a short time. Among the number it has been my good fortune to meet (and in my opinion standing at the head of the list) is Rev. E. J. O'Neal of New Hope. Brother O'Neal, or Uncle Jeff, as he is called by a great number of his friends, was born December 8, 1863, near Cedar Point, and lived there in his younger days. In 1887 he was married to Miss Alice Golden who lived near Daisy. Rev. O'Neal was converted at the age of 18 years and was baptized by Rev. Wm. Coggins and ordained to the ministry by Brothers Huey and Henry Walston of the Free Will Baptist Church 54 years ago at Mt. Joy. Rev O'Neal

was Moderator of Little Missouri River Association for 30 years and Mount Joy 33 years. Almost every funeral in west Pike county he is called on to preach. It is estimated that he has preached 1500 funerals during his ministry. Some notables were W. D. Cheney, M. M. Lawrence, Henry Lawless, Jeff Coffman, Mrs. Mary Thomas Lambert who died a few weeks ago at the age of 102.

And those he has married we are not able to put into this story for he is called upon almost daily for the Newly Weds. We should honor Bro. O'Neal in his declining years. The whole state owes a debt of gratitude to such a loyal Champion of right and honesty, purity and goodness. When Brother O'Neal passes on a valuable lot of historical matter will be lost for he is a source of knowledge of past events unrecorded that will perish with him.

Mrs. Hearn has so nicely paid a tribute where praise is due, and since the editor personally has become acquainted with Rev. O'Neal, we are at a loss why some of his friends hadn't turned his name in to us for the Centennial Number. Bro O'Neal has just finished a very good and well attended revival meeting in Glenwood at the Free Will Baptist church, and many that never knew him before were well impressed with the old minister for he is full of the Holy Spirit and preaches the old time religion."

**GRANBY, MISSOURI, August 2, 1935.**

We have just closed our meeting at the Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist church, in Washington Co., Arkansas, where Bro. Sammie Lane has been pastor the past year. We continued there three weeks, beginning July 9th, and closing July 30th, with ten conversions and reclaims.

We didn't get to see Bro. Lane, as he lives several miles from the church and couldn't attend the services. However he came to fill his appointment there on the third Sunday, while I was away at Niangua. Bro. Been being present throughout the entire meeting, assisted in preaching a service or two during my absence.

We found a host of good Christian people and a multitude of young people who needed God and encouragement to live closer to Him.

We found co-operation and the religious spirit among the people of the community, which made the meeting the success that it was, and causing us to feel like going again to that place, if God should ever see fit to call again.

Yours for His cause,

Eld. Kenneth Turner.

**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, August 12, 1935.**

Dear Gem Readers: We are glad to report that our St. Louis church is still on the firing line, and everything moving along very nicely.

Our Sunday school has been making a good substantial increase lately, and our work is holding up fine during the hot weather.

Our finances are still holding up in good shape. The spirituality of the work is also good.

Our league is doing fine work too, and making some increase in attendance and membership. We are studying the Book of the Acts, and will soon

finish it up. We will then put on a musical program and a review of Paul's Missionary journeys, together with his journey to Rome. There will be at least four hundred questions asked and answered, and the chapter and verse given to substantiate the answer. I am the teacher of this class and am certainly proud of the class. Not a question will be missed. We are expecting this to be one of our most interesting meetings of the year.

Eld. A. E. Gully and myself have just closed out a few nights' meeting with the Free Will Baptist church at Wortham, Mo. We had a good spiritual meeting, but no conversions.

Bro. Gully is a good man and preaches a good sermon. I wish some church would call him to be its pastor.

Eld. W. C. Hill, 1020 Hickory St.

### THAYER, MISSOURI, R2, August 30, 1935.

Dear Pilgrims All:

There's sunshine in the Savior's love, and there is not room to receive it, so am passing it on:

On Friday, Aug. 16th, Billy Rogers, wife and young daughter, Harry Beatty, wife, and I, reached the large church building near Warm Springs, Ark. where the Free Will Social Band were holding their Association. Seeing Brothers Gates and Lee Lithland who attended our Cave Springs Association last year gave me a home-like feeling.

Eld. D. C. Jones was moderator and Eld. Ralph Staten was clerk.

They seemed alive to the perilous times with need of increasing effort to spread the Gospel, and were evidently thanking God and taking courage. A genial alert General Baptist, Elder Tutters, gave a vigorous message at night, while Bro. Beatty, at 11:00 o'clock Saturday ably urged us to present our bodies a living sacrifice preparatory to overcoming through the power of the Lord.

Must be a large territory down there, for there was a move for the Association to pay the traveling expenses of the delegates. If adopted count on me to try to sneak a delegation every year; if this is a sample of their work. Next Association will be at Pruitt Chapel.

Saturday night Billy Rogers gave a strong evangelistic discourse and several were converted. No joy equal to helping folks to move toward the Lord.

Sunday morning Bro. Staten gave a convincing message proving that when Jesus, at the last supper, meant just what he said, that all should have part in the Lord's Supper, until he comes again as Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 11:26, and all doesn't sanction close communion anywhere anytime.

Sorry we had to leave after dinner, in the midst of Eld. Wayne Tucker's message on feet washing, which was to be followed by communion and feet-washing.

Our Cave Springs Association met for business on Friday, Aug. 23rd, when Elder Winfree was elected moderator and Eld. T. J. Dunkin assistant, and the latter gave an able appeal to abide in the old time religion which didn't mince matters, but got glorious results through Jesus Christ and him crucified. When we begin to question as to whether a thing is wrong, our conscience is working. Ever hear anyone ask, "Is it wrong to take a dram?"

Usual committees were appointed and a glorious testimony meeting followed.

At night Brothers Beatty and Rogers gave sermons full of zeal. God has saved, and always will save all who come unto him with contrite hearts.

Letters received from the churches showing growth and courage, and Social Band corresponding delegate's letter was received and delegates seated. Social Band has 956 members.

Elders Ralph Staten and Elzie Simpson preached at 11:00 o'clock Saturday with Acts 2:1 as a text. The true church is of one mind and in one place, power and harmony; which now as well as then, is secured only by earnest continuing prayer by those who, like Abraham, believe in God who then counts them righteous. May we remember and live the message!

Quite a delegation was selected to attend Social Band Association, also the State Association.

Bro. Wayne Tucker preached on "Remove not the Ancient Landmarks," abide by the victorious Gospel of salvation to every one who has ears to hear. Eld. Clarence Dodson followed with 1 Sam. 3:1-13, "The Call;" and as Samuel was called four times, we too, are called, first to repent, second to service, third to death, and fourth to judgment.

After dinner Sunday, Bro. Staten gave a wonderfully earnest appeal to sinners to heed the call, for they have sold themselves for naught: the adversary has nothing but woe and destruction as final rewards in his service. Jesus gave his life for us, separated himself from the love of God, gave everything that we don't have, that we might have all the fulness of God through his sufferings.

Six of the hearers finally decided they couldn't afford not to heed the call as so ably seconded by Brothers Staten and Tucker. Perhaps the beginning of another great spiritual awakening is with us, if only "the people have a mind to work," and every man at his post the old fashioned Bible way.

Bro. Staten said that Arkansas was the only state mentioned in the Bible: "Noah looked out of the ark and saw." But me, I'm from Missouri, and he will have to show me book, chapter and verse and, moreover, all that fine Arkansas bunch of delegates were like Noah who got out and away at the earliest opportunity, for they got out of Ark. and seemed to be enjoying themselves better than when in Ark.

As one of their stirring songs has it: I'd Rather be an Old Time Christian than Anything I Know."

May the Lord keep us all full of joy in going on.

In His name.

—Ralph T. Hoyt.

### WACO, TEXAS, August 26, 1935.

Dear Gem Family: We are so glad to give in another report of the work down here in Texas.

Since we last reported we have been in two short meetings, a week at each place, and a few days over at the first place. We had three conversions and the church greatly revived.

Then we went to a saw-mill town near Huntsville where no one had a church. We had over twenty conversions and organized a church, and Mr. McAdams was called as pastor. We look for a good church to grow up there, and many more be saved. We hated to leave when we did, but we were dated

for a meeting in Waco with Bro. Bounds and his people, so we had to come on. We have been here since Friday night. The crowds are increasing each night. No conversions yet, but we haven't preached to the unsaved yet; so we ask prayers for a great revival. Bro. and Sister Bounds are splendid people to work with. We have known him for several years, and know that God has blessed his work.

The church here in Waco is a young organization and we ask that you pray very earnestly that the work may build up and finance come in to support it. All these new fields need our prayers.

God bless the good editor and wife who have worked so faithfully to give us the paper each month. We thank God for such lives; let's hold them up in our prayers.

Our address for the next few weeks will be 1907 South 12th Street, Waco, Texas.

—H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

### OUR LITTLE GOOD-WILL TOUR

On Wednesday morning, August 21st, at 6:30, I left home accompanied by my nephew, Austin Davis, picked up Bro. Kenneth Turner at Granby, Mo., and at 11:30 we landed away down in the oil fields at Oilton, Okla. where the First Mission Ass'n of Free Will Baptist was in session with the Vance Chapel church.. We could feel the good Spirit of of the Lord as we began to approach the grounds. We walked in while Bro. A. B. Epperson was bringing the message. What we heard of it was certainly wonderful, and another brother brought a real message following Bro. Epperson.

We enjoyed a glorious dinner at the noon hour, and visiting with the dear brothers and sisters we had met and learned to love long before.

Then the first thing after they resumed business again the good moderator, Bro. Melvin Bingham, gave us time to speak a few minutes in the interest of the Free Will Baptist Gem. The audience gave us a real good hearing. We stayed until 4:15 that afternoon, then very much to our regret we felt that we had to be on our way. We wanted to stay longer very much, and was enjoying ourselves wonderfully; but according to our plans, we had to keep moving. Those dear folks certainly know how to make one feel welcome. We secured 12 subs. to the Gem while there on our short stay, with promise of many more.

From Oilton we drove to Neodesha, Kans. where we spent the night with Bro. and Sister Luther Mayberry. We couldn't possibly express how much joy it gave us to visit these dear folks again. Bro. Mayberry was a deacon in the South Picher church when I used to hold services there, and I spent lots of time in their home while in Picher. It sure seemed like old times to be in their home again. We arrived at their home at 7:45 Wednesday evening, just in time to go with Bro. Mayberry to prayer meeting in Neodesha.

Thursday morning we drove to Emporia, Kansas and there took dinner with Bro. and Sister Wilson. Had a splendid short visit with them, and prayer in their home together. Then we left with Brother Wilson's trailer loaded with his new tent on our way to Aurora, Mo. where it was stretched to hold the Indian Creek Association. On our way home,

we stopped at the Neola church north of Greenfield, Mo. where the Central Western Mo. Association was in session. We arrived there Thursday night and stayed until Saturday morning. Enjoyed the good association there very much. The Association was splendid, and the Lord was there. Prospects for this Association are bright because of the young preachers starting out up there. We secured a number of subs for the Gem while there. We arrived at Aurora with the tent Saturday morning, and arrived home Saturday noon, Aug. 24th. We secured 22 subs., in all, for the paper, while gone; and trust we did some good in other ways, and no harm. About the best I know to call the trip is just a good will tour. May God bless all you good people we met, and we ask an interest in your prayers. Write to us through the Gem.

Love to all,

Winford Davis.

### DESLOGE CHURCH NOTES

We have been just a little negligent about our church notes, but wish to say to our Gem friends that our church still stands, the faithful ones are enjoying the old-time religion, and expecting the Master's return just any time.

To be sure, Satan would hinder our progress, testing times come, but we are standing on the promise, that "all things wor together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

Elder Tommie Franklin has been called to pastor the church the coming year.

Sunday evening, August 18th, we enjoyed a precious service when Bro. Blaine Matthews was ordained as deacon of the church. Eld. James Miller of Flat River preached the ordination sermon.

Our Annual Sunday School outing and picnic was held at Pleasant Valley August tenth.

A good delegation from our church attended the quarterly meeting at Aulsbury Chapel Aug. 1 and 2.

Eld. Oda Hallbrook was set apart for the full Gospel ministry at a service at Leadington church, August 13th. Eld. Tommie Franklin delivered the ordination sermon.

We were glad to have Miss Gertrude Rawson of St. Louis spend her vacation in Desloge and worship with us. When a resident of Desloge she was one of our faithful Sunday school teachers.

We noted Eld. W. C. Hill's report of the splendid record of attendance of a pupil in his Sunday school in St. Louis: we are glad to say we have two girls who are Juniors whose attendance in our Sunday school has been perfect for four years.

Miss Helen Ruth Forshee who has a position with an institution for the blind in St. Louis has been spending her vacation with her parents here, but will return in a few days to resume her work. She is one of our church workers, also a member of our girls' quartette, so will be missed.

Our church is planning to entertain the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting September 5th to 6th. We are hoping for a good delegation and a gracious time in the Lord. We are also looking forward to the State Association which will convene with Flat

River church in October, and is very near our church. We are expecting to meet delegates from all the Free Will Baptist churches over the state.

It was suggested at our Q. M. by the Vice President of State Mission work, that all our mission women who attend this gathering wear white mission caps, made by the same pattern as the black velvet ones, which will be less expensive. Just thought we would pass this on for consideration, and say that it just suits the DESLOGE REPORTER.

### SPRINGDALE, ARK., Aug. 30th.

Dear Bro. Brown and Readers of the Gem: In our weak way we now take pleasure in sending in another report from Old Mt. Zion church, located at what is known as Burk's Shed, about 16 miles east from Springdale. We are still endeavoring to carry on our religious worship, such as church services, prayer meeting, and Sunday school. Our annual revival has just closed. Elder Johnnie Swaffar and Eld. J. W. Allred conducted the services. It was a wonderful meeting, if I am not mistaken 34 found the Lord, and I believe 20 of that number united with the F. W. B. church at this place.

Bro. Swaffar is a wonderful preacher, and a power in God's service. Everybody down here loved him and loved to hear him preach. We are praying God's richest blessings upon him as he goes to other places.

And Bro. Allred is loved by everybody in this community, by the Christians at least. We re-elected Bro. Allred as our moderator (pastor) for another year.

Our church is increasing in membership right along. We have an average attendance of 60 in Sunday school.

Excuse me for making a few personal references right here. I have been greatly strengthened during this revival that has just closed. Bro. Swaffar did his best to preach the straight truth as it is laid down in God's blessed Word, and it helped me to see where I am standing. The Lord laid it upon me to preach the Gospel about two years ago, and I didn't want to. I preached a

few times, and then went to making excuses, but I haven't found an excuse yet that would bring a blessing. We don't get any enjoyment out of salvation making excuses and trying to hide from God. The Lord is just pinning right down on me, and it's either preach or perish; so I've promised the Lord I would begin and do my best for Him.

Now, dear readers, if anyone of you are failing God, not doing what God has asked you to do, let me beg of you in Jesus' name, don't grieve the great heart of God any longer; get to work and let's help carry the load.

I ask the prayers of God's people, to help me in this work.

God bless you all, is my prayer.  
—Eld. Bruce Phillips.

### BOONEVILLE, ARKANSAS

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

If I may have space in the Gem, I want to call on the Free Will Baptist of Arkansas again to pay their 25 cent assessment.

Brethren, it's only a short time now until our State Association will meet again, is it possible that we are going to fail to put this move over? We are going to have some funeral expenses to pay, and there are some of our old worn out preachers that need help; please get busy and collect this small amount and send it in. And it's now time to buy our tent to hold our State meeting under. Will the ministers of the Gospel get busy and collect this amount? you can, if you will. This is my last time to call on you. If you are satisfied to stay in the old rut, and drag along doing nothing, I can't help it. I have done by best to put this over, but can't do it without the co-operation of my preacher brethren.

I am at this time in a meeting at Hector, Ark. We are having a good meeting. Bro. W. A. Crouch is pastor here. From here I will go to Atkins for a meeting, the last meeting I have promised.

I held two good meetings in the State of Mississippi, and God blessed our efforts. Our cause is growing in Mississippi. If we had men like Bro. Hollis and Bro. Haas in Arkansas, we could put the work over here.

Pray for me, and please send in the 25 cents.

W. M. Guinn, Clerk-Treas.

### THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The first session of the National Association will meet with Cofer's Chapel at Nashville, Tennessee on Tuesday night, November 5th and will continue through Thursday. This meeting will be the beginning of a national body composed of all conferences, associations and conventions of our people throughout the United States.

Heretofore the Co-operative General Association and the General Conference have been meeting separately but, inasmuch as these two bodies were united at Denison, Texas on November 8, 1934, there will be one national body with two divisions, the Eastern and Western. The National Association will meet tri-annually and the two divisions will continue to hold their sessions annually.

In this first meeting of the national body, the work will consist of the preparation and adoption of a constitution and by-laws; also a program of work to be followed by the eastern and western divisions.

For this first meeting, each conference, association and convention will delegate with two members from each body together with the ministers belonging to such bodies. Let each conference elect or appoint these delegates.

Some very important matters will be considered in this meeting, such as the permanent organization of the national body, the educational question, a national program for women's work and young people's work, missions and others. The program for the meeting will appear soon in our church papers. See that your delegates are appointed or elected and plan to come.

—J. L. WELCH.

### TULSA, OKLA., August 13th. New Home Church

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Well, it seems so good to be back in the good old First Mission Association, and the State of Oklahoma. I presume it is because I started in the ministry here. I cannot say that I do not love the old Lone Star State, because I do, because that is where I was born. I sure did hate to leave the good people at Denison,



but we must always do what the Lord says do.

I am glad to report our work growing in the New Home church. We are looking forward to a great year in the Lord's service here. We are going to start our revival some time in September, and we ask all praying people to pray, that the Lord will save many precious souls. Our camp meeting is now going on at Vance Chapel church, we went over last night and heard Bro. Bingham bring a wonderful message. I believe it was the best interest I ever saw to begin with. I am proud of the good old Free Will Baptist. I did not know there were so many of us until last June when I was over in N. C. We sure met some wonderful people of God over there, and I hope to meet them again over at Nashville, Tenn. in November, if the Lord wills.

We are so glad that we have such a wonderful bunch of young people to work with here at New Home. We have a good Junior mission, also a Senior mission. Our meeting for mission work is each Friday night. We also have our Bible study in connection with the mission work. We have a wonderful Bible class on Friday night of each week, and it is growing rapidly.

Pray for us here at New Home.  
Eld. Bert F. Rogers, R9, B374.

## OBITUARY

**Shipley**—Lee Madeline Shipley, daughter of James M. and Comfort Shipley, was born at Milan, Mo., July 16, 1871, and departed this life June 10, 1935.

She was married to Matthew Ash, Oct. 16, 1889, at her home R1, Pierce City, Mo. To this union were born twelve children, all of whom have lived to manhood and womanhood.

Those left to mourn her death are: her companion, Matthew Ash, sons and daughters: Lee Ash, James Ash, Ralph Ash, Pete Ash, Earl Ash, Ray Ash, Alvah Ash, Rose Galyen, Samantha Mootey, Nellie Galyen, and a number of grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends. Those preceding her in death: One daughter, Nora Moon, and one son, Merl Ash.

She was converted a number of

years ago and lived a true Christian life. She united with the Free Will Baptist church at Monett, Mo. and did all she could toward the salvation of the lost.

Mrs. Ash was loved by all who met her, throughout the country, far and near. We loved her, although we had to give her up; but we know that she has gone to that City where Jesus said He has gone to prepare for us.

She leaves her loved ones that great consolation of meeting her some day in peace, where there will be no more pain, sorrow, heartache, none of these will ever be; but where there will be love, joy, peace and happiness.

Her wish was that her children would accept her, Christ and so live as to meet her some day in the Great Beyond.

We do not understand her suffering, the pain, the agony she bore, but she was patient, never murmured but bore her suffering with patience. She has gone where there'll be no more pain, no more death, where all is well with her soul.

**Bender**—William S. Bender was born at New Hampton, Mo., February 7, 1866, and passed away at the family home near Bartlett, Kansas, Aug. 2, 1935, being 69 years, six months and 18 days old.

He moved to Kansas when just a young man to make his home. He was married to Nellie Brown on June 4, 1903. They made their home on a farm in Fair View district until about eight years ago, when they moved to their present home. Mr. and Mrs. Bender were the parents of nine children, three of whom preceded the father in death.

He was converted when a young man and joined the Free Will Baptist church at Fair View in 1913, which membership he held at the time of his death.

Those left to mourn his going are the wife, Nellie Bender, one daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Witthaus of Inglewood, Calif., five sons. John Bender of Bartlett, Kansas, Tony, Clyde, Robert and Raymond, all at home, two grandchildren, Margaret Witthaus and Delores Bender, five brothers, four sisters, other relatives and hosts of friends.

Funeral was conducted by Eld. O. T. Allred at Fair View church.

**Ratterree**—William Alexander Ratterree was born Feb. 20, 1876, and departed this life Jan. 16, 1935, at the age of 58 years, ten months and 27 days.

He was married to Lieucinda Calton Sept. 10, 1918. To this union three children were born, Clara, Lyle and Johnnie Ratterree. His wife and son Lyle preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his departing, one son, one daughter, four brothers, five sisters, and a host of relatives and friends.

Alex, as he was called, was confined only two weeks, but had been failing health for some time.

He was converted in early life and enjoyed many wonderful blessings in the Lord, yet he was acquainted with grief, and desired to be led by the Holy Spirit. Many times he was shown his mistakes in life and, as King David of old, was willing to acknowledge his mistakes. He desired to comply with the Bible, and read and studied it a great deal. He was always glad to talk about Jesus. He was a charter member of Union Chapel church.

In the last hours he had a desire to depart and be with Jesus. Among the last words he spoke were, "Trust in the Lord." He was laid to rest in the Union Chapel cemetery.

Funeral service was conducted by Eld. D. R. Royster, using as a text, "Hope Beyond This Life."

Brother bore his earthly troubles,

Bent with age of many years,  
Now he's passed away to heaven,  
With not a doubt, not a fear.

But we hope some day to meet him  
In that fair and happy land:  
There we'll see and know each other,  
And we'll take him by the hand.

There we'll shout and sing forever  
In that happy promised land.

Blessed are they that die in the Lord;

Heaven retaineth our treasures.  
Earth the lonely casket keeps,  
And the sunbeams long to linger,  
Where our loved ones sleep.

Written by

John Ratterree and wife.

## IN MEMORY

On July 21st, the Death Angel visited our home and took from us our loving father, James William Sims. He was born in Ozark Co., near Melbourne, Ark. on



Jan. 15, 1880, and died in Jackson Co., near Newport, on July 21, 1934, at the age of 54 years, seven months and four days.

He was united in marriage to Tennie Mathes on Nov. 3, 1902. They lived a happy peaceful life together until death separated them. To this union ten children six boys and four girls, were born all of which were present at the time of his death, except one son who died when quite young.

Papa was a kind loving father and husband, was a Christian and a member of the church for 35 years. Like most folks, he had his trials and temptations, but lived faithful until the end. He was a member of the Bethel Free Will Baptist church near Lamenburg at the time of his death.

Papa left good evidence that he was going home to Glory; he asked us to meet him in his beautiful home. He was laid to rest in the Cheshier cemetery, leaving to mourn his departure his companion, 9 children, three daughters-in-law, six grandchildren, three brothers, a host of relatives and friends.

When we saw you lying in the casket  
so very still and quiet,  
You seemed to be an angel, Daddy,  
with snowy wings of white.  
We loved you, oh, so dearly, you were  
so kind and so good,  
And why you had to leave us, we  
have never understood.

The family ties are broken, that time  
can never mend;  
We can put our trust in Jesus and on  
Him we can depend.  
The flowers we put upon your grave  
may wither and decay,  
But the love we have for Daddy will  
never fade away.

## RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

We, members of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, wish to express our sympathy to the family of our dearly beloved brother and co-worker in Christ, Bro. W. H. York. How we always found ourselves looking to him for leadership!

We realize that God has called him to his reward and that he has handed the torch, bright and burning, down to us:

May God help us to carry it, as he did, until the Lord says to us also:

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

Committee { Roena Thomas,  
Tom Lewis,  
Nannie Martin.

## 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.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

### FIELD WORKERS

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.  
For Cave Springs Association  
Eld. E. E. Winfree ..... Hoxie, Ark.  
Field Worker at Large  
Eld. Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo., R1.

### REPORT OF ST. LOUIS LEAGUE

*Ruth Lincoln, Correspondent*

Our league is at the present time in good condition, with an increase in attendance. We have just elected our officers for the coming year, which are as follows:

Harvey Hill ..... President  
Henry Baybo ..... 1st Vice Pres.  
Ruth Linholn ..... Sec'y-Treas.  
Ruth Lincoln ..... Correspondent

We have two classes, Senior and Junior. The teachers are  
Elder W. C. Hill ..... Senior  
Elder Sam Gill ..... Junior

We are hoping to do better work in our league during the coming year and wish the prayers of all faithful followers of Christ.

### REPORT OF AURORA LEAGUE

*By Leva Hamby, Sec'y-Treas.*

We want to say that our league is still growing and God is with us.

We have 28 members in our Senior league, each one an active member and all are always glad to do what they can toward taking a part and helping to build up our league.

On the night of August 4th our league visited with the B. Y. P. U. members of the Missionary Baptist church and they returned our visit by coming to our league August 11th. A quartet from that church gave us some special songs which were enjoyed by all. We had a very interesting lesson and we can say that they did also. I think it is wonderful to co-operate with one another.

Pray for our league and also our church, that we may be faithful in all things.

### MERL'S CHAPEL LEAGUE REPORT

*By Louise Robberson, Reporter*

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since you

have had a league report from us. However, we are still in the battle and endeavoring to do our part in God's work. We have elected new officers whom we feel have the work at heart. Our officers are:

President ..... Marion Black  
Vice President ..... Aaron Lair  
Sec'y-Treasurer .. Louise Robberson  
Quiz Leader ..... Aletha Towe  
Group Captain No. 1, Evelyn Jefferson  
Group Captain No. 2, .... Iva Black

We feel that each member has renewed interest in the League and we ask an interest in your prayers, that our league may prosper.

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

*By Raymond La Brot, Sec'y-Treas.*

Tuesday night, the Free Will Baptist League Convention of Southeast Missouri met with the Wortham Free Will Baptist church at Wortham, Mo., it being the fifth annual meeting, and the 24th business session, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Opening ..... Sylvia Wood, Pres.  
Song ..... Congregation  
Scripture reading, Eccl. 12, President  
Prayer ..... Eld. Tommie Franklin  
Theme Song, "It's A Good Thing To Be A Leager."

Welcome Address .... Violet Dunlap  
Response ..... Damon Dodd  
Reading ..... Bernice Forshee  
Reading ..... Maxine Henson  
Song ..... Leadington League  
Topic: "Of What Benefit is the League to the Church?" Discussion by  
Bro. Joe Dees.

Number by St. Louis, 1405 S. 7th St.  
League represented by Bro. Gully.

### Enrollment

Officers present .....	6
Visitors .....	37
Flat River League .....	4
Leadington League .....	11
Wortham League .....	27
Desloge League .....	14
St. Louis League .....	1
Total number present .....	100

### Business

Minutes read and approved.  
Program committee appointed by the President: Bro. Reeves, Sister Anna Reed, Bro. Chas. Lund, for one year.

Discussion of next convention, which was decided on Desloge church, October 22, 1935.

Song ..... Flat River League  
Song ..... Wortham League  
Song ..... Desloge Quartet  
Song ..... Congregation  
Adjournment.

### JONES CHAPEL LEAGUE REPORT

*Besse Campbell, Reporter*

Dear League Workers:

We will send you a report of the Jones Chapel league, as we have just reorganized and started out on a new quarter's work.

There is a great interest shown at present, especially among the group captains. They are having a little competition between the groups for the best group report. We find this very interesting as each member considers it a personal duty to make their group report the best.



At present the enrollment of the Senior department is twenty-five, with an average attendance of twenty.

The most remarkable interest of our union is our little Juniors. The enrollment of the Junior department is twelve and they have a perfect attendance most every night. It is wonderful to see those little folks work with so much interest.

The following is a list of the officers of our union:

President ..... Maurine Campbell  
Vice President ..... Kenneth Lewis  
Sec'y-Treas. .... Dorlis Turner  
Quiz Leader ..... Clarence Lamb  
Pianist ..... Mrs. Jewel Campbell  
Group Captain No. 1, Don. Campbell  
Group Captain No. 2, Freda Bowers  
Junior Sponsor, Virginia Fulkerson  
Chorister ..... Wilma Eaton

We desire an interest in the prayers of all leaguers, that our league will continue to grow and keep forward the Kingdom's work.

#### REPORT OF NIANGUA LEAGUE *Freda Sell, Reporter*

We are still at our work. Our Juniors are sure wide awake and seem to show more interest than the Seniors.

We are trying to get started attending the League rallies of the Union Association.

We are very sorry we gave up Bro. Kenneth Turner as our pastor.

May the Lord bless him and his family, as he goes out into new fields of labor.

Pray for us at Niangua.

#### CUSHING, OKLA., Aug. 20th.

Dear Gem Readers: We wish to give a report of Mission Circle No. 1 of the First Mission Association.

Vace Chapel Home Mission is progressing nicely. We have had two ice cream socials, bought Bro. Epperson a suit, Sister Epperson a dress, Grandma Shaffer shoes, and we are taking Grandma Morris dinner every day. We feel that the Lord is blessing us, so pray for us.

Sister Lindsay, Sec'y-Treas.

Silver City Home Mission is doing nicely. Our Sundays are good, have a large attendance at our Sunday night services, and at prayer meeting, and at the last mission rally four were baptized. We have had one ice cream supper, made \$20.15, have bought a piano for the church, and have it all paid for. About thirty men and boys turned out and hoed and plowed the church's crop, and the ladies served dinner. Please pray for us, that our church may prosper and grow, and that every member may stay true to God.

Sister Tattershell, President,  
Evelyn Begley, Secretary.

The Home Mission at Olive is doing nicely. We have met twice this month, have good attendance, the sick committee reports all better. Our Sunday school is growing, the mission gave \$5.00 for paint for the church, sold one quilt for \$3.50, had one ice cream social, netted us \$16.46.

read 1400 Bible chapters.

Pray for us earnestly.

Our mission rally was dismissed at noon on account of the death of Sister Newman's brother who passed from this life to his reward. He was buried at Fair Lawn cemetery near Cushing, Oklahoma.

Drumright Home Mission is in good working order, having an average attendance of ten on our Wednesday work days.

We quilted four quilts, and gave one to our pastor, one to our Sunday school superintendent, and one to our mission president.

We had an ice cream social and made \$25.00. This money was used to pay on the parsonage.

We read 103 Bible chapters, made 36 sick calls, and had an average attendance on our mission nights of 19.

We are sending 25c as mission dues. Remember us in your prayers.

Sister Speck, President,  
Sister Blair, Secretary.

#### FELLOWSHIP MEETING

We had a fine time at our last Fellowship meeting. The following ministers preached for about ten minutes each:

NAME	TEXT
Bro. Kirby .....	"Fellowship."
Bro. Eastin .....	St. John 1:12
Sister Fay Bookout, ....	1 Peter 1:4
Bro. John Montgomery, "Let us Run with Patience the Race."	
Bro. Fincher	
Bro. Williams .....	Good Samaritan
Bro. Begor .....	Isaiah 53:7
Bro. Hall .....	Tim. 6:12
Bro. Staires, "Loose him and let him go."	
Sister Fincher, "Redeeming the time."	

We have a wonderful time at our fellowship meetings and the Lord greatly blesses us. One soul was saved at our street meeting held at Oilton about 30 minutes before our fellowship meeting. If there are any of our churches that are down hearted, just try a fellowship meeting about once a month, and invite all your fellow preachers to come and help you out.

May the Lord bless you all.

Eld. J. D. Williams, Corres. Sec.

#### SPRINGDALE, ARK., Aug. 31st.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We wish to send you a report of our meeting which was held at Old Mt. Zion church, three mile north-east of Springvalley. The services were conducted by our faithful pastor, Bro. J. W. Allred, and Bro. John Swaffar.

Thirty-four were converted, twenty-two united with the church, and eighteen were baptized.

We have a fine Sunday school every Sunday and prayer meeting every Thursday night.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all the Christian people, that our church will continue to grow, and that our members will all live true to the Lord.

—M. M. Puryear.



The above picture is of Eld. W. C. Hill who lives at 1020 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Bro. Hill informed us that he will be glad to consider any church work that may be offered him by any F. W. Baptist church in the country or a small town, as he wishes to get out of the city.

We have known Bro. Hill for many years and know him to be a man of God, and a good preacher, with many years of experience; if you need a pastor or someone to hold a revival, give Bro. Hill a call.

Bro. Hill is interested in our Gem paper and is authorized to take subscriptions—you can trust him—Editor.

#### WE REGRET

That we cannot print all the reports, letters, and articles received for this issue of the Gem. You may not understand, but we are doing our best, working full time to the very limit of our strength; if our judgment is bad in our choice of what to print first, or if your article is left out because we lacked the strength to devote more space so as to include all the articles, please bear with us. We certainly appreciate the good articles we receive and seldom have too many to fill the paper; so keep them coming.—Editor.

#### DEPART FROM EVIL

*By Mrs. Lina Claxton*

"Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore" (Psa. 37:27)

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Readers: I am so thankful this morning, that I am still among the living, and have the privilege of speaking to you all, on paper, of the great love I have toward God and His followers, and to think how God loved the world, He who created heaven and earth, and by Him were all things made; then by such wondrous love, He gave His only begotten Son to redeem the world from sin.



1 John 3:14, 15 says, "We know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."

It takes just the same number of letters to spell LOVE that it takes to spell HATE. Help us, dear Lord, to overcome hate with love.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

He tells us what to love and what to hate: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2:15-17).

Well, the sweet month of May slipped by and I never attended the Communion service. I have belonged to our little church at Mt. Olive for 40 years or more, and I don't think I ever missed being there before. Bro. George Scott is our worthy pastor this year, and they say he is bringing them some wonderful messages in the old-fashioned way.

I am so glad I can truly say from my heart, "I love thy church oh God."

It has been my privilege to be with the Harmony Band singers, and I tried to sing, with the spirit and with the understanding, because this wonderful love of God we have been talking about lifted me to higher grounds. I am so thankful just now for my dear old father, that loved his child, poor unworthy me, who permitted me to sign my name to a real singing school, some 60 years ago, and there I learned to love the song service.

David said, "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praises to my God, while I have my being."

I want to tell you younger people about the singing back years ago. There are others living who

could tell you these same things. Then we walked, went on horse-back, in wagons pulled by two horses, not even buggies when I first remember. Often when we walked, we went bare-foot in warm weather till we got near the school house, as there were but very few church houses, none that I can think of; they worshipped God in school houses, used for church services. Before we came in sight of the place of worship, we would sit down and put on our shoes. We thought a lot of how our shoes looked, when we did put them on. If we had skinned them up on the rocks we did not pull them off as we went back home, especially if we had company.

In those days children helped their parents do the work, and girls, when they worked in the field and garden, put on bonnets, tied something around their necks, put on gloves, being very careful not to get sunburnt, and get brown. Sure they wanted to look pretty, and it is true they did, they all took care of their hair, and that was right; "If a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering. Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?" (1 Cor. 11:15, 14). People who believe the Bible do care what it says. You may ask what the women folk wore on their heads when they went to church. They wore bonnets: the girls wore white bonnets, the older ladies wore Shambrey of different colors. I can tell you the first girl in our community that bought a hat, it was the widow Emberton's daughter. This old lady owned a good farm. The next was the McClanahan girls. Rev. John Russell married one of them. He was a school teacher; he still lives, and still preaches, but is getting feeble.

This calls my mind to God's word, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right, . . . honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." This man Russell I speak of had a good name even when he was a very young man.

Well, the young people, as well as the old, looked different then, to what they do now. When they went to church, they had not forgotten that God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, so God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them." When they went to church back in the 60's, as I remember well, they went clean in both person and dress, they were very particular to wash neck and ears good, they wore their natural faces God gave them, they had their hats on after hats came into fashion; now they have them half on, and hardly that, and their faces painted, even the door-casing of their mouth couldn't be any redder, and their finger nails—oh, it is terrible to look at! The first I ever saw was at my house, and I thought she had been dying some kind of goods. I don't speak of these things, now and then, to offend you, because I believe He meant Lina as well, when He said, "But whosoever shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me. It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Oh, there is so much warning to us about offending one another, and this punishment I don't think could be worse, but I wonder if God doesn't get offended because we try to do his work over, and in many ways we might offend God. I would rather please God than man. He said, "Rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." He has also told us that we cannot serve God and mammon.

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" Let us be more careful what we spend our money for, it is not ours, it is the Lord's.

So, let us wash our faces and not disfigure God's work any more: for he made you just like he wanted you to be.

"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he. They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation.

Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee? Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee" (Deut. 32:4-7).

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

In Psalm 119:104, David said, "Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way."

I told two of my granddaughters this morning, If they wanted to please grandmother, don't use lip-stick, nor paint your finger nails; it makes you look like idiots in place of educated children.

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord."

I don't write about these things to offend, but with love to all. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment." Do we do this, do we make Him first in all things? Jesus' mother saith unto the servants, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

Our dearly beloved editor and wife are having a hard time, working hard to keep the Gem paper going, and it is certainly to advance the cause of our dear Savior. He has put it down to 50 cents per year, and yet church members, if you ask them to subscribe, will say, "Times are so hard I just can't have the money to spare;" but they will go to Sunday ball games, the theatre, Sunday shows, swimming pool, and everything imaginable.

Then the pastor of our church goes through the cold and heat to preach the Word of God, to help us to get our children to accept Christ and be saved, we fumble around in our old purse to find a smaller coin for the preacher. Yes, but the Bible says, "God loveth a cheerful giver, . . . Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to

receive, and when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all."

Dear Lord, help us to love God and hate evil.

Pray for me, I am still living in the old fashioned way.

## MOTHER

*In honor of Mother Claxton*

M—Is for mercy and merit she gives.  
O—Stands for others, for whom she lives.

T—For trust, trust and thrift, her  
H—Begins home, health and hope  
her ego.

E—Is for effort great or small.

R—For refuge, she gives to one and all.

For her mercy and merit is never changing,

And for others she always is arranging:

In thoughts, words or action, some thing,

That to others, will comfort and joy bring.

Truth, trust and thrift she lives each day;

Home to her means more than just a place to stay.

Hope is the watchword of her world, And health she's mindful of for boy or girl.

Her efforts are more than the world knows,

But God knows and in time will disclose,

All the work here she has done.

And reward her for her efforts every one.

A refuge she is in home and heart, To all that in her life has a part;

For there is always room for one more

In her heart and inside her door.

## The Origin of Human Life

*Continued from page three*

The Bible is the only voice of authority as to what man is, his origin, and his destiny. The Bible is not concerned about all the doings of men in the world, only those things, the doings of men which effect the purpose of God in His purpose and dealings with and for man. The Bible shows us that man was created innocent and pure, and perfect in his being, even in the image of God; that man through disobedience fell into a state of conscious rebellion against God, into darkness and lawlessness. Men have conceived and used many devices and means to raise the human race to higher and better conditions of life, but have left God out; and all they have ac-

complished is only temporal—it will perish, and all who trust in worldly wisdom and what man has accomplished will also perish, and that without remedy.

There is only one way for any man or woman to actually have and possess the things which the human heart craves and which God has prepared for all who become His people—by repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is the only way unto life, real life, eternal life: seek Him, find Him, know Him, serve Him, glorify Him, suffer with Him; it is the only hope you have of being glorified together with Him and all those who fully surrender to Him and suffer with Him unto eternal life in the Glory World.

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## DOES THE PRAYER OF FAITH REALLY MOVE GOD?

*By John Tucker, Greenbrier, Arkansas*

To this we can only reply that God himself tells us that it does actually produce that state of things in which it is right and in accordance with his will to bestow the asked for blessing. God tells us that he loves to be asked, and is the rewarder of them who diligently seek him. He tells us that "the fervent effectual prayer of the righteous availeth much;" and he bids us ask, and we shall receive. His word abounds in narratives of the actual bestowal of things which his children have besought him to give them; when his needy or suffering ones have pulled the night bell of prayer with strong faith, he has relieved them of their distress or removed the evils they suffered from, or else given to them supernatural grace to bear their burdens.

On his bed of anguish Hezekiah rang this night bell, and God heard it and spared his life in his dungeon at Jerusalem.

Peter cried unto the Lord and a whole prayer meeting cried at the same time for his deliverance, and God sent his angel and brought the apostle out of the prison.

Answered prayers cover the field of providential history as flowers cover western prairies. Answered prayers hover around the communion tables of our churches in seasons of revival, as we have seen great flocks of birds descend into a meadow. Answered prayers have made the pulpits of Payson and Burns and Spurgeon powerful. Answered prayers have visited sick rooms like angels to restore to life, or if infinite wisdom had appointed to the sick to die, the sting of death has been turned to the song of victory. Some people pull the bell of prayer and then run away without stopping for the answer; sometimes they grow discouraged and mistake a delay for a total denial. Sometimes the thing asked for is not actually bestowed, but in lieu of it our all-wise Father grants us something far better. God answers prayers according to his own wisdom and love, and not according to our short sightedness, but I no more believe that God leaves a right prayer, offered in the right way, to pass unnoticed, than I believe that he will let the whole summer pass over without a drop of rain or dew. In securing answers to our requests, we must co-operate with the Lord, but some people ask him to do their work. "Father," said a little boy after he had heard him pray fervently for the poor at family worship, "Father, I wish I had your corn cr.b." "Why, my son?" Because, then I would answer your prayer." I have heard professing Christians pray for the conversion of their children, while they were taking them night after night into scenes of frolic and dissipation. We may make fools of ourselves, but the Almighty will never let us make a fool of him. God is not mocked; whatsoever we sow, we shall also reap: neither does God ever mock us. Then, my friend, if you will only arise and cry in the night, you may be sure that your Father will hear the bell: he will send the right answer, and if it is not best that he lift off load, he will give you grace to carry it. If you pull the bell with a strong hand you will never doubt that God is a prayer answerer. When you

get to heaven there is no night there, he who has often arisen in the night of trouble and sorrow, here to ring the bell of prayer, with a trembling hand, will then stand in the morning light of glory, on the sea of glass like unto pure gold.

## REVERENCE

*By Mrs. Stella Prince, Bristow, Oklahoma.*

In visiting various congregations, the casual observer is impressed with the need of more urgent teaching upon this great theme.

After pronouncing woes upon foreign nations, their sham, and upon their idols, Habakkuk says concerning Jehovah:

"But Jehovah is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him" (Hab. 2:20).

Jehovah alone is God; He had but one dwelling place of old, and that in "his holy temple." This was enough to silence the vanities of man.

His holy temple today is His church, "in whom each several building fitly framed together groweth into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit" (Eph. 2:21, 22). Which temple is of living stones, "built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5).

When an assembly of God's people come together, its very piety, holiness, and divinity of bearing should put to silence, "all the earth," for it is recognized that "Jehovah is in his holy temple."

But what is the impression upon "the earth," when an assembly has gathered, characterized by joking, laughter and general hilarity; with the men standing about smoking, chewing, spitting, while the women are gossiping, and the children running around wild, resembling the offspring of a tribe of Apache Indians? Can "spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God" be offered under such conditions?

The very fact that the church is the "temple of God, and ye are not your own," should impel each Christian to conduct himself as becometh one professing godliness.

Could the unbelievers heartily believe Jehovah is in the midst of the average congregation that meets for worship?

But we are not so much concerned with the impression upon "the earth," as upon God himself. Does God recognize the worship of a people whose minds have been so lately filled with the trivial things of the world, and upon whom the worship made so little impression, that the moment the "Amen" is said, there is a general buzz and hum over the building as the "worshippers" (?) resume their gossip, smoking, and laughter, and the children their foot races and wrestling over the house? If worship made and left no more impression than this upon the worshippers, how much did it make on God?

Brothers and sisters, in the name of common sense and decency, let us begin a little reflection upon the meaning of "reverence and awe."

When a song leader must call the number of a song several times to get the attention of the congregation, it is time we asked ourselves, "Is this really a temple of Jehovah?" Possibly we have

been deceiving ourselves.

When a few of the elders and children over forty years of age learn how to conduct themselves, we shall probably not have much difficulty training the church in "how men ought to behave in the house of God."

Then when God's people assemble themselves together, the earth will keep silence, for it will realize "Jehovah is in his holy temple." And Jehovah will delight in the worship offered unto Him.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, (think of the price God paid that you might have the privilege of worship, the blood of Jesus). Let us draw near with a true heart in fulness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience; and having our body washed with pure water . . . and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works" (Heb. 10:19-24).

When the price was considered, the greatness of Him in whose presence we come, the exhortation provoke to love and good works," not levity and hilarity; the worshippers will keep silence as well as "all the earth, except for the praise they sing, the prayers they offer, the words of edification they speak.

Brothers and sisters, think on these things.

### IS YOUR PASTOR HUMAN?

*By Eld. Noel Turner, Granby, Mo.*

In all phases of church work, there are things difficult, and things pleasant. There are advantages in all work.

And it seems, that in several instances, the pastor is imposed upon. By some people he is considered a living machine, a thing that must not be hindered by heat in summer, nor cold in winter; the high waters must not keep him from the church on the date of his appointment, even in sickness he must go, leaving those at home to lie sick, and do the work too, while he must go to his church and be a jolly good natured fellow whom everybody will like. If he allows himself to be unsociable, the church at once senses something is wrong and a damper is thrown on the whole service. And of course somebody falls out

with the pastor because he didn't do so well, and perhaps it's the most shiftless one in the church who finds fault; it certainly will not be the one who is busy doing the things he ought to do.

I know a man who doesn't do a thing in the church to help, but is always ready to tell just how everything should be done, and if it isn't done that way, he gets "MAD" and has to be petted a while. He must tell who he wants for pastor and HE it must be regardless of who or how far away he lives, and how much his expenses will be. That part isn't so unreasonable as the part that follows: When the pastor comes such people as want to run the business part forget that he must have money for his expenses. Always, in every case that I know of, the financial burden falls on about six out of every hundred; are you one of the few or of the many careless church members?

I have been doing pastoral work ever since I began preaching, until this year, when I began evangelistic work; so I know whereof I speak. Not that I have been mistreated in all my experience in the ministry, but I speak of things in general.

Does your pastor wonder if he will have to drive back home after service, or does he know there will be a dozen homes where he might go and spend the night? The average church member says once to the pastor, "When you get ready to come to my place, the latch string hangs on the out side." Your pastor likes a warm cordial invitation, if you want him. What pastor has the power to know every condition in every home, and just when he will be welcome unless some one tells him? Some people expect an invitation at the beginning of the year to stand all through the pastoral year, and if he does come and it happens to be wash day or the sister doesn't happen to have a little cooking done, then the visitor is not welcome. Does he want to go there again? Let him answer.

The real man of God will be satisfied with just every day fare when he feels welcome, and much better satisfied than when the sisters act so "put out," because he picked this "day of all days" to come.

"It's so hot today I just can't go to church, so I'll wait and go tonight," says one type of church member, but the pastor must be there both services or something is ready for use by long tongues: "He isn't loyal to his church." Even if he had to fix two or three flats, and then walk part of the way.

Sometimes it's too rainy or too cold to go a few blocks, or a quarter of a mile, but the pastor must drive several miles and perhaps shovel snow from in front of his car, and use his hands for the shovel. Yet if he isn't there on time, he isn't fit to be pastor. These are only the little things that confront the pastor, yet they are worthy of the consideration of every church member.

While the ministry is a blessing to some it has other characteristics, too. On special holidays, as Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc. the pastor can't be free to enjoy the occasion with the others of his family, but must give an address at the hour, and of course, it must be different from the regular service, for this is not just an appointment, but a special occasion where things must be a bit more formal, for the benefit of the visitors at the church (special friends of the ones who run the business). If the pastor makes a social blunder or error, those people are so disappointed, they are ashamed, for others know they hold membership there. The church would be better off without them, but it can't seem to get rid of them.

Perhaps the Home Mission invites the pastor to be present at their next meeting and give an address, the time is set for two o'clock, but when he arrives he finds that the time is 2:30 and some don't come until 3 o'clock; but there he sits and must listen to all the talk of the next two hours and have nothing to do, except to sit and listen, because he has never learned to use a needle, nor even to use his tongue as well as some of those present. It becomes very necessary for a few of the ladies to rush home to see to the affairs there, and every one becomes restless and fidgety, when finally the president announces that, "Since we have our pastor with us, we'll ask him to say a few words at this time."

Then if he has made any preparation at all, he must say in about ten minutes what he wanted to say in 40 to 45 minutes.

When the pastor preaches the Gospel, and hews to the line, and says things that get on your toes, do you act like some people I know? They get all puffed up and won't go back for some time, and during that time they forget that James advises us to "bridle the tongue," and do a lot of talking about the pastor who has only preached the Gospel. Such people are particular to speak a few words where they know it will be passed on and perhaps more will be added to it. Yet they will never admit the sermon hit them, it was good for some one else. Maybe it was good for some one else, but that some one else didn't get "MAD" about it. You can always tell who is hit by hearing him "holler." Some people are so self-justifiable they can never see their own faults, but are always talking about some other person's faults. If they were the only ones at service and the sermon was "hot" they would be like the old deacon I heard about, who said, "Preacher, that sure was good, if THEY had only been here to hear it."

It's that kind of people that makes pastoring a church disagreeable work. Some can't have their own way, so they fly up and say things that are hurtful, and sometime go deep. Once I heard a PREACHER say of his pastor, "He thinks no one can preach but himself," all because of jealousy. He got "MAD" and left the church, and in about four months he wanted back in, and said he felt that his pastor was the man who fell among thieves on the road to Jericho, and he (himself) was the Good Samaritan who helped him up, etc. I wonder how such things are figured to get such answers.

In the eyes of some people, the pastor must be school teacher, lawyer, judge, doctor, statesman, arbitrator, and general advisor, besides being a pastor. And in several cases, what time is left after devoting sufficient time to each of these professions, must be devoted to farm work to help make his expenses; for the church don't quite make up the necessary amount.

Yes, the pastor must know just what subjects are best for each of the children of certain families to take when they enter school next term, and if he suggests, and it proves that the boy or girl didn't study hard enough to make grades, it was the pastor's fault for advising such a thing, he should have known better.

When the neighbors get into a fuss over the line fence, or the stock breaking out, or the children who got into a fuss last week, etc., the pastor must listen to each side without fear or favor, plead the case and render the verdict—in favor of both parties concerned, or some one falls out with him. In sickness, of course the pastor must visit without fail; and must never lose sight of what our government needs to do to bring back prosperity, just the words, "Return to God," won't do.

On first thought it's amusing; second thoughts (said to be best), are serious, third thoughts bring tears, and the heart is moved to ask God for strength to do all over again without murmuring.

We need church members who are broad-minded, and will work with their pastor, each one serving God where God calls them, and in so doing, His kingdom and cause will prosper.

I'm glad that we do find some church members in each of our churches who are real Christians; dependable, considerate and loyal, which kind are you?

### THE TRUE WAY

By Essie Hearron, New Hope, Ark.

"Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?" (John 9:36).

In this day when all sorts of ways are being preached, when sinners have lost all interest in the Gospel, or what is being preached for the Gospel, when seekers for the truth are being misinformed; would it not be wise to stop, take a little time to think and seek the right testimony? Surely the most vital thing in this life is the true way; and can one find a truer description of the true way than by reading the words of the One who made the way?

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man

cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

Surely in these words is contained all the needs of a human soul. The way, a true living way. Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" but He answered not a word. The truth, and the life—the needs of the human soul, are embraced in Him. All creeds of Christendom proclaim this truth. But different ways are used to get in touch with Him.

Surely our Lord would not leave us in the dark in regard to the way so important to this life and the life eternal. No man can be saved but by Him, so it must be so simple, this way to be saved, that anyone can understand, and find it easily. In this instance Jesus had given sight to a blind man, physical sight, for he was not a sinful or sinning man, for Jesus said in verse three, that this man had not sinned; and I believe Him.

In verses 25 to 33, we see he reasoned with the people who questioned him, and he told them. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. He believed on God, but Jesus said, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1). Now this man believed on God. When Jesus heard of how he was cast out, He found him, and said, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" His answer was, "Who is he, Lord, that I might believe?" is answered in such a variety of ways by various people it confuses a sinner—some say the only way is through the priest, you go to him. Some say the water, some the church, some must beat it in and excite the seeker so he don't half know what he does. The whole church must get on its knees, and howl to God to have mercy before he can get to God; our God has had mercy, and His mercy is extended; all the power of the Heavenly Father has been extended to us when He "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Paul tells us that we have a new and living way (Heb. 10:10)

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and the Holy Ghost is a witness of this new way. Heb. 10:15 says, "Whereof the Holy Ghost is a witness to us."

Now, as soon as this man believed, this man who had been blind, he worshipped Him.

"But, no," says some, "he ought to have waited until some preacher baptized him; don't let him worship (or pray) until after baptism." Oh me! "But you say this man was not a vile sinner." Good enough, let's hunt a vile one.

Luke 7:47 tells us of a real sinner, worst of all in the eyes of the world. All this woman did was to weep and anoint His feet with tears, and precious ointment. Jesus said, Her sins which were many are forgiven," and unto her he said, "Thy sins are forgiven, thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." Saved by faith! Glory!

John 8:11 gives us an example of a real old bad case; sisters, come, let's reason over her case: "here she is, caught at last" ("I told you so!") "I knew these men were watching her, they knew her." No doubt they did. What shall we do, Free Will? Says one, "I won't pray for her." But Rev. Blanks has called the church into the altar, "Let us pray for this lost soul," he cries: "these men have brought her to Jesus, and here she stands while we pray God to have mercy." Jesus wrote on the ground, but what he wrote no man can tell, but I believe he wrote a message that sent these men away; as verse 9 says, "Convicted by their own conscience," and then He pardoned her and commanded that she "sin no more." Easy enough.

Come to Jesus, be sorry for your sins, cease from them, ask; He will pardon; open your heart's door now, don't look for a great out-pouring of joy, but peace, a sureness of His love, and knowledge of His being your Savior, "sin-bearer," Brother, and may the way be clear on to the perfect day; and remember Romans 8:16 tells us "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God," and after you are saved, don't seek the Holy Ghost Baptism, for a second work; it will make you fall from grace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

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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.

ARKANSAS STATE Association will meet in its Thirty-eighth Annual Session with Harmony Church, near Rye, Cleveland County, about thirty-eight miles south of Pine Bluff, on highway 15, Oct. 3, 4, 5, 6, 1935.

Eld. L. C. Doyle is to preach the Annual Introductory sermon.

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