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## PROGRAM

## Monday Evening

7:00—Devotional ..... Eld. J. F. Miller  
7:30—Introductory Mission Sermon, ..... Sister Franklin

## Tuesday Morning

9:00—Devotional Service  
Mission Work, Sister Melba White in charge.  
11:00—League Sermon ..... Eld. O. T. Allred  
12:00—Lunch

## Tuesday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional Service  
League Work, Eld. Winford Davis in charge.  
Adjournment.

7:00—Praise Service

7:30—Introductory Sermon ..... Eld. Selph Jones

## Wednesday Morning

9:00—Devotional Service  
Receiving Letters and Seating Delegates.  
Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats in Council.  
Election of Officers.  
Appointment of Committees.

11:00—Preaching Service.

12:00—Lunch

## Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional Service  
Unfinished Business.  
Receiving Reports of Executive Board, Treasurer and Committees.  
Adjournment.

7:00—Praise Service

7:30—Preaching Service.

## Thursday Morning

9:00—Devotional Service  
Reading Minutes of Previous Session.  
Further Reports of Committees.  
Enrollment of Ministers, Ministers' Wives, Deacons, Delegates and Visitors.  
Locate Place of next Annual Session of Association  
Choose Minister to Preach the Introductory Sermon  
11:00—Preaching Service.  
12:00—Lunch

## Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional Service  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Discuss Denominational Enterprises.  
Adjournment.

7:00—Praise Service

7:30—Preaching Service.

## Friday Morning

9:00—Devotional Service  
Reading Minutes of Previous Session.  
Discussion of the Coming National Association.  
Report of State Statistician.  
11:00—Preaching Service.  
12:00—Lunch

## Friday Afternoon

9:00—Devotional Service  
Call for Reports of Outstanding Committees.  
Elect Corresponding Messengers to Other Bodies.  
Miscellaneous Business.  
Adjournment.  
7:00—Praise Service  
7:30—Preaching Service.

# Christians Cannot Afford to Walk With the World

By the Editor

*"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6: 17, 18).*

God requires that His people shall be a separate people, separate from the world, having no fellowship with unrighteous unbelievers who regard not God in their lives. He says, "Come out from among them." Christians are in the world, but not of the world; but when professed Christians are conformed to the world and have fellowship with the ungodly, they are not only in the world, but of the world. Jesus prayed (John 17:15), not that His disciples should be taken out of the world, but that they should be kept from the evil that is in the world.

"Wherefore," since there is no communion nor fellowship in being unequally yoked together with unbelievers, "Come out from among them." The unequal yoke unites a child of God and an unbeliever in that they agree together in a common purpose in life—they live on the same level.

When a Christian and a sinner agree to walk together, one of them must change from his usual way of life to live like the other. The sinner may see the good life the Christian lives and desire to associate with him, that he may learn the way of salvation, or he may have nothing but evil, selfish desires to gratify; but most likely the Christian lays down his religion to live as the sinner lives. The sinner is bad and he usually makes those bad that associate with him, as the following quotation will illustrate:

## "A Rotten-Apple Life"

"A barrel of apples, 490 in number. One rotten among them. Why do not the good apples get together and cure the bad one? Why don't they change it? In the first place, they don't think they can; as a penalty, they get changed and become bad.

Why does the rotten apple change the others? In the first place it thinks it can, and as a reward, it sees others like itself, and all are changed. It lives an aggressive, effective life, and changes things and others. The other apples live an affected-by-another life.

Which choice do you make? You will change others or be changed! Here is the secret; Change your methods! Take seriously Zechariah 4:6, and John 15:12, and John 12:32, and you will become effective like the rotten apple, BUT WINNING OTHERS, instead of poisoning them. Change your mind, and you have power, reverse the process."

—The Royal Bulletin.

If the good apples had been separated from the rotten one, they would, under favorable conditions, have kept good for a long time. If the separated person doesn't take up with the ways of unsaved people, he can live a separated life and continue to be a child of God, an heir of eternal life.

Christians cannot afford to walk with the world, because if they walk with the world, they must agree with the world and will love the world, and that means death, which is eternal separation from God. The object of man's love, then, determines his destiny, as we learn from 1 John 2:15, 17, "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. . . . And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." And as in the old song:

"You must be a lover of the Lord,  
Or you can't go to heaven when  
you die."

Today the world is full of man-made religion, and thousands of thousands who call themselves Christians are freely walking with the world; but are they Christians? "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). More and more Christian men and women

are becoming unbelievers and are walking with the world, seeking after the pleasures of the world. They go to carnivals (carnal-evils), festivals (fest-evils), shows, reunions, and all places of worldly pleasure and amusements, and have as companions and associates those interested in the sinful things of the world, and they see and hear, and partake of things: that even the world considers as: unclean; and the Lord says His people are not to touch the things which are unclean. These worldly minded church members who call themselves Christians, play cards, gamble, dance, drink beer and other intoxicants, and do all the things the world does. People who desire and find pleasure in these things, or any of them, may call themselves Christians, but whosoever indulges in these things is a servant of Satan; they are sinful, and "the wages of sin is death." Participation in these things is walking with the world; and if so, Christians cannot afford to walk with the world: it is the way-unto-death. The Christian is a child of God, and must glorify the Father by walking in the Spirit: it is the only-way-unto-life.

Some who read this may think I should not say some of these things; but if any are offended at these things, perhaps it is because they are living a guilty distance from God, and should not blame the writer, but go to God confessing their sins, and be reconciled to Him, then they will despise this way of worldliness as much as the writer does; and all will be well with the soul.

The doctrine that "It doesn't matter what one thinks of Christ: it is the way we live that counts," makes man supreme and Christ only a man, but it is a favorite doctrine with thousands of today.

But, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12).

AND IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD WHAT WE THINK OF CHRIST

**STAHL, MISSOURI**

Dear Gem Family:

The Lord is still blessing and is willing to give us victory, when we let Him.

This season has been a busy one for those who would hold up the standard of Christ to the world.

I have been in seven meetings during this past year, some of them lasted six weeks, but each time I find God willing to reward those who diligently seek Him.

Since last reporting to the Gem we began a meeting at Carterville church June 2nd, and closed it July 14th. Bro. Cecil Campbell is the faithful pastor of Carterville church, and has done a great work there. He was with us in three or four of the services. Fourteen were saved, fifteen united with the church, and ten were baptized during the meeting.

Then we went with Bro. Campbell to his other church, at Blue Eye, Mo., for a meeting, where he was with us all through the meeting. We began there July 28th, and continued until Aug. 21st. Six were saved.

We are now in a meeting here at Stahl, where Bro. Sam Marcum is pastor. He has done a wonderful work in this part, and is still on the firing line.

This meeting began Sept. 3rd, and seven have been saved.

Let us continue to work, for the night cometh when no man can work. —Eld. Noel Turner.

**BRISTOW, OKLA., R3, B138**

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

We wish to send in our report from Free Will Baptist Mission Circle No. 1, of First Mission Association.

We convened at Tuskegee church, Sept. 6, 1935, at 10 a. m. where Bro. West is pastor.

The following missions were well represented and given a hearty welcome by Bro. West:

Silver City, Tuskegee, Olive, Vance Chapel, Drumright Juniors and Drumright Seniors.

Silver City gave a written report. Their mission is in good working order, both men and women taking active part in the work. They reported one ice cream supper, proceeds going for a payment on the church, sold

one quilt for \$3.50, Junior girls meet with the old mission on their work days. They ask an interest in your prayers.

Sister Tattershell, Pres.,  
Sister Thelma Harrel, Sec.

Tuskegee mission gave a written report, stating they were not so active during vacation months, but expect to do more now.

They are working on a quilt top, have made 45 sick calls, read 595 Bible chapters, meet Thursday afternoons each week. We wish to be remembered in your prayers.

Sister West, President,  
Sister Mounce, Secretary.

Olive mission gave a written report. We had two meeting days this month with good interest. We are in a revival, have had one soul saved. We had one ice cream supper, taken care of our sick, read 600 Bible chapters.

Pray for us, that souls might be saved.

Sister Millie Inman, Pres.

Vance Chapel mission gave a written report. They are in good working order, have started a Bible study, made 17 sick calls, had one cottage prayer meeting. We are looking forward to the building of a kitchen on our church. We need your prayers.

Sister Rob, President,  
Sister Winsett, Secretary.

Drumright Senior mission sent written report. They are in good working order, had an average attendance of 24 on our Thursday eve meeting. We are making dresses, and we made \$20.25 by selling advertisements on hand fans to be used in the church. We had one bake sale, read 243 Bible chapters, made 39 sick calls.

Remember us in your prayers.

Sister Speck, Pres.,  
Sister Blair, Sec'y.

Drumright Junior mission sent written report. Their mission is doing fine, meets all day Monday of each week, sold advertisements for hand fans to the amount of \$16.75, paid same on electric fans for the church. We read 79 Bible chapters, made 14 sick calls, and have an average attendance of 15. We are making aprons and selling them at 25 cents each.

Remember us in your prayers.

Sister Stevens, President,  
Sister Lula Moore, Sec'y.

Circle No. 1 wishes to report that we have elected our new officers for the ensuing year:

Sister Sadie Fincher, President  
Sister Willa Hallman, Sec.-Treas.  
and paper reporter.

We feel that we have accomplished a great work in the past year. We need your prayers, that we may be able to do more.

We had a spiritual day, with several good talks on Missions in our morning session.

Sister Hattie Newman brought the message at 2:00 p. m., reading Acts 16th chapter. Subject, "Am I a Mission Worker?"

Bro. Harry Staires filled the pulpit at the evening service, reading Hebrews 2:9. Text, "We see Jesus."

God blessed our efforts in the saving of two souls.

Our next rally will be at the Cushing church.

Remember us when you pray, and may God bless you all, is our prayer.

Sister Willa Hallman, Sec'y.

**WAGONER, OKLA., Sept. 11th.**

Dear Gem Readers:

The little Victory Hill church can report victory to the world. God has sent many blessings and has been in this place. We are thanking God because we know He hears and answers prayers. We have worked hard in this community for something like a year and it has just now began to prosper and grow.

Our pastor, Eld. V. E. Cooper from Tulsa, held a two weeks' revival, with Eld. Florence helping part of the time. Forty-four souls were saved, and others were still seeking to be saved at the close of the meeting. But under the conditions Bro. Cooper could not stay any longer. We had wonderful services the whole two weeks.

The first Sunday the ladies prepared lunch before services, and it was spread on the grounds at the arbor where the revival was held. The next Sunday lunch was prepared and spread at the river. The next Sunday everyone prepared lunch and spread it at the river. After lunch we had a wonderful baptizing service. A brother from Arkansas was called on to preach the sermon, then Bro. Cooper baptized, with Bro. Florence assisting. Something over 400 people were estimated to be at the baptizing.

We were glad to have visitors

with us during the revival. We had Bro. and Sister Mathis from Tulsa to help us the two weeks, Mrs. Ruth and Grace Cox from Grand River four days, Sister Maud Fulton from Oklahoma City a week, Bro. Norman Harrier from Drumright a week, Bro. Couch from Collinsville was with us one night, Rev. Oathel Staires and Bro. R. V. Whitten and family from Tulsa were also with us. We were glad to have these good people with us, and we appreciated their help in the meeting.

We are planning on starting a church house soon, if money can be raised. We are praying that the way may be opened.

We never come to the place where we don't need one another's prayers; pray for us and pray for the unsaved of this community. I ask everyone to pray for my father who is unsaved. I realize his race is just about run, he is not to be with us much longer here. But my prayers are that we will all meet on the other shore.

— Mrs. Paul Whitten.

#### WARREN, ARK., Sept. 9, 1935.

Dear Bro. Brown and Readers of the Gem: If you will give me a little space in the Gem, I will try to write a few lines and let the readers know of a few things that we are doing down here in Arkansas.

The Saline Association held its 39th Annual Session with Spring Hill church, and I am glad to say that we had one of the best sessions we have had in a long time. Every church was represented with a fine bunch of delegates that had the cause at heart, for which I am very thankful.

Among some of the things that were done, we partly organized a Sunday school rally, which is to be financed at next quarterly meeting. This move is to promote a greater interest in Sunday school work, and to give our young people something to do.

We have gained some ground this year, there was an increase of membership of around 75 or 80, one newly organized church, and the churches all seem to show a better financial report this year. Also, some of the churches have repaired their houses, one new church house was built, and our

Sunday school work seems to be growing.

Another step that was taken, we voted 100 per cent that we are against the doctrine that is taught by some, that Christ will set up a new kingdom here on earth. We also have men in Ark. that will debate this question if it is ever necessary, because we have good sound doctrine, and for this we will take our stand, and do as Jude says, Contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

May the good Lord bless all the Gem readers, is my prayer, hoping that we all may use our talents for the glory of God and lost humanity.

I ask for an interest in your prayers, that as I go into new fields of labor, that I may ever be humble and obey the teaching of the blessed Bible and live and be a shining light to others.

Eld. J. E. White, R2.

#### WEATHERFORD, TEXAS

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Readers: It has been some time since I wrote to the paper. We are still alive and some of us working for the Lord out here at New Hope, Texas, ten miles west of Weatherford.

Bro. T. H. Newsom is our pastor, he preaches for us every third Sunday and on Saturday night before and Sunday night. This is his second year to have charge of the church. We all think a lot of him. Some of the young preachers from Ft. Worth have appointments here too. Bro. Bennett preaches once a month on the fourth Sunday and Sunday night, and Bro. Turrentine is to preach here the fifth Sunday in this month.

We have a good Sunday school and league Sunday night. Several of the ladies of the First Free Will Baptist church of Ft. Worth came up last Friday evening and organized us into a Ladies' Aid. Sister Hodge is president of the Ladies' Aid work in West Fork Association, and she organized us. We have six members. Pray for us, that we may grow in number and be a great help to the church. The church here at New Hope has sent an invitation to Sister Lizzie McAdams to hold us a revival meeting, it will begin about the tenth of Nov. Pray

for us, that we will have a great meeting, and that many souls will be saved during the meeting.

—Mrs. R. L. White.

#### REPORT of Meeting at Hazel Creek Union Church, Greentop.

We had the pleasure of being with this good church and their faithful pastor, Eld. C. M. Dauber, in a two weeks' meeting.

God gave us nine conversions; and renewals, and five additions to the church. Bro. Dauber baptized four Wed. morning, Sept. 25. The meeting closed Tuesday night, Sept. 24th.

We enjoyed working with this people in the Master's work. May the Lord continue to bless them in their work for Him.

—Eld. O. T. Allred.

#### TULSA, OKLA., Sept. 24, 1935.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We are thanking God for another mission rally of the East Side Mission Circle, which met with Allen church, Friday, Sept. 20th, which was the beginning of the new year with Bro. Cletus Turner as superintendent. We had a wonderful time throughout the day. After all business was transacted Sister Gebhart brought the morning message. In the afternoon Sister Esther Miller followed by Bro. Boyd Williams.

The churches represented were Allen, Blue Bell, Lawnwood and Tulsa. All reported on fire for God, still going forward in the mission work for the Lord.

We came back together at 7:30 o'clock and the following ministers preached about ten minutes each: Bro. Slaybaugh, Bro. Arnold, Bro. Payne, Bro. Hillard, Bro. Warner, Bro. E. F. Adams, Sister Esther Miller, Bro. Wilson, Bro. Oliver Lindell, Sister Ross, Bro. Boyd Williams, Bro. Hood. We had a great out-pouring of the Holy Spirit and one precious soul was saved. It indeed seemed a wonderful service to me, for my dear husband had found his way back to God two nights before and that night preached his first sermon. The Lord has been so good to us that we can never do enough for Him.

Our dear pastor, Bro. Melvin Bingham, is on the bed of affliction at this time, and we earnestly

request all the saints of God to pray for him.

Our next rally will be held with Lawnwood church the 3rd Friday in October. Pray for us, that we will be real mission workers.

Lela Payne, Sec.-Treas.,  
707 North Utica Street.

## NEW YEAR BOOK FOR WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. J. L. Welch

No doubt many of the women of our auxiliary work are getting anxious about the new Year Book of programs. From the beginning of this work, the national treasury has really not had sufficient funds to print the Year Book; but, with what funds the national secretary, Mrs. Polston, had on hand, and through the liberality of the Ayden Press, it has been published for three years. The first issue was published and paid for by the women of the district convention in middle Tennessee.

This year, we did not have even as much as before to finance the printing and again the Ayden Press came to our rescue and the manager, Mr. Dunn, agreed to publish and handle the Year Book this year, charging a nominal price per copy. This will be a very great help to the treasury of the new national women's organization and we are depending on our women throughout our denomination to cooperate by ordering in as large quantities as they can.

We hear from many of our women over the country that this Year Book has filled a very definite need and say they could not get along without it. It serves to provide each month a devotional for the auxiliary meetings and is a means of getting our women everywhere to study the same subjects at the same time. The program for the Week of Prayer is also included each year and saves mailing out programs perhaps at a late date and makes it possible for the auxiliaries to plan far ahead for its observance.

Heretofore, the programs for the Year Book have been contributed by women of different states but this time the entire series of programs was contributed by Mrs. J. E. Frazier of Nashville, Tenn. We are sure you are going to find this issue very helpful and we believe you will show your appreciation of the hard work that has been put on it by buying as many as you can use, by studying each lesson faithfully.

The Week of Prayer has been set

for the week preceding Easter, for several years, but it proved to be an inconvenient time because the week preceding any special day, people are busy with other programs and duties, many leave home on trips and distractions of many kinds make it seem wise to change to the last week of January. We trust this time will be better for all and that much preparation will be made for that date and, there being no holiday near, may nothing take our attention from this season of intercessory prayer.

GROVE SPRING, MO., Sept. 17, 1935

Dear Gem Readers:

As I haven't written to the Gem paper for some time, and as my time has expired, I will try in my weak way, by the help of the Lord, to write a few lines.

I am still on the dear old battle field trying the best I know to live a life for God and fighting sin on every hand, trying by the help of the Lord to live so my sinner friends and relatives may know by my daily walk that I am serving the true and living God. I want to live so people will have confidence in what I profess to be; and I pray the dear Lord each day to let me get nearer the Cross. O that we all would live closer to God! And how easy it is to form the habit of our daily prayers, and once we form the habit of doing this it is easy for us to find time to steal away in the secret somewhere and pour out our heart to God, and bless God I can say from experience it will help us to live closer to Him. If you who read this don't think it is true just try getting on your knees once a day and see if it won't help you, not just merely say a few words, but, O God, grant that it may come from the heart and ascend over the Royal Telephone to the portals of glory. Our daily life is what counts in living a Christian life and prayer will help us to live that life, and sinners will have confidence in us if we live the life Christ would have us live.

My dear brothers and sisters, let's live a life so we won't be ashamed for someone to walk in our path, for each of us is leading someone—no odds how you live—someone is watching you and, O dear Lord, help us that we all might seek for the old paths our forefathers and mothers trod and walk therein. If we would all do this the sinners would be seeing there is something in serving the Lord.

I ask an interest in all the prayers

of the children of God who read this.

A sister in Christ,

Miss Daisy Raney.

## NEW HOPE, ARK.

Dear Friends: How are you?

I am just recovering from an illness. Willie (Eld. W. A. Hearron) is at Warren. He has just finished a revival where the State Association will be held. Had no conversions, but revived the church. He is now in a meeting at Gravel Ridge, conversions in first service. Please notice in your good paper, he is still preaching, but a report is going in Oklahoma that he is not.

Your sister in Jesus,

Mrs. W. A. Hearron.

## HUGGINS, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Family:

I will try to write a few lines this evening for the paper I love so well to read. When I begin to read the Gem it seems that I am reading a letter from home. The reason I like to read the Gem is, that I find so many heart-felt letters in it, and I can feel assured that there are some good people still serving the Lord, and then I feel that the Lord is still blessing His people. He has promised to never leave nor forsake us if we will love and serve Him: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self" (Mark 12:31).

"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God" (Matt. 4:10).

"He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him."

We don't have to ask people if they are Christians; if we will watch and listen to them just a little while we can find out by their deeds and actions: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

"A good name is better than precious ointment."

You show me one that people all speak well of, and I'll say that he is not living close to the Lord; for if we stand four square for the Lord some one will be ready to get mad and call us old timers or old fogies, but I don't care what people say about me, I'm going to try my best to live an every day Christian life. I have many ups and downs and sometimes everything seems to turn against me, but the Lord is my refuge, and when

I go to Him in that good old humble way I feel much stronger to face the opposing powers of wickedness.

We are just poor in this world and have a hard time trying to keep a living, but we are trying to live for the Lord and expecting to inherit a mansion above, and be as rich as any one.

May the Gem readers ever live close to the Lord and keep out of sin, is my prayer. The cares of this life may be many, the frowns of the world may be cold, but to me it will matter little when I walk up the streets of gold. Pray for me.

Mrs. John Ratterree.

### MILBURN, OKLAHOMA

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

I have just been reading the little Gem, it is a wonderful little paper. I can't explain what it means to me, I am so glad when this paper arrives.

I have a very sweet little lady friend who lives near me, and is lying at the point of death. She is unsaved and, oh, how I hate to see her go out to meet her God unprepared, but it looks as if she might, she seems so unconcerned, but I take the little Gem down and read it to her, and I noticed that her eyes were filled with tears; and I want to ask all Gem readers that believe in prayer to pray for her, that God will save her soul from that awful place of torment, for unless God does the work it can't be done.

I have been a Christian for about four years and my greatest pleasure is serving my God, and when I have trouble and grief I go to my Savior and He helps me, when none else can.

I stay alone so much, just myself and my little eight year old girl. My husband is a minister and is out in the Lord's work, and he takes my little two year old boy with him. I miss him very much, but I am proud that I know he is in the hands of our Lord. I truly hope some day he will make a good worker for the Lord. I don't get to go much, but my mind is ever set on the good work, and my prayers are for the unsaved.

Please pray for my unsaved lady friend, and pray for me and mine.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. A. A. Williams.

### TORNADO, W. VA.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I will write a few lines, as I have been silent for some time. It seems that all in West Virginia are asleep,

I never see any reports from any one.

I have just returned from the Yearly Meeting which convened at McCorkel, W. Va. We sure had a glorious time and good preaching all three days. I don't know just how many preachers were present, but 25 or 30, and eight of them preached. Everything went off nicely. If any one was angry it was Satan, and of course he was mad.

I would love to hear from some others in our state. Come on Freddie, and let us hear from your Sunday school and the old home church.

I will close for this time, hoping to hear from more of God's servants through the Gem.

Pray for me and mine.

Yours in Christ and His cause,  
F. V. Nicholas.

### HURRICANNE, W. VA.

A Brief Report of W. Va. Yearly Meeting, which convened with McCorkel church, at McCorkel, W. Va. Thursday evening, August 22nd.

Opening sermon by Rev. J. M. Henson of Hurricanne, W. Va. Theme, "Judgment."

Friday, 23rd, Business session, ten to eleven a. m. Morning sermon delivered by Rev. G. W. Carpenter of Tornado, W. Va. Theme, "The Grace of God."

Afternoon, business session from 2:00 to 3:00. Sermon by Rev. T. S. Young. Theme, "Power."

Friday Evening, sermon by Rev. J. H. Patterson of Dry Branch, W. Va. Theme, "Gospel Ordinances."

Saturday, 24th, 9:30 to 11:00 a. m. business session. Morning sermon by Rev. G. Walt of Putney, W. Va. Theme, "Inheritance"

Afternoon, business session, 2:00 to 3:30. Sermon by Rev. J. N. Herold of Putney, W. Va. Theme, "Pentecost."

Saturday, 7:30 p. m., sermon by Rev. Asa King of Huntington, W. Va. Theme, "Putting God to a Test."

Sunday, 11:00 a. m., sermon by Rev. Earl Gillenwater of Barboursville, W. Va., R1. Theme, "Seeking and Saving the Lost."

A good spirit of unity prevailed throughout the entire meeting and many a shout went up, and many tears were shed as we took the parting hand, to meet with the Susanah church, near Culloden, W. Va. on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1936.

We are looking forward to and praying for a bigger, better meeting next year. —Rev. John M. Henson.

### CREVE COEUR, MO., R1

August 9, 1935.

Dear Brother Brown:

I have just finished reading my copy of the Gem. I am glad to know that our Free Will Baptist churches are still on the firing line for God.

You know I am just Irish enough to enjoy a good fight with the Devil, whether he comes up as plain old sin or some of these false doctrines which are being taught throughout our country in place of the Gospel.

You remember that Jesus said, "If any man will come in his own name, him will you receive." And that is just as true now as then. Everything is being taught in the name of Jesus but Salvation. I asked one of these hobby horse Christians if his religion saved him from sin, and he said, "No." Then I said, "It's not the kind Jesus brought with Him; as Matt. 1:21 says, 'Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.'"

Bro. Hill, pastor of our St. Louis church, and myself, held a few nights' meeting at our church in Wortham, Mo. There were no visible results, but we had real help from Bro. Jarvis, their Spirit-filled pastor, his wife and the rest of the real Christians of that church, as well as a few from the other church. Bro. Jarvis has had a hard fight at that place, but has kept the victory and the Lord will surely reward him in the future, as, "Paul planted and Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." How glad I am that after we have done the best we could, God takes care of the rest.

I am enclosing a poem of my own composing, which expresses my feeling about religion (If you have room).

I am open to calls for revival or pastoral work wherever the Lord will open a door. Pray for me, that I may be kept busy in the Master's work.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Alva Gulley.

### MY CHOICE

Joshua 24:15

By Rev. Alva Gulley

"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve,"

We hear the prophet say;  
And still the call comes down to us,  
To answer in our day.

I am glad I chose to serve the Lord,  
Although it's cost me pain;  
But if I suffer here with Him,  
In heaven with Him I'll reign.

Thru grief and tears my path has led,  
Sometimes through valleys drear,  
And yet, though foes beset my path,  
My Friend is ever near.

And oft I wonder as I watch,  
The crowds pass with a smile,  
If they have made the better choice,  
Which makes life really worth while.

But some I know have failed to choose  
The Savior and His love;  
How much they miss on earth we  
know,  
But not how much above.

Dear friend, if you have chosen this  
world,  
With all its fleeting toys,  
You'll miss the best of life down here,  
And heaven's eternal joys.

### MONETT, MISSOURI

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I will try and write a few lines for our little paper which I love very much, and think it a good paper. But if we would only try we could make it better. When we were serving sin, we gave our best service; how much more we should give our best in the service of our dear Lord. How it grieves my heart when I see so many people who say they love Jesus, but their every day life tells a different story. My prayer to God is that many more could say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

And I do believe we can help to extend the cause of Christ through our little paper.

If we would give our very best to Jesus, we would not only receive greater blessings ourselves, but we would be a greater blessing to others. Let us be up and alive for Jesus. Some day Jesus will come for His people, the church, and if we are living close to God and expecting our Lord's return let us be as the five wise virgins who were watching for their Lord. We may have been converted, but if Jesus finds us at a Sunday ball game or a card party, swimming pool, or some other place of worldly amusement, I am afraid we will be left behind to go through the Great Tribulation, but I want to be among those who are ready at that time when Jesus shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet

of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Here I believe we have the first resurrection that we read about in 1 Cor. 15 and 1 Thess. 4.

May we give our very best to Jesus, may we grasp each opportunity as presented to us, asking no questions, but glad that we have the privilege of serving such a wonderful Master. I truly thank God for a place to work in His great vineyard.

May God bless our dear editor and wife and all who read this.

I am sending a little poem which will convey better to your minds what I want to say.

Lucy Deckard.

### THE LAD AND THE LOAVES *Contributed by Lucy Deckard*

When Jesus was upon the earth,  
A little lad of humble birth  
Presented to the Master true  
Five tiny loaves and fishes few.  
For Jesus had a need that day,  
Before He sent the crowd away—  
To feed them, for He pitied so  
The hungry ones who had to go.  
So Jesus used the little lad,  
Who gave to Him, yea, all he had;  
And Jesus multiplied the bread;  
So thousands on that day were fed.  
Oh, little children, give your all—  
Although it may seem very small—  
To Christ, the tender Shepherd true  
And He will bless and honor you!

### EL DORADO SPRINGS, MO.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Bro. Lem Williams of Tulsa, Okla. was here almost three weeks in a meeting. He preached extra good sermons and stayed with the Bible. Some nights he would have good congregations and other nights only a few, but the Lord was always with him in power.

We need a good Gospel team for a four to six weeks' meeting, sound in doctrine, that will not compromise with the Devil. If we could get Bro. Lem Williams back, and an organist and four or five singers who will work, I believe this church can be revived.

Come on folks, make a little sacrifice and help build this church up.

Some of the Christians were revived up and have new courage now, and some of the sinners got deeply interested, and were really sorry the meeting closed when it did. We think Bro. Williams is a fine man.

Mrs. Mary M. Snidow, Clerk, R-3.

### THAYER, MISSOURI, R2

Dear Bro. Brown and Our Whole Family: Another time of wonderful refreshing from the presence of the Lord came with the first Fifth Sunday meeting of Cave Spring Association, meeting with Smyrna church, near Alton, Mo., on the 28th inst.

Singing (and they have splendid singers there) and reading of 1 Cor. 10:1-13 and Rev. 22:14-17, was followed with prayer by Eld. H. C. Crase, just returned from a sojourn in Kentucky.

Assistant clerk not being present, deacon E. L. Brewer was appointed temporarily. Church letters were received and delegates seated.

Moderator, Eld. E. E. Winfree, appointed Brothers J. P. McCullough, Russell Muse and Mason Watson as committee on divine service.

At 11:00 o'clock Elders T. J. Dunkin and W. P. Stogdill gave a wonderfully clear and ringing message on Repentance (Psalm 51). Text, Acts 16:30, after which our temporal needs were met by a feast of good things.

After dinner, routine business and earnest, loving plans were made to help weak churches to be overcomers; and say, folks, let's all of us take a fresh hold on the promises and lift up those around us by the Spirit-filled life we *should* be living, and *scatter* this depression, starting *now*, from here.

At night Elders Winfree and Billy Rogers gave a wonderfully moving message on "Laying Aside Every Weight," so we can run the race for God *light*, not clogged by things that are likely to hinder unless we keep our eyes and mind on the goal of glory which awaits every faithful one.

Sunday morning, Ministers' Meeting opened with a very clear, helpful definition of "A Pastor's Duty to His People," followed by a companion picture of "The People's Duty to Their Pastor," by Eld. J. E. Rolen. Wish you could have all been there to help "Amen" both speakers. We need to go nearer our duties and *do 'em up right*.

At 11:00 o'clock we stopped for another *ringer* from Elders Crase and Rolen on "Citizenship" (Rom. 5 with Eph. 2:19 as a text). The *truth* is all that we need in going straight, so let us ask and receive needed wisdom from our Father, for that newness of life that is for every one who is willing.

Elders Dunkin and Beatty showed

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## 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.

### STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Leaguers:

Is it possible that we are at the very threshold of another State meeting? It is hard to realize, yet it is the truth. How fast time seems to fly by! Seems it was just yesterday we met at our Jones Chapel church, but it has been nearly twelve months.

Well, I am hoping you all have a great report to make at the State Association this time. I feel sure we are going to have a wonderful time when we meet with the leaguers of Southeast Missouri at Flat River. Let us all pray much for a glorious time in the Lord. I hope a lot of you will go with some good new ideas for our league work; and I am hoping every league throughout the state, that possibly can, will be there. It is so helpful when we can come together in our representative leaders. We can always take new enthusiasm back home with us. The more we get together, and the more we get acquainted with each other the better leagues we will have.

Let's try to get to the State meeting early, on time; be there for the introductory sermon to the leaguers, which will be preached at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday morning by our State Secretary, Elder O. T. Allred.

Well, I will close and not take any more space in the paper. I hope we will all meet soon.

Your co-worker,

Winford Davis.

### LEAGUE REPORTS FOR SEPT.

Report from Blue Eye League by Mrs. Alice Taylor, reports league work still moving forward for God, with good interest. This league has four groups, with good attendance most every Sunday night, the older people helping out with the work. This report states they endeavor to have something special in the way

of special songs or readings each night. They express their appreciation of the talk given by Eld. Winford Davis at the Indian Creek Association in behalf of the leagues.

Eld. O. T. Allred, State Sec'y.

### REPORT OF MACEDONIA LEAGUE

Mrs. Leslie Henderson, Reporter.

Dear League Workers:

I hardly know what to report this month, but I am sorry to say that our league work is not progressing as well as it was the last time we sent in a report. Some of our members are discouraged and do not take as much interest in the league as they did. I feel that we should have our league every Sunday evening, regardless of what is going on other places. It seems that I am not starting the week right unless I have been to league on Sunday night.

It is a hard matter to get all of our leaguers to the front of the house when we have large crowds. We seem to be rather backward. But I am praying that the Lord will take this out of us. We ask an interest in your prayers.

We are having a wonderful revival at our church at this time, and I am just hoping and praying that our league members might be revived before it is over. Some of them have been converted in the meeting and we are thankful for it.

Several of us attended the Association at Aurora, and enjoyed the league work very much. We are real proud of our President of the Indian Creek League Association (Jewell Campbell). I know that she is interested in every league. May God bless her. Pray for us.

### LEADINGTON LEAGUE REPORT

By Lena Mills, Reporter

Dear League Workers:

At the time of making this report we are glad to report that our little church is still progressing.

We have not had any recent converts, but God is blessing our efforts. Bro. Mark Lewis, our pastor, has been ill for the past few months. Due to his illness, we have elected Bro. John Long to fill Bro. Lewis' appointments until he is able to meet with us again.

The Oak Grove league has improved some since the last report.

The contest we held added a few new members to our enrollment.

In closing our report, we wish to ask that every Christian that knows the worth of prayer, to pray for our beloved pastor, Bro. Mark Lewis.

### REPORT OF NIANGUA LEAGUE

Freda Sell, Reporter

We are again glad to report that our league is growing in Spirit, if not in number. Everyone seems to be very much interested in our work.

We sent two delegates and our president and secretary to the Union Association League rally, held at Brushy Knob, in Wright Co., Sept. 8. We joined the rally and invited the different leagues to our church for the next rally, to be held the second

Sunday in December.

We are asking the prayers of God's people, that we might continue to grow in His service.

### REPORT of Quarterly League Rally of Union Association.

The members of the Quarterly League Rally of Union Association of Free Will Baptist met Sunday, September 8, 1935, with the Brushy Knob league.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman and the services opened with singing. Prayer by Eld. Ruel Parker. Eld. Herbert Vandivort took charge of the services and delivered a splendid message. Dismissed for noon hour.

Afternoon services called to order by chairman, after which he read Hebrews 13:1-7. Prayer by Eld. L. J. Gearing.

The report of the last meeting was read and approved. Had the registration of delegates and officers. Letter from Brushy Knob was read and approved. A verbal report for the Mountain Grove league was given by Ellen Gearing. A verbal report of the Oak Grove league was given by Homer Vandivort.

Motion was made and seconded to seat the delegates to transact any business that would properly come before the body at that time.

Oak Grove No. 2 and Niangua leagues requested to be admitted to the Association. Motion was made and properly sustained by a second that they be accepted.

A verbal report of the Association was given by the president, and the report was read by the secretary.

The league at Niangua requested the next League Rally.

Eld. Geo. W. Scott Jr. was chosen to preach the introductory sermon. Ruel Parker was chosen for chairman of the next meeting, Herschel Halliburton Vice President and Mary Scott Secretary for the coming year.

An interesting program was given by the different leagues.

### PROGRAM

Welcome ..... Leah Mae Scott  
Reading ..... Thelma Halliburton  
Reading ..... Louise Northcut  
Reading ..... Beulah Smith  
Song ..... Oak Grove League  
Reading ..... Janice Johnson  
Reading ..... Ardell Halliburton  
Song ..... Juniors of Brushy Knob  
Reading ..... Alicia Halliburton  
Reading ..... Geneva Gearing  
Reading ..... Patricia Halliburton  
Reading ..... Paul Parker  
Song, Valen Johns, Margaret and Burl Halliburton.  
Reading ..... Glen Sell  
Reading ..... Marjorie Ackerman  
Song, Betty Jean and Tommy Smart  
Reading ..... Lloyd Sell  
Reading ..... Oval Coffman

Let us pray that the coming year will be more successful for our league work than the preceding ones have been.

Adam Scott, Chairman  
Oval Coffman, Secretary.

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us that a different doctrine should be preached to Jews than to Gentiles for conversion, evidenced by Peter's sermon to Jews on the day of Pentecost and that to Gentiles at the house of Cornelius, but after conversion all are one in Christ Jesus.

"What is Real Success?" was ably handled by Elders Winfree and Stogs-dill: requiring an eye single to God's righteousness and will; an ear attuned to the "still small voice;" feet swift to run in the service of the Great King, and an understanding that answers every call with "Here am I; send me."

It doesn't mean, a bottle on the hip, a pack of cards in the vest pocket, the tongue of a busybody, nor a mind that carries enmity or a grudge. Get it? If so, let's take it away with us.

"Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth" received able treatment from Bro. Rogers. ALL of it is for our guidance; but miracles, such as attested the divine authority given to Jesus and the apostles certainly are not our work, else we would see or know of their continuance from apostolic times until now. We returned home wonderfully blessed.

Many said this was the "best yet" of our many conferences, and it indeed seemed we were fuller of the Spirit and more anxious than ever to redeem the time by overcoming grace of our blessed Master.

And you know I am more certain than ever, that "brighter days are just ahead" in the "old paths" of Jeremiah 6:16.

Anyway, again, "I'd rather be an old time Christian than anything I know," because we're going where we'll ALL be glad to be and stay.

Hoping this finds you the same.

—Ralph T. Hoyt.

**CARTERVILLE, MO., Sept. 6th.**

Dear Gem Readers:

I was at the Free Will Baptist Thursday night prayer meeting; and talk about your big meetings, your associations and glorious sermons, and hear them say, "You just ought to have been there." Well, I just want to say to all of you, "You would have been made glad if you had been there tonight."

Sister Clovis Childs was the leader. She read the first fifteen verses of

the 4th chapter of St. John and talked about the well near which Jesus sat when the woman of Samaria came to draw water. Then she said we were all digging wells, and some were on Satan's ground, and how a person would keep digging as Satan kept urging on to go deeper and deeper, until they made a deep well of their life, filled with dark sin. She spoke of the well dug on God's ground, and then asked for testimonies. Every one spoke of the well they had dug, or was digging and, oh, it was just beautiful to hear them!

The two lads of the church who are bidding fair to be as Cedars of Lebanon, and pillars in the church, were ready to speak. Otho said he was walling his well up as he dug, and Richard said he had not been digging his well very long, but he had walled it up as far as he had gone, and L. Ellis said he was digging his well, and that he had found some hard places to go through, that it took some sharp tools to do the work, but he was going to keep digging if it was slow work. Then one young brother said his well had caved in and he had to dig another, and this last well was seeming to hit the artesian stream.

Well, it was all so glorious, I got up so high in glory that I could hardly come down. After I got home it was no use to try to sleep, because of the words of precious young and old Christians.

Dear Opal said she dug until she struck fire. I thought of wells I had heard of, as they were being dug, the damps would strike the man and if he didn't get out he would die, but he must get out and put fire in the well and burn it out, then he could go down and dig again.

Sometimes the damps strike the Christian's well, some trial or some cold damp meeting. Our preacher perhaps knows something about the damps. He goes to the pulpit, gets up to preach; the people are not in a prayer for him or lost sinners, their minds are on temporal or social affairs; scarcely any one is ready to listen to the sermon; and he feels and sees the damps and there are signs of death; if he doesn't get out, he will die in that chilly dampness.

What is he to do? Nothing but the FIRE from heaven will save him or the people, so he must be like the Prophet Elijah, call to heaven for the FIRE to consume the offering.

"Bless the Lord, oh my soul."

I offer the following little verse:  
There is a well in a desert plain,  
Its waters call with entreating strain;  
Ho, every thirsty sin sick soul!  
Come, freely drink, and thou shalt  
be whole.  
Then why will ye die, O why will  
ye die,  
When the living well is so near by?  
O why will ye die?

—Amanda Templeton.

**TULSA, OKLA., September 30th.**

I wish to report our revival, held at our Liberty Free Will Baptist church, at a sub station near Bristow, and Drumright, Okla., of which our beloved Bro. V. E. Cooper is pastor.

This revival began Sept. 2nd, and closed Sept. 26th, with 85 conversions. I was with Bro. Cooper 21 nights of this meeting, but taking seriously ill, I was unable to attend the last five nights of the meeting. We had 72 conversions up to the time I took sick.

But the good Lord wonderfully blessed Bro. Cooper and his co-workers, of which we must make mention. Bro. Rhyley Whitten and Bro. and Sister Mathis surely did splendid work in assisting in the meeting, and they surely know how to dig when it comes to praying through with bootleggers and various other characters.

We had old men and women and several high school students saved, baptized 30, members received 21, and several more are going to unite with the church.

This indeed was a new experience to all of us. The church was wonderfully revived, and such crowds! we couldn't begin to accommodate the crowds. Many people came for miles, and said they never saw it on this wise. Sure, the old time Gospel, when preached with power, will attract the attention of folks.

The finance came up well too; for those good people in that community and adjacent communities were willing givers.

There is so much we could mention, but possibly space will not permit, but we want to mention Sister Fincher's revival at Olive, just six miles away from our revival. She too, had a good meeting and baptized several, and too, Sister Newman, assisted by Bro. Harry Staires and Bro. Kirby, were in a revival just ten miles away from us. They too, had a good revival, with several saved.

Say, you know the Devil didn't

have much show over in that part of the country, but you can just look out, he will be raising sand soon. Just draw the old Gospel gun on him and he will flee. He tried to kill me while in the revival, but so far I am still in the lead, praise the Lord.

Many State Associations will soon be under way, and let's not forget the National Association at Nashville, Tenn. Yes, I will be there, the Lord being my Helper, and I am going to be looking for you. Don't disappoint me.

—Melvin Bingham.

### **EASTON, MO., R3, Oct. 1st.**

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Sisters and Brothers in Christ: I will drop you a few lines this beautiful morning, to report our fifth Sunday Mission Meeting, which met with the Philadelphia church, at Santa Rosa, Mo., September 29th.

The morning sermon was delivered by Eld. Kenneth Turner, who delivered a powerful message. He was followed by Eld. T. C. Ferguson of Weatherby, Mo., which also was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon program consisted of a three act play, presented by the mission of Union Third Fork church, entitled, "Unto the Least of These," which showed how we should all sacrifice for our mission.

There were also readings and a song from the Center Point church, and from the Philadelphia church.

We received a letter from Sister Melba White, President of our State Mission. She was unable to attend, but gave us good advice, which we all appreciated very much.

After the program a business meeting was held and committees were appointed for next fifth Sunday meeting.

We were very sorry that time did not permit us to hear Bro. Daimon in the afternoon, who is holding a meeting at the Philadelphia church. We also appreciated the warm welcome Bro. Rush extended to one and all.

Now, dear brothers and sisters, we need the prayers of all, so please remember the mission of Northwest Mo.

Our next meeting will be held with our Mt. Zion church of which Bro. House is pastor.

We are in a revival at this church. Bro. Kenneth Turner is conducting it and has done much good. Remember us in your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. E. W. Ellis, Mission Reporter.

### **FORT WORTH, TEX., Oct. 1st.**

Dear Gem Family:

We are glad to report another victory over Satan and his forces. We had a glorious revival in Waco, with Bro. Bounds and his people, not as many souls saved as we had hoped for, but the church was built up spiritually. We had twelve converted and reclaimed, and eight added to the church. We look for a great future for the Waco church, as there are some splendid people in the congregation. But most of our people are poor people, and they are still back on their building, and we are going to ask every one that reads this to pray, and if God leads you to send a freewill offering on this church, you do it, and God will bless you, and especially our Texas folks. We can't afford to lose this property in Waco. I think if our old settled churches that are clear of debt would sacrifice and send a small offering to our churches in the towns that are newly organized, it would show a wonderful mission spirit. I want all to join us in prayer for the Waco church. Bro. and Sister Bounds are splendid folks to work with and we certainly enjoyed working with them. We made our home with Bro. and Sister Earl Campbell, two splendid Christians, and Bro. Campbell is church clerk and treasurer, so send your offering on the church building to him 1907 South 12th St., Waco, Tex.

We are now in Fort Worth for a meeting at the First Free Will Baptist church. Bro. K. V. Shutes is pastor, and a fine Christian man. He also has a devoted wife, and these people are doing a good work here in Fort Worth. All you who read this, pray for a great meeting with many souls saved. We have been here two nights and have had large crowds both nights, and one man forward for prayer.

We close by asking God's blessings upon the Gem family and the good editor and wife. I enclose one sub.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

2296 Roosevelt Ave.

### **COFER'S CHAPEL CHURCH IN HISTORY**

*By E. C. Morris, Elizabeth City, N. C.*

Cofer's Chapel church, located in North Nashville, Tenn. has played a great part in making history for the Free Will Baptist denomination.

This church is noted for its hospitality and deep interest in the denominational welfare. It was this church that served as a battle ground of contention which caused division in a great national body. Here, too, was the place where another national body was instituted, and it is this church where another national scene will take place, kind Providence permitting.

As we look back to scan some historical facts we find that the Co-operative General Association, which was organized in 1916, met in its second triennial session with Cofer's Chapel church in 1919, and in this meeting there arose a dissension over a doctrinal question which caused the delegates from the North Carolina State Convention and the Cumberland Association of Tennessee to withdraw fellowship. These dissenting delegates immediately conferred with each other and discussed the advisability of organizing the Original Free Will Baptist into a national body; but it was some more than a year before definite steps were taken toward such a proposal. On May 26, 1921, there convened a delegation with the Cofer's Chapel church and organized the General Conference of the United States. This Conference has met annually since its establishment and has taken decided interest in all the denominational activities and has looked forward to a united force for the Cause. When this body held its session in Bryan, Texas, a move was launched to bring the two national bodies together. Committees were appointed by both organizations which have worked constantly toward the consummation of a union. It seems now that the final chapter is about to be realized. On Tuesday evening of November 5, 1935, a delegation from the various states comprising the General Conference and the General Cooperative Association is to meet with Cofer's Chapel church in Nashville, Tenn. for the purpose of perfecting a national body for the entire Free Will Baptist denomination. In this meeting, no doubt, there will be a treatise of faith adopted, or provided for, and a code of discipline arranged for the future government of the church, together with plans laid for the establishing of a central school and the unifying of all our activities.

If your state convention or association has already met and failed to provide delegates to this meeting,

will you not see that the executive board makes such provision? and if your annual session is yet to be held, please do not forget this matter. Let's do our very best to make this first session of the National Association of Free Will Baptist the greatest gathering that has ever taken place with Free Will Baptists.

### HITCH HICKING

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

As we travel on our highways today we don't go far until some one is trying to hitch hike a ride. Some of them don't know even where they are going, but they are getting something for nothing, so that's all they want. As long as you are going, my weight won't wear out your car or cause you any more expense, so why shouldn't you let me ride? is their argument. Brother, neither does your weight wear out the train or cause the railroad company any more expense than if you hadn't gone, but some one is paying, so why should you ride free? We have thousands of people in the church today who are hitch hiking their way along life's pathway. They are going somewhere, but where? They think the Sunday school and church are fine in the community, but let the other fellow pay the bill. They think that their staying away and not supporting it will not add any weight, as it will go on just the same. Yes, it probably will; someone will think enough of God's cause to pay the extra expense you have caused by not carrying your part of the load. While they pay the bill, you hitch hike along.

Why support your pastor, he is called of God to preach, and woe is on him if he preaches not the Gospel? But, brother, someone is paying, it may be his wife and family doing without something they need in order that you might ride free, but someone is paying.

In this day and time thousands are hitch hiking on the government, getting relief they don't need. Of course there are many worthy families, but woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Brother, are you trying to hitch hike your way on your wife's salvation? Get under the load, and help carry it.

God bless you all, is my prayer.

### TOMORROW

He was going to be all that mortal should be,

Tomorrow.

No one should be kinder or braver than he

Tomorrow.

A friend who was troubled and weary, he knew,

Who'd be glad of a lift and who needed it too;

On him he would call and see what he could do

Tomorrow.

Each morning he stacked up the letters he'd write

Tomorrow.

And thought of the folks he would fill with delight

Tomorrow.

It was too bad, indeed, he was busy today,

And hadn't a minute to stop on his way;

More time I will have to give others, he'd say,

Tomorrow.

The greatest of workers this man would have been

Tomorrow.

The world would have known him had he ever seen

Tomorrow.

But the fact is he died and he faded from view,

And all that he left here when living was thru

Was a mountain of things he intended to do

Tomorrow.

—Contributed.

New Edinburg, Ark., Sept. 30th.

Dear Editor, Wife and Gem Readers:

I will try by the help of God to make a report of the work for the past three months, at Old Macedonia. Will say I'm thankful to my Creator that everything is as well with us as what it is.

We had a good revival in August, and we chose Bro. J. E. White for our pastor for the ensuing year. He is a young man in the ministry, and one we esteem as a man called of God to preach the unsearchable riches of God. We ask all who know the worth of prayer to remember him and his good wife and five little children.

I am thankful to the God of Heaven for having revived enough of His believing children to start, and we now have a good Sunday school, a Bible

discussion at some neighbor's home every Sunday night, and prayer meeting Wednesday night. I feel that there's much being done for the up-building of God's kingdom and for the tearing down of Satan's kingdom. I am asking the prayers of Gem readers, to pray for us, that we may keep this good work going on.

Well, dear brothers and sisters, especially of Arkansas, you know that the State Association is near at hand. It meets with Harmony church, about 15 miles southeast of Macedonia. We are expecting a great delegation, and a great out-pouring of the power of God, for everybody who wants to get their lamps filled with oil. This is going to be a great filling station, and we also invite the good editor to visit us at this time. Pray for me.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

### THE DESTINY OF MAN

There is a time, we know not when,  
A place, we know not where,  
That marks the destiny of men,  
To glory or despair.

There is a line by us unseen,  
That crosses every path,  
The hidden boundary between  
God's patience and His wrath.

To pass that limit is to die,  
To die as if by stealth;  
It does not quench the beaming eye,  
Or pale the glow of health.

The conscience may be still at ease,  
The spirits light and gay;  
That which is pleasing still may please,  
And care be thrust away.

But on that forehead God has set  
Indelibly a mark—  
Unseen by man, for man as yet  
Is blind and in the dark.

And still the doomed man's path below  
May bloom as Eden bloomed—  
He did not, does not, will not know,  
Or feel, that he is doomed.

He knows, he feels that all is well,  
And every fear is calmed;  
He lives, he dies, he wakes in hell,  
Not only doomed but damned.

Oh! where is this mysterious bourne,  
By which our path is crossed;  
Beyond which, God Himself hath sworn  
That he who goes is lost?

How far may men go on in sin?  
How long will God forbear?  
Where does hope end, and where begin  
The confines of despair?

An answer from the skies is sent,  
"Ye that from God depart,  
While it is called today repent,  
And harden not your heart!"

—Selected.



## THE RETURN OF JESUS

By Elder John W. Orley, Cabool, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers:

In presenting this article on "THE RETURN OF JESUS," I hope I shall be able to present it in such a way it will not arouse the prejudice of those who may differ to that extent that they will not give due consideration to the truths presented before rejecting and condemning them, as I shall deal with this subject from the standpoint of truth against error, knowing I am responsible to God for the way I teach this great and important doctrine of "THE RETURN OF JESUS," for if I should mislead some one to believe that which is not true, I would be numbered with all other false Prophets to spend eternity in that lake of fire and brimstone (Rev. 20:10). Surely then it behooves me to be very cautious as I proceed with this subject to base every assertion on "THUS SAYEST GOD," by rightly dividing the word of truth.

I wish to make this statement so you may better understand my position before proceeding farther. I believe in the fundamental doctrines of the Bible as set forth in the Free Will Baptist Treatise of Faith, for which I stand in defence of, and against all of the modern deceptive theories that have come to life in in these last days that discredit and contradict the teaching of Jesus Christ and his Apostles.

There is certain plain statements of facts that cannot be ignored in studying the Bible, when Jesus or his Apostles, speaks in positive terms, there is no other scripture quotations in the Bible that will contradict these statements when rightly interpreted. The reason there is so many different and conflicting opinions concerning "THE RETURN OF JESUS," is many people fail to comprehend the great purpose of his return, and are theorizing on this subject by collecting scriptural quotations from different parts of the Bible (which are spoken figuratively but are used literally), in forming them into theories best suited to their fancy, and at the same time ignoring every plain and positive declaration of God that condemns such theories.

"THE RETURN OF JESUS" is one of the greatest and most important doctrines taught in the Bible, and is mentioned more times than any other subject. It is made so plain that there is no need of any one being deceived on the teaching of this great event.

There is some great importance attached of knowing for what purpose Jesus will return, because his return will end man's probation here, and determine every soul's destiny by completing the saints final salvation, and the wicked's eternal punishment.

Because there was the greatest importance of knowing for what purpose he came the first time as the Jews which was the Israel of God, believed Jesus would set up an earthly Kingdom when he came and rule the

world instead of the Scriptural Kingdom to rule and control the hearts and lives of people who are Gods Israel today. Through their wrong interpretation of the scriptures they failed to recognize the Christ and the plan of salvation, and was eternally lost.

You destroy the truth about "THE RETURN OF JESUS," and you destroy man's hope of final salvation which will render him unprepared for that sudden and unexpected hour.

There is a great deluge of diverse opinions flooding the world today on the "RETURN OF JESUS," that originated many years ago from the teaching of that great Apostate "Pastor Russell," who prophesied Christ would return and set up an earthly Kingdom in 1914 and rule the world. When his predictions failed to materialize he then endeavored to cover up his deception and further deceive the people by saying he came on that date in a Spiritual form and the world did not see him. Poor old deluded soul did not know Jesus came in a Spiritual form over 1900 years ago, and set up his Kingdom, and has been living in the hearts and ruling the lives of his subjects ever since.

JUDGE RUTHERFORD is now Russell's successor having taken over the work at his death, and is now scattering this literature all over the country which is finding a place in the library of many homes. I cannot understand why one would give a moment of time or thought to such falsehoods that has proven so many times untrue, but the unregenerated man becomes a very easy victim to this deception, not having God's Holy Spirit in his heart to guide him into all truth.

The Apostle Paul sounded a note of warning along this line in 1 Cor. 2:14, saying, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." Then why would one desire to follow the leadership of such carnal minded men knowing the end is death eternal?

Jesus said prior to his return many false Prophets would arise and deceive many. It is admitted by nearly all Christians we are near the return of Jesus. Then if this be true the world is full of false Prophets teaching their false doctrine to a great number of followers who are deceived. Jesus also said the gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, beginning at Jerusalem and then shall the end come (Matt. 24:14 and Luke 24:47). As the gospel covers the entire Christian age, and the false Prophets to arrive with their deception in the last days places us now in the midst of both the true and false. How can we decide which of the two opposite teachings on "THE RETURN OF JESUS" is true?

If we will examine the history of the teachings of our forefathers on the return of Jesus, which has been handed down from generation to gen-

eration since the dark ages, and then reading the testimonies of the Martyrs who suffered death for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ during the dark ages. Then take your Bible and read what Jesus Christ and his Apostles taught on this subject, of which you will find recorded on page 36, 37, and 38 of the Free Will Baptist Treatise, and then you have an endless chain of the Gospel truth on "THE RETURN OF JESUS" which God has preserved and will preserve through his Kingdom until the end.

I feel like this is sufficient in the way of introduction to give you an outline leading into the subject proper, which I shall take up in the next article, and give you in detail the things which shall take place at his return.

## ENMITY BETWEEN MAN AND SATAN

By Rev. F. C. Zinn, Crane, Mo.

*"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."*

The divine sentence pronounced against Satan after the fall of man was also prophecy embracing all the ages to the close of time, and foreshadowing the great conflict to engage all the races of men who should live upon earth.

God declares, "I will put enmity." This enmity is not naturally entertained. When man transgressed the divine law, his nature became evil, and he was in harmony, and not at variance with Satan.

There exists naturally no enmity between sinful man and the originator of sin. Both became evil through apostasy. The apostate is never at rest, except as he obtains sympathy and support by inducing others to follow his example. For this reason, fallen angels and wicked men unite in desperate companionship.

Had not God especially interposed, Satan and man would have entered into an alliance against heaven, and instead of cherishing enmity against Satan, the whole human family would have been united in opposition to God.

Satan tempted man to sin, as he had caused angels to rebel, that he might thus secure co-operation in his warfare against heaven. There was no dissension between himself and the fallen angels as regards their hatred of Christ. While on all other points there was discord, they were firmly united in opposing the authority of the Ruler of the universe. But when Satan heard the declaration that enmity should exist between himself and the woman, and between his seed and her seed, he knew that his efforts to deprave human nature would be interrupted, and that by some means man was to be enabled to resist his power.

Satan's enmity against the human race is kindled, because, through Christ they are the objects of God's love and mercy. He desires to thwart

the divine plan for man's redemption, to cast dishonor upon God, by defacing and defiling His handiwork. He would cause grief in heaven, and fill the earth with woe and desolation.

It is the grace that Christ implanted in the soul of man which creates enmity against Satan. Without converting grace and renewing power, man would continue the captive of Satan, a servant ever ready to do his bidding.

The followers of Christ and the servants of Satan cannot harmonize. The offense of the Cross has not ceased. All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Satan's agents are constantly working under his direction to establish his authority and build up his kingdom in opposition to the government of God. Satan summons all his forces, and throws his whole power into the conflict. Why is it that he meets with no greater resistance? Why are the soldiers of Christ so sleepy and indifferent? Because they have so little connection with Christ. Because they are so destitute of His Spirit. Sin is not to them repulsive and abhorrent as it was to their Master. They do not meet it as did Christ, with decisive and determined resistance. There is little enmity against Satan and his work, because there is so great ignorance concerning his power and malice, and the vast extent of his warfare is against Christ and His church.

Among professed Christians, and even among ministers of the Gospel, there is heard scarcely a reference to Satan. They overlook the evidence of his continual activity and success. They neglect the warnings of his subtlety. They seem to ignore his very existence.

While men are ignorant of his devices, this vigilant foe is upon their track every moment. He is intruding his presence into every department of the household, in every street of our cities, churches, in the national councils, in the courts of justice, perplexing, deceiving, seducing, everywhere ruining souls and bodies of men, women and children, breaking up families, sowing hatred, emulation, strife, sedition, murder, and the Christian world seems to regard these things as though God had appointed them, and that they must exist. Satan is constantly seeking to overcome the people of God by breaking down the barrier that is between them and the world. In the unregenerated heart there is love for sin, and a disposition to cherish and excuse it. When Christians choose the society of the ungodly and unbelieving, they expose themselves to temptation. Satan conceals himself from view, and stealthily draws his deceptive covering over their eyes.

He who chooses to associate with the servants of Satan, will soon cease to fear their master. The tempter often works through those who are least suspected of being under his control most successfully.

The possessors of talent and education are admired and honored, as

if these qualities could atone for the absence of the fear of God, or entitle men to His favor. Talent and culture considered in themselves are gifts of God, but when these are made to supply the place of piety, when, instead of bringing the soul closer to God, they lead him away from God, then they become a curse and a snare. By earnest prayer and dependence upon God, Solomon obtained the wisdom which excited the wonder and admiration of the world, but when he turned from the source of his strength and went forward relying upon himself, he fell a prey to temptation. Then the marvelous powers bestowed upon this wisest king, only rendered him a more effective agent of the adversary of souls.

While Satan is constantly seeking to blind their minds to the fact, then let Christians never forget that they "wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wicked spirits in high places." The inspired warning is sounding down the centuries to our time: "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

From the days of Adam to our own time, our great enemy has been exercising his power to oppress and destroy. He is now preparing for his last campaign against the church. All who seek to follow Jesus will be brought into conflict with this relentless foe. The more nearly the Christian imitates the divine pattern, the more surely will he make himself a mark for the attacks of Satan. All who are actively engaged in the cause of God, seeking to unveil the deception of the evil one and to present Christ before the people will be able to join in the testimony of Paul, in which he speaks of serving the Lord "with all humility of mind, with many tears and temptations." No man without his consent can be overcome by Satan. The tempter has no power to control the will or to force the soul to sin. He may distress, but he cannot contaminate. He can cause agony, but not defilement. The fact that Christ has conquered should inspire his followers with courage to fight manfully the battle against sin and Satan.

**HARTVILLE, MO., July 29, 1935.**

Dear Editor and Wife and Readers of the Gem: The years seem to pass almost like months did when I was a little child. But each month has something wonderful to tell, if we just think. June was always such a busy time when we were younger, and lived on an old fashioned farm. How we would stand out on the back porch and hear the reaper and watch the

men gathering up the large bundles of wheat and carefully placing them in shocks, so that it would thoroughly dry, then in a few days the landlord would examine it, and if he thought it dry enough he called his servants together, and said, "My wheat is ready to stack." Then he selected a certain man to do the stacking, as he wanted a good job. He didn't want it to fall down, because he planned to have it threshed.

When the preacher labors so hard and earnest and God blesses his work, and saves souls; how he prays to see them stand firm for Jesus till the "threshing time" comes. "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease" (Gen. 8:22).

"Then saith he (Jesus) unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 2:37, 38). "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (John 4:35, 36).

Then John the Revelator speaks of the harvest of the world, "And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap: for the harvest of the earth is ripe" (Rev. 14:15).

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

"Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasures in heaven; and come and follow me" (Matt. 19:21).

Paul said to the Corinthians, "Finally, brethren, farewell, Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you" (2 Cor. 13:11).

Paul said again, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you" (Phil. 3:14, 15).

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## OBITUARY

**EDEN**—W. Scott Eden of near Fredericktown, Mo., died at his home at 12:00 a. m., July 22, 1935, following a short illness of dropsy of the heart. He was the son of the late Mart and LaVina (Lynn) Eden. He was born in Murphysboro, Ky., Nov. 9, 1852, being at the time of his death 82 years, eight months and 13 days of age.

Mr. Eden's family came to Ste. Genevieve County, Mo. in the year 1856. His parents, four brothers, Will, John, Tom and Jimmie, also two sisters, Lena and Martha, preceded him in death. Three sisters survive. They are Elizabeth (Mrs. Lark Skaggs) of Farmington, Mo., R1, Mary (Mrs. Ed Skaggs) of Flat River, and Sarah (Mrs. Jim La Brot) of Mine La Motte.

Mr. Eden was married to Miss Matilda R. Hahn of Mine La Motte in the year 1877. To this union four children were born. One girl, Jane (Mrs. Hurt Hardy) of Ste. Genevieve, Route 2, and three boys, Arthur of North Miami, Okla., Monroe of Brawley, Calif. and Richard, the young, est, was drowned in the Mississippi at the age of 11 years.

The young wife died in early womanhood. In 1887 he was married to Miss La Vine Tinnon. To this union four children were born, two girls and two boys. They are Lillie (Mrs. Ponnice Francis) of Fredericktown, Irvin (Mrs. Henry Chinaworth) and King, both at home. Fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren also survive.

He united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Mine La Motte in early boyhood, living faithful to his belief and holding his God most supreme, with daily prayer and thankfulness in his home until death. He was kind and loving to his family, a good and helpful neighbor.

The remains were laid to rest in the Mine La Motte Cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

**LEMASTER**—Leon Elmer Lemaster was born Feb. 25, 1905, and died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemaster, at Newtonia, Mo., September 16, 1935, being at the time of his death 29 years, seven months and

thirteen days of age.

He was married to Miss Mona Kirk, June 6, 1925, and to this union was born one son, Billy Fred.

Leon was a cheerful happy boy. But young in life his health began to gradually fail, and for seven years prior to his death, he had been confined to his bed, where he lived a life of such cheerfulness and unselfishness that he was a wonderful inspiration to loved ones and his many friends.

He was converted in the home November, 1929, under the influence of Rev. C. F. Goodnight, and had no fears of death, but loved life and all its possibilities and though bound hand and foot by disease, his mind was ever alert and active. No one could visit him without being touched by his wonderful personality.

His young wife was his faithful and devoted companion and nurse during all his sickness, and with his son was much comfort to him, as were also his parents and five brothers who survive, namely: Walter, Wilbur, Harold, Richard, and Paul Lemaster. One brother, Eugene, having preceded him in death. He was loved by all and will be sadly missed by those who knew him.

Funeral service was conducted by Eld. Winford Davis in the Newtonia Methodist church, interment in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

### HARTVILLE, MISSOURI

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I am thinking, as I read these quotations of scripture, of an old soldier of the Cross, I don't think of his name just now, but do think of his testimony. Bro. House and Bro. Rush brought him to Pleasant Hill to attend the Association and he told how many years it had been since he enlisted in this holy war, how Jesus picked him up out of the slumprit of sin, cleansed him with His own precious blood, said He put a new white robe on him, and that he had worn it every day since, and it got whiter and whiter every day. I just can't think of all he said, it has been so long ago, but it was wonderful to hear the old brother testify; it leads our minds to what James a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ tells us, that the doers of the word are blessed (first chapter of James), he called them beloved brethren, and

said, "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: he straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. . . . But a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:21-25). "By their fruits ye shall know them."

"Not every one that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" Matt. 7:21).

Dear friends, I don't study much about where the New Kingdom is to be set up, whether we will know each other as we do here or not, but I do know He is an alwise God and that His ways and thoughts are above ours as far as the heaven is above the earth. I know we can't be Christ, but if we will be willing and obedient we shall eat the good of the land, but we must be willing for God to lead us by His loving hand.

Paul told the Ephesians (1:4), "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

"But as he which hath called you is holy; so be ye holy in all manner of conversation: because it is written, Be ye holy: for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15, 16).

"Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you. But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king" (1 Sam. 12:24-25).

"I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). Oh, dear Christian friend, it means it all to follow and obey our dear Master.

Pray for me, for I feel so unworthy. I do hope I have not worried you with my talk this time, and hope to hear of a wonderful harvest this month, and through the year of precious souls saved.

I do love to read the Gem paper and hear the good news from the many different places. God bless you all, is my prayer.

—Mrs. Lina Claxton.

## WHAT THE CIGARETTE WILL DO

Contributed By Eld. Noel Turner

"I am not much of a mathematician," said the cigarette, "but I can add numerous troubles to a boy or girl, I can subtract from their physical energy, I can multiply their aches and pains, I can divide their mental powers, I can take interest from their work, and discount their chances for success for ever."

## BRINGING THEM UP TO THE MARK

(The following quaint notice was posted recently on a church door in White Church)

Recorded in *London Mail* in Heart Throbs.

## MISSING

Last Sunday, some families from church.

## STOLEN

Several hours from the Lord's day, by a number of people of different ages, dressed in their Sunday clothes.

## STRAYED

Half a score of lambs, believed to have gone in the direction of "No Sunday School."

## MISLAID

A quantity of silver and copper coins on the counter of a public house, the owner being in a state of great excitement.

## WANTED

Several young people. When last seen were walking in pairs up Sabbath-breakers' Lane, which leads to the "City of No Good."

## LOST

A lad, carefully reared, not long from home, and for a time promising. Supposed to have gone with one or two older companions to Prodigal Town, Husk Lane.

Any person assisting in the recovery of the above, shall in no wise lose his reward.

## TO MY SISTER

The following poem, sent in by Mrs. A. A. Williams, was composed by a boy when he thought his sister was dying.

Dear Sister, I know that you are suffering

Each lonely night and day,  
And no one would know how my heart would ache,  
If God should take you away.

We are watching and praying and longing

For your return to life so dear.  
And we shall rejoice and be happy,  
When you are again with us here.

Tonight is your night of battle,  
For life that to us is so dear,  
And we feel that the dear Lord in heaven  
Is whispering to us words of cheer.

There was never one more patient,  
More loving, kind and true;  
There will never be another that means  
So much to me as you do.

We shall try to wait and be patient,  
Trusting in Him, the One who knows best.  
And if you must go (but I pray you will not),  
I know He will give you rest.

If you should go and leave us.  
Go to that beautiful land of bliss,  
I know there will be someone to welcome,  
And give you a loving kiss.

Our dear father and mother have gone on before us,  
To that other beautiful life,  
That place of wonder and beauty,  
That place where there is no strife.

But I'm trusting you will not be taken away,  
That you'll still be left with us here,  
For you can be loving and helpful,  
And bring to us hope, love and cheer.

So we're leaving it all to our Maker,  
The one who can give and can take,  
And whatever is done in the future,  
We're sure it will be done for His sake.

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