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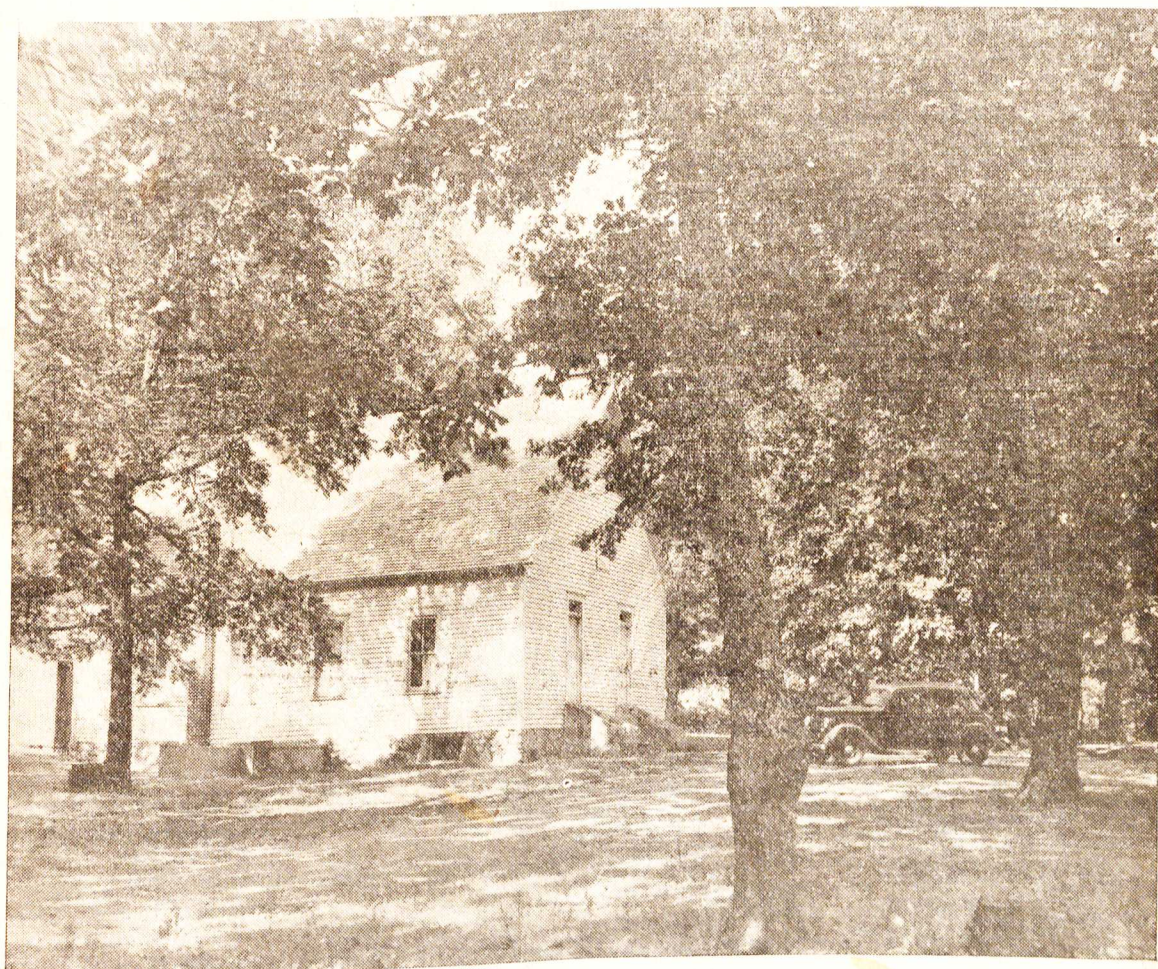
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The above picture is of the Macedonia Free Will Baptist church, near Purdy, Mo. where will be held the 23rd Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, October 12th to 16th, 1936.

This church was established in 1876, and has been functioning constantly during these many years. It is a fact of interest to note that a Wednesday night prayer meeting has been going at this church almost constantly for the past 30 years. The church has a membership of 162, maintaining an active Missionary work, Sunday school, and a Young People's League. A splendid full-sized basement has been constructed under the church house during the past year. Rev. Winford Davis, who was born and raised in the community, has been pastor of the Church for the past ten (10) years. A large crowd is expected to attend the State Meeting here in Oct., 1936.

This is a very suitable place for this great occasion. The yard being covered with large oak trees, and an abundance of clear Ozark water on the ground. In all it is a spot of typical Ozark scenery.

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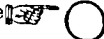
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World Government and World Events

By Rev. John F. Harvey, Sierra Madre, California.

Taken from the Defender Magazine

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end" (Isaiah 9:6, 7).

Government! His shoulder! Peace! Increase! No end! Marvelous prophecy!

It has never yet been completely fulfilled. The Child has been born. The Son has been given. He has lived, taught, wrought, died, was buried, arose, ascended, "whom the heaven must receive until the times of the restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."

He sitteth at the right hand of God the Father to make intercession for us who come unto God by Him. The heaven has received Him, but only until the "times of the restitution of all things."

Then will be fulfilled that part of the prophecy that says: "The government shall be upon his shoulder, and of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever and ever."

That the Lord Jesus Christ is coming, in person, back to this earth is a doctrine about which there can be no question among those who accept the Bible as final authority. It is in all creeds, and hymns of hope, and is universally admitted by all orthodox Christians.

Yet how few embrace it as a reality. How few are looking, longing, with burning hearts, for His coming. We are mostly lukewarm, if not indifferent, to the teaching, the exhortations, the warnings of Scripture relative to His personal return.

We may not deny it, but we do not feel it. It does not possess us. It is not a moving force within us. Yet we know of no other part of God's Word that contains a greater incentive to holy living, and evangelistic activity than that large part which is connected with the return of our Lord and His reign upon this earth.

To ignore His coming is to suffer spiritual loss. It is to deprive ourselves of the benefit of a very large part of the Scriptures. It will conceal from us that which God has revealed.

In some of its phases it may be a difficult theme. There are some things we cannot know now. There are "times and seasons" that the Father has placed in His own hands. He has not seen fit to reveal them to us. We make no claim of understanding the "secret things that belong to the Lord our God."

It is only that which is revealed that belongs "unto us and to our children forever" (Deut. 29:20). We do not always hit the exact interpretation. But we can know the fact and the general outline of His coming. That much has been revealed. It is our duty to know it.

"We have not followed cunningly devised fables," said Peter, "when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." As certainly as the Word of God is true, as surely as the throne of God is steadfast, as the feet of the Son of God once pressed this earth, even so certainly shall the same Jesus return again

to this very world. May the Holy Spirit warm hearts and enlighten our minds as we study some things that are connected with His coming.

"The government shall be upon His shoulder." This world is coming rapidly nearer to the time when the present order of things will be broken up and pass away. The most shallow thinker realizes that humanity has fallen upon startling and critical times.

The stream of earthly affairs has overflowed its banks, and is spreading out in every direction, in a wild disordered, ungovernable, and overwhelming volume. Human society is assuming a chaotic aspect. Old systems, and modes of thought and belief, which have stood for ages, are reeling to their final fall.

Men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for anxious expectation of the things that are coming on the earth. The disintegration of governments, that have stood for centuries, cause dismay in the minds of earth's wisest statesmen. Human resources are failing, and no one knows the way out of the perplexing situation.

The day is dark, the shadows are lengthening, and the night is coming on. There is no help in man. The arm of flesh fails. The wisdom of the wise is foolishness. The understanding of the prudent is brought to nought. Dark indeed is the outlook for the man who knows not God.

Light shines from the eternal hills of God. David said, "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

If men would only look to God and to His infallible Word, they would see light in His light. His plan is clearly written there. There is a light that shineth in a dark place.

The Apostle Peter says it is the "word of prophecy," and he declares it is "sure." It can be depended upon. The best formed plans of men fail, but God's plan will never fail. All He has said will come to pass. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away."

God has seen fit to give us a picture of world government as it covers the period of Gentile Times. This picture is seen in the great image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. We find it in the second chapter of Daniel.

There are four great world empires during the Times of the Gentiles, no more, no less. Read the description of the image recorded in Daniel 2. The head of gold represents Babylon. Arms and breasts of silver represent

Medo-Persia. Thighs and belly of brass is the Grecian kingdom. Legs of iron is the Roman Empire. The toes of iron and clay represent, not a separate world power, but the revived Roman Empire in the latter times. (*Now being revived.*)

As the King looked upon the image of his dream, he saw "a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet, that were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces. And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."

In the seventh chapter of Daniel we have the record of a vision that God gave to Daniel, portraying the same world empires, yet in a somewhat different way. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream there was the gigantic image of a man. In Daniel's vision, there were wild beasts.

This suggests to us man's estimate and God's estimate of human government. Man thinks of human government as great, excellent, and mighty. God likens it unto wild beasts, ravenous beasts that rend and destroy.

Now these four beasts of Daniel's vision, the lion, the bear, the leopard, and the dreadful fourth beast, each represents one of the world empires in the same order as the parts of the body of the King's image.

Daniel beheld all that Nebuchadnezzar had seen, but he saw something that the King did not see in his dream. Nebuchadnezzar saw ten toes, and Daniel saw ten horns. And in the midst of the ten horns Daniel saw an eleventh horn. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Daniel saw something else that Nebuchadnezzar did not see. He said: "I saw in the night visions; and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that shall not be destroyed."

Here we have the beginning, the course, and the ending of the government of the Times of the Gentiles. It will be followed by the millennial kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ who shall rule as King of kings, and Lord of lords on the throne of David.

Five centuries before Jesus came as the Babe of Bethlehem God revealed

to Daniel the political aspects of the Times of the Gentiles from beginning to end. We are nearing the end of those Times. The Babylonian, the Medo-Persian, the Grecian, and the Roman kingdoms have passed away. All that remains is the revival of the Roman Empire with its ten confederated kings, and the Antichrist, making a total of eleven.

The course of the government of man has been along the line of deterioration. It begins with gold and ends with iron and clay. Today we are in the iron and clay period. The clay is becoming more prominent.

Humanity is restless, agitated, and roaring like the billows of the troubled sea. Even a well-founded democracy like the United States begins to tremble. Dictators are arising. The nations are being prepared for the coming of the super Dictator, the Antichrist.

The ten-kingdom empire will arise. We know not when. We set no dates. That it will come, is sure. That the Antichrist will assume control is certain.

May we be accounted worthy to escape the terrors of those days, for there shall be great tribulation such as never has been in the past, nor ever shall be in the future.

What shall be the end of these things? Is there to be an end to human government as we know it? What has God revealed about this? Again we turn to the dream of Nebuchadnezzar, and to the vision of Daniel.

When the Roman Empire is revived, and ten kings, or kingdoms are included in it, then, in the days of the Antichrist, suddenly not gradually, a stone falls. It is cut out of the mountain without hands.

This smiting stone strikes the great image that represents human government, on the feet, and the image breaks in pieces. It is important to bear in mind that the stone strikes the image, not on the head of gold, nor breast of silver, nor thighs of brass, nor legs of iron, *but on the feet*, with their toes of mixed iron and clay. "And in the days of these kings," (the days of the ten-kingdom empire) "shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever" (Dan. 2:44). The falling stone represents the return of Christ when His government will replace human gov-

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PLATTSBURG, MO., Aug. 5th.

Dear Mission Workers and Co-workers in Christ: We will send in a report of our work for the past month.

We have been in a two weeks' meeting with the Carlow church, near Gallatin, Mo. The Lord blessed, and we had a good meeting. Three souls were saved and three reclaimed. We baptized five, received five members. We feel that the church has been revived and encouraged. It does not have a very large membership, but they have kept their Sunday school going in spite of many obstacles. They need your prayers, that they might still go forward in the Lord's work.

The people at Carlow are a fine people to work with, and were so kind to us, making us welcome in their homes. May God bless them, one and all.

We came on home to be at the Homecoming at our home church, Mt. Zion, also had our Mission rally at the same time, instead of on the fifth Sunday of this month.

Had wonderful services both morning and afternoon. Bro. W. R. Rush delivered the eleven o'clock message, using as a text, Prov. 6:6-7. He brought a soul-stirring message and the Spirit of the Lord prevailed.

In the afternoon the Mission had a program which was much enjoyed by all, after which Bro. Damon brought a message, using Matt. 4:19 as a text. Another powerful message was delivered, and God's Spirit manifested.

There was a large crowd present, and enjoyed a bountiful dinner at the noon hour. It didn't look like a depression. We ought to be more thankful, hadn't we, to the good Lord for what we do have to eat and wear? We feel that it was one of the best homecomings we have ever had, and the Lord's Spirit was in the services. But we are looking forward to a better Homecoming where we shall be with Jesus and all our loved ones forever more.

It will soon be our Association time here in Northwest Missouri, it begins Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, with the Union Third Fork church, near Easton, Mo. We expect to be there if the Lord is willing. Remember us in prayer.

We still have Mission badges for sale. If any of our churches are interested in having a mission organized, write to us and we will be glad to help you.

—Melba White.

STAHL, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I have never written to the Gem before, but want you to know how much I enjoy your good paper. I never expect to be without it. I get so much help from reading the good letters and articles.

I am 81 years old, and sure enjoy going to church, but don't get to go as regularly as I would like to on account of my health. I find great joy, peace and satisfaction in serving my Master, and want to do something for Him while here on earth, and live a faithful Christian life to the end: for the ones that endure to the end shall be saved. I remember some good old songs my father and mother used to sing. One I especially remember is, "The Old Ship of Zion That Will Take Us All Home."

I am sending a song which I think is good, and so true:

Now, gracious Lord, thine arm reveal,
And make thy glory known;
Now let us all thy presence feel,
And soften hearts of stone.

Help us to venture near thy throne,
And plead a Savior's name;
For all that we can call our own,
Is vanity and shame.

Send down thy Spirit from above,
That saints may love thee more;
And sinner now may learn to love,
Who never loved before.

May God's richest blessings be with all you good people. And pray for me, that I might do His will.

—Charity Hedrick.

ABOUT OUR STATE MEETING

Again the time is almost here for that wonderful State gathering of Free Will Baptist. We are looking forward to see you begin to drive up at old Macedonia on Monday after the second Sunday in October for another glorious week together. We will certainly be disappointed if you are not there.

Now a little about the expenses. Of course, we all know very little has been raised in the way of crops and vegetables, although that makes but little difference; for we, by God's good help, are going to see the State meeting through in a great way just the same; I have all faith in that. Of course, I realize, and you do too, that, as the old joke goes, somebody

will have to "bell the cat." But we are going to do that, aren't we?

Now whatever you or your church has to give to help entertain the State meeting, just send it direct to me at Monett, Mo. and we will see to the rest. You may say, "Well, what is the best for me to give?" Now I am not going to try to dictate to you what to give; but I will say this, and I believe you will agree with me. That it makes no difference what one is out of or what we need most, we can always get it, if we have the money. Money will get the job done; however anything in the way of eats will certainly be appreciated. Whatever you can give, we will be glad if you will send it in soon as possible, so we can know something about where we are, you see. We'll also be glad if you will let us know something of the number we may expect to attend from your section. We at Macedonia realize that we have quite a job on our hands; but we are doing it joyfully, and certainly have no other intention only to see it through in real shape by your co-operation and the Lord's help. So we will appreciate any amount you may send, and we will be looking for you Oct. 12th to 17th. Let us get busy about it now.

—Winford Davis.

MYRTLE, Mo., July 30, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I am so glad that I am still in the land of the living and have the privilege of writing to your paper, which I sure do enjoy to read. As I don't see any letters from this section, I thought I'd write again. I like to read letters from our Free Will Baptist brothers and sisters down in Arkansas, but it seems that they have all quit writing.

Our church at Myrtle has been enjoying the blessed labors of Harry Beatty for the past three years. He has wrought a good work, and souls have been saved and firmly established in the Lord. His work has indeed been a labor of love for God and his truth, and his patience and kindness will long be remembered. The joys of this abundant life often come thru the deepest trials. When the waves of oppression roll high and threaten to overflow our pathway, it is then that we more clearly realize our utter helplessness within ourselves and look up with faith in God, and a determination to trust in His promise.

knowing that He can make a way where is no way so far as we can see, except by faith in the Lord. This is the more abundant life and experience which the prophets foretold. Jesus said, "I am come, that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

In the Bible we learned how men and women who were steeped in sin, those who wasted their lives in iniquities and worldly pleasures, those who were hardened in crime, those who wandered from the way of truth and righteousness, and those who hoped to get through to heaven because of their morality and good works became awakened to their lost condition by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. We have seen how such ones have come step by step to the place where they yielded themselves to God and were saved from their sins. We not only have learned how to obtain the salvation of Jesus Christ, but also how to keep it, nevertheless it is a fact that the majority of Christians are living far below their privileges in Christ Jesus.

When the children of Israel had escaped the oppression of Pharaoh by crossing the Red Sea, they were in a country where they had to depend upon God day by day for their food. The manna that came down like the frost or snow, and after each had gathered a sufficient amount for his food for the day, it melted away by the burning heat of the sun. The time came when they crossed over Jordan and entered the land of Canaan, and were then in their own land. This was the land of promise to them, it was that of which the Lord had told Joshua, their leader, saying, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you" (Josh. 1:3). They were admonished to be true followers of the Lord and His word, and to move forward and possess the land. There were enemies in the land, who could be easily conquered; but it required faithfulness, boldness, courage and implicit trust and confidence in God, with obedience, in order to accomplish the desired end. The Lord told Joshua that, if the people would do these things, "there shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; I will be with thee, I will not fail thee nor forsake thee. . . . Be strong and of a good courage; . . . be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whither soever thou goest" (Josh. 1:5, 9). They had many

testing trials and oppressions to meet, but as they were true and obedient, they were victorious. The patriarchs and prophets were tested and tried many times, but by their trueness, they were enabled to accomplish many things through faith, as we find recorded in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, and yet we are told in the last verse of that chapter, that God has provided some better things for us; we live in a better dispensation than that in which the people of those days lived. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son" (Heb. 1:1). And so we all face the privilege of coming directly to the Lord and communing with Him in prayer, and to receive His counsel and blessings, not only can we have the peace of God in our souls at the time of our conversion or deliverance from our sins, but we can also be filled with the Holy Spirit, and it is our privilege to enjoy the same spiritual blessings. The joys of this abundant life often come through the deepest trials, when the waves of oppression roll high and threaten to overflow our pathway, it is then that we more clearly realize our utter helplessness. Sorrow, sickness and afflictions may abound at times, but even for all this the grace of God is sufficient, for one where everything in life is fully submitted to the will of God. We are praying that God will help us to do more for Him in the future, and overcome evil.

Asking you all to pray for us, may God bless all the readers of the Gem, and Brother and Sister Brown.

—Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

COMANCHE, TEXAS, Aug. 11th

Dear Gem Family:

We are glad to report another victory won for the Master.

Our last revival was with Bro. K. V. Shutes of Fort Worth, Texas. We had a real good revival, only nine conversions and five additions to the church. We had everything to contend with during the meeting. First, it was right at the Fourth of July when we started, then the election came next, and the Centennial opened about the last of the meeting. But we thank God for the success we did have. Bro. and Sister Shutes are dear people to work with; I never saw more earnest workers than these dear people of God. We also enjoyed

working with all the church folk. The church has some splendid workers, and may God bless them. We will never forget them.

After closing the meeting, I went home for a few days, and am now at our church near Comanche. It has been more than twenty years since we pastored here, and oh, how glad we are to be with these dear people again! Pray for us here, that God will give us a great victory. The meeting is starting off well.

I am sure a number will be interested in the tent fund. Since we last reported, we have received the following amount, with names:

Mrs. Monnie Willis	.....	\$1.00
Tecumseh church	.....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawlis	....	5.00
Mr. George Webster	.....	5.00
Charles Linza	.....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Hickman	....	1.00
Falha Mission Circle	.....	5.00
Pine Dale Mission Circle	.....	5.00
Mrs. H. H. Jones	.....	1.00
Mrs. J. H. Midcalf	.....	2.50
Mrs. Kate McMillian	.....	1.00
Mrs. Ethel Porter	.....	1.00
Bro. Hyman	.....	1.00
Mrs. Leon Gaskill	.....	2.00
Mrs. Georgia F. Barnes	.....	1.00
Mrs. I. J. Barron	.....	1.00
Mrs. McNew	.....	1.00
Dr. Decocq	.....	3.00
Mrs. A. L. Helms	.....	1.00

We thank each one that has given. We want to be able by the last of the month, if we receive sufficient funds, to get the tent. What a wonderful opportunity for our Mission circles! If the Mission circles would send \$1.00 each, it would soon count up, and if our leagues and Sunday schools would send 50 cents to \$1.00. Oh, how we need the mission spirit right here in our home land! Pray as you read this, and give as God leads you.

Send all funds to Midway, Texas.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

LEADINGTON, MO., Aug. 4th.

Dear Brother Brown:

May this find a place in the Gem.

The 245th St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting met with the Leadington church July 30, 31.

The program was pre-arranged, having for its theme: "God's Call to A Sin Cursed World."

A spiritual introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Mark Lewis, using for a subject, "By Whom Is the Call Given?"

The Thursday session began at

nine o'clock, the conference being called to order by the moderator, Eld. Jas. F. Miller of the Flat River Free Will Baptist church.

Letters were read, delegates seated, and the following officers elected:

Moderator Eld. Jas. F. Miller
Ass't Mod. Eld. Damon Dodd
Clerk Eld. Albert Halbrook

Committees were appointed, and business suspended for the eleven o'clock service.

A wonderful special song was rendered by Sisters Sylvia Wood and Helen Forshee of Desloge and Eld. F. C. Zinn and wife of Pierce City, Mo. Prayer was offered by the moderator, then a wonderful sermon was preached by Eld. J. L. Yancey, having for his subject, "To Whom Does the Call Come?" After this conference was dismissed for the noon hour.

The Thursday afternoon session was called to order by the moderator, with singing of the song, "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus." A special song was rendered by Bro. Jas. F. Miller and wife, which inspired our hearts, and after some important business was transacted, especially concerning mission work, motion carried to adjourn until Friday a. m.

At the Thursday evening service we enjoyed a message by Eld. Howard Jarvis, having for his subject, "Why Does God Call?"

The Friday morning session was called to order by the moderator, with singing of the song, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

At the eleven o'clock service we enjoyed two fine messages delivered by Sister Ruth La Brot and Bro. F. C. Zinn on the subject, "When Does God Call?" After this we were dismissed for dinner.

The Friday afternoon session was called to order by Eld. Damon Dodd. We enjoyed a wonderful testimonial service, God's Spirit being showered down upon us.

At this session two of our licensed preachers of whom we are proud were ordained, they were Brothers Damon Dodd and Ruth La Brot of Flat River.

Also two splendid young men of Desloge were licensed, Bro. Elmer Stegall and Bro. Joe Deweese.

During the morning session Bro. Alvin Halbrook was granted his second year license.

Motion carried that the next session of the Quarterly Meeting be held with Flat River church.

Motion carried to adjourn.

At the Friday night service we heard some wonderful truths brought

out by our moderator, Eld. Jas. F. Miller, on the subject, "The Results of God's Call."

Eld. Jas. F. Miller, Moderator,
Eld. Albert Halbrook, Clerk.

LEADINGTON, MO., Aug. 4th.

Dear Brother Brown:

I am sending you three recommendations that we passed at the 245th session of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting, which convened with the Leadington church July 30-31, 1936. We feel that they will stimulate our Foreign work; and would like to have them printed in the Gem.

They are as follows:

Recommendation No. 1—We recommend that each church in our quarterly meeting, that is not organized for Home Mission work, organize circles and donate 10% of all money received to Foreign Mission work.

Recommendation No. 2—We recommend that a mission board be elected or appointed to visit the churches of our quarterly meeting to advise and encourage the support of the missionaries who are now on the field, also to take offerings and pledges for the Foreign Mission work.

That these visits be made quarterly, also that a message on missions be brought to arouse interest in mission work.

Recommendation No. 3—We also recommend that Mission work be taught in Sunday school, to create an interest with the children, and that an offering be taken at stated times for Mission work in the Sunday school.

Committee { Sister Anna Reed,
Sister Abbie Hughes,
Sister Melvina Huey.

RUDY, ARK., August 10, 1936.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I thank you for giving me room in the Gem for my report.

My husband, Eld. Ben Pixley and Eld. Glenn Dipboye and wife have been in a revival at Davidson, Ark., and I myself, was with them during part of the meeting.

The Zion Hope Association No. 2 began on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August. We had a good Association. Five were saved on Friday night. After the Association closed on Saturday night, the meeting went on till August 9th, and 32 more were saved, making 37 in all.

After a fine sermon Sunday morning by Bro. Dipboye, we had dinner

in the grove, then all went to Mountain Fork Creek, where 14 were baptized, one being a deaf man. It is fine to know that even a deaf mute can feel the power of God. We closed the meeting with good interest.

We will go next to Non, Okla. for a revival, beginning Aug. 15th, God being willing. Pray for us, that God will bless the services.

I am always glad to hear of the wonderful work that is going on.

God, in His wisdom, laid the plan to bring salvation to fallen man; and I do wish we could get them to see that this salvation is full and free.

—Mrs. Ben Pixley.

CHURCH BALKS

BEER LICENSE

From Tulsa Tribune, Aug. 10, 1936.

Representatives from two Baptist churches in the northeast section of the city today appeared before County Judge Jerome Fischer to protest granting of a beer license to Sim Brown, former chief of detectives under the Bowles administration, and M. D. Glidwell.

The hearing was passed until nine a. m. Tuesday, when the protestants asked that a representative from the county attorney's office appear for them.

Brown and Glidwell applied for a beer license under the name of "Big Jack's Bar" at 1029 N. Utica Ave. This is in the vicinity of the North Trenton Baptist church and the Free Will Baptist church. Nearly 50 church members were present to voice their opposition.

This is one of the few cases where protests have been voiced before a beer license was issued.

Judge Fischer refused an application for a beer license to reopen the M. and M. bar at 205 W. Archer St., which he closed last week by revoking the beer license of Tom Miller. A former barkeeper, named Dooley, who testified on behalf of Miller at the hearing last week, asked Judge Fischer to issue him a beer license for the place, but Judge Fischer had already announced that he would not permit the reopening of that particular bar.

August 11, 1936

Heeding the protests of some 75 residents of the North Utica avenue area, County Judge Jerome Fischer today denied a beer license application made by Sim Brown, former chief

of detectives, and M. D. Glidwell.

The two men applied for a license for "Big Jack's Bar" at 1029 North Utica Ave.

The courtroom was packed with men, women and children from that vicinity, who protested against the license.

Rev. Melvin Bingham, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church at 833 N. Utica Ave., and Rev. J. E. Outlaw, pastor of the North Trenton Baptist church, led the protests. Frank Hickman, attorney, represented the protestants who, in a majority, were members of the two churches.

Reverend Outlaw said that his church was three and a half blocks away from the proposed beer parlor, while the other church was a block and a half. He pointed out that there is an unusually large number of children in that area.

"These people who are here this morning represent the biggest business in the world—that of raising families," said Reverend Outlaw.

Walter Griffin, 907 N. Utica Ave., postal clerk, father of five children, told the court that "we're trying to make a decent neighborhood and want to protect our children."

Mrs. C. C. Wilson, 1024 N. Utica Ave., just across the street from the protested tavern, explained that the children play baseball on vacant lots which surround the tavern site and that she and other mothers oppose the idea of a beer parlor being so near the children's recreation spot.

Brown protested to the court that "The case has been misrepresented." He said that there is no residence within 350 feet of the property on the south and none on the north for 500 feet and that the entire block is vacant east of the property, and with vacant lots directly west.

Brown cross-examined Sam Jones, who lives across the street from the property owned by Brown.

"Didn't you have some hard feeling toward me when I sued your mother for \$468?" asked Brown. Jones said he did not.

"Didn't you appreciate it when I marked that judgment paid?" continued Brown. "Yes, I did," said Jones.

"Yes, this is the way you appreciate it," said Brown.

Brown insisted that he could "keep the place clean" if permitted to open.

Hickman suggested that "we have too many beer parlors in resident areas now."

There is no appeal from the county judge's ruling denying the application.

EDDY, TEXAS

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

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 at Long Branch.

We are still on the firing line for God, though we are few in number that are really holding on to God, yet He is still blessing us.

Our revival has just closed. We had a wonderful meeting and want to thank Bro. C. J. Turrentine and Bro. Bill McPhail for helping our pastor, Bro. I. M. Phillips, in the meeting.

We didn't have the results that we desired. You know that we are living in the days of "falling away." We only had two conversions, but several were restored. The Lord was with us in every service with His convicting power; there were people under conviction, but many would turn away.

Yours for Christ,

I. M. Maricle.

FLAT RIVER, MO., Aug. 14th.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

Again we report to the Gem. This writing finds us still at Desloge, Mo. We are in our fifth week here at this place. Have had a wonderful meeting, and 28 have been saved so far, and others are thinking seriously about their soul's salvation. Oh, how we praise the Lord for His goodness homes have been made happy, mothers, fathers, sons and daughters have been saved. Some say the old time religion is gone, but I am made to believe that the one who preaches that old fashioned salvation is gone, has lost his first love.

This meeting is the winding up of our year's work. We have held nine or ten revivals, preached 318 sermons so far, and God has blessed our work.

If any should want us for a revival, get in touch with us, as we always have meetings planned ahead.

Our next meeting will be at Leadington Free Will Baptist church where Bro. Mark Lewis is pastor.

So many churches have lost nearly all their members, prayer meetings have closed, leagues are not prospering—I wonder why. Listen, I'll tell you why. It is impossible to please God except we worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

May God bless and save you all.
Eld. F. C. Zinn, Pierce City, Mo.

GRANBY, MO., Aug. 10, 1936.

Dear Gem Family:

Just a few lines to report the meeting we have just closed at Monarch Springs, a place about five miles east of Neosho, Mo. The place is only a few miles from where I live, but I had never had occasion to be at the place until this meeting. Bro. Frank Linton had been there a few times for appointment services, and found that they needed and wanted a meeting; so he asked me to help him. We have no church there, it is just a union community, and the people were so good to help, and in the short time we were there two souls were saved. At the close of the meeting there were a number who felt that they should follow their Lord in baptism, so on Sunday before closing that night we went to the nearby stream (Hickory Creek), and had a wonderful service there with God's presence felt. We feel like saying that the meeting was worth while.

We are anxious for our associations, both local and State; I do love to be in associations where we all meet together and see what we have done in the past year, and look forward and plan what we might do the coming year. I might say here that I have been kept rather busy the past two months. As statistician of our association, I have tried to visit all the churches in Indian Creek Association, and had a service or two with most all the churches. We find it is something of a task to get a report from each church as we are expected to, but it isn't so difficult when we find the church clerk has kept an accurate record, an account of every thing in detail. Let me suggest here that the pastors urge all the church clerks to put forth a special effort to keep a complete record of all important items, as it will help so much when the statistician next year asks for the report. We were glad to get to visit each church and enjoy a service with them again, and we were permitted to have the wife and children with me on this little tour.

We have just returned from the Old Mt. Zion Association which met with Christian Home church, near Hindsville, Ark., where we met some old friends and acquaintances and met some new folk.

We plan to leave for Union Third Fork church, near St. Joseph, Mo., for our appointment over this week end, the third Sunday, and remaining there for the Northwest Missouri Asso-

elation which convenes with this church next week. And, if the Lord wills, we will return in time to be at Cartersville, Mo. for our own Ass'n.

I ask the prayers of all, that the Lord might lead me into the right field of work for the coming year.

Eld. Kenneth Turner.

GREAT REVIVAL AT NEOLA

I am glad to take pencil in hand to tell you of the great revival the Lord has just given us at our Neola (better known as Mt. Olive) church, seven miles north of Greenfield, Mo. The meeting continued five weeks, lacking two nights. 33 souls were saved, 31 added to the church, and 14 baptized, with more members to be taken in and more yet to baptize. It has certainly put our church there on the map again. We had a church business meeting and elected three deacons, namely: A. W. Hartley, James Vincent and Ottis Martin, also elected a church treasurer, Mrs. Floie Kelley, and re-elected the church clerk, Mrs. Jewell Mayberry. We also elected delegates to their Association, which is the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas. The church is desiring that I take the pastoral care of it for this coming year, which I am expecting to do.

I never met a finer lot of people than I met in that locality. The people of several different denominations worked together wonderfully, including the Cumberland Presbyterian, the Christian, the Missionary Baptist, the Free Will Baptist, etc. This is a union building, with a Free Will Baptist church and a Christian church. There was at one time a Cumberland Presbyterian church in the same building, but it has ceased to function. Our church was getting very, very weak; but it isn't like the same church now. Some real material was taken into the church, of both old and young. Dear old Sister Martin, Bro. and Sister Green, Sister Kelley, and a few others had been keeping things together for a long time, and now they will have some help. Sister Roena Thomas of Hannon church had been pastor for some time, had been very faithful in spite of handicaps; but she declined to take the church for the coming year. She was with us in the meeting part of the time, Sara Marie Talbott, also of the Hannon church, assisted in the musical part almost all through the meeting.

a great help in the meeting. We also had some great street meetings on Saturday afternoons in Greenfield and Stockton, Mo. So we are praising the Lord for another victory over sin, and that the 33 souls came to the altar and wept their way to God. There were two saved and two more at the altar the last night of the meeting, but it looked like I was obliged to close because of other church work.

The future now looks bright for the Central Western Mo. Association, as the churches are building up, and some new preachers are starting out from the Hannon church. We licensed two there last month, which makes six preachers in the Hannon church. We are proud of them all, for they are prospective.

I am planning to attend the Central Western Mo. Association, then the Indian Creek Association at Cartersville, Mo., beginning Sept. 2nd, and let me remind here again that we are looking for you at the State Association at Macedonia October 12th. Don't let these dry times knock you out of coming to the State meeting. Where there is a will there is a way. As we see God's judgments being poured out upon the nation, let us be more determined to work for Him. We are fixing for you.

Love to all,

Winford Davis.

VAN BUREN, ARK., Aug. 16th.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

I have no desire to be "much" heard from; I'd rather, on all occasions, "give place" to my superiors in the ministry, yet it seems necessary to me that some one should report some of the efforts of our little Zion Hope No. 2 Association down here in western Arkansas, it being no consolation of achievement, but rather a performance of duty, that I find myself again reporting this little band of Christian workers.

The body seeing fit to turn the manuscript over to our beloved treasurer to oversee the printing of the minutes of our Association, and not having made a complete set of notes as heretofore, I find myself equipped with only memory to draw from; therefore this report cannot give the details.

The Zion Hope No. 2 Association met in regular annual session with Christian Union church, near David-

the first Sunday in August, 1936.

Many good sermons were heard, many good testimonies were given, many heaven inspired songs were sung. Business was transacted harmoniously, including a much emphasized recommendation to build and equip church houses at our various church locations which are using borrowed school houses, etc., which are being torn down and moved because of consolidation of schools.

Also the Association selected an evangelist to visit and strengthen the churches in our Association, in the person of Eld. Ben Pixley. The churches are each to contribute to the financing of Bro. Pixley's work in his evangelistic capacity.

There were other minor transactions, but best of all, on Friday night five precious souls came into the altar and were gloriously saved, and in the revival immediately following which lasted nine nights, including the three nights of the Association, 40 conversions were reported by Bro. Glenn Dipboye the pastor, who was assisted by Bro. Ben Pixley.

On Saturday night conviction by the Spirit seemed to be the greatest I ever experienced, no one coming to the altar of course, but I couldn't help but feel they'd be blessed with a wonderful meeting at Christian Union church which I afterwards learned materialized.

Feet washing and Communion were enjoyed Saturday night, with people participating, 27 men and women.

The next Association was voted to meet with Pleasant Grove church, five miles north of Uniontown, Ark., beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1937, with Elders Joe B. Lovett and Tommie Robertson to preach the introduction.

Present officers are:

Moderator, Eld. Glenn Dipboye
Ass't Mod., Eld. T. E. Carter
Clerk, Eld. Lloyd Wright
Ass't Clerk, Eld. Steve Egan

Most of the delegates, ministers and deacons your humble servant spoke to felt that this Association was the best in their experience. We are trusting that God, in His wisdom will bless us with more gatherings.

Pray for me when it goes well with you.

F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

STATE LEAGUE OFFICERS

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

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Ethel Newcomer, Greentop, Mo., 1936
Damon Dodd, Elvins, Mo., 1937
Eld. Cecil Campbell, Stella, Mo., 1933

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Eld. E. E. Winfree Hoxie, Ark.
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Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr. Mt'n Grove, Mo.
For N. W. Missouri Association
Chloe Lewis Pattonsburg, Mo.
For S. E. Missouri Yearly Meeting
Eld. Ruth La Brot Flat River, Mo.
Field Worker at Large
Eld. Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo., R1.

ABOUT LEAGUE REPORTS

As we arrange our League reports for this month, we must apologize for not getting some of the reports in the August issue of the Gem. We have been very busy the last few weeks, have been having a revival here at our church in Monett for the past four weeks.

Hope each league will have a good report for both the local and the State Association.

Yours for Christ,

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

REPORT OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI LEAGUE ASSOCIATION

By Eld. Damon Dodd, Sec.-Treas.

Elvins, Mo., July 23, 1936.

The Free Will Baptist League Association of Southeast Missouri met with Mine La Motte League, July 21, 1936, in its Seventh Annual meeting, and its 28th business session.

Called to order by the president, Sylvia Wood.

Song, "Where We'll Never Grow Old"
Scripture reading, Psalm 105 by Bro. Raymond La Brot.

Prayer Eld. Jim Miller
Welcome Address. Alta Matthews
Response George Matthews

Desloge League was represented in song by Sylvia Wood and Helen Ruth Forshee singing a duet.

Topic No. 1—"Are we, as a League Convention, utilizing our opportunities?" Discussion by Elmer Stegall of Desloge and Eld. Mark Lewis of Leadington.

Fredericktown League was unprepared to sing, due to the inability of their leader, Bro. Tom Mills, to practice with them. Bro. Mills met with an accident while at his work. The League Convention sincerely sympathizes with him.

Enrollment was as follows:

Leadington	11
Wortham	0
Flat River	30
St. Louis	0
Desloge	4
Fredericktown	22
Mine La Motte	29
Visitors	34
Total No. present	130

An offering of \$1.30 was taken

BUSINESS SESSION

Report of the Interest committee was called for. Chairman, Eld. Mark Lewis reported that the committee was not organized and unable to report, therefore, the committee was automatically dismissed.

Voted to hold the next League Convention at the Leadington church, October 20, 1936.

In regard to the Topic committee, motion made and sustained that we leave the matter of selecting topics for the Convention program with the League with which the meeting convenes. Carried by unanimous vote.

Motion carried that the president be empowered to appoint delegates to the State League Association.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

The program was then continued.

Song Leadington League
Wortham was not represented.

Topic No. 2—"Application of Ex. 4:2 in our League Work." Very ably discussed by Mrs. Glenn Rogers of Mine La Motte League.

Song "Working Every Day"

Flat River League

Parliamentary Drill by Fredericktown Juniors. This drill was exceptionally well rendered and thoroughly enjoyed. Number "He's Coming After Me"

Mine La Motte League

Special song, Lindell and G. Rogers
Song, Flat River Male Quartet

Motion carried to adjourn.

Closed with League Benediction.

REPORT OF AURORA LEAGUE

Esther Apple, Reporter

It is with thankful hearts that we offer this report. The Lord has blessed abundantly in the league work at Aurora, and the lessons are soul-inspiring and very helpful.

We certainly enjoy the reports of other leagues, even though we are

miles apart, the Spirit of the Lord may abide with us each time we meet.

We elected officers the fourth Sunday in June. They are:

President Lucille Conn
Vice Pres. Lena Hamby
Sec.-Treas. Catherine Apple
Group Captain Nola Apple
Quizz Leader Harlan Barnes
Chorister Margaret Apple
Junior Sponsor Clarabelle Roberts

We ask an interest in your prayers that we may show to the world what a group can do who are wholly resigned to the will of God.

REVIVAL MEETING

Report of a Four Weeks' Revival Meeting, Held Under the Gospel Tent at Monett, Missouri.

Eld. Edd Friend was our evangelist. God wonderfully blessed throughout.

As is always the case, the enemy was on the job, and at different services it looked like he was going to win the victory, but God answered our earnest prayers and gave us the victory.

People came to the meeting who never go inside a church house. One man and his wife, with their four children were saved, all united with the church, and were baptized. 36 conversions and renewals were reported, 12 additions to the church, and others expect to join later.

Bro. Friend has many friends in Monett. We pray that God will continue to bless his labors.

The tent is being taken down today, August 17th, to be used again at Carterville, to shelter the Indian Creek Association, when it convenes Sept. 2. It will also be used by the Mo. State Association which begins at Macedonia church, Oct. 12th, if God wills.

May God continue to bless His work.

—O. T. Allred.

GRAHAM, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brother and Sister Brown:

I was very glad to visit the State of Missouri, and the Gem office.

We came out there to visit Bro. and Sister Sam Stafford, dear friends of ours. And I was very glad to meet Bro. and Sister Brown.

I am a little boy twelve years old, and a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Clemscot, Oklahoma.

Pray for me, that I may ever be found doing the Lord's work. And I ask the prayers of all the Christian people for my father, as he is a minister.

GRAHAM, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brother and Sister Brown:

I have been wanting to write a few lines to the Gem for a long time, so I will give you a report of our revival we held at Clem-scot, closing Sunday night.

We had Bro. J. O. Hudson of Blanchard, Okla. to do the preaching. He has only been preaching about four years, but he is a good preacher. We had a two weeks' revival, with services day and night. Bro. Hudson is a real God called minister and as sound a Free Will Baptist as I ever met.

We had ten conversions, the Christians all revived up, and we heard lots of shouting during the revival.

Bro. Hudson believes in old time repentance, and then living a clean life in the church.

Dear Christian friends, I think we should wake up to our sense of duty. Our preachers seem to be doing their duty, most of them, and I am afraid some of us are going to be responsible for some things we might have done, and going to some places we should have shunned, for instance, to picture shows and those dirty swimming pools. I am thankful that I have never had on a bathing suit, and I don't think we can live double lives and go to Heaven.

Well, we closed our revival with Communion and feet washing, with 17 women and 23 men taking part.

We have called Bro. Hudson as pastor, and I think he will do good. Of course we all love Bro. and Sister Maynard. They have almost finished their race, having raised twelve children, eleven of them to be grown men and women, all working for the Lord, and one girl is a preacher. Bro. Maynard has been our pastor for a long time, so we thought it best to relieve him, as he is in ill health, but we still love him, and he has accomplished a good work at Clem-scot.

Goodbye to all you Gem folks, and God bless you all, is my prayer.

Mrs. John Newberry.

OAKLAND, MO., Aug. 14, 1936.

Dear Editor and Wife, and Gem Readers: As I am having to change the address for my Gem paper, I feel impressed this morning to write a letter. I am so glad to tell you that I am still enjoying the old fashioned religion and am glad I ever started in this way.

I enjoy reading the Gem very much,

it is just like getting a letter from home. There are many good articles in it, but when you are personally acquainted with the writer, I think it makes a difference. I always glance through the Gem, and read the writings from those I am acquainted with first, then the others, and I read every word in the paper.

I am so glad I have been able to take the Gem. Now, you may ask some to subscribe for the paper, and they will say, "How much is it?" and when you tell them it is 50c per year, they will tell you that is awful high. Then you can ask them if they take any papers, and they will admit that they take a daily and two or three others that cost a dollar or more per year, the daily costing them better than \$3.00 per year; yet they can't pay 50c a year for the Gem. It doesn't have enough worldly matter in it.

I am so thankful that I can say I have a good Christian lady to stay with, who loves to serve God in Spirit and in truth.

I ask that each one that reads this will remember me in prayer, that I may ever live a daily life to please my Savior, and may I so live and walk in this old world of sin and sorrow, that I may cause sinners to seek God and at last to so live that when my dear blessed Savior calls, I can answer the call with joy and go sweeping through the gates of glory rejoicing in a Savior's love.

We see so much sin around us, that we wonder why God is so merciful as to let this old world stand, then we have the thought; O what weeping and what wailing, if He should say that time should be no more. But sometimes how homesick and anxious we are to go home and be with Jesus and the blessed angels.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us all live humbly at the feet of Jesus and know the worth of prayer. Sometimes when everything goes wrong, and we feel so discouraged, if we would only steal away for a talk with our blessed Master, what a relief it is, and O, the joy it will bring to us!

May God ever, bless Sister Lina Claxton. O how we thank God for such good old fashioned mothers, not that there are no others whom we could name, but we have known her all our lives. And we are also praying that God will see fit to restore Sister Emma Pryor to health again. O what a help she has been to us in living a Christian life.

May God bless all our ministering brethren this wide world over, and

every child of God, is the prayer of Miss Daisy Raper.

BOWNE MONT, W. VA., Aug. 16

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

It is two weeks yet until our next quarterly meeting; and, as we failed to get a report in this issue of the Gem, I thought I would write a few lines now, for if I wait till after the quarterly meeting, it won't get in the September paper.

Last night was our regular church meeting and the time to elect a pastor for the ensuing year, and as our dearly beloved pastor, Rev. C. E. Lee, is afflicted and not able to pastor a church, it was necessary for us to call another pastor; so we called a young preacher that belongs to our little church, Rev. E. L. Bowman, trusting that we all will stand by him, and that the older preachers of our church will help him instead of not having anything to do with him. I have had 37 years of experience in church work, and the worst thing that can get into a church is a bunch of jealous hearted preachers.

I belonged to a church one time and of course it was a Free Will Baptist church, for I never belonged to any other. We had five preachers and we tried to please them all, but they would only come to church when their time came to preach; so you know that they did not have the welfare of the church at heart, neither the welfare of lost souls. But I trust and pray that it won't be that way in our little church this year, I am hoping that every preacher and every member, and all of the Christians that come to the little church, may know nothing but Jesus and His love.

Tonight Bro. Lee is to preach his last sermon as our pastor this year, and we mean to take the sacrament and wash feet, hoping it will help us to understand each other better and love each other more, but love God supremely above all others.

Brethren and sisters, pray for us. You may not know what a few words that you may say, or what good an honest prayer might do; so let's all try to help each other, and by so doing make our community a better place to live in, and by our love one to another, prove to the world that Christianity abides with us.

Just yesterday wife and I received a card from Aunt Lina Claxton, sister in Christ we have never before just got acquainted with her through the Gem, and it brought much joy

our hearts to know that there are still some dear old Christian mothers.

I will close by saying I need the prayers of those I love, or I want my friends to pray for me.

—F. E. Nicholas.

A SERMON

POTTAGE TO EAT

By Eld. Wm. Reeves

I want to write briefly on the subject that is on my heart this morning. I am thinking of food, spiritual food, which is so much needed. I am thinking of the abundant supply there is in the store house of God.

I wish to call your attention to 2 Kings 4:38-41, where Elisha, a servant of God, a messenger to his people, a prophet of God, looked upon the sons of the prophets in Gilgal, and saw that they were hungry..

Now Elisha was a servant who loved his people, and had a desire to help them, as God had showed him. God also loved His people, just as He has proved to us that He loves us today, by His Son which He gave, by His Spirit of peace and love that comes into our lives.

Elisha said to his servants (v. 38), "Go into the fields and gather herbs for pottage, that they may eat." Elisha was a prophet crying to a rebellious people to repent of their sins. This messenger had servants or helpers, which in our day would be a body of workers or believers, a church; we have plenty of Israelites in the world today, but only a few crying prophets. Oh, may God help us to become messengers with tears for the lost.

We see the pastor as he looks upon the Israelites or sons of the prophets. We have multitudes of prophets and sons today, as there was in that day, that are not servants of God. Elisha had compassion on them, loved them, as a true minister loves the souls of all men.

He (the pastor) says to the servants or church, "Branch out into the fields and gather food, that all may eat." The question then is asked, "How can a church branch out into the fields and gather food?" How true it is that a church cannot gather herbs of the world and have spiritual food! But we can gather herbs for food by obeying the word that is taught of God—See Luke 13:24; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Tim. 4:12; 1 Thess. 5:17; St. John 15:12, and many other Scriptures. God expects the simple things to confound the wise. The world

today is hungry for love, food for the soul, that is so near, yet untouched.

We see the servants as they go out to work, we also see that the Devil goes too. While these are working, the best they can, we see others (as Bro. Davis said in the last Gem), the careless Christians, are in the field too. We see so many things today that are enticing, that we sometimes want to see and understand more about. The servant found a wild gourd vine that looked good, a "no harm" gourd can scarcely be told from the good herb by looking at it.

The servants return with the herbs, the church has been gathering food, pottage is made ready to feed the hungry (revival starts). I want to refer to the report in last month's Gem of the church at Tulsa, Okla., where Bro. Bingham is pastor; they surely have been out gathering food for the hungry, souls have been fed, the church has power.

Going back to our story. As the pottage was being passed out, just as the Gospel is being preached to the filling of hungry souls, the wild gourd begins to take effect, and they begin to cry, "There is poison in the pot!" The thing that looked so good is now bringing death; people are perishing, being deceived by idolaters. I asked a young man why he didn't give his life to God; and he answered, "Tell me what to believe. I go to this one and he tells me his way is right and all others are wrong. I go to others and they say the same thing, and they all differ." Brethren, I have been made to believe that this carelessness has barred the progress of the church. Theories, ideas and customs have caused people to lose confidence in the church.

But Elisha knew the cure. He didn't go through a great big maneuver or great miraculous motions or words to prove the power of God was with him, but he did the simple thing. He said to his servant, "Bring me some meal." He could have cried out to God and God could have healed them. The servant brought the meal to Elisha and he put it into the pot, then said, "Dish out and eat." So they ate of it, and it was good.

Now brethren, if Elisha had performed some great emotional action, as the sounding of a trumpet, Israel would have been stirred and Elisha would have been honored.

Now, when everything looks bad, dark and dangerous, the simplest thing will do the work—let us all pray.

Now, may I ask you this question.

How can we get the church to pray? Remember us in prayer.

A SERMON

Theme: "Spiritual Power."

By Eld. F. C. Zinn

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" Acts 1:8.

What is meant by spiritual power? Not personal magnetism, eloquence, learning, not human attainment., but a divine gift, the possession of the Spirit of power. The Greek word for power means dynamic.

The evidence of the need of spiritual power—When we begin to look around us today, we can see the need of spiritual power. First, the sad condition of the churches. Where there is spiritual power in the church, there must first be harmony with God, unity among members, victory over sin, testimony for Christ, influence for Christ going out from the church every day. Can we say our church doesn't need this spiritual power?

How we get spiritual power—We must earnestly desire it, put away sin, uncover the golden wedge, take the hide off of some of the old moss back church members who have been in the church until they think nobody else has any right there, who wont get in and enjoy salvation, nor let any one else in. Enthroned Christ again in the church, let Him be the center of your attraction, instead of other things which have crept in and taken His place.

Obey the Spirit—"Quench not the Spirit." The same God who said, "Thou shalt not steal," said also, "Quench not the Spirit."

The result of having spiritual power—We shall have victory over sin. If you have some trouble in your church, which I am made to believe you have, all I have ever been in have trouble, start you a revival and fast and pray until you get spiritual power and you will begin to get results right away. Trouble just wont stay where there is spiritual power. Then your church will have boldness in testimony. You wont have to say, "Who will be next to testify?" for everybody will want to testify.

Your church will also become influential for Christ, and people can see the Christ in the church and want to come in and be with you.

The Cry of Latin America, "We Would See Jesus."

By Rev. T. H. Willey, Our Missionary to South America.

In going forth adventuring for Christ in a new field, we stake all on the thesis that Christ is the only adequate remedy for a sick world. The task confronting the true ambassador of Christ is to truly represent Him in a land where He is sadly misrepresented. I have had occasions to observe many times on the upper slopes of the Andes this misrepresentation, observations, that to tell here, there might be many in this enlightened land that would doubt, they are almost unbelievable, they are so dark. I have seen and listened the night through to the weird wail of the Indian flute, hour after hour the monotonous jiggling music. Day in and day out, night in and night out, the celebration continues till the gutters are lined with drunken Indians. The liquor they are filled with having been sold for the glory of God and the honor of the saints. They have a Christ of a sort in the temple, but to be appreciated, the "Christ" must be seen. An image of carved wood, usually life size, almost naked, bloody, bruised, repulsive, hanging on a cross, this is the only Christ most of them know. These poor ignorant people prefer the pleasant and comely Mary and the well dressed saints. The Virgin Mary is given a beautiful face, dressed in rich robes and decorated with costly jewels; she is the center of attraction, the object of worship; but Christ is another matter, a bruised and broken spectacle to move one to grief and crushing despair, so ghastly, hideous, repulsive are the characters of the Savior of a sick world. I have seen perspiring men staggering down the street under the ton weight of a platform bearing a gilded virgin, a load heavy enough to overload a truck, these folk were doing "Church work."

I rode into a village in the Marañon valley in company with three other missionaries just as darkness had fallen, and on hearing the most terrific screaming and yelling, we reined our mounts under the shadow of a high wall and looked upon a blood curdling scene, an unorganized mob of natives dressed in grotesque masks with burning torches in their hands in the midst of a religious celebration, all in the name of Christianity.

I would not desire to be unduly harsh and critical of a religious mo-

tive, but I have observed in this country a dear old Catholic woman with shoulders stooped with hard work and hands knotted with hardship kneeling at early morning mass when millions of so called Protestant Christians were too lazy to get up for the preaching service at eleven o'clock—shame, shame, shame! We say they are in error, if so, are we guiltless? But the Catholics of the United States would be appalled at the scenes of ignorance and superstition and idolatry in the land of a DEAD CHRIST.

There are those over there who are awakening. I have a dear friend in Ecuador, David Clark, a missionary. He told me last year of one dear man whom he had been enabled to lead to Christ, an official, one of the class that has rejected the sham I have described. This man, a devout and humble Christian, was promoted to a governmental position, did he compromise, as some of our own people do? No, he purchased a hundred Bibles and wrote a beautiful tribute to the Book that meant so much to him and presented one to every employee under him. Shortly after his promotion he was approached by an editor who offered him a substantial bribe. Immediately, with indignation, the editor was escorted to the door over his protests and threats. The Catholic who really finds Christ excels us in devotion; he, as a usual thing, is by far more reverent than our own people.

Bishop Miller of the Methodist Episcopal church relates the following illustration of a wonderful class that needs to be reached in South America, and are not being reached so rapidly:

"An intellectual leader of South America was telling his experience in the course of a lecture before a group of men. He was related to no church and frankly knew very little about Protestant churches of any sort. He was the author of a book on the social applications of Christianity, a work based on first principles and personal observations, rather than on research or the comparative findings of other scholars. How he himself had come to personal relations with the Christ of whom he spoke.

"Of institutional Christianity he

had had more than enough in the superstitions and intellectual blight that he had known from childhood. Masses, incense, images, prescribed beliefs, prohibited thinking. Thinking for one's self had brought him no satisfaction of mind nor heart. But steadily he began to push out his way against the barriers of intolerance and reaction, and to find an inner assurance that it was safe to disregard the inflexible prescriptions and reach out after God in his own way. Slowly he began to find a way that led to clearer light.

"With all this there was a haunting sense of something ahead not yet attained, that drew him steadily onward. Rest for the mind he sought in a new philosophy of life of God and man and the universe. Faith began to be, not an iron band about the imprisoned mind, but a glorious adventure, a seeking after God. Here at last was life and hope with something not far away that would yet answer his questions and give rest to his heart. So matters went on till there came a day before Easter, and during the night that followed, he found himself one of a throng in a Greek church, witnessing the stately ceremonies that precede the resurrection day. Chants, processions, prayers, shadows, and pageantry wore away the hours, none of it meaning very much to the visitor. About three o'clock in the morning, the lights burst forth, the black curtains and robes fell away, and in one great chant of triumph, choir and multitude broke forth in the shout of victory, "Christ is risen, Christ is risen!" It was dramatic in the extreme, but it was not the light nor the color nor the drama that suddenly struck thru the soul of this earnest seeker. It was something deeper and more sublime, a sudden sense that Christ had risen in himself, that Christ is living, actual, Divine Presence was with and in him; the resurrection had taken place in his own heart and then and there this man knew for himself that he had come to accept as a reasoned dogma, "Christ is risen in me."

This man had, in his gropings, seen Christ Jesus, and there are many thousands like him, who are saying to us as we go, "Sirs, we would see Jesus," as did those early seekers in quest of the Christ.

Sanctification

By John B. Rollins, Purdy, Missouri

There are many "contrasts" recorded in the Bible, for example: God and the Devil; Life and Death; Righteousness and Sin; Christ and Antichrist. But the great doctrine of Sanctification is within itself, a double; that is, it is an act accomplished by man himself—"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am the Lord your God" (Lev. 20:7; Lev. 11:44; 1 Sam. 16:5), and it is an act accomplished by God—"May the very God of peace sanctify you wholly" (1 Thess. 5:23).

In studying a complete concordance in connection with a Greek and Hebrew Lexicon, we find that in every text in the Old Testament embracing the verb "sanctify" in its varied tenses and its noun forms, "sanctification, sanctuary, sanction, etc." are translated from the Hebrew word *quadash* (Kaw dash') which is a primitive root, "to be clean." Causatively, to make clean, to pronounce clean, or to observe as clean, ceremonially and morally: also to consecrate, dedicate, hallow, be holy and keep holy, purify, and sanctify.

Some of the Hebrew derivatives are *quodesh* (Ko'desh) which means a sacred place or thing, holy, saint, sanctuary. *quadash* (Kaw dashe') means a sacred person, devotee. In the New Testament, every text related to the doctrine of sanctification is translated from the Greek word *Agios* (Hag' ee os) which means sacred. Physically it means pure, morally it means blameless or religious, ceremonially it means consecrated, also most holy, and saint. The Greek derivative, *Agiazō* (hag ee ad'zo) means to make holy; ceremonially, to purify or consecrate; mentally, to venerate, be holy, sanctify.

Agiasmos (hag ee as mos')—the state of purification, holiness, sanctification.

Agion (hag'ee on)—a sacred thing, holiest of all.

The English definition for sanctify is to make sacred or holy, set apart to sacred use, purify and exalt as by God's grace, free from sin or evil, make the means of holiness. Huge volumes may be written upon this subject and yet one word may be employed to tell the whole story. That word is *Holiness*—and the Bible states that without holiness no man shall see the Lord (Heb. 12:14).

In studying the meanings of the

words pertaining to sanctification in three different languages, it may be well to note that neither of the conditions of the definitions of sanctification can be attained until there is a cleansing from sin.

"Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands ye sinners; and purify your hearts ye double minded" (James 4:8).

By the strict analysis we have concerning the word, it may be well said that the great doctrine of sanctification begins with the regeneration of the soul in the new birth, but to say that sanctification is at its fullness at regeneration is to contend in error, for the truth of the matter is that, when regeneration has been accomplished, sanctification has merely begun. Jesus said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." This is a gift of life in the conversion of the soul. Then He said, "Take my yoke upon you . . . and you shall find rest unto your souls" (Matt. 11:28, 29). This soul-rest is found in a consecration for service by putting the yoke on. It is not obtained in conversion. Sanctification involves the deeper experiences in grace and a close walk with God. When we are regenerated, born again, the obstacles of a Christian life are not removed from our pathway; we receive forgiveness of sins, but the problems of overcoming the daily hindrances of a Christian life are met only in the deeper experience in grace, called sanctification. Sanctification is not a second work of grace, for it is a continuation of the first. It is not a definite work of grace only in the sphere of its definiteness in overcoming a specific obstacle, while every day of a man's life he needs this wisdom to choose between good and evil (1 Cor. 1:30), and the great significance of sanctification is involved in the Hebrew word *quadash*—"be holy and keep holy."

One side of the subject is that man must sanctify himself and make himself holy. "Sanctify yourselves and be ye holy." "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts" (1 Peter 3:15).

Man is not qualified to do these things when he comes to God as a sinner to receive forgiveness of sin in regeneration, and he cannot sanctify the Lord God in his heart until regeneration is realized. When regen-

eration is realized, a Christian race is to be run and that race cannot be successfully run until we "lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us" (Heb. 12:1). These things are obstacles to a Christian life, and they must be laid aside, and it is man's part to lay them aside.

When a man has sanctified the Lord God in his heart, and has sanctified himself to God's service, then God sanctifies the man, and not merely God but each member of the Divine Trinity sanctifies man.

1. Sanctified by the Word of God and prayer (1 Tim. 4:5). To be thus sanctified means a lot. The Bible teaches the great doctrine of giving of our substance to the work of God (Rom. 12:13; 3 John 5:8; Gal. 6:10; 1 Cor. 16:13). Our Baptist people meet and sing of what wondrous things would come to pass if we all would do these things, then we go to our home church and have ice cream socials to "make money for God." Such inconsistent practices are undermining the truth of God and are far from being sanctified by God.

2. Sanctification by the blood of Christ. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). "For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Heb. 9:13, 14). In the blood of Christ is involved the cleansing element of the Atonement—it cleanses and keeps clean.

3. Being sanctified by the Holy Ghost (Rom. 15:16), the one who guides into all truth and testifies of Christ (John 16:13, 14).

Man must completely and unreservedly sanctify (yield) himself to God, then God sanctifies man to His service with an entire sanctification, involving the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Now what is there that is more complete and entire than this? Yet some theological Pop-guns continue to tell us that man must sin a little every day. But why was there a way of escape made for every temptation? No, my friend, atonement is not in vain! If you are sinning every day, you have not sanctified yourself, neither has God sanctified you. We recommend to you, therefore, sanctification—a close walk with God.

God's People Are A Peculiar People

By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Mo.

Dear Editor and Wife, and Christian Friends: I am so glad today, July 9, 1936, to have this privilege of testifying for my Lord and Master, who is still blessing me from His bountiful store house, giving me relief funds when I come to Him believing that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, and believe on His promises.

While I have received many blessings in many ways since I talked to you a month ago, meeting with loved ones whom I had not talked with for better than 40 years when we lived neighbors and shared each others joys and sorrows. Just last Sunday I greeted her with a kiss of charity, and I thought, how beautiful heaven must be when we meet with loved ones there in the glory land, but so long as we stay here, we have a mixture of joys and sorrows. Just this morning a little four year old boy was struck by a car in sight of our door, and killed instantly. While it would have been worse, had it been some old sinner who had not made peace with God, oh I plead with you, if you have not made peace with God, to read Amos 4:12, "Prepare to meet thy God."

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 25:13).

"Blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing" (Matt. 24:46).

Oh mothers, are we leading our little children on the right side of the road? Had this poor mother stopped, looked, listened, and had been leading them on the right side of the road, this might not have happened. This leads our minds to spiritual things. Isaiah speaks of an highway (Isa. 35:2), "The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

"The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul" (Prov. 16:16)

I am thinking just now of what our good Lord said about His people (Exo. 6:7), "And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am

the Lord your God."

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God" (Rev. 21:3).

Verse 7—"He that overcometh shall inherit all things: and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

Verse 8—"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Oh God, help us to overcome evil with good, that we may inherit all things!

"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a separate people unto himself, above every people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people: for ye were the fewest of all people: but because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage" (Deut. 7:6-8)

"And the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself" (Deut. 14:2).

"No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you" (Job 12:2).

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee" (Titus 2:13-15).

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

"For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today if you will hear his voice, harden not your heart" (Psa. 95:7).

So we find that the dear Lord ex-

pects us to be a peculiar people. I have studied about this word peculiar, and got the dictionary and found that it means "particular." So I could see at once that we as church members are not particular where we go, what we say, and what we do; but the Lord said, "My people are a peculiar (particular) people." If we are traveling the highway, we are particular to notice the signs and stay on the right side of the road, then when in a city, notice the flash light, stop-go, and we know to obey, or we will be in danger. So God has given us the ten commandments, sufficient for every need: "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy," and ball games are kept up by a majority of church members; but Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice, and a stranger they will not follow." Because they are a particular people, they know His voice, they know He is God, and the only one who is able to save, and keep us saved.

Oh, dear people, let us be particular about the Book, the Holy Bible. If a lot of people would be peculiar about their reading, instead of reading those old magazines and novels, and read the Word of God, which tells you how to dress, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel" (1 Tim. 2:9).

"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God" (Deut. 22:5). You see we need to be particular people, to please our Father in heaven. Look what Paul told Timothy about widows; he was particular.

"Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplication and prayer night and day . . . well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work" (1 Tim. 5:5, 10).

The Lord's people are a peculiar people, which Christ exhorteth to prayer, and in Matt. 7:13, He tells us which gate is the particular gate: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." And He is particular to tell us why: "Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life: and few there be that find it."

The Word of God is a wonderful

Book, the Holy Bible, which tells us everything needful to get to that mansion He is preparing for a peculiar people; it tells us how to build: Be very particular about the foundation, it must be on the Solid Rock, Christ Jesus, the only sure foundation. Some folks say you can't live a holy life, but He said, "Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord." No, you can't be holy as long as you buy tickets at this wide gate that leads to destruction, and "many there be which go in thereat."

Oh, church members, who having put your name on the church book, but left your heart in the world! I heard a truthful woman say that her daughter-in-law paid six dollars for a seat at a certain ball game. Poor thing, she perhaps has never heard about this strait gate and narrow way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it.

Oh preacher, tell the world about this narrow way, and that Jesus has paid their fare, and how beautiful Heaven must be. God's Word teaches us that we must be a separate people; "Come out from among them." You'll sure have to swing out clear, not even touch the unclean thing; and God has said, "I will receive you."

I think just now of a song which my mother used to sing:

*"Broad is the road that leads to death,
And thousands walk together there;
But wisdom shows a narrow path,
With here and there a traveler."*

Dear Gem readers, pardon me for talking so long; and pray for us, that we may never leave this narrow path; because this old time religion, this peculiar people, the good Lord speaks about, will go sweeping through the gates into the city where we'll never grow old.

Your unworthy servant,
Aunt Lina Claxton.

TULSA CHURCH REPORT

By Mrs. Evelyn Miller, Reporter

While we are still suffering from the effects of the extreme heat, and feel our weakness before the Lord more than ever before, yet we want to try to do our bit for the Master.

Old Satan is doing his part in trying to keep us down—he is taking advantage of these idle hours that some are spending in the shade trying to keep cool. He is not idle, neither is he weakening; so let us as Christians awake out of our slumber and buckle on the whole armor of God and march forth to the battle. Some-

thing comes to pass each day that causes us to think that our race is almost run, and our prayer is that we will hold out to the end.

In a very miraculous manner a revival broke out at Tulsa church, after two red hot sermons by Bro. Melvin. Several made their way to the altar and three of the number were saved.

Oh, how we have felt the need of a reviving spirit, something to draw people back to the church, and to God! Of course some are sick in hospitals and can't attend, but I fear that too many of us grow negligent through the hot months; consequently our Sunday school record takes a tumble, our church seats are nearly empty, and our church treasury suffers as well, for people's pocket books just will not come to church unless we come and bring them.

So, when you outside people read this, just breathe a prayer for the success of our revival which we hope runs quite a while, or until every one gets back to where God would have us to be.

Bro. Melvin had previously announced his intention of preaching one night each week in some of the other churches, but our revival will change his plan indefinitely.

Our delegates are back from the Association and Camp meeting at New Home church and report a good meeting.

Remember us in prayer.

A HAPPY EVENT

A lawn social was given under the tall sugar maples at the O. T. Fast home Wednesday, July 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock p. m., when Mrs. Nelle Fast entertained the primary department of the Verdella Baptist Sunday school in honor of her birthday which occurred on that date.

Sixteen guests were present to enjoy the short program, stories and games.

Mrs. Dixie Eccher and Mrs. Ruby Reed aided Mrs. Fast in entertaining and serving, ice cream, cake and lemonade to her little visitors.

Those present besides the hostess were: Rose, Dixie Mae and Warren Eccher, Ruby, Joan and Thayne Fast, Ruth, Olive, Vasco, Howard, Wayne, Blaine and James Fast, James, John and Joseph Reed.

The children's happy faces when bidding Mrs. Fast goodbye were proof of the good time they had enjoyed.

SCHOOL NEWS

of

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the National Association was in session on August 18, 1936, at Cofers Chapel church, Nashville, Tenn. The following members were present, namely: J. L. Welch; T. B. Mellette, J. W. Alford, and W. L. Moretz proxy for Melvin Bingham. Due to a heat stroke, which affected Rev. Bingham, he delegated to the chairman and the secretary of the Board the authority to appoint his proxy.

A hearing was given Mr. Edgar Grier secretary of the Weaverville, N. C. Chamber of Commerce, concerning the proposition of the Free Will Baptist becoming the owners of the Weaver College property located at Weaverville, N. C. Too, Rev. W. L. Moretz who represents a heart felt interest in the behalf of the Free Will Baptist denomination was heard concerning the property.

The Board thereupon resolved to appoint another day upon which all parties concerned and all parties interested of our denomination, and those connected with the Weaver College property may attend and make further investigation of said property.

The following was passed by the Board: Resolved, That this Board of Education of the National Association arrange a conference with the trustees of Brevard College, Brevard, N. C. for the purpose of investigating plans as submitted by the Brevard College Trustees concerning the Weaver College property at Weaverville, N. C., and we ask and make petition that the School Board of Trustees of the National Association of Free Will Baptist meet with us, the date to be announced.

Be it further Resolved, That we invite the Executive Committee of the National Association to meet and advise with the Board in the planning and changing the location of a college for the Free Will Baptist National Association.

T.B. Mellette, Sec.-Treas., Blakely, Ga.

NOTICE

In the conference of the Board of Education of the Free Will Baptist denomination, recently held with the Cofers Chapel church, Nashville, Tenn., one of the items passed was the following, namely: Owing to a lack of funds to begin the operation of a Bible and Junior College this fall, and owing to the fact that we are considering another proposition for a college location, we indorse the operation of Zion Bible School, Blakely, Ga., for another year, 1936-1937, or until we are able to operate a college under the auspices of the National Association Board of Education, and encourage the support of the same.

T.B. Mellette, Sec.-Treas., Blakely, Ga.

WORLD GOVERNMENT

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ernment.

This will be the ending of the Times of the Gentiles, the ending of man's rule, the end of human government. Then will come forth the Son of Man with power and great glory, and the "government shall be upon his shoulder."

Then will be given unto Him "dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, and nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." Praise His Name.

What a glorious future awaits the people of God! No wonder Paul called the coming of the Lord a comforting hope. "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."

Swords will be beaten into plowshares, and nations shall learn war no more. Out of trouble shall come joy, eternal joy, out of darkness shall go forth light. In the place of groans, and tears, and death, shall be songs of joy and a glorious Peace. He that sits upon the throne shall make all things new.

"Write," says the Son of God, "for these words are true and faithful." It is not a poetic dream, but a divine revelation. It is not the raving of a disordered brain, but the very truth of Almighty God.

Be not deceived—what God has spoken will surely come to pass. "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

If any who read these words are unsaved, we exhort you to "seek the Lord while he may be found, and call on him while he is near." If there is any uncertainty in your mind, we would admonish you to "give all diligence to make your calling and election sure."

Soon the day of grace will be over. Soon the terrors of divine judgment will be in the earth. The end of all things may be near at hand; therefore "be ye sober, and watch unto prayer." We leave this final word with you. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

DIRECTIONS TO MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

In going to Macedonia church from Monett, take highway 37 directly south four (4) miles, or to the Midway store and Service Station. There take the left hand road and go two (2) miles east, or to the second cross roads, there take the right hand, and go directly south to the church, which is two (2) miles.

In going to Macedonia from Purdy, take Farm to Market road, letter "B" directly east one (1) mile, or to the first left hand road, and follow the main traveled road, which is a winding road, and you can't miss the church. The church is eight miles southeast of Monett, and 3½ miles northeast of Purdy. All the above mentioned roads are strictly all-weather roads.

There will be somebody on the grounds Monday to receive you, and lunch will be served Monday evening to those desiring it. We will be expecting you Monday evening, October 12th. Don't disappoint us.

Sincerely,

Winford Davis.

WANTED

A statistician for Union Association, must be a member of said Association.

All associations of the Missouri State Association have their statisticians, except Union Association.

Any one who will volunteer, please write me and I shall be happy to send report blanks and information needed.

Yours for the State work,
Tommie Franklin, State Statistician,
Desloge, Mo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPEWELL Association will be held with Hopewell Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1936.
Dorothy Ford, Clerk, Denison, Texas.

DIBBLE Association will be held with Bridge Creek Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1936.
Shay Richey, Clerk, Blanchard, Okla.

ROBERT MCGEE Association will convene with Sugar Loaf Church, two miles north of Monroe, Okla., beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1936.
Eld. W. Dorey, Ass't Clerk, Poteau, Ok.

MISSOURI STATE Association will be held with Macedonia Church, about four miles northeast of Purdy, Mo., beginning on Monday night before the third Sunday in October, 1936.

Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. to preach the Mission sermon on Monday night, Eld. O. T. Allred alternate.

Eld. Jas. F. Miller of Flat River, Mo. to preach the League sermon at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday, Eld. Cecil Campbell of Stella, Mo. alternate.

Eld. Noel Turner of Greentop, Mo. to preach the Introductory sermon on Tuesday night, Eld. H. H. Beatty of Thayer, Mo. alternate.

The CO-OPERATIVE GENERAL Association will be held with Tulsa Church, at Tulsa, Okla., beginning on Tuesday night before the second Sunday in November, 1936.

Eld. F. S. Vanhooze of Paintsville, Kentucky, will preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. alternate.

Hattie Newman, Clerk, Drumright, Ok.

BUTLER - DUNN THEOLOGY

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

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