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STATE MEETING AT MACEDONIA CHURCH

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches to Hold Annual Session Near Monett, Mo., October 12 to 16.

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The Missouri association of the Free Will Baptist church will hold its 23rd Annual Session at the Macedonia Free Will Baptist church, near Monett, October 12 to 16. Many people from all over the state will attend.

The State Association has a membership of about 10,000 in 131 churches, served by 200 ministers.

Rev. James F. Miller, pastor at Flat River, is the moderator and Rev. Winford Davis, pastor of the host church is secretary-treasurer.

As the Macedonia church is in the country, all meals of the session will be cooked and served on the church grounds. The services will be held in a large Gospel tent which will be pitched in the woody church grounds. Large oak trees surround the church and there is an abundance of clear Ozark water near by. The church is in a typical Ozark setting, very attractive to the nature lover.

Church History

The Macedonia Free Will Baptist church was organized in 1876, the original church structure being about a mile below the present site, near what is called the Henderson Mines. The building now used was erected in 1903. A full size basement was placed under the church the past year.

The church has been functioning constantly for 60 years. Weekly prayer services have been held for the past 30 years. The church now has a membership of 162, maintains active missionary work, Sunday school and a Young People's League.

Pastors who have served the church are Rev. Howell Bryant, Rev. James Brown, Rev. Wesley Riddle, Rev. Daniel Lane, Rev. James Owens, Rev. Abner Hand, Rev. Ezekiel Hendrickson, Rev. H. E. Rowland, Rev. Granville Hendrickson, Rev. E. C. Whitehead, Rev. Dameron, Rev. Allen Shuey, Rev. J. P. Highphil, Rev. Myrtle Ferguson, Rev. I. M. Marbut, Rev. Ira



Rev. James F. Miller

Rev. James F. Miller has served as moderator of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist for the past three years.

The membership of the Flat River church, of which he is pastor, is between 400 and 500, with a building valued at \$10,000. Previous to taking charge of the Flat River church about four years ago, he had served among the churches of Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist for a number of years.

The outstanding characteristic of Mr. Miller in all his church deliberations, is a wonderful spirit of kindness and love. He is noticeably successful in injecting the same spirit in the entire body, which assures harmony and goodwill among the members.

He is one of the busiest and most wide-awake ministers in the State Association. His wife, Mrs. Eunice Miller, is vice president of State Home Mission Workers. Mr. Miller's assistant moderator is the Rev. Selph Jones of Mansfield.

Elder Winford Davis

Macedonia church is fortunate in having for pastor, Elder Winford

Davis, a young man characterized by intense earnestness and zeal in the Lord's work. He has served the church for the past ten years.

He was born and reared where he now lives a mile and a half from the Macedonia church. He began



eleven years ago, January 13, 1926. He preached his first sermon in his home church and was elected pastor the following September. His educational opportunities have been limited and he has been told that he would never be able to climb to any height in the denominational work. But because of his peculiar adaptability to the work of the church he has advanced in the work until he now holds the second highest office among the Free Will Baptist of the United States, being vice moderator of the National Association. He also holds the office of National Secretary of the church's Sunday school work.

Among the other offices he fills are Secretary-Treasurer of the Missouri State Association, President of the Missouri State Young People's League, member of the state publication committee, member of the local executive board and the local Foreign Missionary Secretary.

He is a tireless worker. He has taken the duties as pastor of three to four churches every year since he has been preaching. Besides this work he has done extensive revival work, in which he is remarkably successful. A few years ago he and Eld. O. T. Allred held a revival in Monett which resulted in 93 conversions. The establishment of the Monett church was the result of this meeting.

Mr. Davis has had considerable broadcasting experience also over WMBH, Joplin and KWTO, Springfield. He, together with others, sang at one time over the powerful station WSM at Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Davis was chosen to represent the State of Missouri on the Revision Committee at the National Association in Nashville, Tenn., last November. This committee had to do with the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the denomination, which is one of the most particular of all undertakings throughout the work.

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ABIDING IN CHRIST (St. John 15:1-8).

By the Editor

The word picture we find in these eight verses is a very important one, and is very beautiful. To live or dwell in constant fellowship and communion with Christ is not only possible, but is required of every Christian; and is vitally necessary to our present and future usefulness and welfare. As with the vine or fruit tree, the fruit we bear prove what we are and why we are here.

Except Christ abides in us, and we in Him, we can do nothing—we cannot bear fruit, which means that as branches in the Vine, we will be cast off, and cast into the fire to be burned.

Christ says, "I am the true vine"—the vine of nature is but a dim shadow of this "true Vine," in which we have the privilege of being fruit bearing branches. The Father is the husbandman (caretaker) of this true Vine, and of us, if we are truly branches in the true Vine. If we will fully yield ourselves to this Husbandman, and submit to His pruning, we shall be able to bear fruit to the glory of God, and find it pleasant to work in His vineyard.

How simple it seems to become branches in the Vine, and abide in Him, yet it means so much that only a few become real fruitbearing branches; for it means being "baptized into His death," and becoming "dead to sin" (Rom. 6: 2, 3).

If you are "crucified with Christ" (Gal. 2:20), thus being crucified to the world (Gal. 6:14), you are fruit bearing branches, and care not for this present life, the world and its pleasures: "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3).

If we fail in the things mentioned above, we are like unfruitful branches in the vine of nature, fit only for the fire. If we fail to live for Heaven and eternal glory, where then shall we go after death?

IF ONE CARES ENOUGH

I am thinking about our paper, the Gem, and wishing that more of our people were more concerned about the welfare and success of the paper, at least enough to subscribe and keep paid up. Many will readily renew their subscription if some one goes to them for it, but otherwise they neglect it.—Do they care enough?

Sometimes I am reminded of the Irishman who fed his hog every other day, that he might have "a strake o' fat, and a strake o' lean." But the meat was all lean. Our subscription books contain the names of many more people that have been subscribers than of those who are now subscribers: it is mostly lean.—Is there a lack of care?

There are a few (God bless them) who do care enough to put forth effort enough to get subscriptions. We are always glad when some friend sends in a nice bunch of subscriptions, even if they retain five to ten cents on each subscription to pay for their expense and trouble.—We are truly glad for them that care enough to try to help the cause for which the editor and wife are giving their all.

We are glad too, when some one, having a mind to help, sends for sample papers, that they might pass them out and solicit subscriptions to the Gem. The following request is a little different from most of the requests we receive, but there are many others who could (and we'd be glad if they would) be interested enough to do as this sister has done:

New Bern, N. C., Sept. 2, 1936

Dear Brother Brown:

If not asking too much, will you kindly forward a few copies of the Free Will Baptist Gem to my address? I think I could interest some of our Auxiliaries in the paper, and perhaps be able to secure subscriptions.

I am so anxious about the Kingdom work of our Lord, and especially through the Woman's and Young People's organizations. I believe one thing that is retarding our advancement is a lack of knowledge as to what each section or district is doing to promote the work as a whole. We need to become better acquainted, and made to feel that we are just one large family, ALL working toward one goal, and that to advance the cause of the Master through the various avenues of service.

—(Mrs.) Alice E. Lupton

SELF-DENIAL

By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Mo.

Dear Editor, Wife, and Gem Readers:

This is August 27th, and today I am thinking more and more about the Old Time Religion, the kind that Daniel had when he was cast into the lion's den, also the Hebrew children, when they were cast into the fiery furnace.

The Epistle of Paul to the Hebrews, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." We hear people say, in speaking of their college work, that they are planning to take special courses on certain subjects; and I have been thinking that we church members would profit by taking a special course on the subject of "Self-denial."

A Christian's duty (Matt. 5:29, 30), "And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake, shall find it" (Matt. 16:24, 25).

Mark 8:34—"And when he had called the people unto him, with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Luke 9:23—"And he said to them, all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

So we see by this that it will take 365 days in the year. No time for games.

1 Cor. 8:13—"Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no more flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

2 Cor. 10:5—"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Gal. 5:24, 25—"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

Titus 2:12—"Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world."

Christ is our great example (Matt. 4:8-11), "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them: and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him."

Luke 14:27—"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

John 13:12-15—"So, after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done unto you? Ye call me Master and Lord; and ye say well: for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed you feet (See self-denial): ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

2 Cor. 8:9-12—"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Paul said, "And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you . . . now therefore perform the doing of it: that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

Luke 21:3—"And he said, "Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all." But after all, perilous times shall come, and we see and read so much about highminded lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of God: "(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of

Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things" (Phil. 3:18, 19).

Even our nation seems to have forgotten God. Regardless of the heat, and the drouth, they are spending millions of dollars on the swimming pools, the dance halls, the beer parlors, the beauty shops, and every abominable thing that is an abomination unto God. While the carnival was at Mansfield, Mo. I heard men say that there was money enough spent there to buy feed for all the cattle in Wright county. And farmers are cutting down trees, that their cattle may eat the leaves, and people and poor dumb brutes are without sufficient water and food, all this because of sin.

Deut. 11:13-15—"And it shall come to pass, If ye shall diligently hearken unto my commandments, which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, that I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain, and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thy oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full. Take heed to yourselves." Read this chapter: A blessing, if ye obey: a curse if ye will not obey.

Lev. 26:4, 12—"Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. These promises are all on conditions.

Amos 4:6-8—"And yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord, and also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered, . . . yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." Some folks will say "God has nothing to do with it raining;" but how often in His holy word, He declares unto His people, that He is God and beside Him there is no other!

You all remember that two years ago a man said he could make it rain, but would have to have \$3,000.00. He lost his life, but I never heard what became of the money. Man without God is a failure: God is to be sought, and not idols.

Zech. 10:1, 2—"Ask ye of the Lord

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FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Dear Bro. Brown and Sounders
Out of the Good News:

Our Cave Spring Fifth Sunday Meeting, convening with Cane Hill church, near Thayer, Mo., Aug. 29th, was another joyous Spirit-led time of growth in grace.

After singing, reading of Joel 2:21-27, and prayer by the Moderator, Eld. Harry Beatty, most of the churches were represented and reported fair progress.

Brothers Albert Pingleton, Luther Sutton and S. E. Coble were appointed as Pulpit committee.

At the 11:00 o'clock preaching service Elders J. H. Talley and Harry Beatty gave thrilling wake-up messages on "Has the Return of Booze Benefitted Anyone?" graphically describing how booze is made, how it unmakes those who are foolishly deceived thereby, and the only real remedy. How we wish the whole message could be broadcast and known read and believed by the multitudes who are apparently "deceived" and "mocked." You know in the original Hebrew and Greek of the Bible, the thirteen different words (each with somewhat different meanings) used to indicate the juice of grapes and other drinks, most of them not strong drinks, are all translated "wine" in the King James version of the Bible, which is intoxicating. The first miracle our Savior was that of turning the water into the best quality of fresh grape juice at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. We all know that the fresh pressed out juice of ripe grapes is the "best," it soon loses flavor and sweetness and develops intoxicating properties. John 2:1-11 describes the miracle, and Prov. 20:1 and 23:29-35 describe the effects of "strong drink," and in John 2:10, "well drunk" does not mean "well stewed," as we hear now-a-days, but that ordinarily the best (fresh) juice was first furnished, and later "worse" juice, after considerable had been drank the taste palled—you know sometimes we eat good food until it doesn't taste so good—but at Cana *this* time, the freshest, sweetest was served at the last. Do you suppose a well drunk person, as we use that term, would be able to tell by the taste whether the last drink furnished was good or bad?

Or do you suppose that the only perfect Being ever on earth would miraculously produce about 135 gallons of the finest wine that would put the user out of commission if he drank

more than a little of it? When the Bible, God's Book tells us not even to look at "wine;" then wine means strong drink.

And instead of the boasted "revenue" that the wets promised would follow legalizing booze, don't you know they were wrong on that, as on every other promise? For in order to produce that revenue every one of us in the U. S. A. would have to be in stew all the time, and fortunately a very great number follow the Lord's instructions and don't even look at it. May our tribe increase!

Only six of our ministers were present: Elmer Hodges, H. C. Crase, H. H. Beatty, W. P. Stogsdill, Clement Williams, J. E. Rolan, and a visiting minister, Elder J. H. Talley.

Pleasant Hill, our own little church, about midway between Couch and Jeff, was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Deacons present: E. L. Pingleton, Pleasant Ridge; Luther Sutton, Cave Spring; R. J. Wisehart, Mill Creek; C. H. Crews, Shiloh; J. P. McCullough, Smyrna; S. E. Coble, Royal Oak; Henry Young, Rose Hill; C. R. Romberger, Bluff Springs; Johnny Pingleton, Cane Hill; Ralph T. Hoyt, Pleasant Hill.

We notice the many encouraging accounts of our churches month by month in the Gem, and our neighbor, A. L. Hays, is particularly edified by the Tulsa notes and the "preventing granting of a saloon license" in the neighborhood of the Free Will church there, of which Rev. Melvin Bingham is pastor. Bro. Hays and his wife were members of that church while they lived in Tulsa, and their and our prayers for pastor and people are surely heard.

Bro. Eddie Vaughn of Texas, back in Oregon Co. on a visit to old home and friends, has been busy in wonderfully Spirit-filled meetings. May the dear Lord bless him exceeding abundantly in every effort to spread the Good News of truth through Christ Jesus our Lord! Also may He continually confirm each of us in the truth which makes us free.

Ralph T. Hoyt, R2, Thayer, Mo.

DURANT, OKLA., Sept. 14th.

Dear Bro. Brown and Wife, and Gem Readers: I am sending in a report of Bro. Wells' death, and I know all who knew him will be anxious to see it in the next issue of the paper.

We are trying to work for the Lord

and be in services each Sunday, and we had the pleasure of going down in Texas and holding a meeting close to my old home place, and best of all, to see one of our brothers, a sister and a brother-in-law, and four others saved, it was a great day of rejoicing for us. We have just closed a three weeks' meeting in Durant, with three saved, several backsliders reclaimed, and the Christian people built up in the Christian faith. We are planning to start a meeting at Kiersey Wednesday, Sept. 16th, near our home church. So we ask you people to pray for us, that God will bless and use us to His name's honor and glory, and save souls.

Your sister in Christ,

Josie L. Miller.

CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I wish to write to let you know of our work and zeal for the cause of Christ.

The church of Antioch sent delegates to the Annual Association at New Home church, at Tulsa.

I was greatly impressed by the sermon delivered by Rev. Carter, "Be sure your sin will find you out." How very, very true that text is! We can see its fulfillment on every hand. We may get by with sin for a season, but soon there comes a fall.

Another good sermon was delivered by Rev. Hattie Newman, "Trying Times." Today, each day of our life is a trial, but by the grace of God we can be victors over sin, and each victory makes us stronger for the next battle. Then the toils of the road will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way.

We are building a church house of native stone. Our pastor, Rev. Kelley Mathis is laying the walls which are almost up. He is a faithful worker, but we have no male members of the church that know how to lay rock walls. In fact we have only about ten regular attendant church members. So we must be faithful to keep the good work going.

Our mission women are very active. We have a Yo-Yo bed spread on display for sale and a name quilt nearly ready, and have quilted three quilts the last two months.

We hope to have our church building finished before cold weather, but lack of money is our great hindrance, for we are all poor in this world's goods.

By faith the Israelites crossed the Red Sea and reached the promised land: by faith and work, we can accomplish great things.

"God is love." Greater love hath no man than this, that he will lay down his life for his friends. If every one had this great love, this old world would be a grand place, a heaven on earth.

All humanity should learn Luke 6:20 to 49.

We feel that by following close to the teachings of Christ, we will be successful in all our endeavors, for He said, "I will never forsake you." Our little church, when completed, will be a monument to His cause and of our faith and hope for His cause.

Pray for our success which is the success of the cause of Christ.

May we all hold Christ's banner high.

Written by Church Clerk and Mission Secretary, Miss Ethel McIntosh.

GREENBRIER, ARK., Sept. 10th

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

I am so glad I am still in the land of the living and have the privilege of worshipping the good Lord.

As I don't see many letters from this section, I thought I would write again. I enjoy reading the good letters from our Free Will Baptist brothers and sisters of the different states, it makes us feel that people from all over the world are working for our Master who keeps us three hundred and sixty-five days each year.

Our church at Soda Valley enjoyed a week's meeting held by Bro. L. C. Doyle and our pastor, Bro. C. E. Wilson. They did some real preaching, but there were no souls saved. It seems we don't have good meetings as we did some few years back. I tell you friends, we people who claim to be Christians must be failing to do our part somewhere along the line. I don't think it is the things we do, but the things we leave undone. I think if we would get our shoulder to the wheel and do our part, instead of trying to keep the other fellow straight, this old world would be a better place to live in.

Our hearts were made sad when the death angel visited our home and took our dear mother away, on the first day of June, which was only a short time back. Friends, it is not home any more without mother, as song says, "You'll never miss your mother till she's gone." But there is one great consolation, I know mother did her best to live a Christian life,

and to teach her children as they should be taught. If it hadn't been for a Christian father and mother, I might not be a Christian today.

My father and three children are left at home. I have one sister at home sixteen years old, another ten, and a little brother three years old. I have one married brother older than myself. If we will live a life like our mother has lived, I'm sure we can't miss Heaven.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled,
The boon of love He had given,
And tho the body slumbers here,
The loved one is safe in heaven.

I am asking all you good friends to pray for me, that I may ever walk in mother's footprints.

—Mrs. Chester Cotton.

NEWHOPE, ARK., Sept. 4, 1936.

Gleanings from the Little Missouri River Association of Southwest Ark.

The Little Missouri River Association of Christ met in its Fifty-fifth Annual Session, with Mt. Joy church, near Daisy, Pike County, Sept. 3-5, 1936.

The Introductory sermon was delivered Thursday night, Sept. 3rd, by Eld. G. W. Van Horn.

Conference met Friday morning and was called to order by the moderator, Eld. E. J. Oneal. Opening song, "Nearer My God to Thee." Prayer by R. D. Smith.

Letters from the different churches were read, and officers elected as follows:

Moderator Eld. E. J. Oneal
Clerk-Treas. R. D. Smith
Corresponding Clerk M. J. Smith

Committees were appointed and conference adjourned for 11:00 o'clock preaching service. J. T. Monroe delivered a very interesting sermon. Text, Judges 14:18. Prayer by Elder G. W. Van Horn.

Friday afternoon session was called to order by the moderator. Opening song, "How Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Prayer by G. H. Thomas.

Motion carried to seat visiting brethren of other denominations as advisory members.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock Sat. At the Friday evening service we enjoyed a wonderful message by Eld. J. T. Monroe and Eld. E. Oneal, on

the subject, "What is Man?"

Saturday morning session was called to order by the moderator. Song by the congregation. Prayer by Eld. W. E. Pinkerton.

Reports of committees received.

Adjourned to meet at two o'clock.

At the eleven o'clock services Eld. W. E. Pinkerton brought us a very soul-stirring message on Christianity. Prayer by Eld. W. A. Hearron.

Saturday afternoon session came together at two o'clock.

Special song, "There's a Deep Settled Peace in My Soul."

Prayer by Eld. G. W. Van Horn.

Pleasant Grove church, near New Hope, Pike Co. was selected as the place for our next Association.

The following were elected as delegates to represent us in the State Association, which convenes with Shamm church near Pocahontas, in Randolph Co., October 1-4, 1936:

J. T. Robertson, C. J. Moore, L. Tedder, Mrs. J. J. Brooks, Mrs. Parla Smith.

Adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove church, Thursday night before the first Sunday in Sept., 1937.

Closing song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Benediction by Eld. W. A. Hearron.

At the Saturday night service, Eld. W. A. Hearron brought a wonderful message. Text, Isaiah 4:1.

Prayer by Moderator.

Eld. E. J. Oneal, Moderator, Newhope
R. D. Smith, Clerk-Treas., Newhope.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

Just a word to let you know that we are still in the battle.

We are having a good rain, which has been needed a long time. The good Lord has remembered us again, we were rained out last night, having been in a revival meeting at our Liberty church, just three night's services, and rained out—but three souls have been saved thus far. Things seem to be in order for this meeting.

We had a good crying time at our Tulsa church last Sunday night, a lost soul was at the altar asking God to forgive him of his past sins. He had once known God, but had gotten into a bad condition and was not fit for the kingdom of God. This is according to the Scriptures, "He that taketh hold of the plough, and looketh back, is not fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). Notice that word

"fit." Here is a good text, "Not fit for the kingdom of God." "Ye are the salt of the earth," but if you have lost your salt, you are thenceforth good for nothing, not fit for the land nor the dunghill; so if the scavenger man wouldn't want you for the dunghill, I know you wouldn't be fit for the kingdom of God. See Luke 14:35. So you see why men have to cry out to God when they become unfit for the kingdom, and you see how God puts things in order.

How are you Indian Creek folks? I am still rejoicing over the good meeting we had at Carterville, it shall not be easily forgotten.

Now for our Western Association, which will convene here in Tulsa in November. You who are planning to come please write me at once, and a home will be prepared for you. We are looking for a great time; we are beginning our plans now to take care of all who come, and the interest is running high. We are looking for a large delegation. Many vital and important subjects are to come before the body, more business to take care of at this session than ever before. So, if you love the denomination, and want to see the good old Free Will Baptist church go over the top, you be here.

Remember the date is Tuesday night before the second Sunday in November, or Nov. 3rd. Don't forget the date, Tuesday night, Nov. 3. Come.

Bro. F. S. Vanhooose of Paintsville, Ky. will preach the Introductory sermon, with Bro. Winford Davis as alternate. We are looking for some of you brethren from the Eastern states; write if you can come. Melvin Bingham, 833 N. Utica. Tulsa.

REVIVAL MEETING Smithville, Mississippi

The Pearce Chapel revival began on the third Sunday in August, with Rev. M. L. Hollis doing the preaching. After three days it was decided to erect a tent to take care of the large crowds. The meeting lasted twelve days. God wonderfully blessed in the revival, thirty-one being added to the church, twenty-four of which followed their Lord in baptism.

The church was revived and we feel that God spoke through Bro. Hollis just the things that caused the lost to see the awful condition they were in, and the church to aspire to greater things in the cause of Christ.

—Johnny S. Roberts.

ARCADIA, KANS., Sept. 17th.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I will send in a brief report of the Northwest Missouri Association which met with Union Third Fork church, Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1936.

We didn't have much business this year, mostly routine.

We elected the following officers: Moderator, Eld. T. C. Ferguson Ass't Mod., ... Eld. Kenneth Turner Clerk-Treas., Eld. Melba White Ex. Board member, Dea. Geo. Jeffries

Eld. Kenneth Turner preached the Introductory sermon Thursday night. Text, "Were there not ten cleansed, but where are the nine?"

We had as visiting ministers from Northeast Mo. Eld. Vernie Wellbaum and wife who are both ministers, and they both brought messages, "Come, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

Eld. Charley Phillips and wife, also from Northeast Mo. Bro. Phillips brought a wonderful message on the subject, "The Beginning."

Eld. J. S. Damon, one of our new ministers, formerly of the United Brethren church, followed Bro. Phillips. His message was on the battle between David and the giant.

Eld. T. C. Ferguson brought a message on "Why I'm a Free Will Baptist," which was very interesting.

Eld. John McKown brought a message on the life of the two Sauls, which was enjoyed.

Eld. Melba White brought a message the last afternoon on the subject, "The Sunrise in a Sacred City."

Delegates were elected to the Mo. State Association as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Milford House, Mrs. M. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. David Homan.

The Lord's presence was felt throughout the Association, and I feel that His approval was on every service.

Melba White, Clerk.

PIERCE CITY, MO., Aug. 31st.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

As we have returned to the Ozarks again, we will try to give a report of our wonderful meeting which we were engaged in for six weeks at Desloge, Mo. We sure had a wonderful meeting there. We had in all 34 conversions, and somewhere around twelve went into the Free Will Baptist church there, while most all of the rest belong there, but had not been living right. I think that one big mistake

our pastors are making, is failing to watch the church record closely. When a member fails to keep up their church record, then it is not fair to the church or to them to keep them on the roll.

We found Sister Tommie Franklin one of the best we have ever worked with in a meeting; she was burdened for her church, and we also found things in the church that make a pastor turn gray.

We were at this place for six weeks day and night, and it sure was a fight against Satan, but it was worth every bit of the work we did to see those boys and girls, men and women come down the aisle, and bow down at the altar, and pray through with faces shining, and with a ringing testimony for God.

Some one whom I could name, but will not, made the statement that I am not satisfied with the move that I made when I came to the Free Will Baptist, and that I am not getting anywhere. Now I don't know just where that party got the right to say that, I am afraid they just made it up.

I have just been running over my record for the year, and I notice that I have preached 325 sermons, had 139 conversions; so it doesn't seem that I could be very much dissatisfied. No, no, no! I am well contented. I have found the church that I believe is as near the Bible as any there is. But I wouldn't be so ignorant as to say that only Free Will Baptist will get to Heaven.

This has been the best year of my ministry so far, not so many conversions, but better spiritually. We had some real old fashioned shouting meetings, and that is the kind I like, and I am persuaded to believe that God is pleased with shouting too. I know that it is not proper in the sight of some, but it will be popular in heaven. So, if you don't like to hear people shout, you had better go to hell where they will be standing up, praying everywhere.

On the last Sunday night of the meeting Sister Anna Reed, the S. S. Supt., asked me to make a short talk to the children, and we had one conversion, even before the preaching hour. The last Sunday night of the meeting we had three conversions. We also had a baptizing the last Sunday. We want to thank the people around Desloge for their co-operation in the meeting. We will be glad to go back there some time for another meeting.

We are going to attend the Indian Creek Association, then we are due at Leadington, Mo. for a meeting. We will need your prayers, for we feel that we are going up against a fight, but we like to fight against the old Devil with the Word of God.

We are open for meetings anywhere and will do our best to preach the old fashioned word. If your congregation can't stand the word, don't call us, as it must be the Word.

We ask an interest in your prayers.

—Rev. F. C. Zinn.

REPORT OF INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

By John B. Rollins, Clerk, Purdy, Mo.

The Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptist, in southwest Mo., met in its Twenty-Fourth Annual Session with the First Free Will Baptist church of Carterville, Missouri, September 2 to 5, 1936. The entire session was characterized by the peace and harmony which prevailed as God's servants transacted business as if Jesus wasn't going to come for a thousand years yet. The spiritual atmosphere of the Association was truly great—there was much testifying, preaching, praying and shouting, just as if Jesus was coming tomorrow.

The Introductory sermon, delivered on Wednesday night by Eld. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo., was from Acts 2:12, "What meaneth this?" Bro. Allred made his application to the condition of the world today, then asked the question of the text.

The ministers who preached at the different services during the Association were:

John B. Rollins, text, "Ye Ought." Kenneth Turner, text, "The Day of Preparation" (Nahum 2:3).

Winford Davis, text, "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:37).

Claude Timmons and W. K. Weston, text, "Gain and Loss" (Luke 9:25).

Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla., text, "In Order" (Luke 1:3).

B. F. Brown (Memorial Sermon), text, "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance" (Psa. 112:6).

Last but not least, F. C. Zinn preached on Saturday night, text, "Have Faith in God." These messages were truly eye-openers, being instructive as well as containing beautiful supplies of spiritual food for hungry souls.

One soul was saved at an altar of prayer.

Several testimony and praise services were enjoyed with much old time shouting.

The business part of the Association was note-worthy. The election of officials consisted of

Moderator, Eld. O. T. Allred, Monett Ass't Mod., J. B. Jefferson, Cassville Clerk-Treas., Eld. J. B. Rollins, Purdy

Ass't Clerk, Miss Doris Turner, Granby

The Executive Board, including the newly elected members is composed of Eld. J. B. Rollins, term expires 1937 Eld. Kenneth Turner, term expires '38 Eld. Winford Davis, term expires 1939

As the Indian Creek Association is to entertain the coming State Association, a committee on entertainment (finance and general provisions) was duly authorized, as follows:

Floyd Inmon,R1, Monett, Mo. Eld. O. T. Allred,Monett, Mo. Harlan Barnes,Aurora, Mo. J. B. Jefferson,Cassville, Mo. J. E. Turner,Granby, Mo.

An important item of business:

A motion carried to meet on Tuesday night before our next annual session of this Association and continue through Wednesday with a Ministerial Conference. A committee was appointed to prepare a program and plan the maintenance of the conference. The committee:

Eld. Kenneth Turner, Eld. John B. Rollins and Eld. B. F. Brown.

The Association enrollment included 15 ordained ministers, 5 licensed ministers, 6 ordained deacons, 30 delegates, 3 church clerks, and 43 visitors, including 6 visiting ministers, and 3 visiting deacons.

During the Association, three ministers were ordained, namely: B. F. Henderson, Monett, Mo., R1, Lucy Deckard, Monett, Mo., and Columbus Marbut, Monett, Mo., R1.

A new feature is being planned for the Indian Creek minute, consisting of a one-page statistical table for the reports of the ministers. This will be a vitally interesting page. A statistical table of our churches will also be printed.

This Association is composed of ten active churches.

This Association endorses with great zeal our Foreign Missionary program. We elected Eld. Winford Davis as our associational secretary of Foreign Missions, and we recommend to the State Association that a State secretary of Foreign Mission be elected.

Our budget is not what it should be, but we are happy that we have at least \$14.23 for the State Association, enough to print our minutes, and probably \$4.00 left. This financial statement is incomplete. It was passed upon to adhere more strictly to our Budget Plan, so pastors, it is up to you to instruct your people; and people, it is up to you to co-operate with your pastor in collecting the Budget.

Our faithful friend, Mr. Lundie Davis, was on the scene as chief cook and, with the help and co-operation of the Carterville church and community, he gave us three square meals each day on the campus grounds. Old Man Depression stayed at home—we had plenty to eat and it was well cooked.

The next Annual Session of this Association will be held with Jones' Chapel church. Eld. F. C. Zinn was elected to preach the introductory sermon.

DRUMRIGHT, OKLA.. 9-4-36.

Greetings from Mission Circle No. 1 Dear Gem Readers:

This being our first rally since our Association, and the beginning of another year in our work, we are sending in our report.

Sister Hattie Newman is our new President, and Sister Willa Hallman Sec'y-Treasurer.

We met at Vance Chapel. We had a real spiritual day and a large crowd. We received four written reports and some verbal reports.

The written reports are as follows:

Silver City sends greetings. We are still working for the Lord, have quilted one quilt, and are working on some articles to be sold at Christmas time. We have stained our new seats, had one ice cream supper, proceeds going to our pastor. Our Sunday school and church are prospering. Remember us in your prayers.

Sister Baker, President, Sister Tattershell, Sec'y.

Cushing Mission wishes to report that we are still working for the Lord. We have read 67 Bible chapters, made 27 sick calls, quilted one quilt. We have met three times this month. We ask an interest in your prayers.

Mrs. Bob Mounts, Sec'y-Treas.

Olive Mission sends greetings. We are still growing in faith. We have made 91 sick calls, read 220 Bible chapters, have 44 service hours. Our mission is growing. We ask an interest in your prayers.

Myrtle Flosser, President, Mildred Inman, Secretary.

Olive Juniors wish to report 151 Bible chapters, 14 sick calls, 46 service hours. We ask an interest in your prayers.

Sister Avis Pearson, Sponsor, Juanita Riley, President, Okemah Howell, Secretary.

We organized a Booster Band and elected as our leader Bro. Lewis Lindsay of Vance Chapel. The mission of this booster band is to go with a short spiritual program to each church in our circle that needs encouragement. Notify Bro. Lewis Lindsay, Box 1148, Oilton, each church to notify him two weeks before the date set for the entertainment.

Our afternoon service was opened with singing and prayer. Devotional was led by Sister Rosebro reading the 2nd chapter of James. Prayer by Bro. Lindsay and Sister Casey, after which Sister Hattie Newman took the stand. Scripture reading Psalm 23, text, Psa. 95:7, "He is our Lord and we are the people of his pasture."

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Sparks.

Our evening service started promptly at 7:30 by singing and prayer by Bro. Lacey.

Different preachers took the stand:

Bro. Fincher, text, 1 Cor. 12:27.

Bro. Easton, text, John 5—"What a World! What a Savior!"

Special song by Bro. Fisher, "If It Had Not Been for Jesus."

Sister Alva Walker, text, Luke 21—"Wisdom of God."
 Bro. Kindred, text, Matt. 27:46.
 Special song by Bro. and Sister Sparks of Jennings, "God's Radio."
 Bro. Mounds, text, Isa. 1:18, "Come, let us reason together."
 Sister Alice Disney, text, John 18.
 Special song by Bro. and sister Lindsay, "Little Boy Blue."
 Bro. Waltman, text, Jer. 17:9, "Self Examination."
 Sister Fincher, text, Jer. 2:19.
 Bro. Bean, text, "Body of Christ, and members in particular."
 Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Waltman.
 Our next rally will meet at Jennings. We ask an interest in your prayers.
 Willa Hallman, Sec. Circle No. 1.

RUDY, ARKANSAS

Dear Brother Brown-

As I have two subscriptions for the Gem, handed to me at our fifth Sunday meeting at Ft. Smith, I will send them in this morning. Husband and I have just returned from Non, Oklahoma, where we were in the services about fifteen days and nights, with Rev. M. M. McKee of Soper, Okla. We find that the people of Non are not all for self; they are giving a part of their life to the Lord. We found the members of that church are alive for God; and seems to me that the meeting was really good. The Christian people got lots of good out of it, and I am sure I did.

Several were reclaimed and some were saved, I don't know the exact number, as the meeting had not closed. We left it in care of Bro. McKee and came to our fifth Sunday meeting at Fort Smith.

Mrs. Ben Pixley.

BOWNEMONT, W. VA.

Our Kanasha Quarterly meeting began on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1936.

The Ministers' conference was called to order by the clerk, then Rev. Will McGee was elected moderator.

Ministers' reports were read and accepted, then the subject, "Is the Mind Matter and Conscious?" was discussed by Brothers Jeff Thomas, W. C. Comer and J. L. Patterson.

Ten preachers were present.

At 7:00 p. m. Rev. G. H. Cooper preached the introductory sermon. Saturday morning session opened in regular form.

Minutes of last session were read and approved. Cash in treasury, carried over from last session \$83.01.

Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers were invited to seats as advisory members.

Usual committees were appointed. Adjourned at eleven o'clock for preaching by Rev. Hill from Boon conference. He preached a wonderful sermon.

Reading of church letters:

Dry Branch reports 73 members, sends \$2.50 conference money, and

calls for next session of the Q. M. Three ministers in the church. Ed Cox, pastor.

East Bank reports 14 members and sends \$1.25 conference money. Geo. H. Cooper, pastor.

Chesapeake reports 68 members and sends \$6.50 conference money, six preachers in the church, James Harold, pastor.

Putney reports 40 members, sends \$2.50, has three preachers, requests next session, J. Wolf, pastor.

Elk Ridge reports 13 members, two preachers, sends \$2.50, asks for next session of Q. M. Jettie Hupman, pastor.

Cooper's Chapel reports 10 members, has one preacher, sends \$2.50. W. C. Comer, pastor.

Alcot reports 23 members, three ministers, sends \$2.50, W. C. Comer, pastor.

Lick Branch, no report.

Ruth reports 30 members, has two, ministers, sends \$2.50, James Harold, pastor.

Moore's Fork reports 32 members, sends \$2.50, asks for next session, Rev. Hambrick, pastor.

Rich Hollow reports 15 members, sends \$2.50 conference money. Magazine, no report.

Moore's Memorial reports 21 members, sends \$2.50.

Chanler's Branch reports 26 members, has four preachers, sends \$2.50, E. L. Bowman, pastor.

Kanasha Fork reports 112 members, has four preachers, sends \$2.50, asks for next session, J. L. Patterson, pastor.

Slatter's Creek reports 27 members, sends \$2.50, McKinley Truitt, pastor.

Total members reported 504, ministers 28, conference money \$54.75, less \$10.00 paid out, balance \$127.76.

Bro. Hill from Boon Q. M. and Bro. Young from Brotherhood gave good reports of their conferences.

Rev. B. T. Hedrick reported Elk River conference doing good work.

Business committee recommended Bro. E. L. Bowman for ordination.

They recommend that conference give Rev. Jeff Thomas \$5.00.

It was also recommended that each Q. M. take an offering for our state evangelist.

Our next session will be held at Dry Branch church, on Cohen Creek, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in November, 1936, Rev. Jeff Thomas is to preach the Introductory.

Bro. S. Young preached Sat. night.

We had a love feast meeting Sunday morning, conducted by Rev. Comer. The folk took good care of the Q. M.

—F. E. Nicholas.

MIDWAY, TEXAS, Aug. 27th.

Dear Gem Family:

We are glad to report another victory won over the Devil. We have had the privilege of going to our Easley Chapel church near Comanche, Texas, where I at one time was pastor. When we had only been preaching a year, we were called to the care of the church. Many are now gone to their heavenly reward, others are still there. Bro. R. B. Easley, the

father of the church, is still living, and is now 86 years old, and never missed a service. It was wonderful to have him in every service. We made our home with Bro. and Sister P. J. Easley where we spent many happy hours in our early ministry.

The meeting was glorious. We had 22 converted and reclaimed, six additions to the church, four baptized. Bro. Gaines, one of our young preachers, did the baptizing for us. He is a splendid young man.

We organized a Women's mission circle, and during the time we were there we raised \$12.35 for missions, and gave them credit for the same. \$5.00 was sent to our new school that is to open in September. If every mission and Sunday school would do that well, the school would have funds enough. These good people gave us \$25.00 on our tent, and a freewill offering of \$45.00. We praise God that some of our people will give when you preach Bible giving. These people have always been liberal in the work; and we feel that a great field of work is open to them. We also secured four subscriptions for the Gem and one for the Baptist.

We closed out Sunday night and visited our Waco church one night, then to Dot church, and our old Woodlawn church. We had good services at all these places.

We will be at home a few days, and we are praying and trusting that in about two more weeks we can begin in Waco with the new Gospel tent. Pray for us, that we can.

God bless our dear editor and wife. We will give the names of those giving on the tent in next report.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

FREDERICKTOWN, MO.

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Family: I will again write a few lines to you. I have been reading your letters to me in the Gem. It is wonderful that we can write one letter and the whole family read it.

I want to tell you about the wonderful services we have been having, how God has been blessing us.

The Southeast Missouri Association met with us, and what a wonderful time we had! God was with us from the very beginning, our hearts were led by His Spirit, and what wonderful messages were delivered by our brothers and sisters in the ministry. They were seasoned with the Holy Spirit, and our hearts were lifted up because of His presence.

Then on Sunday following, we had an all day Old People's meeting, with dinner on the ground. There was a large crowd for Sunday school, after which the service was given in charge Grandpa (J. F.) Miller, who asked the two oldest ministers to bring the message, and Bro. S. V. Simmons and Bro. Chas. E. Wood being the oldest present, they brought the message, an old time, Spirit-filled message, that brought praise from the hearts of the aged, and there was great rejoicing.

Then came the noon hour, which was enjoyed very much, visiting with those we had not seen for years. I was so glad to see Rev. Poague, whom I had not seen since I was just a boy. Brethren, that is encouraging to meet and talk with the old soldiers of the cross.

We came together again about one o'clock, with old time singing. Some worth while talks were made by Dr. Barron, Bro. Groose, Rev. Poague, and others. There was shouting and praising God, which reminded me of the days of my childhood down at the old Big Creek church in Iron Co., Mo. And the old time songs, how they revived our hearts! These are some of the songs we sang: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" "Amazing Grace," "There Is a Fountain," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "My Heavenly Home," "Show Pity, Lord," "Some Have

Brothers Over Yonder," "'Tis the Old Time Religion," "Life Will Be Sweeter Some Day," and Grandpa Miller sang for his testimony, a verse of "What Is This That Steals Upon My Frame?"

We were dismissed by hand shaking, while singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The enrollment was taken near the end of the service (after many had gone home), as follows:

From 50 to 60 years old	10
from 60 to 70	12,
from 70 to 80	13,
from 80 to 90	4.

Brethren, this is just a sketch of what could be written, to know the rest, it would be necessary to be there.

May God's blessings rest upon the aged of our land.

Remember us in your prayers.

—Eld. Wm. Reeves.

OBITUARIES

WELLS—Sanford Wells was born in Arkansas, October 9, 1896, and departed this life Aug. 6, 1936, being at the time of his death, 39 years, nine months and 29 days old. His father and mother both died and left him when he was a small boy, and he was reared by foster parents.

In 1916, he was married to Miss Leva Hines. To this union was born three children, one girl and two boys. His wife and infant son died in Jan., 1925, leaving him with two small children.

He was married to Mrs. Vera Ketchie Nov. 25, 1929. To this union was born one daughter.

He was converted when a boy and joined the Missionary Baptist church in 1926, and remained a member of same until he saw fit to join the Free Will Baptist church at Kiersey, Aug. 24, 1933. He felt the call to preach soon after, and was licensed, then was ordained on May 13, 1934, and was called to pastor Kiersey church in July, 1935, where he remained pastor until his health failed him and he went to Los Angeles, Calif., where he died a few weeks later in the General Hospital in Los Angeles, and was buried out there.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, three children: Sam Wells, Esther Wells and Mary Belle Wells, three step children: Charles, Lonie and Lois Ketchie.

We feelingly extend our sympathy to the bereaved wife and children, knowing that their loss is heaven's gain.

Elders Leroy and Josie L. Miller and children.

BELT—Albert W. Belt was born in Ohio, June 28, 1858, and departed this life August 31, 1936, being at the time of his death, 78 years, two months and three days old.

He was united in marriage to Sarah Knight, December 23, 1875. To this union were born nine children, two having preceded him in death. Those living are: Delbert Belt of Brook-

field, Mo.; Mamie Stigall of Buhl, Idaho; Blanche Hickman of Hartville, Mo.; Lillie Sullivant of Omaha, Nebr.; John Belt of Buhl, Idaho; Nettie Kelsay of Hartville, Mo.; and Dennis Belt of Springfield, Mo. He leaves his faithful companion in life, one brother, Sam Belt, an honored minister for many years of the Presbyterian Faith, 22 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

He came from Indiana to Missouri in 1880, and resided here until death. Bro. Belt professed faith in Christ nearly 50 years ago, uniting with the Free Will Baptist church at Mt. Zion. He was elected clerk of the church in 1901, and served until death.

In 1904 he was chosen and ordained as deacon and has served in that cause for 32 years.

He also served two five year terms on the Executive Board of the Union Association.

He loved the church and all its benevolent work, always having the cause of Christ at heart, being highly esteemed for his faithfulness, and his home was ever open to the ministry.

He was a kind and loving husband and father, and to know him was to love him.

He will be greatly missed by all, but we weep not as those who have no hope: for if we are faithful, as was Bro. Belt, we can meet him in that land where sad partings never come.

Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church by Rev. Homer Smith, assisted by Rev. G. W. Scott, Jr. Text, Rev. 14:13. Short talks were also given by Rev. J. E. Burney and Rev. J. A. Kelsay. The pallbearers were his grandchildren.

The body was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thankfulness and gratitude to our many friends who so willingly ministered to our needs during the sickness and death of our loved one.

Mrs. A. W. Belt and Family.

HANNON, MO., Sept. 21, 1936.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

We wish to give a brief report of revival at Independence Free Will Baptist church, near Stockton, Mo.

Eld. Richard Talbott and myself were the evangelists. We had a wonderful meeting throughout the four weeks that we were there.

We found a splendid people to work with in that community. Of course the enemy was on the job, but God answered prayers, and nineteen souls were saved and reclaimed, and there were twelve additions to the church.

On Sunday, Sept. 13th, after services, we had a basket dinner at the grove on the Warren Cross farm, after which we had baptizing, twelve being baptized, and two were baptized on Sunday, Sept. 20th.

We did so appreciate the splendid order there during the services; many nights the house was full and many were outside, but during the entire meeting there was no disorderly conduct of any sort. We were thankful for the respect shown us in that way.

Sister Sara Marie Talbott assisted in the musical part almost throughout the meeting. We are thankful for the help that she rendered there. Elder Ruth Garner was also there during part of the meeting.

This church has been on the "sick" list for some time, but we feel that now, since it is revived, it will continue faithful. They have been without a pastor for two years, but now they are planning to call one in the near future. They are also planning to start a prayer meeting, for which we are thankful.

This is the first revival that Bro. Richard and I ever attempted to conduct, and we do praise the dear Lord for the wonderful outpouring of His precious Spirit.

The meeting closed Sunday night, Sept. 20th, during which God's presence was wonderfully manifested. Christians and worldly people alike, all shook hands while we had a closing song, with tears in great abundance flowing down our cheeks as we said good bye to one another. We pray God to continue to bless their dear souls.

Yours for Jesus,

Eld. Boyd Thornton.

No Tobacco Preachers Here

The Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist, while in session with the Welcome Home church, Sept. 3-6, 1936, unanimously voted to adopt the following resolutions, and that they become a by-law of our organization:

Be it Resolved, That we demand of our ministers, both ordained and licensed, the total abstinence of the use of tobacco, cigarettes, and other harmful drugs, and be it further

Resolved, That no minister be granted a Certificate of Standing who is found to be addicted to the use of tobacco or narcotics in any form.

Rev. C. E. Mann, Moderator,
Rev. Noel Turner, Clerk.

F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

STATE LEAGUE OFFICERS

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Monett, Mo.
Vice Pres. Eld. Noel Turner
Granby, Mo.
Sec'y-Treasurer, Eld. O. T. Allred,
Monett, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ethel Newcomer, Greentop, Mo., 1936
Damon Dodd, Elvins, Mo., 1937
Eld. Cecil Campbell, Stella, Mo., 1938

FIELD WORKERS

For N. E. Missouri Association
Eld. Archie Cooper Stahl, Mo.
For Cave Springs Association
Eld. E. E. Winfree Hoxie, Ark.
For Union Association
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.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Well, Leaguers, before another issue of the Gem is out, our State Association will convene. We are expecting a great time in the Lord; preparations are being made for the entertainment of all who come.

I wonder if it wouldn't be fine for each league in the state to have a part in helping to support the State meeting, say take an offering on some Sunday night for this purpose and mail the amount raised to Bro. Davis. If only one dollar from each league, it would help greatly. Some in the Macedonia church are donating very liberally. One man is giving a 200 lb hog, another is giving a beef. What do you say, that we get in? God said it is more blessed to give than to receive.

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

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Young People:

Well, another associational year has almost rolled by, hasn't it? It doesn't seem that it has been almost one year since we met at Flat River, does it? We are certainly looking for you at Macedonia. I am praying that we can make this one of the best Young People's sessions we have yet held. I am trusting that we will have a large representation. Many great opportunities lie before us as young people, if we will but go over and possess the land. God is depending on us; so let's not disappoint Him.

Be sure and be here for the Introductory sermon to the Leaguers, which is to be delivered by our Moderator, Eld. Jas. F. Miller, at 11:00 o'clock, Tuesday, September 13th.

So good bye until the State meeting.
Winford Davis, State Pres.

GEENTOP, MO., Sept. 12, 1936.

Dear Leaguers:

On August 30th, our Mission and

League workers met at Sublette church for our rally.

After studying our Sunday school lesson together, we listened to the truths of Luke 24:47, given to us by Rev. Noel Turner, as he told us in sermon, backed by the Gospel, of our duty as Mission and League workers.

Our league contributed two numbers to the interesting program given by the mission, which was enjoyed by everyone present.

Leaguers, let us always keep in mind the importance and sacredness of these League Rallies and be sure that our numbers are inspiring as well as entertaining; for we never know the effect these programs may have upon those who listen.

It's only human nature for us to want our numbers to be entertaining, but let us give the more earnest heed to the "weightier matters," and not leave the other undone, as Jesus commanded in Matthew 23:23.

Elaine Buchanan, Sec'y-Treas.

CARTERVILLE, MO., Sept. 19, 1936.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We just want to report that our league is in fine working order now, although quite a few of our leaguers have gone to California. But we pray that God will appoint them a place in His service out there. It seems, that in so large a place as Los Angeles, there is a great work to be done.

We have all been rejoicing over the goodness of God. We are all so thankful that we had nice weather during the Association here, and that it was not raining as it has been the last few days.

At our last church business meeting the church called Bro. Cecil Campbell as pastor for full time. Bro. and Sister Campbell are now located in Carterville, and we feel that a great work will be accomplished this year.

We have preaching services each Sunday at 11:00 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. We have cottage prayer meeting each Tuesday evening, and our aim is to try to take these prayer meetings into the homes of the unsaved or where there are sick folks, and then we have mid-week prayer services on Thursday evening at the church.

In our Senior league we have about 32 members. Our officers are:
President Lee Jordan
Vice President Opal Boyd
Sec.-Treas. Delcena Brown
Quiz Leader Jewell Warnick
Group Captain No. 1 Lola Anna Brown
Group Captain No. 2 Otho Boyd
Chorister Marion Johnson
Pianist Leta Johnson
Program, Esther Broadhurst and Marion Johnson.

We have about 16 Juniors. They seem to take quite an interest in the league work. The officers are:

Sponsor Leta Johnson
Group Captain No. 1, Rosa Simpson
Group Captain No. 2, Gailard Brown
Sec.-Treas. June Gladden

We ask an interest in your prayers, that we may do God's will, that the

world may see Jesus in us each day.

May we ever be in the service for our King and Redeemer.

Delcena Brown, Sec'y.

AURORA LEAGUE REPORT

Dear Leaguers:

Now, that our local Associations are over, we are starting into another year of league work. As we look back over the past year, we feel that we have made such little advancement in our league work, but by the help of God through the coming year, we resolve to do better. Oftentimes we feel that our league is doing so little, but we realize that each thing we do for Christ helps to defeat the strong power of Satan. And as we go aboard the Gospel ship for the coming year, we breathe a prayer to that great Pilot, asking Him to safely guide our league until we anchor our ship safe in the harbor of Heaven.

We know that there are storms and rough waters ahead in this year's work, but the same voice that stilled the tempest on the sea is also able to say to the storms of life, "Peace be still."

We ask an interest in your prayers, that we may be more loyal to our Captain.

Esther Apple, Reporter.

A Message To Leaguers

By Mrs. Myrtle Black, Cassville, Mo.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" (Eccl. 12:1).

There is so much that could be and should be said on this text, that there isn't enough room in one issue of the little Gem paper to hold it; so we will just briefly outline the text, and give you some references to look up and read for yourselves. This admonition should mean much to every individual. So, with the dear Master for my helper and guide in this message this morning, I will try to bring out a few thoughts as they have come to me.

The first thing we want to consider is the first word of the text, "Remember." We know this word means "keep in mind, or do not forget." So the Author of this Scripture admonishes us, "Do not forget now thy Creator," etc. To get the importance of this exhortation, we would have to realize just what it would mean to anyone if they did forget their Creator. In Deuteronomy, chapter 6, we read how Moses admonished the children of Israel to "Beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you" (verses 12 to 14).

Right here, my dear young friends, I want to call your attention to this verse. We know that the many dif-

erent damnable pleasures of the world are the gods of the people which are round about us today. We know this, because they are forgetting God and leaving the house of worship and going after these things, which we know God would not be a bit pleased to see us, His children, going after the same things. Verse 15—"For the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you; lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee and destroy thee from off the face of the earth."

We are being told on every hand by the people of God that that is just the trouble in our nation today. The nation has forgotten God, the world has forgotten God; so, therefore, we can just expect God's judgments to be inflicted upon the world.

But it is well that we consider this individually also: for His judgments are inflicted upon individuals as well as upon nations. Please get your Bibles down and read how God dealt with Achan (Joshua VII); Jereboam (1 Kgs. XIII); Ahab (1 Kgs. XXII); Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. IV), and Belshazzar (Dan. V).

But, on the other hand, we find some individuals who had NOT forgotten God, and were preserved during the execution of God's righteous judgments. They are: Noah (Gen. VII); Lot (Gen. XIX); Joseph (Gen. XLV); Elijah (1 Kgs. XVII), and Elisha (2 Kgs. IV). Now let's ask ourselves, are we worthy of that preservation in the time of judgment? Yes, we surely are worthy, if we are heeding the exhortation in the Scripture we have for a text, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

Now, the next thought we want to consider is the word "Creator." Of course, we know God is our Creator and we are His creation. Then being our Creator, He must have known us before we came into this world. Often we hear some one say that they believe we are all born for some purpose. So do I, but I believe we are all born to fulfill some part of God's purpose. I believe that He has it all planned out, before we come into this world, just what He wants our lives to be. Then, if He created us for a purpose and expects our lives to be beneficial in carrying out His great purpose here, we should in the very beginning of our lives consider ourselves, soul and body "His property." We belong to God. But some would say, "I don't believe we belong to God until we are converted." But I want to say this: If you had a farm or any other property, you would consider that property belonged to you until you gave up the title to some one else, wouldn't you? That's just what I mean; that we belong to God until we sell out to the Devil, then we are children of the Devil. In Romans 8:29-31, Paul tells us something about how God has our lives already planned out step by step.

But sometimes we forget Him who gave us our being, and by disobeying we allow Satan, the enemy of the soul, to ruin some of those plans. It is then that we let ourselves fall into the hands of the living God. Heb. 10:31—"It is a fearful thing to fall

into the hands of the living God." Rom. 9:20, 21—"Nay, but O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay?"

Are we giving God our lives to use as *His property*? If not, and you are letting Satan have control of your life, then you are abusing God's property, so to speak. Read 1 Cor. 3:16, 17—"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." Now this concludes the first part of the text, "Remember now thy Creator," or Do not forget God.

Now we will take up the second part, "in the days of thy youth."

Some say that the days of our youth are from childhood to manhood. But in this case, I am going to say: It is from birth or infancy to manhood, or I suppose I should say from infancy to old age, because, as you know, we are all children in the sight of God. And we all have to become as little children before we can enter into the kingdom of heaven, having a teachable spirit (Matt. 18:3).

We find many exhortations in God's Word, especially for the youth. Just read the whole book of Proverbs. Oh I wish that every child up to old age would just make this book a special study and practice; what different homes, churches, nation, and a different world we'd have to live in!

The key word of the book of Proverbs is *Wisdom*. If there is anything that anyone needs at this season of life, I mean in the first season of life, it is wisdom. And if every young person would remember their Creator, while they are yet young, they would have that *wisdom*. For the key verse is 1:7—"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Some writer has said, "Those who pass their youth in vice are justly condemned to spend their age in folly." The dictionary proves that the word *folly* has just the opposite meaning of wisdom. Definition: Weakness of intellect; imbecility of mind; *want of understanding*. So by rearranging the quotation of the writer mentioned above, we can surely say, "Those who pass their youth in virtue, will certainly spend their age in *wisdom*." For God giveth to a man that is good in His sight *wisdom, knowledge and joy* (Eccl. 2:26).

Now we are reminded of our League Motto (Matt. 6:33), "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." We notice that this verse says, "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God." And we have mentioned in our text, "in the days of thy youth." So we understand that our youth is the *first* season of life. So, therefore, it is important that we seek the kingdom of God in the *first* part of our lives, that we may enjoy "all the things that shall be added."

Remember how the great King Solomon became so wise, rich, famous, powerful, and lived so long. He sought God and His wisdom first, and all his other possessions were added as well as a long peaceful life. (1 Kgs. III).

Well, my dear league brothers and sisters, this article just seems awfully *scatteratic* to me, but I am hoping and praying that it will impress on your minds the importance of the text used. Do not forget the Lord thy Creator, the One to whom we owe our lives, in the days of our youth when we need His wisdom, that we might have that knowledge and joy that only God can give.

Your humble servant in Christ.

SELF-DENIAL

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rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. For the idols have spoken vanity, and the devisers have seen a lie."

James 5:17, 18—"Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." Some folks are beginning to enquire of the older folk, What they think about it raining. I will be 76 years old if I live to see Sept. 12th, and I sure don't know any more than you do, but surely, when we meet the requirements of the Lord, it will rain.

Paul said, "We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you, that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, . . . nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:15, 17). If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the fat of the land. If there ever was a time that we need to be humble, it is now.

Nah did not wait to see if it would rain, he went right to work. He believed and trusted in God. "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust; and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies" (Psa. 40:4).

Oh Lord, help us to trust in Thee, and do good: "So shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed" (Psa. 37:3).

Dear readers of the Gem, pray for me, that I may forever trust in God.

Your unworthy servant,

Mrs. Lina Claxton.

FT. SMITH, ARK., Sept. 1, 1936.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

I will try to give you a brief summary of the quarterly conference held with First Church of Ft. Smith, Ark., August 28th to 30th.

The conference met on Friday night at 7:45, and opened with a very spirited song service.

In the absence of Bro. T. J. Robertson who was to deliver the opening message, his alternate, Bro. E. W. Simpkins, moderator of the host church, opened the evangelical part of the conference with a well delivered message based on Heb. 2:1, which was a feast for all. Bro. C. M. Church was chosen to conclude the message and did an able job of it, for all were surely blessed by the Word of God as brought forth by these two brothers.

Bro. Ben Pixley, at the conclusion of the message, as past moderator, opened the business session of the evening, at which time a moderator and an assistant-moderator, a clerk and an assistant clerk were chosen by ballot.

Bro. Ben Pixley was chosen moderator and Bro. C. M. Church assistant.

Bro. Ray Purdom was chosen clerk, with Bro. Glenn Dipboye assistant.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Nye. Conference was called to order Saturday morning by the moderator.

Scripture lesson, from Psalm 33.

Opening prayer by Bro. Simpkins.

Rules of Order read by moderator.

Church letters were called for, and nine churches represented by letters and statements.

The following committees were appointed: Arrangement, Sunday School, Divine Service, and Obituary.

Visiting brethren and delegates were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Partial report of Arrangement Committee filed, read and accepted.

Question—What do the cloven tongues of fire symbolize in Acts 2:3?

Motion carried to open question for discussion.

Discussed and passed unsettled.

Writer's Note: I would like to hear from others on this subject. (Please note, this was before the ones assembled began to speak).

The Divine Service committee chose Bro. Ben Pixley to open and Bro. Burl Nye to conclude the message at eleven o'clock. Scripture lesson Rev. 4:1-6. Text, "I am the Door." The Holy Spirit was present in these messages and directed them so that they were a real feast of the Bread of Life.

Lunch was served on the ground.

Met back at 1:30 p. m. and were called to order by the assistant Mod.

Scripture lesson Romans 12:1-10.

Prayer by Bro. Black.

Reports of committees called for.

All committees made reports, which were read, accepted and properly disposed of.

Bro. Virgil Walker was presented by the Harmony church for ordination to the Gospel ministry. The

presbytery was called, composed of Elders Ben Pixley, T. J. Robertson and Glenn Dipboye, who duly ordained Bro. Walker by prayer and laying on of hands.

At 3:15 p. m. Bros. Dipboye and Joslin delivered two fine messages, based on Hebrews 2:23.

Pleasant Grove, a new church, was selected for the next conference meeting place, Nov. 28, 1936, at 7:45 p. m. Bro. Glenn Dipboye to preach the opening message and Bro. Ben Pixley to conclude.

After a hand shake we were dismissed by Bro. Joe Lovette.

Saturday night the congregation was called to order by the church moderator, Bro. Simpkins.

A very spirited song service was led by Bro. Jeff Atwell.

Bro. T. J. Robertson opened the evening worship period with a message that was stirring and instructive, then Bro. Church proceeded to completely sweep the floor and to bring the meeting to a fitting climax for the Communion and Feet washing service which followed, in which a goodly number of the brothers and sisters washed the saints' feet, to the glory of God.

We open a revival here at the church with Eld. Thomas H. Dixon as evangelist, Sept. 8th to conclude the 17th.

With best wishes to all the Gem family, we request your prayers.

Ray Purdom, Clerk.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION

The 68th session of the Arkansas Association assembled with the Social Chappel church, near Plainview, Arkansas, Sept. 4-7, 1936.

The invocation was made by Bro. O. C. Hunt, Clerk. The introductory sermon by Eld. C. G. Forrest, using for a text, Luke 22:41. The assembly was dismissed till nine a. m. the 5th.

Saturday, Sept. 5th, the body was called to order by singing and prayer. The morning lesson was read by Bro. I. J. Wilson, assistant moderator, who acted in the absence of the moderator, Bro. J. S. Lovette. A quorum being present, Eld. I. J. Wilson called for the letters from the different churches, and the following churches were represented:

Antioch of Branch; Cooldale of Waldron; Pleasant Grove of Charleston; Pleasant Ridge of Booneville; Harmony of Waldron; Freedom of Mansfield; Social Chappel of Ola; Lamb of Waldron; Brooklyn of Ratcliff; Mt. Pisgah of Boles; Mulberry of Gravelly.

After the reception of the delegates, the moderator called for the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Eld. C. G. Forrest of Ola for Moderator, Eld. W. M. Guinn of Booneville, Ass't Moderator, Eld. Elmer Turner of Branch, Clerk-Treas., and Eld. O. C. Hunt of Waldron, Ass't Clerk.

The new officers were installed and the committees appointed for the arrangement of the business of the

Association.

The preaching during the Association was by Elders C. G. Forrest, B. Hiddy, I. J. Wilson, O. C. Hunt, W. M. Guinn and Elmer Turner. There were two professions of faith in Christ, and additions to the church.

The most important legislation was for the care of the aged ministers and the condemnation of intoxicating drinks which have been thrust upon our people against their will.

Our next session will be held with the church of Mulberry, at Gravelly, Ark., beginning Friday night before the first Sunday in September, 1937.

C. G. Forrest, Moderator,
Elmer Turner, Clerk.

WAR DECLARED BY THE FREE WILL BAPTIST ON JOHN BARLEY-CORN

Whereas, we are thoroughly aware from the teaching according to Matt. 24:48-51; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:10, etc. that many men are being endangered to poverty and eternal damnation through the sale and use of intoxicating drinks; therefore

Be it Resolved, That we, the Free Will Baptist Church, do hereby go on record against the sale of or the use thereof of any intoxicating drinks.

Furthermore, we urge our members to refrain from the use or sale thereof of any of John Barley-corn's products, which might cause the downfall of our brother.

Furthermore, we urge our church to use its influence for the removing of this cursed stuff from our communities, and for the stamping out of this evil from our country.

This is done within the body of the Arkansas Association of Free Will Baptist, while assembled with the Social Chappel Church, near Plainview, Arkansas, September 4-7, 1936.

Eld. C. G. Forrest, Moderator,
Eld. Elmer Turner, Sec'y.

THAYER, MISSOURI

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still trying to get subs for our paper, which I enjoy reading so much.

I attended our fifth Sunday meeting which met with Cane Hill church near Thayer, Mo. Not a very large delegation, but what were there had a feast from the Lord.

On Saturday we heard a good sermon preached on Temperance, by Bro. Talley and Bro. Beatty, and every one hopes to hear it again. We need it preached every day. May the Lord help us to be more patient, and look forward for a time when folks will begin to see their condition, as we think sometimes that Satan has such a hold on his workers, that we that know the worth of prayer, should pray that the Lord will, in His own good way, break the bands of wickedness.

I will close by asking you all to pray for me, and for Christ's cause.

—Mrs M. B. Cockman

FOREIGN MISSION EFFORTS

By I. J. Blackwelder, 1117 E. Douglas Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

The purpose of this article is to call the attention of the people to the fact that the time for Bro. Willey to sail for South America is almost here, and also to remind them that his going depends on them. As far as I know there is only one thing, except providence, that may delay Bro. Willey's going at the appointed time, and that is LACK OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS for the proposed expedition. Now, if we believe in carrying the Gospel to all the world, it is time for us to prove our faith by our works. And besides, we are obliged to Bro. Willey in this case, for it was at the General Conference last June that this body adopted unanimously the report of the Foreign Mission Board which recommended that Bro. Willey be sent to South A. in September, 1936, on a six-months' tour of our neighboring country for the purpose of locating the most needy and convenient place now available in that country for the establishment of an independent mission work for the Free Will Baptist Church. This makes us twice responsible for this work, first, the responsibility involved by the Great Commission, and, second, the responsibility involved by our endorsing the proposed work of which this article speaks. Therefore, we cannot afford to be indifferent about this proposition, for not only is

it a test of our faith and zeal, but also a test of the price we place on our word.

However, the greatest obligation that rests upon us is not the moral, but the spiritual. Those who have not received the Gospel are lost, and their only hope of the forgiveness of sin and of eternal life is to hear the Gospel, believe the Gospel, and receive the Gospel. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom. 10:13-15).

Since the General Conference I have received several contributions for this work, among which was fifteen dollars from Bro. Geo. Webster of Washington, N. C., and \$41.50 from Bro. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. I refer to these two gifts because they represent individual and personal interest in the Gospel to all the world in a marked degree. Not that others are not interested in this great undertaking, for they are—but some are sacrificially interested. But though

several offerings for this work have come to me since the Conference, yet the receipts are far short of the amount needed to finance this undertaking. However, we believe that the proposed endeavor is according to the will of the Lord, and consequently we are expecting to receive the necessary funds in time for Bro. Willey to sail for S. A. some time in September.

Here is a great opportunity for you to have a part in something you probably will never have the opportunity of helping in again, and something in which you will be proud of having had a part in years to come. It is not an opportunity simply to give something to Foreign Mission work, for probably this will be your privilege as long as you live. The unique opportunity of which I speak, and which is before our people today, is that of having a part in the establishment of the first Foreign Mission station ever to be established by the Free Will Baptist of the East and the West. This opportunity, let me repeat, is one that you haven't had in the past, and it is one you will never have again. It will be a comforting memory, even in old age, for those who will be able to recall the year of 1936 as the time when they helped in the first undertaking of the Free Will Baptist Church to establish a mission in a foreign field. A glorious opportunity of a life time—think of it!

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14).

Missions, The Highest Commission of the Church

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

As I write this article, I am at Shreveport, La., visiting a few days with my mother and sister. We are looking forward with high anticipations to getting off at the date set for embarkation from Houston, Texas. We farewelled from our home church at Durham, North Carolina, September 13th. Bro. Henry Melvin, our pastor, made it possible for us to get a good hearing and a substantial offering, helping us on our way to Texas. Bro. Melvin has one of the liveliest soul saving churches in all the East, hardly a Sunday passes without souls being saved, and from the church have gone some of the finest young men, preaching and preparing themselves for the ministry.

Our next stop was at High Point,

North Carolina, at the Gospel Tabernacle, where five years ago we were used of the Lord in building the present tabernacle, and gathering a nucleus of folk who loved the work of evangelism. While we were there, we had in large letters across the front: SANE, SCRIPTURAL, FUNDAMENTAL EVANGELISM. We were fortunate in having as a successor, a real builder who has builded one of the finest centers of evangelism in the state. The building was fairly well filled that Monday night, with cars lined for two blocks on each side.

We made the trip through to Shreveport with no mishap other than a blowout on our trailer. As we go west our confidence is in those who desire to be obedient to the words of

our Lord, which imbibe the highest commission of the Master: "Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among ALL NATIONS, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:44-47).

It is an amazing and staggering fact that after two thousand years a large part of the world continues to sit in darkness, and where pray, does the fault lie? I would say, and emphatically, at the door of disobedience to the marching orders of the Master. The Apostolic church could not be accused of disobedience, they were

scattered abroad, and in their scattering, they went everywhere preaching and witnessing, but somewhere along the line the organized church was, and it still continues to be disobedient. As one writer so graphically states: "Awake, O Church of God! How long are ye slack to go to possess the land? Will ye be ashamed at His coming? How can you spend that which God has intrusted to your stewardship on beautiful homes, fine food, lovely clothes, and fancy cars, when multitudes in heathen lands die daily without a single chance to be saved? You feed your own souls, but forget the other sheep which must be brought in. You tear down your houses of worship to build on a grander

scale and forget that the foundation has not been laid in yonder jungles of the Amazonia, where naked savages have never dreamed that God loved them and would build them into lively stones, into a temple for His dwelling. You multiply opportunities for your kith and kin, with many preachers in every city, with radio programs, schools, magazines, tracts, and Bibles in lavish abundance. These things ye have done, but have left the other undone. Is it nothing to you, that the Bible has not even been translated into the language of a thousand different tribes, that they have no preachers, no Bible schools, no Bibles, no Christian literature?"

attack the poor and helpless, while David and his God-like warriors were enquiring of their Lord what they should do next.

"The Sound"

in the tops of the mulberry trees was heard to be sure, 'twas not the echo of the hoofs of the Philistine army, nor the shouts of an enemy that was sure of victory, it was the blending of the voices from the hold, with the answer of a God who never failed to hear. You go, and I will go with you; before David He went, and the enemy fell helplessly.

"David"

It is true that David is not our king today, to be sure. He is worthy of an eminent place in the lineage of our King Jesus, whose children and worthy subjects we are, if we keep in memory and practice the truths He gave us.

"Our Churches"

Are they filled to seating capacity? are we as true blue today as we were yesterdays? are we living the "Golden Rule?" are we seeking a higher plane of Christian living? Do we have a greater filial affection for our own church, than we do for those of other faiths? are we a good example for the unsaved, even for our own children?

"Brethren"

let's get in the hold and pray; if our houses are empty, God can fill them. If our luster has dimmed, the Lord of Sabaoth can make us shine. If we have broken the Golden Rule, our Lord can help repair it. If we are filled with pleasure, seeking prayer will help, and seeking the lost will be more pleasurable, and much more profitable. Our church needs us very much, it is true, others need us too.

"Example"

Your child depends on you for advice, words with no uncertain sound, wholesome and pure. Your looks may have a bearing on your children, when they need you most. Your actions will guide, even if you do talk and look pleasant. Your child will, no doubt be just what you make it. If you are real, your child will be real. You cannot indulge and expect your child to refrain.

"Our Enemies"

are not old time Philistines, it is the talk of gangsters and Molls. In my opinion, the world itself is tired of its (could be fine) boys and girls talking like bums and toughs.

"Education"

is a splendid thing to have, and we are spending lots of money for this

When Thou Hearest The Sound

By Rev. John H. Tally, Thayer, Mo.

"And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the Lord go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines" (2 Sam. 5:24).

Dear Editor: I am a General Baptist minister. We are the same faith. I have read the Gem a great deal, and have been advised 'twould be no crime to write for the paper. So I am for my first, dropping a little hint that could be employed profitably in revival work, so much needed today.

My text, of course, is in the Old Testament, but is a splendid example to follow today in revival work, and in which war between nations is not considered, it not being worthy of mention among Christian people.

"Mulberry trees"

Church members are the trees: the berries, the fruit of the trees.

"Mull"

means to soften or bring down in spirit, to heat, to sweeten, to enrich with spices.

"Berry"

is the concentration of all the good of a tree, the fruit.

"Philistine"

has always been the enemy of the good and true, a well organized nation of evil doers, but never able to cope with the unseen powers, and symmetry of God's elect.

"David"

was made king over the people, because his traits of character were just

because he was the only man in the world: for he was decidedly unpopular among the inhabitants of other nations, his enemies were constantly seeking to destroy him. His wife censured and even denounced him for dancing and shouting before the Ark of his Lord, on its return to the city of God. Nothing on this earth could make a man, even a king happier than to see the Ark of God returning to its place in the *City Beautiful*.

"The spirit"

of Saul in the Philistine host was seeking to plant the death dealing javelin in our hero's heart, and thus destroy the righteous who loved (that Old Cross) for the good obtained in bowing before it, and thus hold in check the powers that would destroy the eternal leadership of a great church and nation.

In spite of all the adversity, privation and hardship, he was *King*.

"Royal"

He was brilliant, not because he understood letters, but because he understood God.

When nations were stirred and planning war, he was down in the hold conversing with the King of kings. Moreover, the poor of his kingdom were in the hold with their King David—those who were in distress and were in debt, and discontented, and those who had no certain dwelling place they could call their home; together they prayed for deliverance, safety, and the assurance of peace and plenty.

"Their enemies"

were slow and were planning to

purpose; but education of the highest order known among men, is the fire-side kind, that eventually develops Christian character, and that alone is the only true and perfect character in it, the training of youth. The finer arts and the real image of the Son of God are portrayed daily.

"Vigilance"

A true church knows all the good, and the hurtful things, and is laboring night and day for her children. She knows where they are, what they are doing, the kind of associations, the places they are going to, and the kind of language they are using, and the kind of clothes they are wearing, *modern or sensible.*

"The Home"

is the birth place of every good thing in this world; and this being true, no church is better than its homes, neither is any nation any better than the

homes that make it.

So, if our church life is to be the governor and president of our nation and its destiny, it is high time for us to begin housecleaning.

If we are Christian, let's give our children its benefits.

If we do not have an altar in the home or in the church, that has a mercy seat upon which the Cherubim may rest, let's do it now, even if it does cost us tears and a trifle more, we will be rewarded sheaves in plenty. For there the glorious Lord will be to us a place of broad rivers and streams.

David prayed earnestly and God heard him. After prayer his victories were made easy. He gave kingly advice and the world bowed before him. We have a greater promise than that: He that overcometh shall inherit all things.—Believest thou this?

men and women, dressed in white raiment, marched up the mountain side blowing silver trumpets and playing on silver symbols as they carried water in the shining vessels of the temple from the Pool of Siloam. The offering of the occasion was washed and ultimately taken to a clean place without the city and burned as a whole burnt offering and the ashes were blown away by the winds. All this speaks of Atonement for the entire world, and also of the entire consecration of the individual in this present day of Grace. It is symbolic of the presentation of our bodies as living sacrifices, holy, and acceptable unto God. In the symbol nothing short of a baptism of fire would produce the entirety of a whole burnt offering. In the reality and perfection of atonement, nothing short of the baptism of the Holy Ghost will produce the reality of what David's picture was a symbol. While David was viewing the beauty and splendor and magnificence of character of what redemption meant, he also took a reminiscent view of the time his people were slaves in the brick yards, and he said, "Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold."

ATONEMENT

Dictated by Rev. C. M. Bamford

Written by John B. Rollins

"Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold" (Ps. 68:13).

The Egyptian bondage is a true symbolic picture of a life of sin. The Israelites became as dumb driven cattle under the whip of their cruel task-masters who were the product of the powers of sin and darkness. Such slavery has never been surpassed in all the history of the world, and it is typical of the condition of him who commits sin and is the servant of sin (John 8:34).

The history of Israel during the Egyptian bondage is indeed a dark picture. They toiled in the brick yards in the grime and sweat of their labors; in the ashes and soot of the fires and baking pots of their production of bricks; in the company of their clay mortar besmeared comrades, each as dirty and sweltry as his fellows. All this, and more, took place in the presence of cruel task-masters who stood over their slaves with the "cat o' nine tails" and ruthlessly whipped their victims into production such as would exhaust vast stores of energy and produce woe and misery in its most cruel and agonizing forms. Having no time to cook, the slaves ate lichens and onions and the like. Having no time to wash themselves, neither having time to make for themselves clean beds, they dropped to the ground, as they were, in the ashes and soot and among the pots to catch a very few hours of rest and sleep so very necessary to their toll-worn beings, knowing that ere long the dreaded task-master would approach and mercilessly awaken them with a violent lash of his whip across their

naked bodies and order them to work.

With the exception of an occasional soul throughout the generations of captivity, the people of Israel had forgotten that there was such a being as God. It was at the highest oppression of the bondage that one devout woman prayed for deliverance for her people. Her son, Moses, was born, and we see how the hand of God was manifested in his care and favor and nurture in the wisdom of the Egyptians, and yet under the training of his Hebrew mother. Moses was an heir to the throne of Pharaoh, yet he knew that naturally he belonged in the brick yards as a slave. When he got into trouble, he fled to Media, and it was while there that he met God and got acquainted with Him, and God commissioned him as deliverer. He had a knowledge of the unclean things of the mythological religion of Egypt to bear a contrast with the things God was to teach him concerning the plans of Atonement, by which ultimately the entire world might be saved. The plan of Atonement had a human side to it and it must of necessity be mastered by human hands. The human issues of the plan were invested in Moses and Aaron, while Aaron was in charge of the symbolic incarnation, Moses was in charge of the governmental issues which served as a safe guard for that representation in which God and man were involved. We see in this the foundation for the church—both the spiritual and the visible or governmental.

It was in the hey-day of Israel's kingdom attainment that David stood over against the palace and watched the people carry out the rites of the Great Atonement Day. The young

Here is a perfect vision of a redeemed people likened unto the almost indescribable splendor and brilliancy of the beautiful sacred dove. When the dove was in a flood of sunshine, a glistening effect of silver and golden sheens were produced on its feathers. These silver tinctures and golden hues were not present on the dove's feathers until the little dove was literally baptized in a flood of sunlight.

Likewise, in comparing the perfection of Atonement to the beauties of a dove, the beauty of Christian character is brought out by a literal baptism of the Holy Ghost, that floods overwhelmingly over the soul and causes the individual to be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

BOWNEMONT. W. VA.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:

I am sending in a brief report of our new church at Chanler's Branch. We have paid \$80.00, and still owe \$4.20

I like to read the Gem, and am trying my best to get every Free Will Baptist to take the paper.

We had a good meeting last Sunday night at the church. Bro. J. L. Patterson did the preaching. There will be a baptizing next Sunday p. m. at Chanler's Branch. We have a new pastor at our church, Rev. E. L. Bowman. He is just a young man, and needs all the help he can get.

I will close by asking all to pray for us and the church.

Mrs. Eulah Nicholas.

WACO, TEXAS, Sept. 28, 1936.

Dear Gem Family:

How are you this fine morning? You will see by this, that we are in Waco at last. The new tent is up and we begin our first service under it tonight. Would have started last night, but the awful heavy rain stopped nearly everything in the city.

The morning papers report 2,000 homeless. The water is falling now. All the churches in the city are helping to relieve the flood sufferers. How quickly we are reminded that the arm of flesh will fail us in time of trouble. How sad it will be for the poor souls to go back and find that all is ruined by the water; and yet sin is ruining the precious lives of thousands daily.

We have conducted two short meetings since we last reported. Had five conversions in one and two in the other. Less than a week at one of the places. We ask all to help us pray for a great revival here.

We have another list of names on the tent to send in this time:

F. B. Robinson	\$50.00
Mrs. Harry Jarvis	1.50
Elizabeth Warren	1.00
Mrs. Jack Boone	1.00
S. R. Carroll	1.00
Tommie Franklin	1.00
Mrs. T. B. Mellette	1.00

We surely thank every one for helping us to get the tent. We owe the tent company \$100.00 yet and they are giving us thirty days to get it. We trust and pray that a number of our friends will be led to send a small offering yet, so we will have every dollar at the right time.

May God bless each one of His servants, and may the good work go on.

Our address is 1907 South 12th St., Waco, Texas. Send all offerings to this address.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

"WHAT CAN BEER DO?"

Contributed by Eld. J. S. Damon

Beer never built a cottage: it never filled a hungry little stomach: it never inspired a kiss of purity: it never planted a garden or sent a happy little girl to swing upon the garden gate in happy anticipation of father's return: it never made a contented hearth stone or bred a yea-

SCHOOL NEWS**of
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Board of Education of the National Association will be 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Hattie Newman, Clerk, Drumright, Ok.

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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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