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The Doctrine of Christian Giving

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"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." (2Cor.9:6-8)

I wish that all who read the Gem would **study** the 8th and 9th chapters of 2 Cor. by the following outline I am giving. the doctrine of Christian Giving may be thus summarized:

It is a "grace," that is a disposition created by the Spirit. (2 Cor. 8:7).

In contrast with the Law, which imposed giving as a divine requirement, Christian giving is voluntary, and is a test of sincerity and love (2 Cor. 8:12; 9:1, 2, 5, 7).

The privilege is universal, belonging, according to ability, to rich and poor (2 Cor. 8:1-3; 12:15)

Giving is to be proportioned to income (2 Cor. 8:12-14), according "as God has prospered him" (1 Cor. 16:2).

The rewards of Christian giving are joy (2Cor. 8:2); increased ability to give in proportion to that which has been already given (2 Cor. 9:7-11); increased thankfulness to God (2Cor. 9:12); God and the Gospel glorified (v. 13).

The doctrine of christian giving is inclusive, "Let **every one of you** lay by him in store." No one is exempt; it is proportionately, "as God has prospered him," the rich and poor alike, for "it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (2Cor. 8:12). Happy is that per-

son, that church, that community which practices giving for the support of the Gospel of Christ.

I attended the Methodist Church in Purdy one Sunday morning. They began the worship by singing hymns of praise, which is right and proper, according to Psalm 100. I was well impressed. The pastor called for the people to "worship the Lord in prayer." My soul communed with the Spirit of the Lord and I was happy. Then the pastor said, "Now, let us worship the Lord by paying our tithes and offerings" Thank the Lord for that statement! **Let us worship the Lord** by paying tithes and offerings. There is a joy found in this worship that is found nowhere else

The individual or church that refuses to worship God in this capacity is not blessed of the Lord. Many of our good Free Will Baptist preachers are afraid to preach this doctrine to their churches, because they know the churches

will resent it. These preachers are non-progressive, they have no vision; they are cowards because, through fear of mentioning money they fail to declare the whole counsel of God. These churches are starving, struggling, yea, gasping for breath! Their ministers are unsupported and must labor all week with their hands, after which they enter the pulpit on Sunday, unqualified and unfit to administer unto them spiritual things. Yes, I will admit that. Paul labored with his hands, and when in the poor districts and in want, he was chargeable to no man, for the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied that which was lacking (2 Cor. 11:9). Though Paul was willing to do this, as he said, "I seek not yours, but you;" yet in the same breath he said, "**Forgive me this wrong**" (2 Cor. 12:13). Paul reasoned with the Corinthians (1 Cor. 9:7-18), referring to the tribe of Levi who received for their inheritance, not lands and possessions, but their inheritance was "the people," and the people paid them tithes. Paul taught by this fact, saying, "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

Many of our good Free Will Baptist folk believe this doctrine and live accordingly. They are happy and prosperous, and their churches thrive. Souls are saved in the midst of this spiritual depression. I refer particularly to the church at Flat River, Mo. During the recent five weeks'



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COMANCHE, TEXAS, May 22, 1937

Dear Gem Family:

We are glad to report another victory over sin. We have no church in Comanche, but our people from the country stood by us and helped to fight the battle and win the victory. We had some splendid services when the power of God came down, 31 were converted. We feel that this will lead to a church in town some time in the future. We have some real good members in the country and they are anxious for the work to be enlarged in that part of the country.

A week before the meeting closed our sister-in-law, Mrs. Della Lawlis, joined us, and was a blessing in the meeting. She expects to be with us in other meetings this summer.

We left Comanche Friday and preached at our church at Falba Saturday night and over Sunday. This church is almost one hundred per cent tithers. They are going to tithe everything, money and all. They are raising funds to build a new church house. Pray for them.

Our next place for a meeting is Monett, Missouri. We ask all to pray for us to have a great victory, and many souls saved.

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

BLUE BELL CHURCH, Sapulpa, Okla., June 2nd.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We wish to make a report from the Blue Bell Boosters; but since we have not introduced ourselves to the Gem family before, it will be necessary to state that we have only organized recently. We have begun work on our little church we organized about three weeks ago. Since that time we have had a wonderful revival, and the Lord wonderfully blessed in many way. We had twenty-four souls saved and thirteen added to the church, and we were all drawn closer to God. We can already see some of the fruits of our organization for Christ.

Our leader, Bro. Haskell Eldridge, has been ill and could not attend the revival, but he will be with us again tonight.

We do not wish to be over enthusiastic, but the Lord has blessed so freely that we feel like praising Him more than ever. He has been so good to us, and has saved the souls of boys for whom we have been praying for nearly two years.

We have been busy working among sinners in the revival, but tonight we will have another meeting and decide more definitely the routine of our meetings. Our aim is to lead souls to Christ; and we hope that all the readers of the Gem will help us pray for the young converts of our community.

Our First Mission Association Sunday School Rally will be held June twentieth in the Kellyville auditorium.

Ruby Hellard, Reporter.

The Rock That is Firm and Sure

By the Editor

"The Stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner" (Psalm 118:22)



In the Scriptures Christ is revealed as the "Stone:" (1) To Israel, Christ, because He came in the form of a servant, is "a stone of stumbling and rock of offence" (Isa. 8:14, 15; Rom. 9:31 to 10:4; 1 Cor. 1:23; 1 Pet. 2:8); (2) to the church, Christ is the foundation and chief corner stone (1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:19, 20; 1 Peter 2:4, 5); (3) to the Gentile world-powers, He is to be the smiting-stone of destruction (Dan. 2:34). Yes, this "Stone" is Christ, over whom Israel stumbled at His first advent; upon which the church is built; and by whom the Gentile nations will be broken.

Christ crucified is the Rock, which was smitten that the Spirit (water) of Life might flow from Him to all who will drink. When the children of Israel, in their journey from Egypt to Sinai, were thirsty and cried unto Moses for water to quench their thirst, and God commanded Moses to take of the elders of Israel, and his rod, and to smite the rock (Exo. 17:6); and water came forth from the rock, that all might drink. And Paul said of this (1 Cor. 10:4), "And did all drink of the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ." There is no hope for any man but to believe on the crucified Christ. When God gave His only begotten Son, He gave Him to die to atone for the sins of the whole world.

In John 3:16, "God gave" speaks of crucifixion; "not perish" speaks of atoning blood, shed for remission of sins; "but have" speaks of life bestowed. Yes, Christ the Rock has been smitten and the water of life is flowing for all who will drink; then let us be sure that we drink freely and have abundant life with Him.

Christ, at His first coming, was a stumbling block and rock of offence to the Jews. More than 700 years before Christ was born at Bethlehem, God said (Isa. 8:14, 15), "And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, . . . and many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken." God knew from the beginning that there would be two houses of Israel, and that they would stumble over Christ, reject Him, and crucify Him. Jesus knew this too; and He told the Jews about it (Matt. 21:33-46), and He warned them against falling on this Stone, or allowing the Stone to fall on them. Now, Israel not only rejected Christ and crucified Him, but are in dispersion among the nations of the world until now, still in unbelief, rejecting and denying their Messiah, and with His

blood still upon their heads. But even now they are returning back to Jerusalem and Palestine—nearly half a million have already gone back to the holy land—still in unbelief.

Israel had a zeal for God, and they sought after righteousness, but they sought it by the works of the law, and have failed—they tried to work out under the law a righteousness that God would accept (Rom. 9:31 to 10:4). Many thousands, even today, are trying to work out a righteousness of their own, a man made righteousness, but God will not accept it; it won't work for the people of today any more than for the Jews of long ago. There is no true righteousness save through Christ, and they rejected and refused Him—the builders refused the Stone which is become the Head Stone of the corner.

Yes, to the Jews Christ was at His first coming, a stumbling block (1 Cor. 1:23), they rejected and crucified Him, and were scattered throughout the nations of the world where they are today, still in unbelief.

To the Church, Christ is the foundation and chief corner stone. It is the Christian's happy privilege to be a lively stone in Christ Jesus, and with other lively stones built up a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5-7). But Paul would have us know that we are "fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Eph. 2:19, 20). Then the church is a temple for the habitation of God through the Spirit; and it means more than most church members ever realize.

When I see what some professed Christians are building, I wonder if they really think they are building on the only true Foundation God ever laid (1 Cor. 3:11); but they are building, or pretending to build, while they are having a good time with the world, and some of them think more of their own experience than they do of God's Word. Even a poor building built on the sure foundation shall suffer loss; what of a poor building built on a false foundation?

To Israel Christ shall be, at His second coming, the Headstone of the corner. He was born King of the

Jews (Matt. 2:2); this was God's doing, and in it He has a purpose which He will fulfill. Paul says (Rom. 11:26), "And so all Israel shall be saved." We know that Israel is still scattered among the nations of the world, and that their salvation and blessings are still future. This is not to spiritual Israel, but is to national Israel. The following Scriptures, and many others testify of the regathering and blessings of national Israel: Isa. 11:12; 49:5, 18; all of chapter 62; Micah 2:12, 13; 4:1-8. Yes, the Jews are yet to be saved and wonderfully blessed, and Christ is to be their King. For this cause He must and will come as a Governor, and shall rule over Israel (Matt. 2:6; Isaiah 9:6, 7). The heathen (nations) shall perish out of His land: and "the Lord shall be King for ever and ever" (Ps. 10:16). The heathen have never yet perished from the earth, but they shall perish, and so shall all the wicked of earth perish: for following the coming of the Lord in what we call the Rapture, there is to be seven years of tribulation (the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy, chapter 9), which shall end with the battle of Armageddon and the destruction of all the ungodly of earth. After this Christ will come to earth with His saints (Jude 14), and will set up the promised kingdom: "And the Lord shall be King over all the earth" (Zech. 14:9), and will thus become the "Headstone of the corner" to Israel. This is the kingdom our Lord taught His disciples to pray for (Matt. 6:10), saying "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." It is an everlasting kingdom, over which Christ shall reign for 1,000 years, then He shall deliver it up to the Father (1 Cor. 15:24). Christ's reign will cease at the end of the 1,000 years, but the kingdom goes on under the Father—it is an everlasting kingdom.

Moses a type of Christ, the Deliverer

Both were divinely chosen (Exo. 3:7-10; John 3: 16).

Both were rejected by Israel (Exo. 3:11-15; Luke 19:14).

Both gain a Gentile bride while in rejection (Exo. 2:16-21; Eph. 5:30-32).

Both accepted by Israel on their return (Exo. 4:29-31; Acts 15:4-17).

Yes, Christ will again come unto His own people the Jews, and will be accepted as their long looked for Deliverer and Messiah (Isa. 59:20, 21; Romans 11:23-29).

Paul says (Rom. 11:26), "And so all Israel shall be saved." They are still in unbelief which has always kept them from the blessings of God; but they shall be saved. When? After two days (2,000 years) from His first coming, He will come again, and on the third day He will be perfected (Luke 13:32), and it is then that the Jews shall be saved and raised up to

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If You Want to Go to Heaven, Kill Your Pride

By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Mo.

Dear Editor, Wife and Gem Readers: I am so thankful this morning (April 28, 1937) to have this privilege again this side of eternity, to tell you that I am still contending for the old time religion, and I see more and more each day the need of old time religion in the hearts of us church members; we need to consecrate our lives to God.

Joshua said (chapter 24), "Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. . . . But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods: . . . Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel. And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey."

Do we really want to go to Heaven? Well, if we do, we must obey the commandments, and keep in mind, that God gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. He has left us His Word the Bible, and told us to search the Scriptures; so let us just now read in the Proverbs, of their use:

Prov. 1:7—An exhortation to fear God and keep His Word.

1:10—Avoid the enticing of sinners.

1:20—Wisdom complaineth of her contempt.

2:14—Who leaveth the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness. Please read the remainder of this chapter.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil" (Prov. 3:6, 7).

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty" (Pro. 3:9, 10). Do we believe this? I know it is so.

"The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul. Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better is it to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he" (Prov. 16:17-20).

"A gracious woman retaineth honor" (Prov. 11:16).

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:30).

"Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world this also that she hath done, shall be spoken of for a memorial of her" (Luke 14:9).

"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed: her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Prov. 31:27, 28). She does not idle away her time playing cards and attending club meetings.

"And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man" (Gen. 6:3). And Jesus said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke 13:24).

"Let not the foot of pride come against me" (Psa. 36:11).

"Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain" (Ps. 73:6) You can see this any day among folks. If a woman goes in public with a backless dress on, then others will try to dress like her.

God says, "Pride and arrogancy and the evil way, and the froward look do I hate" (Prov. 8:13).

"When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom" (Prov. 11:2).

"Righteousness delivereth from death. The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness" (Prov. 11:4, 5).

"A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the

humble in spirit."

Isaiah speaks of the terrible day of the Lord, the confusion caused by sin, and the judgment which shall be for the pride of the woman—"More over the Lord saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes" (Isaiah 3:16).

David said (Ps. 37:25), "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread." Well, I was once young, and I can well remember it; now I am old, almost 77, and I have never seen pride so detrimental among the women, young and old, as it is now, church members and non-church members. They have become dissatisfied with the way God created them; they have tweezers to pick out their eyebrows, God put too many there; eye brushes, especially to brush eyebrows; then fingernail polish, and a brush to use specially for that purpose; then a solution for the eyebrows, to make them stand in little bunches; then the lipstick, red as red can be, and you know red is used as a danger signal.

"These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Prov. 6:16-19).

"My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. . . For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: to keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids" (Prov. 6:20-25).

Pride is condemned in both the Old and the New Testaments.

"Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom" (Prov. 13:10).

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated,

full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17).

"But he giveth more grace, wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud: but giveth peace unto the humble" (Jas. 4:6).

I read the Bible every day, and I believe I would as soon a child of mine would be a bartender as the proprietor of a beauty shop that can be run by electricity. Young and old are spending millions of dollars preparing to meet people: but God says (Amos 4:12, 13), "PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD. . . THE LORD, THE GOD OF HOSTS, is His name." "For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation."

David said, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple" (Psa. 27:4).

"Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency: and array thyself with glory and beauty" (Job 40:10).

A Test: A little boy came to his father and laid his hand upon his knee, looking up wistfully.

"Do you want a penny, child?" The sweet face glowed, and the answer came: "No, papa, only you." So it is with the child of God, he does not want the good things of the world one-millionth part as much as he wants to know his Father's love. This is a true test for each of us, and by it we may know whether we are really in the faith: "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him; . . . the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. . . . But he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2:15-17).

Oh, if we all that are grandmothers were like Timothy's Grandmother Lois and his Mother Eunice, there would be a great change! Oh, mothers, I pray you, choose like Mary did, that good part which shall not be taken away from you. I wish all would choose as Martha and Mary did.

Rules for Divine worship (1 Cor. 11:15), "But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a cover-

ing." Paul said this.

Jesus said, "Seest thou this woman. She hath washed my feet Your old fashioned servant. with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head" (Lk. 7:44).

The works of the Lord are great, and are sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honorable and gracious: and His righteousness endureth forever. He hath made His wonderful work to be remembered: the Lord is gracious.

"Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine" (Isaiah 28:1). The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under foot. But "the hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Prov. 16:31). Is it right, do you think it is right to disfigure those gray hairs and spend the good Lord's money for that which is no bread, and for that which satisfieth not?

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

"He that keepeth the commandments, keepeth his own soul: but he that despiseth his ways shall die."

"Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age" (Psa. 92:13, 14).

Then live for Christ both day and nite,
Be faithful, be brave and true,
And lead the lost to life and light;
Let others see Jesus in you.
Keep telling the story,
Be faithful and true;
Let others see Jesus in you.

Warning—"Though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life" (Jer. 4:30).

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates to the city" (Rev. 22:14).

Dear ones, pray for me, for I do want to go to Heaven when I die and be with all my loved ones.

Humbly at Thy feet I bow;
Hear us Jesus, hear us now.

THAYER, MO., R2, May 31, 1937

Dear Builders of the Name of God:

One of our rural mail carriers out of Thayer, having reached the retirement age, his route will be divided between the other two, and our route will be No. 2 after June 1, 1937.

On Sunday, May 23rd, a prominent young man of Alton was struck by the ball while playing, and died in a short time without recovering consciousness; and the report comes that many people in Alton are seen reading the Bible since then. We hope increasing numbers will read and find what the Lord requires of folks, one of which is that the Sabbath shall be kept holy.

Our Cave Spring Fifth Sunday meeting seemed to swarm with Ebenezers (1 Sam. 7:12).

Singing, reading of Isaiah 5, and prayer by Eld. Nath Combs opened the meeting on Saturday morning.

Moderator Beatty not being present, Bro. Combs was elected moderator pro tem, and appointed Eld. J. E. Rolan assistant, and Brothers E. L. Brewer, Melvin Cockman and C. H. Carroll as a committee on divine service.

Nearly all our churches were represented, and I believe all our preachers were present but one.

Deacon T. L. McDonald gave a verbal report of Liberty church. Their building had been blown up because of a drunken moving picture operator muddling his brain, but, providentially, the audience, tired of his actions, had just left the building a short time before the blow-up; and say folks, Providence is absolutely the safest, smoothest acting safety device available, and is always available to any one, anywhere, who wants it, because the dear Lord himself always operates it personally. The Liberty folks are going to rebuild, with ownership vested in the church, so movies can be kept out. If you will keep communication open between your Lord and yourself, fear will have no place in your life.

At 11:00 o'clock Elders Nath Combs and T. J. Dunkin admonished us to seek the old paths (Jer. 6:16), a strong touching message.

Shortly before dinner Moderator Beatty came, bringing with him Brothers B. F. Brown and John B. Rollins of Purdy, Mo.

Myrtle was selected as the next place of meeting, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August.

Saturday night a prayer and testimony meeting prefaced a glorious sermon by Elders Brown and Rollins on **Crucifying** the old man and **putting** on the new man in Christ Jesus, so that Christ really lives in and through us.

Let us take a stronger hold, or rather let Christ hold us up so we will be dead to sin and alive to righteousness.

Sunday morning Elders E. E. Simpson and J. B. Rollins told us the purposes of Christ's second coming: To fulfill all the prophecies, and most of all to put away all evil from the earth, and rule as King in Jerusalem for one thousand years.

Bro. Brown told us how all that the prophets said would happen to the Jews. Deut. 28:9 and other Scriptures are being fulfilled now, day by day. The Jews are returning back to Palestine, the land the Lord promised to Abraham and his seed forever. Another promise to Abraham, that all who befriended him should be blessed and all who wronged him should be cursed, is also being fulfilled; for every power that has ever helped the Jews has prospered, and every one that has oppressed them has been cursed, from Haman to Hitler. Bro. Brown said he really believed the Bible; that when it states plainly that the Great Son of David should yet reign upon the earth, it means just that, though some seem bent to wrest the Scriptures, which brings a terrible penalty.

Brothers J. M. Williams and H. H. Beatty gave wonderfully clear directions for safety: As Moses was in the cleft of the rock while the Lord passed by, showing His glory; so our safety is in the riven side of our Savior.

After dinner, which was served on the grounds, Bro. Rollins told of a plan to give, as the Lord has blessed us, to a fund to purchase the office equipment and provide a building, so we can have the full equipment in a building all our own. The linotype is already ours. So far Bro. Brown has furnished

the equipment and the building.

Bro. Rollins then explained to us the meaning of "sons" in the original Hebrew: A son is one who is building the family name. We become sons of God by the power of God in the new birth.

Rom. 8:14—"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Folks, let each one of us so build the name of God by our lives that others all around us will want to become members of the family, as sons of God.

In His name and thru His power,
Ralph T. Hoyt.

HUGGINS, MISSOURI

I have been reading the 13th chapter of Mark, and I found it a very interesting chapter. If I can find the words, I will try to express a few of my thoughts.

The main thought I have in mind is of the word "watch."

W stands for work. If we are real children of God and have that Old Time Religion, we will be workers for God and will not be found idle.

A stands for accept. Every child of God has accepted Christ as their Leader; and when we have accepted Christ as our Leader we can sing that old song with feeling, "Where He Leads, I'll Follow."

T stands for Trials. I think every Christian will face a few trials, and I believe God is going to have a tried people. But we are able to overcome all trials by trusting in Jesus Christ.

C stands for Choose. There is a time in life when we will have to choose good or evil, for both are before us, and we have the privilege to the one or the other. Joshua said, "Choose you this day whom you will serve" (24:15). Let's say with the Apostle Paul (Heb. 11:24), "Choosing rather to suffer afflictions with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

Last of all, H will stand for Heaven. The best educated person or the best Christian speaker in the world might talk for a week and then the beauties of Heaven could not be half told. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which

God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Cor. 2:9).

Go to the 21st chapter of Rev. and read it; and then who would not want to go to that City John tells us about? But we must watch and pray every day—we should live every day as if it were the last day.

"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is."

—Ora Black.

HURRICANE, W. VA., May 31st

Dear Brother Brown:

I am sending a few lines in regard to a young quarterly meeting, called "The Clay." It is only a short time since it was organized. It has four churches and about eight ministers.

I visited them in their last meeting which convened Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 14, 15, and 16. Sure had a fine time and enjoyed myself while with the good people at Bickmore, W. Virginia.

Eld. John M. Henson.

BOWNEMONT, W. VA., May 30.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I wish to report our Kanawha Quarterly Meeting which was held with Ruth church on Davis Creek, about five miles from Charleston, W. Va., beginning on Friday at 2:30 p. m. before the fifth Sunday in May, 1937.

I will say right in the beginning of my report that we had a real spiritual meeting. According to the letters we haven't gained any in membership since our March meeting, but the fellowship seemed really good, and I heard some as good preaching as I ever heard, and the folks were really taken care of.

I never got there till Saturday morning, but I will report the Friday meeting as it was given to me verbally.

The meeting was called together at 2:30 p. m. on Friday, and Eld. Jeff Tomas was elected moderator.

Eleven preachers were present. Ministers' reports were read and approved and some short talks were made.

Friday night, as Rev. James Herald who was to preach the introductory sermon was not present, Rev. Geo. H. Cooper preached

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NEOSHO, MISSOURI, May 20, 1937.

Dear Gem Readers:

I have never written before, so if I make some mistakes, please excuse them.

We are building a new church house at Oak Grove. It is progressing well considering the obstacles that have confronted us since we began it.

We feel that the Lord is with us and will bless us in giving us a new church house to worship Him in truth and thankfulness in our hearts.

Bro. Kenneth Turner is our pastor and we ask your prayers for him, his good wife and children. May the Lord bless them.

The obstacle that we are facing now is the lack of money. So far we have built with freewill offerings. If any one who reads this wishes to give any amount, great or small, it will be appreciated very much, and I am sure the Lord will bless the giver. We are few in number, but we are trying in our weak way to walk in the strait and narrow road which leads to Heaven, where joys and gladness shall never end.

May 9th, we had an all day services: with Sunday school at ten o'clock, preaching at eleven by our pastor who delivered a good sermon concerning the Mothers of the Bible.

At twelve o'clock a bountiful dinner was spread.

At two o'clock we were assembled for a Mothers' Day program, in which our little folks did wonderfully in speaking their parts for our dear mothers. We should love and respect our dear mothers and fathers more than we do.

I am very much in my Master's work, but I ask the prayers of all worthy Christians, that I may grow stronger and more humble before our Savior.
—Geraldine Duffield.

BRO. WILLEY VISITS NORTHEAST MISSOURI

We were greatly pleased to have Bro. Willey with us in our churches here in Northeast Mo., and to learn first hand of the things he found in South America. Our vision of Foreign Missions has been enlarged, and we can realize more fully that we all may have a part in helping to give the Gospel to the natives of that land.

In each service Bro. Willey gave us vivid and interesting mental pictures of the natives of South America, and the land where we are to have a mission. Then too, he showed the motion pictures of the people and different scenes which were of great interest, and also impressive. There need be no doubt in any mind as to whether Bro. Willey is the man for the place. His heart is with the Indians of South America, and he is determined to go. Let us send him.

We had wonderful weather for the tour of this association, and in most instances people took advantage of the good roads and weather and traveled several miles to attend the services. Some people reported having attended six of the services, and, of course, they would have to travel several miles to attend that many; so judge for yourselves as to the interest Bro. Willey created in missions.

On Mothers' Day Bro. Willey was with us at the

Stahl church and brought a message on "Mother." Very appropriately and vividly he pictured the true Christian mother, and showed how some women who have children are not mothers. The message was accepted by some of the church as the best they ever heard, and by all as wonderful.

Our last missionary service was at Sublette on Sunday night, May 16th. And while we were still held almost spell bound by the things we were hearing of a strange people in a strange country, a man in uniform came into the building—he was a Salvation Army officer, Captain Knowels of the Kirksville division. He waited patiently until our service was over, then quickly took Bro. Willey in his car from our presence to his waiting congregation, about six miles away, where Bro. Willey talked again of the heathen in South America, and showed his wonderful roll of pictures.

We enjoyed Bro. Willey's presence in our homes and churches so much that we were reluctant to let him go, but his work is with the Red men in another land, and he is anxious to get to them. So we wouldn't be selfish, but sent him on hoping and praying that he may lead that people who know not Jesus to the light of the true Gospel.

Don't fail to have Bro. Willey in your church and, after he has told you about the South American people and showed you the pictures, and you have made a liberal donation to the missionary program, then insist that he show you the little roll of motion pictures—pictures of his family: His wonderful wife, cute little boy and sweet little girl. May the Lord bless you and your family, Bro. Willey, and prosper your way; guide you and protect you as you go to the Regions Beyond. —Eld. Noel Turner.

REVIVAL MEETING REPORT

Have just closed a splendid revival with our Free Will Baptist church at Carterville, Missouri. Only nine souls were saved, but we had such a great revival among God's people. Christian people came from far and near. One night we had seven (7) different towns represented in the service.

We certainly enjoyed our stay with Brother and Sister Campbell and their church. They have a splendid group to work with. I trust you folk can see lasting results from this revival.

After the meeting closed, I went over in Webb City and held one service. We had a great service over there at the Frisco Mission, and met a fine lot of people.

Yours for the salvation of souls and the strengthening of the churches.
—Winford Davis.

GRANBY, MISSOURI, May 11, 1937.

Today (May 11th) marks the date of the laying of the corner stone in our new church building at Oak Grove church in McDonald County, Missouri, where we are trying to act as pastor. We had called a special service for this day, for the purpose of laying the corner stone, and in spite of the rain which fell all morning, we had a goodly number present and by noon the sun broke through the clouds, shining nice and warm. So, after dinner,

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HOUSTON, TEXAS, 7940 Sherman Street

Dear Bro. Brown and the Family of Gem Readers:
Owing to slackness on the part of our city mail carriers, I had not been getting my paper, but this morning I got the last three in one bundle, and let me tell you it was a real treat to read those good reports from over the field, and in response to my little contribution in the February number I have had several good letters of invitation, and shall reach all I can of them; and now, let me invite you all (and this includes Aunt Lina Claxton).

Turn with me to Jer. 31:3. Here God tells us by His prophet, that He loves us with an everlasting love; and dear ones, I have proven the truthfulness of this declaration many, many times in the 54 years I have been traveling this way, and this morning my heart goes out to my brethren of like precious faith in the language of Paul in Ephesians 3:14-20, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

Dear brothers and sisters, are you thirsting, reaching out for and longing for more and more of that divine fulness? I am testifying with David just now (Psa. 42:1), "As the hart panteth after the water brook, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." Would we study the great love of Jesus together? Then let us look at Calvary; there we see His love for us in action. Would we hear His love for us? Then listen, on the last of that great feast, we hear Him calling, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink" (John 7:37). Are you lacking of love? Come to Jesus, He is the fountain of love. His love is a perfect love; His love is a personal love; He loved me and gave Himself for me.

We need to remind ourselves daily of His love, and I know of no better way to do it than to come each day to this fountain and drink to our fill, and come in touch with this great quickening power and take on abundance of life, knowing this, that the more freely we drink, the more abundantly the fountain will flow; and as we go and minister to and mix with those about us, we find ourselves in need of this daily spiritual renewal. The more we are quickened by the Spirit in the inner man, the more we shall be rooted and grounded in the love of Christ. Paul's prayer for the Ephesians was, that they might be filled with all the fulness of God, that is, the fulness of love; and it is His wish and purpose, that by our daily life, we may emulate His love to us, and portray to those around us what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Then let us pray and sing together.

Let me walk, blessed Lord, in the way thou hast gone,

Leading straight to the land above,

Giving cheer everywhere to the sad and the lone,

Fill my heart every day with love.

Keep me close to the side of my Savior and Guide,
Let me never in darkness rove,
Keep my path free from wrath and my soul satisfied,
Fill my way every day with love.

Soon the race will be o'er and I'll travel no more,
But abide in my home above;
Let me sing, blessed King, all the way to the shore,
Fill my way every day with love. —Selected.
—Eld. J. W. Handy.

Truth Everlasting

By Ralph D. Foster, Aurora, Missouri

The fundamental principles upon which laws that govern economic justice are based never change, for the reason that right and equity are based upon truth, and truth is as everlasting as the eternity of God. Man's ideas of what constitutes truth may vary greatly: he may wander far from its fundamental laws, by reason of conditions that govern his economic, social and religious (not Christian) life, by being biased, prejudiced or domineered by the thought that might and political power make right—consciously or unconsciously, perhaps—but because men change their thoughts and vary from the foundations of equity and justice does not in any wise effect the fundamental principles of them. Man may have failed to build his superstructure of achievements or livelihood upon fundamental principles; even so with governments, monarchies and kingdoms, some of which may be built upon the sands of the ruler's individual opinions, for self aggrandizement or love of the glory of power by special privileges granted to men who hold to the same individual dogmas and tenets as the ruler may suggest, and, at his request, enact his wishes and personal whims into codes of law by which to govern the republic, empire or monarchy, whether or not they are based upon the solid rock of truth. Then when the waves of economic jealousy, greed and financial rivalry for the "survival of the fittest" embroil the world in chaotic anarchy, the doctrines of individual economic security upheave in volcanic fury and destroy their works of unsound theories, by reason of the fact that they had evaded the laws that govern economic justice, which are based upon the fundamental principles of truth which are as everlasting as the eternity of God.

When these false superstructures collapse men lose their comprehensibility, which would have enabled them to keep their mind of saner judgment, and they then lose self-control and fight, strive and war until they have exhausted themselves by butchery, heinous crimes and destruction of the things that God gave them for self-maintenance and thrift. And because they used timbers of false economy in building the superstructure which they destroy, and they then can see the fundamental foundation—which in this good old U. S. A. is a code of written fundamental laws called the Constitution of the United States of America—which guarantees to us the fundamental principles to liberty, freedom, justice and equity. Furthermore, whosoever he may be that we choose by ballot as our Chief Executive,

whatever cause he may wish to pursue or advocate, he should remember the oath he took before God and man: "I will execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Whatsoever may or may not be the personal ambitions of each of us, let us remember that there are many restrictions, ever increasing, in state and national laws, as time moves on apace, that face each of us; that every sane and reasonable individual wants to be a law abiding citizen, and that when complex questions arise, and when there is divided authority in our national household, and when one or both contenders are dominant, the result is a stalemate, which is settled by a court of final jurisprudence and authority. The matter is weighed in the balance of constitutional justice and equity that is therein prescribed and upon which our nation is founded.

Men may come and men may go, but truth, justice and right go one forever.

Jesus, who rode upon an ass into Jerusalem, and had nowhere to lay His head, was the greatest law-giver ever recorded in sacred or profane history, defined the law of social economics in one terse sentence, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." In the fulfillment of that philosophy rests the climax of our destiny as a nation.

"PEACE"

By Eld. Lloyd Weese, 2806 Lanfranco St., Los Angeles, Cal.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (Matt. 15:27).

In this article I will endeavor, by the help of an all-wise God, by the guidance of an ever comforting Spirit, to set forth the principles of peace in their true light.

Peace is that virtue, that possession which all mankind has an inward desire for, yet few strive to perfect: few strive to attain.

What we mean by peace is that state of rest, ease, relaxation, wherein we are free from care. Now, just how much of these do we acquire each day? and do we see that spirit of peace in our daily associates, are our community activities a manifestation of harmony, quietness, courtesy and respect, all of which make for the fruits of peace, namely: Friendship, Fellowship and Neighborliness?

Now then, do we see the spirit of peace at work in the world today? Do be careful! you will jump to a wrong conclusion! You will probably say, "No." Perhaps you'll say, "Yes." In saying, "No," I can see no manifestations of the workings of peace," you'll point out the warlike conditions in foreign countries, perhaps, or you may cite the labor and strike conditions in our own land. If you say, "Yes, I can see the works of peace in the world now;" you will very likely mention the fact that various countries have vowed with each other for peace and that they have pledged themselves to keep peace. I'm not taking issue with either answer. The facts as they stand are: Matt. 5:9—

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God," and Matt. 5:7—"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." Also Heb. 12:14—"Follow peace with all men, and holiness; without which no man shall see the Lord."

The reader will do well to look up the last few verses of the ninth chapter of Mark, which ends thus: "Have peace one with another."

I maintain that the spirit of peace, through the operation of the Holy Spirit, is mightily at work today, but not in the natural things of this world. Satan gained a measure of control over the natural, over the literal, visible, physical things of this world when Eve accepted his invitation and statement, "Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Gen. 3:5), for in gaining control of Adam and Eve he gained control over what they controlled, namely: the literal world. Gen. 1:28—"Have thou dominion . . . over every living thing . . . on the earth."

No, Satan's subjects are doing their best to establish his selfish rule in the hearts of men, as well as in the governments and organizations of the world, which rule is primarily and fundamentally strife, war, bloodshed, hatred and all the destructive foes of peace. But these cannot hold sway where the Spirit of Peace prevails in the hearts of the prayerful, the obedient, those of God's children (Matt. 5:9), who absolutely make (create) Peace.

Peace is that restful state, that satisfied state, into which a soul enters, which has performed that heart rending, body breaking, sacrificing task which no one else would do; which meant so much to someone in distress, in despair, in other words that state of a clear conscience which one experiences following the realization of a hard job well done. For instance, "Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matt. 10:42).

No, when we look to the natural things of this world for peace, we look in vain. We see an increase of sorrows (truly these are the days of sorrows Matt. 24:8). More and more of such destructive elements, as liquor, gambling, robbery, wars and threats of war, all forms of murder and self-murder, children are even induced into these rackets and vices. It's enough to make the angels weep. Isn't it altogether possible that our Savior foresaw these things, while He prayed and sweat blood in Gethsemane? (Luke 22:44).

Didn't Jesus sorrow for these things on Golgotha's hill? (Matt. 27:45). Yes, He foretold them just before His crucifixion. John 16:33—"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have Peace: in the world ye shall have Tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have Overcome the world!"

May we pray that Matt. 6:10 be fulfilled—"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Amen.

FLAT FIVER, MISSOURI, May 17, 1937.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I have been reading your letters in the Gem ever since my conversion, and I enjoy them very much; but this is my first attempt to write for any paper.

Each month when I get my Gem, and I read it through and do not find anything from Southeast Missouri, it makes my heart sad; so I thought I would try to let my good brothers and sisters know that we are still on the job here at Flat River, trying in our weak way to serve the Master. I myself am deeply interested in league work and am happy to report that our league here at Flat River is gaining ground, we are having good attendance and good interest. We have five leagues in our Southeast Missouri Association, and by the help of the Lord, we intend to organize some more in the near future. What we need most is to keep the worldly element out of our leagues, then the Lord will bless them.

Looking forward to meeting you all at the State Association, I remain,

C. B. DEES.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING HOUSE FUND

Following is my report of money received on the Publishing House fund since my report made in last issue of the Gem:

Flat River S. S. Class No. 11.....	\$10.00
Mine La Motte F. W. B. Church.....	2.00
Eld. John Long, Flat River, Mo.....	1.00
Earl Souden, Flat River, Mo.....	5.00
Olin Lincoln, Esther, Mo.	5.00
Flat River Sunday School	10.00
Desloge F. W. B. Church	10.00
Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting	10.00

—Winford Davis, Sec'y-Treas.

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we gathered near the building and proceeded with the service.

Following are a few of the things that were said and performed in the service:

After singing and prayer an introduction for such a service was given.

Lesson read, 1 Corinthians 3:9-12.

Sermon Subject: "The Spirit of Building."

Then were laid in the box, and sealed by the builder, the following articles:

A list of the names of the members of the church.

Name of the pastor.

Names of the deacons.

Photo of the pastor.

Minute of Missouri State Association, 1936.

Minute of Indian Creek Association, 1936.

Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the F. W. B.

A Bible containing the Old and New Testaments.

The sealed box was then placed in the corner and the stone, dated 1937, was laid in place, in the name of the Trinity, by the pastor, assisted by the builder..

Thanks were expressed to one and all for the contributions which had been handed in for the purpose of raising funds for the building, followed by a benediction.

Some remained and worked the rest of the day. We feel like thanking the dear Lord for the way we are getting along with the work, and for the willing spirit of those who help us. Pray for us.

Eld. Kenneth Turner, Pastor.

TULSA CHURCH, May 24, 1937.

Dear Brother Brown and Gem Readers:

When we sent in our last report Bro. Bingham was preparing to go to Denison, Texas for revival with Bro. Rogers. In their first week they report a good meeting with ten souls saved. Bro. Bingham returned to Tulsa, but Bro. Rogers remained there the second week with 15 more conversions.

At this writing Tulsa church is in a great revival, with Sister Welch doing the preaching. I say a "Great Revival," because great things are happening. People are confessing, hardened hearts are calling upon the Lord; people are learning to pray; some are fasting and praying; the afflicted are being healed; the blind have been made to see—thank the Lord. During a tarry service on Saturday night after Sister Welch had delivered a wonderful message on "Spilling Your Pot of Oil." God most wonderfully touched and restored her eye sight, after having been stricken blind in Kansas City some weeks back. And other burdened hearts that had been waiting upon the Lord were made happy amid much joy and shouting and tears.

On Mothers' Day, the Intermediate and Primary Classes gave an appropriate program followed by very touching sermon by Sister Welch, using as her sermon subject, "Just a Little Coat," and giving special honor to Mothers.

Sunday morning, May 16th, eighteen persons responded to the call to be anointed with oil in a special healing service.

We sent our three delegates to the quarterly conference at Drumright last week, and they report one of the best meetings they have been in in a long time.

Yesterday, May 23rd, rounded out our third week in our revival, with three in the altar and six additions to the church after the morning service, followed by baptismal services in the afternoon.

To date we have had 14 conversions and reclaims, nine for church membership and seven baptized.

Let every one of you join us in prayer for more victory and greater victory, for our great battle has just begun. Sister Welch has no definite set time to close her meeting here.

HOUSE CLEANING TIME

Contributed by Mrs. Bernice Lawson, Stahl, Mo.

I scoured each closet and room in my house,

From attic to cellar with care,

I washed every panel, the baseboard and floors,

And brushed the cobwebs down, everywhere.

I rubbed every table top until it shone,

The sofa, each round of a chair—

I brushed down the ceilings, shook out every rug,

And dusted and polished each stair.

And when I had finished and sat down to view

My work with a house-keeper's pride,

I prayed, "Now, dear Lord, please help me to give

My heart a house-cleaning, inside—

Please help me to sweep away hatred and scorn,

That in the dark corners may hide,

And to brush all the cobwebs of bitterness down,

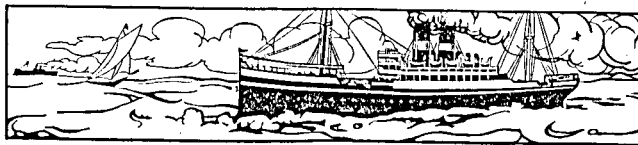
And let naught but love there abide."

—Roberta Symmes.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



ELD. T. H. WILLEY,
OUR MISSIONARY TO
SOUTH AMERICA,
BRYAN, TEXAS (AT PRESENT)



The Regions Beyond



ELD. WINFORD DAVIS,
SEC. FOREIGN MISSIONS,
WESTERN ASSOCIATION,
MONETTE, MISSOURI.

MISSIONARY REPORT

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

Returning from Oklahoma where we had a very gracious response to the Missionary program from First Church of Tulsa and New Home Church at Berry Hill, we started in Northeastern, Tex. with Bro. Thompson. It was a pleasure to see this dear brother and friend in action, pressing the Mission work. We learned to appreciate both pastor and people. We visited the churches surrounding Bryan, Texas, but due to the fact that I do not have my list of the amounts pledged and given I cannot give an exact account of the response, which needless to say was very good. We went to the town of Iola to show the pictures, where the Methodists turned their church over to us and our people came from surrounding points.

The response was very good in Northeastern Texas. We never witnessed greater loyalty under adverse conditions. Our people came through mud holes that needed teams on hand to pull folk through places an ox could hardly get through. We learned to love the folk up there. We found they were already making up and sending in funds for our Foreign Mission department.

We closed our second tour in Texas at Bryan church with a very good pledge and cash offering. We shall make a report covering the exact amount in cash and pledges at a later date.

Bro. Clyde Goen, one of our very active laymen is acting as State Secretary and Treasurer. All funds from Texas should be

addressed to him.

We headed for Missouri two weeks ago, starting the last week in April in this state. Bro. Davis met me at Joplin, Missouri, and we went on to Carterville where we were permitted to fellowship with our friends and co-laborers in the work of the Lord: Brothers Cecil Campbell, Kenneth Turner, F. C. Zinn, Boyd Thornton and John Rollins.

Our first contact was Sunday morning at Neola church. Our heart was delighted as we saw the results of an old fashioned revival, and we could sense the presence of the Lord. What wonders would come to pass in our denomination if revivals should break out in all our churches like this! Thirty-eight dollars was pledged and five dollars and ninety cents given in cash. We met in the afternoon at the school in Arcola, Mo. to show the pictures.

Bro. Boyd Thornton picked us up at Arcola and we went on to Independence church where we had a full house, with a pledge from them of \$13.50 and \$4.00 cash.

Our next point was South church, and I am sorry I cannot give the exact amount pledged and given there as I did not get the list. This will be reported by the State Secretary of Missions later on.

Our next meeting was at Melrose, Kansas, where people came from a great distance. We had a large church and well over thirty dollars was pledged, and cash amounting to \$13.20 was received.

We went on to Hannon church and received the delightful fellowship of a year ago. They gave us a pledge of sixty dollars and a cash offering of ten dollars. One dear brother wanted to know if he could pledge more than ten dollars, pledging twenty dollars. We pray God for more stewards of God's grace like him.

We then went to Hickory Grove church with Bro. Richard Talbott. A pledge of \$3.50 was made and \$1.34 in cash was given. Brother Talbott took me to Harrisonville, Mo. that night and I caught a bus for Kansas City, Mo., then on to Plattsburg in Northwest Mo. We had a good crowd Saturday evening, and anticipated a good day on the morrow, but it began to rain. Let me tell you folk in all other parts of the world, if you ever want to sample mud that comes near being grease, go up there after a night's rain. Thank God for the rain—how our dear people need to get a crop all through the West. Sunday morning Bro. White got out his big mules and wagon and we all piled in, going to church through mud and rain. What an example this dear man set to all our people; rain and mud could not daunt him. Just a few, seven adults and four children, gave an offering of \$3.04, and an additional \$5.00, making a total of \$8.04.

The following morning, Bro. White carried me to the switch with his faithful mules and buckboard, through mud and rain to Santa Rosa. We had to miss one of our best churches up in N. W. Missouri, Union Third Fork, but we can count on them; they are alive and willing to do. At Santa

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Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me To Do?

By Bessie Black, Eldorado, Kansas

There is a fact, God's plan is to send the Gospel to every nation under the sun; and in the operation of this plan, you and I have a "part" to perform. We know the plan to be just, we know the debt is to be paid. The question we ought to ask is, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Not every one of us can go and preach, yet some must go, some must pay so others can go, while others must prevail in prayer before the throne of God in behalf of the cause. As it has been said, "Prayer is the coin that rings the cash register in the sky." But we can't stop here, knowing this ought to be done. It isn't enough to realize this, we ought to do something. Souls are dying every moment, and what we do we must do quickly, or our chance will be past and the souls God has planned we should reach will be beyond our help.

Some may think it does not matter whether we do our part or not. We sometimes hear people say, "If we fail to do our part, God will send some one else to do our work, and they will get the blessings God intended we should have." How easy it would be if that were the divine plan! However I do not find such a thought expressed in the Scriptures. But I am convinced that just as God spoke to Ezekiel, so He speaks to us as His watchmen today: "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezekiel 33:8).

God often speaks to sinners through human lips, because the heart of the sinner is not attuned to the heavenly message, so God uses men and women as his servants to warn sinners. Just as surely then as God said to Ezekiel, "I have set thee a watchman; . . . thou shalt hear the words of my mouth and warn them from me," just as surely does He say the same to us who have heard His word and have found salvation. How then shall it be with us if we fail to warn them? Can we sit back in indifference, and say, "If I fail He will send some one else?" Not according to His Word. Listen, "If thou dost not speak to warn that wicked man from his ways, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." I believe that just as sure as God is true, there are some souls whom I must win, or they will be forever lost; and some souls, no doubt, will be saved because I have done my best. Glory be to God! But if I fail, I will have some day to give an account to God because I failed. Let us never fail God, He has said in His Word that He will never leave us nor forsake us. I'm so glad He did, aren't you? Praise His name forever! I am determined never to fail to do my best, regardless of what others do, I am going to go through with Jesus.

Have you ever stopped to think how many souls may have already slipped into hell because you and I have failed to do what God wanted us to do, when we first heard that whisper in that still small voice that He had a place for you to work? Again, let us go down on our knees and ask over and over,

"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

But you say, "I know I can't be a missionary." Maybe God doesn't want you to go; that may not be His plan at all. Let us be like Paul, and say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Or as Isaiah, "Here am I, send me."

Not all of us can go and preach, but God will call those He needs. But the sad thing about it is, Some whom God has called do not want to go. Let me say here, Don't think for a moment that if God is calling you to a definite work, you can pay and let some one else do the work He is calling you to do, for God doesn't tell you to do something, then let you choose your path; you may go on and lose your soul in darkness and disobedience.

There are some who say they cannot support God's work their income is too small to supply their own personal needs; as if God owed them a living first. No, not at all, for after all, everything we have belongs to God. Remember the widow that gave her all. God doesn't expect us to pay beyond our means. It is to the faithful that God has promised a crown of righteousness.

The greatest volume of prayer that ever ascended to the throne of God was by those, who in obedience to the call, bore faithfully their burden of the work and bombarded heaven regularly for divine aid. In the darkest hours I thank God that He always hears us in time of need.

It isn't what we possess in this world that counts with God, nor the giving of large sums of money to help His cause, neither is it the eloquent prayer; but in constant faithfulness in giving, in prayer, in service. Give of your small means faithfully and you will be surprised what God can do with our meager sums. Pray faithfully, and God will help your work to prosper. Serve God faithfully in the little tasks He offers you, and before you realize it, you will be at the forefront of great accomplishment.

What are we as Christians going to do? Will we still sit still in indifference while souls are dying all about us? Will we now, that we have had the light? Will we repeat the words of our text, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

I cannot tell you what your task is to be, I can only tell you where God wants you. He will not tell me your place, but He will tell you, and is only waiting for you to ask Him. So, Christians, let us settle it now and waste no more of God's precious time. Let us say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" and when He tells us, let us say, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord: I'll be what you want me to be."

My soul's real desire is now, to be what He wants me to be; like Paul, I offer myself a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is my reasonable service.

DRYNOB, MISSOURI, May 12, 1937.

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Readers, Greetings and love in our Savior's Name:

I am happy to say this morning finds me rejoicing in my Savior's love, and with a deep desire and determination to press on and see the end of a Christian race. I have never found enough rough places

in the narrow road to cause me to desire to turn back; To be sure the way has not always been smooth; but we know that the Lord chastens whom He loves; so I thank God that by these chastisements we have the sweet assurance that God loves us.

God knows our every need better than we know how to tell Him. I find that when we trust and obey Him, He not only gives us what we ask, but always a greater blessing than we dared to ask for. Many times I have asked for only a crumb, and received a feast of His love and blessings, praise His good name! so wonderful and good He is. Oh, that all might see Him and know Him as He is!

I want to tell you of our church at Cross Roads. In spite of the traps the Devil has set, we are gaining ground. Each month we have better attendance, and more interest. This last Sunday we observed Communion and feet washing, following a wonderful soul stirring sermon delivered by our pastor. Text, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." We had a glorious service. It made our hearts rejoice to see so many taking part in this blessed service, and to see the babes in Christ working so willingly.

Our pastor, Bro. Curtis L. Wilson and Bro. Lonnie Ruble and Bro. Irvin Myers (our new deacons) were all young in the service of our Lord, but willing, with faces beaming with God's love, they carried on the services. May God pour out upon them the choicest of blessings and keep them pure.

While they worked, around them sat the dear old grey haired ministers who for years have been carrying on this work, feeding, strengthening and guiding the little flock. Our hearts were made sad as we realized the time is near when they will not be with us when we meet at the place of worship. But may God help us to carry on the work, and be bold soldiers of the Cross as they have been and are. God bless them.

Just a word about Aunt Lina Claxton. She said to forgive her for keeping the floor so long. I just say, Thank God she did say so many wonderful things, and I wish she would send all the song she felt like singing, because it speaks about the kind of religion I believe in, for I have it.

When of God and Heaven you are thinking,
While upon your bended knee,
And for others you are praying,
Will you pray for me?

Your unworthy sister in Christ,
Alpha Jane Wilson.

NOTICE

To the folks who are expecting to attend the Eastern General Association which will convene with Horse Branch church, Turbeville, S. C.:

Please notify Rev. M. H. Mellette, Turbeville, S. C., at least a week before time of meeting as we would like to have everything arranged for your convenience and happiness while in our community.

Horse Branch is located one mile east of Turbeville on highway No. 54. Turbeville is the junction for highway No. 301 and 54. Committee.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., April 25, 1937.

Dear Brother Brown and Gem Readers:

Again, after a long silence, I attempt another letter to the Gem family.

I am still thankful to be living in this land of the living, realizing my insignificance and my unworthiness, gives me a clearer vision of God's goodness, and consequently a greater determination to hold on to God's unchanging hand. I'm thankful indeed that He has continued to extend His mercies to me in the face of my negligence.

While I know it would be impossible for me to even begin to repay Him (if He needed payment) for what He has done for me and mine, I also know that the unsaved need what I could return to God, Christians the world over need at least the interest on what I owe to God; therefore my hope lies in the performing of the deeds of love, the extending of God's gift of grace on to others.

I want to be a soul winner, not that I seek glory or praise for myself; but I want all mankind to enjoy the gift of God's grace, I want to stand in that heavenly realm and listen (yes, just listen) to the songs of my associates in this life, I want to stand by and hear the praise to God of those whom I call my acquaintances in this life. . . . Would Heaven be heaven among strangers?

Pray for me when it goes well with you. Pray for those of the Free Will Baptist family here in Los Angeles, that God will have His way with us. There are about a dozen of us here from Arkansas and Missouri, mostly from Missouri; and we would like very much to have a Free Will Baptist church here, if it's the Lord's will. Yes, by His help we will get organized some day.

Pray for us, pray for my little family.

2806 Lanfranco St.

Lloyd N. Weese.

STAHL, MISSOURI, May 1, 1937.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Often have I thought I would write to our paper, but Satan so many times would say, "Some other time," as he does in so many lives today. But I have often thought that, if every one should do as I have done about writing, there probably would be no paper. And I enjoy reading the Gem so much. It encourages one so much to try to do more for our Lord and Savior.

Oh, how many professed Christians there are today who are asleep! They are unconcerned about "My Father's business." There are just a lot of things that keep them from the services at God's house. Some may say they are too tired, live too far from the church, just don't feel able to go, or have too many chores, couldn't be there on time; so will just stay at home again. My dear brothers and sisters, some day it may be too late for us, if we don't work for our Savior here while it is called day. We may say there are others that can go, and will go; "when I get to feeling better and don't have so much to do, then I'll go." But have you ever stopped to think how many unsaved there are that are watching you, that you may through your careless life send to eternal punishment. Oh, we

as professed Christians, let us awake and sound the alarm. May we walk and talk with the Savior and live such pure clean lives that the unsaved will see the reality of the Christian life in us and be won to Him. I heard just two or three days ago, over the radio, of men who were ready now to back a dictator of America. Then I think of how near the marking of the beast must be at hand. Will we as Christians, say, "Christ died for me: I'll die for His cause," or will we take the mark?

How I pray that God will help us to stand out boldly for Him in that day! May we think of how the Christians of the early days were persecuted, put into prison, stoned to death and beheaded; yet they were victorious, for Christ was with them.

We too, will be victorious if we but trust in the Lord for all things. Oh, may we have more faith, and encourage one another more to do His will! And may our garments be spotless!

I will close hoping these words may be an encouragement to some one; and I also ask you who know the Lord to pray for my loved ones who are out in sin, that they may be brought to Him before it is too late.

Mrs. Bernice Lawson.

SACRED CONCERT PLANNED

Dear Christian Friends: We are exceedingly happy to announce in part our concert tour which begins when we leave Chicago June 25th.

June 27—E. Nashville Church, Nashville, Tenn.
 June 30—E. Tupelo Church, Tupelo, Miss.
 July 2—Columbus, Mississippi.
 July 4—Red Bay Church, Vernon, Ala.
 July 5—Brilliant, Alabama.
 July 6-7—Cordova and Townley, Ala.
 July 8—Open Pond Church, Jakin, Ga.
 July 9—Enterprise School Auditorium (11 a. m.).
 July 9—Macedonia Church, Colquitt, Ga. (8 p. m.).
 July 10-21—The entire troupe will attend the revival meeting at the Harmony F. W. B. Church, Dukes, Fla.



Leonard Earl Harris

July 22—Alabama Church, Blackshear, Ga.

July 23—Glennville, Ga.

July 24—Timmons ville, S. C.

July 28—Christian Memorial Church, Greenville, N. C.
 We will use pipe organ and three pianos here.

July 30—Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C.

August 1—Kenly, N. C.

August 3—Rose of Sharron Church, Beargrass, N. C.

August 4—Hull Road Church, near Snow Hill, N. C.

August 6—St. Marys Church, New Bern, N. C.

Aug. 8-22—Revival, Dawsons Grove, Enfield, N. C.

Sept. 7—New York City.

Sept. 9—Montreal, Canada.

Sept. 11—Detroit, Michigan.

Sept. 12—Chicago, Illinois.

This program is not exactly final and is subject to minor changes.

The troupe consists of three fine Christian students, namely: Miss Margaret Pike, Kenly, N. C.; Mr. Manning Bishop, Durham, N. C.; Miss Marie Howard, Dukes, Fla. and myself.

From all reports we are expecting an overflow in each place we are scheduled to appear. I would like also to remind the applicants for the scholarship that I am giving fifteen hundred dollars in free scholarships to those who qualify and that I am still receiving applications. Each contestant may write me regarding their personal interview or they may plan to meet me at whichever of the above churches is nearest them.

Leonard Earl Harris, 306 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

WHY I LIKE MUSIC

By Olive Aycock, Pikeville, N. C.

Music, I think, is one of the most helpful, thrilling social and spiritual accomplishments one could acquire. I like it because it elevates on to higher standards in life socially and spiritually.

For social entertainments there is not anything that can or does excel with me. I like music because it gives me pleasure that words cannot express and no one will ever know except through experience. I think that if I were taken away some place and could never play any more it would be like taking food from my physical body. I really get hungry to play and nothing but playing can satisfy that hunger. I never get tired or worried with good music. It thrills and kindles the spark of love in my heart which creates more desire to work for my Lord. It gives me so much pleasure to play for church and Sunday school and to help others who are more deficient in music than I.

Music gives me an opportunity to come in contact with more and different people. I like music for my own entertainment and I often sit for hours and play. It also helps me to entertain my friends.

I can look up higher and see more attributes in life by knowing and loving music.

P. S. As a result of this paper we are happy to announce that Miss Aycock was accepted by the scholarship board this morning and may plan without further examination to arrive in Chicago on September 14th for classes. This scholarship amounts to \$250.00.

I might also say that anyone writing such paper, on the same subject, might be equally rewarded. May I continue to hear from our young, music loving, high school graduates, and may they all receive free scholarships.

—Leonard Earl Harris.

MISSIONARY REPORT*Continued from page eleven*

Rosa our people could not get in. We stayed with Bro. Rush and held a meeting in the Missionary Baptist church, with an offering in cash of \$3.86. Feeling it useless to stay, we came on to the beautiful Northeast Missouri country, the most beautiful place in all the U. S. A. We are praying that God will give our people great crops and good prices this year, and if He does, they won't forget those who have never yet heard, we are sure. Our first service was at New Harmony church. The second was last night, with Hazel Creek Union church, with a small group, but a fine offering and pledges. Seven dollars was paid on last year's pledges, \$1.13 was given in cash offering and \$27.00 was pledged for the coming year, of which

\$1.89 was paid.

We cover this section then go on to Flat River with our dear friends, then to Bro. Cecil Horner in and around Lebanon, Mo.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARY

Following is my report of funds received on our Foreign Mission program since my report made in last issue of the Gem:

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hartfield, Greenfield, Mo.	\$2.50
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Wade, Liberal, Mo.	1.00
Rev Richard Talbott, Liberal, Mo.	2.00
Denmont Marshall, Arcola, Mo.,	3.00
Bible Class Neola Sunday School, Mrs. Ora Mayberry, Teacher,	3.00
Southeast Missouri League Ass'n, By Rev Damon Dodd, Sec. ..	3.87
Tulsa F. W. B. Church, By Eld. Melvin Bingham	38.50
Ernestine Byram, Stockton, Mo.,	2.00
Eld. Winford Davis, Sec.	

Three Things Necessary for the Success of the Free Will Baptist Denomination in the United States and Abroad

By Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

A Oneness on Doctrine—

Our ministers throughout the Free Will Baptist ranks should be speaking the same things, at least in a general way. It is too bad to have to know they are not. Of course this will perhaps never be realized until we have some kind of a sound fundamental ministerial training system; and this we should have, and could have. We cannot expect to get a great distance with our work as long as one preaches one thing and one another, and then worse than all, each one fighting the other, because he doesn't preach to suit the other fellow. Notice it as you may, the movements that are successful are together on what they believe and teach. One of our outstanding needs, which I am sure is keenly hurtful to our work is that of more of a oneness on doctrine.

A Closer Fellowship—

Who could deny that we need a closer union of hearts among our people? The great weapon of Christ's warfare is love. His great motivating power is love. Unless genuine love dwells richly

in the hearts of His followers, we cannot advance very far. Love blinds us to one another's faults, in a great degree at least, and helps us to overlook what we do see. The word says, "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another;" and how true it is! Every Free Will Baptist, I feel sure, is conscious of the need of a greater membership in the denomination, which is true; we do need a greater membership; but, let me say here, in the face of that fact, I believe a far greater need than that is that of a greater **fellowship**. Denominations have gone on the rocks because of "going to seed" on membership. We know that to be literally true; but no body of people goes down so long as it retains fellowship. I expect that I have been censured because of influencing large attendance at our associational gatherings; but I believe I realize some of the great benefits to be derived by getting our people together. We do not know enough about each other. We very successfully organized our National

body some two years ago. It has been a long time since a greater step was taken among the Free Will Baptist. I realize it is true that little has been done in a national way since the organization at Nashville in Nov. 1935; but, we should not be discouraged. I feel that we are getting ready for a greater meeting in the fall of 1938 than even we had in the fall of 1935. Above all we must not fail to keep the National body alive. Fellowship and understanding is growing among our people, and may it continue to do so.

An Awakening in Giving—

Most Free Will Baptist are too cheap. We are 25c and \$1.00 folk. Yes, such amounts are very acceptable, but do not go very far when it comes to opening up a Foreign Mission field, establishing a school, building a publishing house, or some other great and needed enterprise. We certainly need to realize and perform our duty to God from a financial viewpoint. The approximate 250,000 Free Will Baptist of the United States could do anything they might want to do in a reasonable way, if we but want to bad enough. We could build enterprises that would really command the respect of the United States citizenship if we would; but it certainly takes Christian giving to do it. Oh, for more who will faithfully practice the tithing system! We might as well have a school ranking among the best, we could just as well evangelize, engulf, and take over this great ripened mission field at our Southern back door; we could just as well have some of the best periodicals in the nation; we could just as well have a broadcasting station all our own. The question is, will we?

Yours for the cause,

A GOOD WILL VISIT

The Editor, accompanied by Eld. John B. Rollins, made a good-will visit to the Cave Spring Quarterly Meeting, which convened with the Bethany church, near Myrtle, Mo., May 28 to 30.

The meeting was highly inspirational, and great spiritual feasts and blessings were enjoyed by those dear people who love the Lord and His cause. We were all bound closer together in Christian

fellowship and in the unity and love of the great brotherhood of the church—Thank the Lord!

The people responded to our visit with a real Christian spirit, giving their visitors a hearty reception; they sure made us to feel welcome and at home. Many of them subscribed for the Gem, and many purchased Treatise and other F. W. B. publications.

The Editor and his associate are highly appreciative of the hospitality and brotherly kindness shown them, and wish to express a hearty good will toward the brethren of Cave Spring Association. May the Lord bless them bountifully.

BOWNEMONT, W. VA.

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and the State evangelist followed, and they say they both did well.

Saturday morning session was called together at 9:30 E. S. time, by the clerk, James Cooper, reading 18th chapter of Matt. Prayer by Eld. Jeff Tomas.

J. L. Patterson was elected moderator, and Jeff Tomas ass't. Prayer by Deacon Virgil Shafer.

Minutes of last session were read and approved, then all visiting brothers and sisters were invited to seats as advisory members, then committees were appointed.

Then the committee on investigation, which was appointed at our last conference, reported as follows:

We, your committee, not finding sufficient evidence to sustain the charges brought against Rev. J. L. Patterson, recommend that his fellowship be retained in the conference.

Committee { H. W. Scott,
W. C. Comer,
Ray Parsons.

Letters from the churches were called for and read as follows:

Dry Branch—40 members, conference money \$2.50, ministers 3. Request from Rev. Raymond O'Neal that the conference send a comm. to examine his preaching.

East Bank—Membership 13, conference money \$2.50.

Putney—No report.

Elk Ridge—No report.

Chesapeake—membership 45, conference money \$5.00, ministers 5.

Cappers Chapel—Members 11,

money \$2.50, ministers 1.

Magazine—Members 14, conference money \$1.00, ministers 5.

Slaters Creek—No report.

Alcot—Members 24, conference money \$2.50, ministers 3.

Lick Branch—Members 16, conference money \$1.75.

Ruth—Members 32, conference money \$2.50, ministers 2.

Mars Fork—No report.

Rich Halan—Members 18, conference money \$2.50.

Mars Memorial—No report.

Chandlers Branch—Members 26, conference money \$2.50, min. 3.

Kanawha Fork—Members —, conference money \$2.50, min. 4.

Warts Arenen—Members 15, conference money \$1.00, min. 1.

Preaching at eleven o'clock by W. C. Caudel, a good sermon.

We then dismissed for dinner, we still eat dinner about twelve o'clock.

Called back together at 2:00 p. m. by singing and prayer.

The business committee recommended that a committee be elected to investigate the difference between the Kanawha Fork church and Rev. Carter Clark. The committee was elected.

We recommend that Brother Raymond O'Neal be notified to settle his troubles with his church.

We recommend that Bro. Wes Hambrick be given \$2.00 to buy report cards.

We also recommend that \$5.00 each be given to Elders Jeff Tomas, Will Martin, and C. E. Lee.

All requests of the conference were granted.

Committee reported that our next Q.M. will meet with Kanawha Fork church on Davis Creek, with Rev. Ray Parsons to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. Erny Turley alternate.

Delegate to the Yearly Meeting to be held at Van, beginning on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in August is Virgil Shaffer

Executive Committee elected:
W. C. Caudell 3 years
Ray Parsons 2 years
Wess Hambrick 3 years

Rev. Jarrett made a good report on the Clay conference.

Each delegate was instructed to notify the clerk of each church to give the names and address of their ordained deacons in their church letters the same as their ministers.

Preaching by Bro. Erney Turley
We met back at the church after all had had a short rest and a good supper and, after a song and prayer service, Rev. Hambrick brought a good message. Text. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it" (John 2:5). Bro. Jeff Tomas followed.

Then we observed the ordinances of the Communion and feet washing, with a goodly number taking part.

I ask that all who read this will pray for us, that our conference may grow and keep the fellowship that we seem to have now.

—F. E. Nicholas.

TULSA, OKLA., March 17, 1937.

(Overlooked last month)

Dear Brother Brown:

I wish to write and tell you how much I enjoy reading the Gem. The good messages it brings are food for my soul. I love to read the reports from the other churches, and the poetry is helping me to fill my scrap book with wonderful thoughts.

I especially enjoy the missionary reports and am glad to state that Bro. Willey is with us at the Tulsa church now, holding a revival. He has been a real God-send to us. He has brought some powerful messages from on high. He has made us realize just how much God needs good willing workers. We may feel too little and unqualified to do anything in the Lord's vineyard, but that is just when He can really use us; for then we depend completely on the leadership of the Holy Spirit. If we completely avoid Satan and submit ourselves to the will of God, and put our trust in Him, we can dive right into the deep and God can get glory out of our lives.

How comparatively few there are who really do that. It is easy to gossip, so easy to hold a grudge. We just have to live on our knees, because Satan truly goeth about seeking whom he may devour.

We feel highly honored by having Bro. Willey with us and wish it were possible that every church of our denomination might have this honor, that we all might realize the great need of helping to evangelize South America. It is our duty individually to help with our prayers and finance.

My husband and I were converted a year and a half ago at the Tulsa church under the preaching of its good pastor, Eld. Melvin Bingham, and to us his very name signifies the Word of God. He has brought us many messages direct from the throne of grace.

Pray for our church, that it might be a refuge for souls through the trying times that are coming upon us in these latter days.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. Pauline Arnold.

Obituary

Cordle—On Sunday evening, December 13, 1936, Brother Jesse M. Cordle of Cordell, Kentucky said good bye to his companion to say good morning in the Paradiseal land of God. Bro. Cordle had reached the place some time in the past that he could say with the great Apostle Paul, "To live is Christ; but to die is gain." Three years ago he was born of the Holy Spirit of God and was baptized, and was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Cordell. About a year prior to his death he was called into the ministry of God to carry the message of Peace on earth, and good will toward men, and was one of the most faithful, finishing his last message a few minutes before the Lord called him home.

His loving smiles and deeds of kindness were always reaching out for all, putting his best efforts forth to be in his great Master's service and about his Father's business. The church has lost a faithful member, and I have lost a true friend and faithful brother in Christ.

Beloved, let us who name the name of Jesus remain faithful and true and follow in the path of this dear brother of Israel. May his life be the means of leading you in the paths of righteousness for Jesus' sake.

When Brother Jesse stepped from this earth to God's Heaven so fair; He said good night here; but good morning up there.

A brother in Christ,
Wm. W. Moore.

LOUISA, KY., 105 E. Wallace St.

Dear Brother Brown:

Recently I received my first issue of the Free Will Baptist Gem. And I want to express my appreciation and thanks to you for a paper of its kind in our present day of Modernism. The Gem surely is great and should be in the home of every Free Will Baptist. The sermon by Winford Davis on The Closing of the Gentile Age is well worth the year's subscription price. I would to

God we could get many more of the Gentile to Christ before the close of the age.
See the following:

"The time is short;" delay, then, no longer! "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found." Press into His kingdom! And while it is permitted, "Acquaint thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee" (Job 22:21). To be with Jesus—O soul-stirring thought! To enjoy His society! the glorious Christ, the Holy One of Israel, the Eternal Son of God: what completion of happiness! Truly, in His presence is fulness of joy and at His right hand are pleasures for evermore. Greater than the great ones of earth is He Higher than the kings of earth. And He bids me welcome! He smiles upon me! He showers me with His favors.

May God bless you and your staff, and all readers of the Gem, is my humble prayer.

A brother in Christ,
Wm. M. Moore.

NEW EDINBURG, ARK.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I have been a reader of the Gem paper for some time, I will now attempt to write a few lines.

I really enjoy reading the good letters and reports from different parts of the United States, and to know there are souls being saved, and I know there is rejoicing in heaven, for Jesus said in St. Luke 15:7, 'I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over the ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance.'

Now, dear Christian people, I believe there would be more souls saved if there were more praying. If we could have more church members to come out to our prayer meetings that would get down on their knees and pray for son, or daughter, husband or wife, or neighbors, there would be more souls saved and more rejoicing in heaven. It seems that they say, "We pay our preacher to do the praying and preaching," and he sometimes goes home and counts up his expenses, and may have a thin dime left.

As we are commanded to pray for one another, I ask an interest in your prayers. —Lewis Barker.

LIBERAL, MISSOURI

Report of Central Western Mission Association:

As the fifth Sunday of May was Decoration Day, it was decided to have our district Mission meeting on the fourth Sunday, May 23rd, at which time we met at Hannon church. A large crowd was present from Neola, Cartersville, Verdella, Independence, Fairview, Bluff, also many from Liberal.

In the morning we had our regular Sunday school, followed by church services. At this time Bro. Elmer Mammen brought a wonderful message.

At the noon hour dinner was served on the church grounds.

In the afternoon our president, Sister Frankie Wade, took charge and a very interesting program, consisting of songs, readings, and talks was enjoyed by all.

A Mission play was given by the Hannon Sunday school.

Our next meeting will be with Neola church, August 29, 1937.

Marie Smith, Secretary.

TORNADO, W. VA., May 23rd.

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Family: I will try to write a little for our little paper, as it has been some time since I have written.

I never got to attend our last Q. M. I did go to the Union Quarterly Meeting in December, but made no report. I attended the March session of the Union Q. M., but they had no meeting, only two members present. Their next Q. M. will be with Union church on Merritt's Creek, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in June.

Our Kanawha Q. M. will be with the Ruth church, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May.

The West Virginia Yearly Meeting will be held on Pond Fork of Coal river, beginning on Friday night before the fourth Sunday August, 1937.

Bro. John M. Hanson was called to pastor the New Fountain church this year. They are having a good little Sunday school at that church, with Bro. Vaughn Dunlap, superintendent.

Bro. B. H. Hedrick visited us today and gave us some good instructions, and a good talk, which every body seemed to enjoy.

Pray for us when it goes well with you.

—F. V. Nicholas.

CHRISTIAN GIVING

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revival they paid their evangelist \$137.00, and they also paid their pastor \$140.00, they paid \$50.00 to the Publishing House fund and kept up their incidental expenses, such as lights, fuel, janitor, etc. The meeting resulted in the salvation of 35 souls; not merely church members, but souls saved at an altar of prayer! God blessed their work. The people at Flat River are not "rich" in worldly things, but they are "willing and obedient," and God has verified His promise, that they shall eat the good of the land. God can trust them with good jobs at good pay, for they use that very thing to glorify God and exemplify the Gospel. "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound in every good work."

Is the Christian under any obligation to pay the tithe (the tenth part)? This is a question of great controversy. God has not knocked us down with a commandment to pay tithes, but it is to be scripturally understood that the tenth part of the people's income in all countries, conditions, and ages is to be spent only in the service of the Lord. Abraham the "friend of God," the faithful man who saw Christ and was glad (John 8:16), paid the tenth part of all to a righteous High Priest-King of the Most High God (Heb. 7:1-10). Jacob paid tithes; and neither of these men was commanded to pay tithes.

Abraham was a man who lived according to the Gospel (Heb. 4:2 with Heb. 11:8-19 and Eph. 2:8). He lived by faith; and without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6), and he gave the tithe "without a command." The Christian, the one who lives according to the Gospel, does not need a command, for giving is a test of love and sincerity. The Christian will not be limited by the bounds of the mere tenth part, but will rise to nobler things in the support of the church of Jesus Christ. Christian giving rises above the tithe; therefore, I do not consider that I have **given** anything to the Lord's service until I pay more than the tenth part.

THE ROCK THAT IS FIRM

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live in His sight (Hosea 6:2).

To the Gentile nations Christ will be the smiting Stone, the "stone cut out without hands" (Dan. 2:34). Nebuchadnezzar's dream image, as interpreted by Daniel, gives the course of the Gentile rule in the earth, that is, of "the times of the Gentiles."

The four metals composing the image—gold, silver, brass and iron—represent four great world-powers—Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, and Rome. Rome is seen to be divided, first into two parts (the legs), then into ten parts or kingdoms (the toes).

It is during the final or ten kingdom phase of this Gentile world-system that the smiting Stone destroys the powers represented by this great image: for the smiting begins at the feet of the image, then all is destroyed from the iron mixed with clay to the gold of the head.

At Christ's first coming, Rome (the fourth or iron kingdom) was in power, and, through the instigation of the Jews, crucified the Son of God. Rome at that time was at her zenith, and has followed the course indicated by the image, even until now, and the crushing blow is still suspended. Read Daniel, chapters 2, 7, and 11, and Revelation, chapters 13 to 19.

This destruction of the ungodly of earth will be finished at the battle of Armageddon, which will take place at the end of the tribulation, and will destroy all the wicked that survive the tribulation. Of course the "Stone cut out without hands" is Christ, and He will be present at the battle of Armageddon, and with the sword of His mouth will slay the wicked. To do this He must be here on the earth: for the battle of Armageddon will be fought at Geddo, near Jerusalem.

Read Zech. 12:1-9; 14:1-3; Isaiah 10:28-32; Rev. 19:11-21, and references.

Notice that the "Stone" (Dan. 2:35), after smiting the image, breaking it into small pieces, "became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." We see then that the God of heaven does not set up the kingdom until after the destruction of the Gentile world-system, but it is set up immediately after their destruction. Gentile world-dominion began with a great image (Dan. 2:31), and will also close with a great image (Rev. 13:14, 15).

Dan. 2:44 definitely fixes the relative time that the kingdom of heaven will be set up. It will be "in the days of these kings," that is, in the days of the ten kings symbolized by the ten toes of the image.

We know that this "Stone" which becomes a great mountain is Christ. A mountain in Scripture symbolism means a kingdom, as in Isa. 2:2; Dan. 2:35; Rev. 13:1; 17:9-11. It means then that Christ will, at some future time, rule over this kingdom, and that it will be a world-wide kingdom, filling the whole earth; and to this the words of the prophet agree—

"And the Lord shall be king over all the earth" (Zech. 14:9).

In Abraham's land, in the midst of three great continents—Asia, Africa, and Europe—thousands of years ago, God chose Jerusalem as the spot on which He will build the capital of His kingdom when it shall be set up on earth (Isa. 2:1-4). As this kingdom (mountain) grows to fill all the earth, it quickly rises above all other kingdoms (mountains), and the kingdom of heaven stands above all in all power and authority—"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ" (Rev. 11:15).

Jerusalem will also be the worship center of the earth (Zech. 8:23). There has always been a remnant of Israel true to God; and in the kingdom they will be devoted to God, and faithfully serve Him: Jews will then be missionaries, and that to the very "nations" now called "Christian." There will be people left in all the nations of earth, even if those nations fight against Jerusalem. These must all go up to Jerusalem to worship the King. If they go not up to worship, "even upon them shall be no rain" (Zech. 14:16-31).

The blessings of the kingdom will be wonderful, far surpassing the blessings on earth in our generation. The curse caused by sin, which originated in the garden of Eden, will be removed; Jesus will be here and all things will be restored (Acts 3:19-26); then people shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them; human life will be as before the flood—"as the days of a tree;" all will be peaceable, and righteousness shall predominate; and the Lord says, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain" (Isaiah 65:21-25).

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ASSOCIATIONS

ZION HOPE Association No. 2 will be held with Pleasant Grove Church, five miles north of Uniontown, Ark., beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1937.

Eld. Joe Lovette to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. Glenn Dipboye alternate.

Steve Smith, Ass't Clerk, Rudy, Ark.

NIANGUA Association will convene with Union Chapel Church, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1937.

Eld. Warren Franklin to preach the Introductory sermon.

Eld. Arthur Bailey, Clerk, Plad, Mo.

OLD MT. ZION Association will convene with Antioch Church, at ten o'clock a. m., on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1937.

Eld. Sammie Lane to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. J. W. Watson alternate.

Isaac Lynch, Clerk, Clifty, Ark.

LACLEDE COUNTY Association will be held with Happy Hill Church, in Laclede County, beginning at 3:00 o'clock p. m., on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1937.

Eld. C. A. McAllister to preach the Introductory sermon.

Mrs. Essie Hamilton, Cl'k, Falcon, Mo.

FIRST MISSION Association will be held at Camp Grounds, near Sub Station on Drumright-Sapulpa road, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1937.

Mae Graham, Clerk, Drumright, Okla.

CENTRAL WESTERN MO. and S. E. KANSAS Association will be held with Independence Free Will Baptist Church, near Stockton, Mo., beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1937.

Sister Roena Thomas to preach the Introductory sermon, Sister Ruthe Garner alternate.

INDIAN CREEK Association will be held with Jones' Chapel Church, near Stella, Mo., beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1937.

Eld. F. C. Zinn to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. John B. Rollins alternate.

Eld. J. B. Rollins, Clerk, Purdy, Mo.

UNION Association will be held with Pleasant Hill Church, beginning on Wednesday at 4:00 o'clock p. m. before the first Sunday in Sept., 1937.

Eld. Walter E. George to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. Clarence Ussery alternate.

E. L. Jnes, Clerk, Hartville, Mo., R3.

ROBERT MCGEE Association will convene with Pleasant Valley Church, one mile west of Poteau, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1937.

Mrs. M. P. Carrauthers, Clerk, Poteau

DIBBLE Association will convene with Dibble Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1937.

Shay Richey, Clerk, Blanchard, Okla.

HOPEWELL Association will be held with Oak Grove Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1937.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Eld. Louis Lawson, Eld. Everett Wilson alternate.

M. L. Bonds, Clerk, Folsom, Okla.

MISSOURI STATE Association will be held with Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, at Hannon, Barton Co., Missouri, beginning on Monday night before the third Sunday in Oct., 1937.

Sister Mary Wellbaum of Greentop, Mo. to preach the Mission sermon on Monday night, Sister Ruth La Brot of Flat River, Mo. alternate.

Eld. W. K. Weston of Monett, Mo. to preach the League sermon at eleven o'clock Tuesday, Eld. Cecil Campbell of Carterville, Mo. alternate.

Eld. S. H. Marcum of Cameron, Mo. to preach the Introductory sermon for the Association Tuesday night, Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr. of Mountain Grove, Missouri alternate.

Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

CAVE SPRING Association will be held with Cave Spring church, beginning on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in August, 1937.

Adrian Jenkins, Clerk, Myrtle, Mo.

SALENE Association will be held with Macedonia church, in Cleveland County, Arkansas, beginning at 9:00 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1937.

Eld. R. M. Moore of Star City, Ark. to preach the Introductory sermon.

This will be the 41st annual session. Lewis Barker, Ass't Clerk,

New Edinburg, Ark.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI Association will convene with Center Point church, two and one-half miles southeast of Santa Rosa, Missouri, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1937.

Eld. T. C. Ferguson of Weatherby, Mo. to preach the Introductory sermon. Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.

WESTERN GENERAL Association of Free Will Baptist will convene with Oak Grove church, about eight miles north of Norwood, Mo., on Tuesday night before the second Sunday in November, 1937 (Nov. 9, 1937).

Eld. I. W. Yandell of Oklahoma City, Okla. is to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla. alternate.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LOYALTY FUND

It is planned and provided that the Free Will Baptist of the National Association shall have a school. The desire for a school seems to be present among our people, but there is a serious lack of money, and I can't say as to the willingness of our people to give, but I still have faith in them, and believe they will give if the cause seems worthy.

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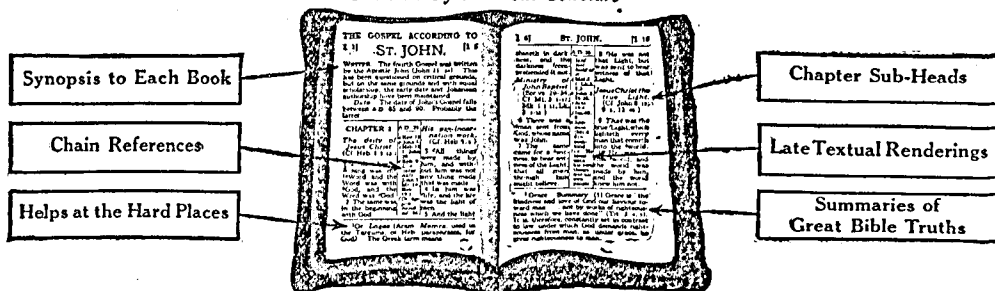
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