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The above picture is of the Jones' Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, near Stella, Newton County, Missouri. The Jones' Chapel neighborhood is a prosperous Ozark farming community, with excellent all weather roads. For the past three years the church has been under the pastoral care of Eld. W. K. Weston of Monett, Missouri, a brilliant young man with a spiritual experience and a passion for lost souls. The community has been known for many years for the abundance of its talented young people who have excellent Christian characters, and the church looks with some degree of justifiable pride upon the three young, able, promising ministers it nourished in boyhood days (Cecil Campbell, Kenneth Turner and Noel Turner).

The Jones' Chapel Church is one of the two oldest Free Will Baptist churches in Southwest Missouri. This photo was taken in 1895 when the church was new.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Session of Indian Creek Association will be held with this church September 1st to 4th, 1937. A Ministers' Conference will begin here on Tuesday night, August 31st, and will continue until Wednesday afternoon, September 1st. Indian Creek Association has twenty-two ordained ministers, many of whom are very active, and holding state and national offices in the denomination. This includes our faithful editor, as the Gem office is in this Association. There are also fifteen licensed preachers.

Eld. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo. is our Moderator and the writer is Clerk.

—Eld. John B. Rollins, Purdy, Missouri.

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# Ministers' Conference

The Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptist, in Southwest Missouri, is scheduled to hold its first Ministers' Conference on Tuesday night and Wednesday, Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st., at Jones' Chapel church, near Stella, Missouri. The Conference is to begin 24 hours before the Introductory sermon of the 25th Annual Session of the Indian Creek Association. There are 22 ordained preachers and 15 licensed preachers in this Association, many of whom are very active and are building the name of God in the earth. A good time at the Conference is the high anticipation of many of our folk. Food for thought and food for souls is expected.

At the 24th session of the Association a committee was appointed to plan this conference. That committee organized as follows:

Eld. B. F. Brown, Chairman,  
Eld. John B. Rollins, Clerk,  
Eld. Kenneth Turner, Member.

The general theme of the Conference is "The Ministry." Following is the program:

Tuesday, August 31st, 7:30 p. m.

Devotional ..... Eld. W. K. Weston  
Election of Officers  
Sermon, "The Callings and Gifts of the Ministry"  
Eld. Winford Davis

Wednesday, Sept. 1st, 9:00 a. m.

Devotional ..... Eld. Delmer Cochran  
Conference Business  
10:20—Topic: ..... "The Walk of the Minister"  
Eld. Kenneth Turner (15 minutes)  
Eld. Claud Timmons (10 minutes)  
Eld. Luther Black (10 minutes)  
11:00—Sermon, "Two Requisites for a Successful Ministry—Inspiration and Union"  
Elders John B. Rollins and John C. Swaffar

Wednesday, 1:30 p. m.

Devotional ..... Eld. B. F. Henderson  
1:45—Topic: ..... "The Work of the Minister"  
Eld. O. T. Allred (15 minutes)  
Eld. Lucy Deckard (10 minutes)  
Eld. Frank Linton (10 minutes)  
2:20—Topic: "Pastoral Work of the Minister"  
Eld. B. F. Brown (15 minutes)  
Eld. F. C. Zinn (10 minutes)  
Eld. Cecil Campbell (10 minutes)  
3:00—Topic: ..... "What Shall We Preach"  
Opened by Eld. C. L. Marbut. Open forum discussion by ministers who may gain the floor by permission of the Chairman. Time limit 10 minutes each.

4:00—Adjournment.

The churches and general public cordially invited to attend this conference.

—The Committee.



# The Gospel of the Kingdom

By the Editor

The word "Gospel" means good news; and the "Gospel of the Kingdom" is the good news that God purposes to set up a kingdom here on earth, a universal kingdom, in fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant (2 Sam. 7:16), over which God's Son, David's heir, shall be King (Luke 1:31-33) and shall reign for one thousand years, then deliver up the kingdom to the Father (1 Cor. 15:24)—it is an everlasting kingdom.

I know that many of our people, and others, do not believe this; but if the Bible declares it, it must be so; and we ought to know what God says about it in His Word, and believe what God says. Let us examine a few of the many Scriptures wherein we believe that God, through His prophets, sets forth the "Gospel of the Kingdom."

In the creation, God created man to have dominion over the earth, and over the works of His hands:

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Gen. 1:26).

Thus man was created in innocence, placed in a perfect environment, and given dominion; but man fell by transgression, and the age of innocence ended in the expulsion from the garden of Eden; man's dominion was lost and Satan became the prince of this world:

"Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30).

When Adam and Eve became sinners, they were ashamed and afraid of God; but God killed animals, took their skins and clothed His sinning creatures so they might appear in His sight or presence and not be ashamed. God sent them forth to battle with the briars, weeds, etc. of the earth now under a curse, to do good, and not evil, and to people the earth. But man failed under this

test also, and the judgment of the flood marked the end of the dispensation of Conscience.

Only eight persons survived the flood, but it was enough for a new beginning; so God made a covenant with Noah, and subjected humanity to a new test:

"And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth" (Gen. 9:1).

Under the Noahic Covenant man was responsible to rule the world for God, and this responsibility rested upon the whole human race. But both Jews and Gentiles have continuously and miserably failed to govern for God, and have ruled for self. The testing under the Noahic Covenant ended with the confusion of tongues at Babel, and the people were scattered over the earth (Gen. 11:1-9); the testing of the Jews ended with the captivities (Read 2 Kings 25; 2 Chron. 36; Jeremiah 52); the testing of the Gentiles will end with the smiting of the "Stone cut out without hands" (Daniel, chapter 2).

Thus more than 2,000 years from the creation of Adam went by, and man continued to fail under every test; but God still purposed to establish a universal kingdom on earth, and to work out (through human agency) His purposes for good to the human race. Up to this time all the people of earth had been one in "the first man Adam," but from this time on God purposed there should be a Theocracy in Israel, and to institute this Theocracy, God called Abram from Ur of the Chaldees, saying unto him:

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:2, 3).

This dispensation of Promise was wholly gracious and unconditional; was wholly Israelitish, and extended from the call of Abram to Sinai and the giving of the law (Gen. 12 to Exo. 19). God also

made a covenant with Abram, which is a Covenant of Promise:

"In that same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates" (Gen. 15:18).

While the Dispensation of Promise ended at the giving of the law, the Abrahamic Covenant of Promise was not done away with at the giving of the law (Gal. 3:15-18). The Dispensation of Promise was for 430 years, from the call of Abram to the Exodus, or deliverance from Egyptian bondage: the Abrahamic Covenant of Promise is still in force.

Grace prepared a deliverer (Moses), provided a sacrifice for the guilty, and by divine power brought them out of bondage; but at Sinai they exchanged grace for law (Exo. 19:1-8). After Moses had led Israel through the wilderness for 40 years, till they came near to go over and possess the land, Moses was taken (Deut. 34:1-8), and Joshua was commissioned to lead the people over Jordan into the promised land (Deut. 34:9-12; Josh. 1:1-9). Then for 400 years or more, Israel was under divinely appointed judges; then rejected the Theocracy, and chose a king—Saul (1 Sam. 8:1-7; 9:12-17).

After 40 years of Saul's misrule, David was made king over Judah (2 Sam. 2:1-4), and seven years later was made king over all Israel (2 Sam. 5:1-5), having been divinely chosen and anointed several years previous (1 Sam. 16).

The Davidic Covenant, which God made with David (2 Sam. 7:8-17) provided for the founding of the glorious kingdom of Christ of "the seed of David according to the flesh" (Rom. 1:3). This covenant is fourfold, and guarantees:

1. A Davidic "house"—family.
2. A "throne"—royal authority.
3. A "kingdom"—sphere of rule.
4. In duration—"for ever."

According to verse 16:

"And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever" (2 Sam. 7:16).

This fourfold covenant has but one condition: disobedience in the Davidic family is to be punished.

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## OUR REVIVAL IN FLINT, MICHIGAN

I am glad to report to you a great revival with the First General Baptist Church in Flint, Mich. The meeting ran just three weeks. The results, visibly, were 25 souls saved, the pastor, Rev. Harry Mince, received 18 into the church, and Rev. Mince, Rev. Floyd Miley who is pastor of the second General Baptist church in Flint, and myself baptized 16 the last Sunday of the meeting, in Flint river.

Well, I can certainly say that I never found a more wonderful people to work with anywhere. I never found sweeter spirited ministers than Bro. Mince and Bro. Miley. It was indeed a pleasure to work with them. Then I would not fail to mention the other young ministers of the two churches, whom God has called to the work. They are Bro. Virgil Greenway, Bro. Warren, Bro. Jackson and Bro. Lane. They are wonderful men of God. I found the church and pastor wide awake and ready to go when I got there on Tuesday, June 28th. They had just had a wonderful service the night before. Bro. Noel Greenway the choir leader, had his choir in splendid shape, and my, how they could sing. Don't let any one tell you that they can't sing in Flint, because I know a bunch of people who really can sing. Bro. Greenway is a real leader. The second church, where Bro. Miley is pastor, also has a wonderful choir. The two choirs came together two different nights in the meeting, and say; well, you would just have to hear them to know. I told Bro. Mince that he would have to repair the shingles.

I preached two different times on Sunday afternoon at the second church, which was indeed a pleasure. These churches are really spiritual. I never preached anywhere with more freedom. The Holy Ghost really fell and sinners were saved in the old fashioned way. Some of them down at their seats in the back of the house, and some at the public altar. Most of the converts were heads of families. We would begin service at 7:00 p. m. Eastern time. At that time the sun was about one hour high. The reason for the early hour was because the men quit work in the Automobile plants at 3:30 p. m. and go to work again at 6:00 a. m., so the early hour made it better for them. Each evening we would have a most wonderful praise service; these people are great for testimonies. The last Sunday immediately after Sunday school the two churches went together to Flint river, and spread dinner. The spread was estimated to be 100 feet long. It certainly was a wonderful temporal feast. Then following dinner, Rev. Miley brought us a wonderful message on the subject of "The Transfiguration," after which we all went to the river and proceeded with the baptizing, then back to the church at night, where the house was packed to its capacity. Two souls were saved and two more were in the altar, and lots of conviction. But we felt that we must close and get back to Missouri, to meet Bro. Willey in Indian Creek Association. So we closed the meeting with sad hearts, that our time of parting had come.

We had a splendid male quartet from Detroit one night. Detroit is 60 miles from Flint. Others attended from Detroit some, and we had folks quite often from Pontiac, which is 35 miles away.

I also want to tell you about a wonderful radio station at Lapeer, Mich., 18 miles from Flint, station WMPC, "Where many preach Christ." It is strictly a Gospel station, the only one I know of anywhere like it. We preached some over the station while there. Bro. Mince's church has one hour over this station each week. It certainly is a blessing to that country, and I would to God we had more of them.

On Monday evening a group of the folks, most of whom we used to know here in Southwest Missouri, went to school with, etc., met at the home of Bro. Otto Suttles, and gave us a farewell diener, and a shower of beautiful gifts. God bless their dear hearts. All I can do about it is just to shed tears of joy. When I got home and reread those cards, you can imagine my feelings. If ever a people knew how to make one happy, those people at Flint do. Bro. Bob Davis took us for a trip over into Canada one day in his new Buick. We went by Detroit, and on to Leamington, Ontario, on Lake Erie. This trip was a real treat to me. Bro. Fred Smith took us for a day in and around Detroit, which was another real treat. There we saw through the Ford Museum, the world's second largest zoo, and many other interesting things.

So, all in all, the Lord was most wonderfully with us in this effort. If I had been preparing a church and pastor to my liking, I could not have made it different. You who are informed know the Free Will Baptist, and the General Baptist are indistinguishably the same, except the name, not one point of difference. We received 18 subscriptions to the Gem while there, for which I was very grateful.

Well, for fear the editor rules this out, because of length, I will close by saying, May God ever bless you dear people at Flint. I am thinking about you so much, and thanking the Lord for the privilege of being among you, and in your homes, and will ever be praying for you.

Yours in Christian love,

Eld. Winford Davis.

**TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, July 28, 1937.**

Dear Brother Brown:

I hope everything is moving on well with you all. My work is going fine, we are truly doing some building for the glory of the Lord here among the Free Will Baptist. The Lord has blessed me in a marvelous way in His service. I have organized and built nine new churches and five of them nice brick structures within the past six years. Many of these in places where we had no work at all.

I have been for the past four months in evangelistic work continually, and the Lord has blessed in saving many precious souls. I have just returned from Florida, where I enjoyed the fine fellowship of our people there, and the Spirit of the Lord was with us in a wonderful way. Fourteen were added to this church during the meeting. Our new church in Columbus, Miss. is growing by leaps and bounds. I closed a meeting there a few weeks ago with forty-six added to the church.

I am now engaged in a meeting at Fond Grove church twelve miles from Tupelo, this is a new church and the Lord is blessing in this meeting, two confess-

ed Christ and came into the church last night. I go to Red Bay, Ala. to begin a meeting Sunday in our new church there. This is the nicest church structure in the state among Free Will Baptist. This building cost ten thousand dollars and is a real credit to our cause. Pray for this meeting. We came from there to Tupelo where we are to engage in a two weeks' meeting, and from here to Ashland City, Tenn., where we are to conduct a county wide Sunday School Revival under a large tent 90 by 140 ft. Pray that many may be led to Christ.

Yours in His Service,

—M. L. Hollis.

### GREENFIELD, MISSOURI, July 1, 1937.

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since Mt. Olive church has written a report to the Gem. However, the Lord has blessed us so wonderfully in the past year, that we feel we must tell the world about it.

At this time last year our church was lukewarm, and the community cold, then the Lord sent Bro. Winford Davis our way to hold a revival, and by the time we had warmed a while at the rousing spiritual fire he built in that pulpit, people began to move out for the Lord. There were many souls saved in that revival and the Spirit that entered then has stayed with us through the year.

Most wonderful of all, in the last three appointments Bro. Davis has filled there has been a total of eleven souls converted. All who attended these great services felt the loving presence of God very near and went forth refreshed to work for the Lord.

Do you wonder that we look forward hopefully to a continuation of this revival? Plans are now under way for a meeting in the near future, and we are hoping and praying for another great outpouring of the Spirit. Pray for us.

—Mrs. Ottis Martin.

### FLINT, MICHIGAN, July 27, 1937.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I will try to drop just a line in behalf of our people in Flint, and our revival with Bro. Davis as evangelist. It makes me think of Ezek. 2:5, "Yet shall they know that there hath been a prophet among them."

Well, we had a wonderful time and God blessed us with 24 souls saved and reclaimed, and for this we truly can say, "Bless God, and Amen." I was a stranger to Bro. Davis, but some brethren handed me his name and address, and said, "He is really a power for God." Well, the correspondence got under way and the Spirit led on both ends of the line, as in the case of Simon Peter, which said, "Go, doubting nothing." I was doing my best as pastor of the church, but the prophet came in the old time way and preached in the old time way, and souls began praying in the old time way, and God heard the cries of His people and gave us victory in the old time way; and I must say, "Bless the good Lord!"

When I went back on the following Sunday, the revival spirit was still there, and we are still having that same spirit. Really, to know Bro. Davis is to love him, and we as a church, recommend him

to God's people everywhere as a power for God and a real Christian gentleman. We can thank the Greenway brothers for giving us his name, and we thank God for sending him here in answer to our Macedonian call. Bro. Davis, you have established new friends which are praying much for you and your success in life. Our church is surely built up to a higher standard, with 18 new members added to our number, which makes us 172 on the roll.

I will ask all Gem readers that know the worth of prayer to remember us and ask God to continue His blessings here in Flint. So, may God bless and keep all who call upon Him. And, Bro. Davis, I will be seeing you again.

Rev. Harry Mince, Pastor First G. B. Church.

### CLEMSCOT, OKLAHOMA, July 27, 1937.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Do you love Christ and His Church?

**Why am I a Tither?**

I am a tither because the tithe is the acknowledgement of divine ownership. God owns all, man only possesses. Possession is indebtedness. When I possess another man's money, I owe it and am willing to pay him interest for its use. God owns all: man owes all. I am willing therefore, to pay Him ten per cent interest and surrender the principal wherever He says, "Give an account of thy stewardship." It will not do to say, "All things are God's," and then act as Louis XI of France, who is said to have donated the whole country of Boulogne to the Virgin Mary, but reserved all the revenue therefrom for himself. It is said that only five per cent of what a man makes is due to his own efforts, the other 95 per cent is a contribution from God and society, even the five per cent comes from God: for it is God who giveth us power to get wealth. Then, surely, ten per cent is small enough interest.

I am a tither because I believe that, if every Christian would practice it, it would solve all the church's financial problems. The financial problem is about the gravest problem which the church faces, locally and at large. Tithing would solve it all.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. Noah B. Martin.

### SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

Greetings to Gem Readers and League Workers:

It has been some time since I have written to the Gem. However, we are getting along well, attendance is holding up well this warm weather, and everything is going along fine. We had election of officers some time ago for the coming year.

Officers elected as follows: Harvey Hill, Pres., K. J. Easter, James Langley and Roy Depriest, vice presidents, Ruth Offenberg, Sec'y, Flossie Michels, Ass't Sec., Pearl Hill, Treas., Francis McCauley, Cor. We are expecting greater things this year than we did last year.

We had a contest between the Juniors and the Seniors for three months, to see which would have the largest attendance in that time. The Juniors won, and the Seniors had to treat them to candy.

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## A VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE

On Friday, July ninth, the editor and wife received a telegram from Bro. J. E. Claxton of Hartsville, Missouri, that his wife, Mrs. Lina Claxton (known to Gem Readers as Aunt Lina), had gone on to her reward.

Dear Aunt Lina will be greatly missed, most of all by her stricken family, and also by many others, to whom she was a loving, faithful friend, always ready to give encouragement and help. She has been a regular contributor to the Gem for a long time, and many of us learned to look forward to her monthly articles. She loved her paper, and when she sent in her manuscript she usually enclosed a few lines of encouragement to the editor and wife, which was much appreciated by them. This was typical of the many little kind things that Aunt Lina was always doing, and we will miss them, oh, so much!

Aunt Lina's last message, sent in with her usual promptness, came just a few days before her death, and is printed in this issue of the paper.

But, while we all miss Aunt Lina so much, we can not help rejoicing when we realize that she has gone to spend eternity with the Savior she loved so well. Her great aim in life was to reach that happy place, and to help and encourage others to do likewise. It was the aim of her life, and she emphasized it in all her articles, that we must live faithful Christian lives to gain our heavenly home. So, while we will miss Aunt Lina, let us not forget the things she tried to impress upon us, and try to be more true and faithful to the dear Savior who has done so much for us all.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to "Uncle Jim" and the rest of her dear family. Let us all prepare to meet her in that happy place that the dear Master has prepared for us all: for, if we miss heaven, we will miss all that is worth living for.

—Mrs. Grace Irene Brown.

## HENDERSON, TEXAS, July 22, 1937.

Dear Gem Family:

After leaving Monett, Mo., we visited Bro. Davis' church at Aurora, Mo., and had a splendid week. Only had five conversions, but the church was wonderfully strengthened by the meeting. We certainly enjoyed our work there. The people of the Aurora church are fine people, and we were in some lovely homes. God bless Bro. Davis and his work.

We went from Missouri to North Zulch, Texas. We used our tent at that place, and had a splendid people to work with. The weather was very hot and some sickness that hindered the meeting. We had 21 conversions, 16 additions to the church, and 19 baptized. The meeting was well attended, with large crowds at night; may the Lord bless these dear ones, is our prayer. Bro. B. A. Grant is their pastor and we enjoyed working with him so much. Bro. Grant is a young man and will make a splendid preacher.

We visited our churches at Falba and Comanche, and while at Falba we organized a Foreign Mission

circle, and we feel that, if our pastors would organize a Foreign Mission society at each of their churches, to meet once a month, and where they go once a month, they could call the members together some time during the three services, and if only \$1.00 was raised per month it would bring in hundreds of dollars from the various churches. Let's try this dear ones in Christ, and let the Home Mission work go right on, and have a foreign work aside, and use the funds for nothing but foreign work. But here I am giving a mission lecture right in the middle of a report.

We came to one of Bro. Tom Smith's churches, near Henderson, Texas, and started another tent meeting July 18th. We have had large crowds and one reclaimed. Pray for us to have a great revival here. God bless the Gem family.

—H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

## STELLA, MISSOURI, July 23, 1937.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will try and write you good people again, but as I am a poor English student, will make several mistakes.

I am so thankful for the good rains that our loving Master has sent this summer to make a plentiful harvest this fall. The closer we live to Jesus the more blessings we will receive; so I believe it would pay us to abide very near, don't you?

There is now a revival going on here at Oak Grove. Brother and Sister Crain from Miami, Okla. are holding it. They sure are God sent ministers, may the Lord continue to bless them, is my prayer. They have had seven conversions and all of us Christians are determined to do more for our Savior, so the revival has helped us too.

Sunday, July 25th, Bro. Willey, our Foreign Missionary from South America, was over to visit our little church. He gave some interesting facts concerning the savages over there who have never heard of the name of Jesus. Isn't that sad to think that there are people who have never heard of the sweet, lowly name of Jesus Christ?

I wish we people of Christ would be up and about our Father's business more: for the most we can do is very little in the sight of God.

I think of that passage of Scripture, where Jesus said, "Deny thyself, take up thy cross and follow me." That "deny thyself" is hard to do at times. But we should think of others' feelings the same as of our own. The time when Jesus was on earth, He never thought of Himself. He would heal the cripples and the blind, and many diseases common among the people, and make people happy wherever He went. We should do likewise.

I sure enjoy reading the Gem, and I think every Free Will Baptist should take the Gem, if they are able: for there surely are some good testimonies in the Gem, especially if you know the writer personally.

I ask your prayers, that I may be faithful, humbly doing the little things for our Savior.

—Geraldine T. Duffield.

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The cost is low and should not exceed \$125.00 for the session; possibly much less.

For further information address T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga.

## PAMPA, TEXAS, June 16, 1937.

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown, and Gem Readers:

I will write a few lines to our dear little paper.

This leaves us in some better health; but we are sure thankful all is as well with us as it is, for our health we have, and the faith I still have in Jesus.

I went to church and Sunday school some after we landed here in Pampa, as long as I was able to go. We sometimes get a good sermon over the radio that is interesting to listen to, but we haven't heard any Free Will Baptist minister preach yet, at home or at church; would sure enjoy a good sermon.

Wherever I am, it seems to me that more ministers are needed, here as well as at other places: for sin is here as it is everywhere else. My, it's something to think of, to see so many unsaved folks drooping around in sin, not thinking of their dangerous condition, and so many dying unprepared—it is awful to think of!

I attended a funeral the other day, which was very sad. I pray how soon people will awake out of sleep, see themselves as God sees them, and find peace with their dear Savior before it is too late. May God help all is my prayer on their behalf.

Pray for me, for I need your help in prayer.

—Mrs. Birtie Youngblood.

## REPORT OF TENT STOCK HOLDERS MEETING

A meeting of the Tent Stock Holders was held at Monett, Mo., on Friday at 10:00 o'clock a. m., in the ante-room of Bro. Allred's store.

Meeting called to order by the chairman.

Roll call by the secretary. Six present.

Secretary's report.

Report by Bro. Davis of unpaid balance on note.

Motion carried to retain the board of trustees for another year.

Motion carried that steps be taken to secure some one to take the tent and have it repaired, and use it, terms to be agreed upon by the board.

Motion carried that, if no one is secured to repair the tent as stated above, that the top be salvaged and the money be kept in the treasury until further action by the stock holders.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at the call of the chairman.

Eld. O. T. Allred, Chairman,

Eld. C. H. Campbell, Sec.-Treas.

## DESLOGE, MISSOURI, July 13, 1937.

Dear Brother Brown:

As we didn't get to contribute anything for the Special Sunday School number of the Gem, we wish to submit our Sunday School report for publication. Report covers the year, from July 1, 1936 to July 1, 1937. Bro. Ben Hunt, Supt. and Sister Marjorie Hunt, Sec.-Treas. Bro. Geo. Lashun is our present Supt. and Sister Thelma Gregory is Sec.

I am here with Sister Franklin for a meeting, arrived here about 2:00 p. m. yesterday.

Pray much that God will give us victory here.

Yours in Christ,

Eld. O. T. Allred.

## Report of Monett Free Will Baptist Sunday School, from July 1, 1936 to July 1, 1937.

Class with largest attendance .....	Cradle Roll
Class with largest offering .....	Men's Bible Class
Average attendance .....	92
Month of largest attendance, December.....	109
Average offering per Sunday .....	\$4.03
Money received during the year .....	\$202.32
Money on hand July 1, 1936 .....	21.71

Total receipts .....

Disbursements for the year:

Church payments .....	\$ 7.55
Literature .....	61.11
Pastor's Salary .....	39.95
Gospel Singer (Loud Speaker System).....	2.00
Association .....	7.62
Insurance on building .....	8.22

Total Disbursements .....

Balance on hand June 2, 1937.....

## ARCADIA, KANSAS, July 18, 1937.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

For this long time I have been silent, but enjoying the good letters and inspiring messages that come to us every month through the "Gem."

"But if every one was just like me, what kind of a paper would our Gem be?"

We are always anxious to hear from others whom we have met and learned to love in the service of the Master. Perhaps some would be interested in hearing from us also.

I can say that I am still on the Lord's side trying to do what I can to help hold up the Christ before a lost world, as One who is able to save to the uttermost all that will come unto Him.

There are so many different doctrines in the world today, that people wonder just which is really right.

While I am a Free Will Baptist and love our denomination, and believe we have a doctrine that is really Bible; yet I have really never felt led to try to preach a doctrinal sermon—don't suppose I could preach much of a doctrinal sermon if I tried.

The one thing I feel we need more than anything else is to preach Jesus. He said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

When we lose sight of lost souls, we fail. I believe in the Great Commission God has given us,

when He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The world is looking to some one to show them the way and if we, His followers, do not hold out the way and let our light shine, how will they ever be saved? Oh, that we had more really consecrated lives for God. There are so many loud testimonies that are not backed up by lives that ring true. Then the cause of Christ suffers.

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world: a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

Christians, let's not try to make our lights shine: but may our lives be so hidden with Christ, that He will shine out through us and we can't help it.

Just as the little electric bulb can't help but shine when the current from the Great Power House is turned on, and flows through it, may it be with us.

May God bless all the Gem family. Hope we will see a lot of you at the State meeting this fall, as it meets with our little church here at Hannon. We are looking forward to a great time.

Yours for the Master's cause,  
Mrs. Roena Thomas.

**HANSEN, IDAHO, July 19, 1937.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Gem Family:

Again I will try to write a few lines to our dear little paper, to let you know that I am still striving to live for Jesus, and am also striving to regain my health. I am still improving, and am able now to be up a part of each day. I am still trusting in Jesus for the return of my health, and I don't think He will fail me: for He is a kind and loving Friend, and is always willing to help us.

It does me so much good to read of the good that is being done among our churches, and we just pray that the good work will keep up.

May the Lord bless and keep each member of the Gem family.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Opal Frazier.

### TRIED AND TRUE

Religion, you say, is old fashioned.

How true! so is food; so is drink;  
So are mothers and fathers and neighbors,  
And all things of value, I think.

A new fangled creed has no power,

Until it is tried by the years.  
If good, it endures through misfortunes,  
And abides in the valley of tears.

True faith, understanding, and kindness,

Well, these are all old virtues, too;

Thank God for old-fashioned religion,  
In a world where too much is new.

—Mrs. Opal Frazier.

**SELMA, CALIFORNIA, July 18, 1937.**

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Family:

I feel like writing you again this beautiful Lord's day morning. We are away out here in California, but the Lord is everywhere. We miss our church and friends in the Ozarks, but we meet new friends here. We go to the Nazarine church at Selma sometimes, but not as much as we would like to go, as it is a spiritual church.

It makes my heart bleed as I look around and see so much sin on every side. I am made to wonder about the people that are so unconcerned about where they are going to spend eternity.

It is a comforting thought expressed in His Word, that when our earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we have a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

This is a land of fruits and sunshine in summer, and it makes one think of the Scripture, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Pray for us.

Dear friends, as there are so many of you that I can't write to all personally, but you can read this.  
—Martha Avery.

### MISSIONARY VISITS UNION ASSOCIATION

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I am sending two subscriptions to the paper, I shall endeavor to give a brief report of Our Missionary, Bro. Willey's visit to this part of the field.

On July 12th, I was happy to meet the smiling face of Bro. Willey as the train came into the little station at Norwood, also his little son, who has celebrated his 5th birthday since being in our home this week.

Bro. Willey has held five services already during the week, at various places. The interest and attention manifested by the nice congregations that have listened to the wonderful messages and looked upon the attractive pictures of the Indians have proved that a large number of people in this section have been made to realize the great need of Missionary work, and a number have expressed their willingness to support the Missionary program with their prayers and with their finance, which are the two essentials in carrying on a good work.

The pastors and members of other denominations are to be commended for their interest and support in this program. Our meeting in Hartville was held in the court house where we had the splendid co-operation of pastors and members of the other churches. I think of a very staunch and influential Methodist lady in one of my congregations who is to be praised for her eagerness to help us on the Missionary program.

While our hearts are going out in sympathy to those who have never heard the Gospel, may we be able to appreciate in a greater measure the Christian advantages of the home land.

My wife, the children, and I have all enjoyed having Bro. Willey and his little son in our home this week, and our visits and labors together have been very pleasant indeed.

—Eld. Homer Smith.



**DOS PALOS, CALIFORNIA**

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem:

I desire the privilege of writing again, that I may let you know that I am still on the Lord's side and striving to do His will. I have enjoyed the evening immensely listening to the sacred programs on the radio. My mind ran back to the good meetings I have been in, and I couldn't help but rejoice the more. I have been thinking too of the Free Will Baptist Association that will be held at Jones Chapel which is my home church. I love to think of it as my home church, because I have had some wonderful experiences there.

While reading the Bible I found a verse which impressed me very much, which verse reads as follows, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." It was St. John who wrote these words, "He that believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life." Oh, what a wonderful promise to those who will believe on Christ! And the verse continues by saying, "He that believeth shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." It was Christ who sent St. John to tell the people of His love and greatness to mankind, and the promise of eternal life to all who believe on Him.

If we believe in any one, we must have faith and confidence in them, and we must have the same in Christ. We also know that Christ's love was so great for us, that He died upon Calvary's Cross, that we might not perish, but have everlasting life. If we believe in Christ, we must make a confession of Him which is unto salvation.

In Ephesians 2, we find that by grace we are saved through faith, or believing in Christ, then we become children of God; and our Lord is faithful to establish you, and keep you from all evil. 2 Thess. 3:3.

At the close of this life, there will be no condemnation against the faithful—it will be only a passing from death unto life, which will be everlasting. Everlasting life or eternal life is something more than just living on for ever and ever: for it also means love, joy, peace and happiness, and the meeting of those who have gone on before.

I desire the prayers of those who know the worth of prayer.

—Elizabeth Garner.

**TULSA CHURCH NOTES**

*Mrs. Evelyn Miller, Reporter*

Dear Brother Brown and Gem Folks:

On this beautiful, cool summer morning, we want to try to do our bit for the Lord, by telling other folks of His goodness to us and that He continues to bless our church in a very bountiful manner.

This month is the beginning of our new year's work. The first Tuesday night was for the election of officers, and our same old faithful pastor was called back on the same old job of fighting Satan in the same old fashioned way, no other nominations for pastor being offered. Bro. Bingham closed out a very active, as well as a very successful year's work, both in the evangelistic field and at the home

church, holding a goodly number of revivals in our sister churches in Oklahoma, as well as a one week meeting at Denison, Texas, and one week at Monett, Missouri, and broadcasting time from Springfield. God wonderfully blessed each of these undertakings.

Our church saw fit to grant Bro. Bingham a \$10.00 raise in salary, with a ten day vacation with pay, accompanied by a love offering of \$13.00. He and family left for Lebanon, Mo. on July 19th, on an outing, but the trip was cut short by sickness, and they returned to Tulsa in five days; but Brother Melvin is very proudly exhibiting some kodak pictures of a fine string of cat fish the party caught.

We were very much pleased with a ten night singing school at our church, conducted by Brother Conner. About 75 took advantage of this special training, and a great interest was created among our young singers. Bro. George Miller, Jr. of Tulsa church is continuing with a one night a week practice to keep the good work going.

The Community Singing Convention met with us on July 18th with a good attendance and a number of good quartetts, and lots of other good singing.

On July 11th our entire membership was invited to an open air Sunday school and church service, held in Mohawk Park, and all enjoyed a picnic dinner spread. 115 reported for Sunday school classes on this particular morning, with night services back in the church auditorium. We were honored by a message brought by Rev. Koon, pastor of the Four Square Gospel church of Omaha, Nebr. who accompanied the body of Sister Lindle's brother from Omaha to Tulsa for burial.

We are still planning on a new and larger church building in the near future, and the building fund interest has been aroused by the placing of a miniature church building on the altar to receive collections at each service for this fund.

Our church took a love offering for our much loved Bro. Willey and family who will leave within a few days for Panama to continue God's great work in the foreign field. Let us not forget them, but back them up with our prayers and funds to go and do the things that we can't do.

Just now our thoughts go back to the few weeks Bro. Willey spent here in a meeting at our church, just a few months ago, and how our hearts were inspired when he illustrated to us in pictures and words, the vastness of his great calling. So let us keep that fire burning in our hearts for Bro. Willey and Foreign Missions.

**TALALA, OKLAHOMA, July 19, 1937.**

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will make my first attempt to report from our little church, "Zion Hill," near Oolaga, Oklahoma.

First I want to say that our church was very low, and Bro. O. H. Staires and Bro. Ralph Brown came to our rescue in March with a two weeks' meeting, with some powerful messages, and four souls were saved, and the church revived some.

We prayed that God would send us a pastor for our church, and our prayers were answered the first of May. Bro. Charles Wilson from Tulsa came to

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# WISDOM

By Ralph D. Foster, Aurora, Mo.

*"Whence cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? . . . Who is it that darkeneth counsel by words without understanding?" . . .*

Worldly wisdom is a comprehensive knowledge of things in their proper nature and relations, together with the power of combining them in the most useful manner.

Spiritual wisdom consists in the knowledge and fear of God. It emanates from "Him that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in; that bringeth the princes to nothing and maketh the judges of the earth as vanity."

Wisdom comes from the Eternal Living God, and "the heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." God holds all things, animate and inanimate, in the hollow of His hand. "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandments of the Lord are pure, enlightening the eyes."

Wisdom comes from Him who pilots the stars in their course across the

trackless void of the firmament, and are testimonies to the greatness of His omnipotence which especially may be seen in the creation; in the preservation of His creatures; in the redemption of men by Jesus; in the conversion of sinners; by the final preservation of the saints; in the resurrection, and in rewarding unto man the destiny of his own choosing as to where he will spend eternity: "for the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

Who are they that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? It is they who repudiate the law of God and heed not His testimonies; they who walk in the counsel of the ungodly, who stand in the way of sinners unto repentance, and sit in the seat of the scornful; they who are as wells without water, as clouds carried with a tempest, to whom the midst of darkness is reserved forever.

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." It is they who would spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ; those who teach unwholesome words, those who deny the words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the doctrine which is according to godliness. They are the

proud, who know nothing; but are ever doting about questions and strifes of words from whence cometh envy, contentions, railings, evil surmisings; perverse disputers of men of corrupt minds; those destitute of the truth, supposing that carnal gain is godliness. But those who have been born of the Spirit of God know from whence wisdom and understanding cometh, and do not walk in the counsel of darkness without knowledge, for they are branches of the true vine which is Jesus the Immaculate Son of God, and bring not forth wild grapes, neither let the little foxes—petty vexing triflings and proud haughty opinions—trample upon the tender vines (new converts), but nourish them that they may become wholesome, vigorous, established branches that bear fruit in the vineyard of the Lord in order that there may be no falling away, by reason of faith without works, which is dead, and the man of sin be revealed, and the days of apostasy come, that shall darken the light of the world; for the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated; full of mercy and good fruits; without partiality, and without hypocrisy, and the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace, and if we heed these things, we grow in the grace of understandable knowledge of things in their proper nature and relations, together with the power of combining them in the most useful manner for the glory of God.

## 'Prove All Things: Hold Fast That Which is Good' I Thess. 5:21

By H. B. Terry, Webb City, Mo.

*"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world"—I Jno. 4:1*

Then why do we accept just anything that any one preaches from God's sacred stand? Now, I find in my Bible, in several of the different scriptures, that Jesus warns us through His inspired writers, That in the latter days there will appear false prophets and false teachers.

But I fail to find even one reference to any new way, or different way, by any cult or creed, in the latter days whereby we might live in an intoxicated state of ecstasy, living above sin.

However I do know that we

could live closer to God than the majority of us do, by proving Him in all things, and holding fast that which is good.

Brother, sister, I still believe the old blood sprinkled, weeping way is the only way into the kingdom of God. I believe that the old martyrs and patriarchs that have lived, preached and died in this way, have tried the spirits from time to time and from generation to generation, until they have proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that there is no other way.

But in these latter days (for I do not believe that any one can deny that we are living in the latter days), we are experiencing

cults and creeds that are trying to teach this way and that way: But the majority are away from the good old fashioned way. Some are teaching that there is no such thing as hell, that there is nothing after death for the wicked—just death. Others, it seems to me, are trying to dance their way up to the gate, and then roll in.

There is no doubt in my mind about these people having known God at some time—I believe they have. Then I wonder just why they have turned from the old way to follow after something new, something different? Is it because they have failed to try the spirits, to prove whether they are from God? The Scriptures tell us that the working of Satan will be with all power and signs, and lying wonders (2 Thess. 2:9). The Apostle Paul says that, if we turn from God's truths, and fol-

low after these things, God will send us strong delusions, that we may believe a lie; or in plain words that, if we are determined to follow after things not of God, He will give them to us in a strong way.

One man said to me, "I felt the drawing power of God, drawing me that way." There is no doubt in my mind that he felt a drawing power, drawing him that way, but I wonder if it was the power of God; I wonder if this man didn't make a terrible mistake when he failed to go down before God and prove that spirit?

Does it mean anything to us, that Jesus pleads with us to prove the spirits, and warns us that every spirit is not of God?

Brother, sister, let me warn you that there will be no excuse that can be offered for the leadership that you are following.

I sat in a congregation a short time ago and watched and listened to a minister that had gained quite a reputation as a revivalist. I watched this man work himself and his congregation up to a state of intoxicated ecstasy, and it seemed to me that his whole aim was to keep them there; and I wondered just what it all meant. We all know that according to all Scriptures, that when Jesus comes to claim His own, that He will come to this unbelieving world as a thief in the night. The Apostle Paul says in 1 Thess. 5:7, "For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken, are drunken in the night." Does the Apostle refer here to drunkenness by intoxicating liquor? I do not believe that he does. Then what does he refer to?

As I watched and listened to this service, I wondered, Is this the drunkenness that the Apostle Paul refers to? And again I wondered, Have all of these people tried this thing? have they taken it before the Lord and asked Him

to prove it to them?

If a man has lived through this life and neglected Christ, and not known Him; is it reasonable to believe that he will withstand the persecutions of the Antichrist? I am afraid not. Then who will they be? The Apostle Paul says that day will not come except there be a falling away first. Undoubtedly it will be those that have known God, and have fallen away. Does it mean the outright backslider, or does it mean those that have followed after false teachings, and on that morning suddenly wake up to the awful fact that they have been misled?

Brother, sister, let me warn you that it will be a terrible thing on that day to realize that you have missed that glorious rapture, and will have to withstand the terrible persecutions of Satan and his Antichrist, if there is to be any hope of missing a devil's hell.

Let me plead with you, that if you have felt, or do feel, a drawing away from the good old fashioned way, just go out somewhere alone and go down before God for the proof; and hold fast to that which He gives you; for if He gives it to you, it is good.

Now then, these things that I have been talking to you about of the falling away, are they of the drunken the Apostle Paul refers to? Understand I do not say that they are. I am putting the questions before you that have made me to wonder, and have caused me to prove God for myself.

Now, in Rev. 20:4, John the Revelator tells us that he saw those that had "not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands: and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Surely these proved the spirits and held fast to that which is good. But I wonder who these people will be.

we are failing. Too many of us; if we don't watch, are trying to get by too easy.

I believe, if I understand the Bible, if we are living as close to God as we should, we are going to have a few trials, there will be times in life when our cross will be so heavy we can hardly bear it. But by the help of God we can do all things.

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone,

And all the world go free?

No, there's a cross for every one

And there's a cross for me."

If we are Christians, I'm going to say, we have a cross to bear. There will be times when we will be asked to do some kind of Christian work, maybe we'll say, "Oh, I don't see why I should be called on to do that; it's so hard for me to do and some one else could do it so much better;" and probably we never make an effort to do our very best. It is then that we fail to carry our cross, and want some one else to carry it for us. "And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:38).

Christians, when we are facing some hard trial, if we could think of Jesus while He was in the Garden of Gethsemane, surely that ought to help us to carry our cross with a smile. How hard it was for Jesus there in the garden to carry His cross! But could we say with Him, "Not as I will, but as thou wilt?" (Matt. 26:39).

It has been said, "No cross, no crown." So, let's be patient and listen for the voice of God calling us to do our little work here in this world and carry our cross with a smile, that we may be able to wear the crown in glory.

"Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee."

Dear Jesus, let me ever be  
A lamb against Thy breast,  
And let me ever find in Thee  
A haven of sweet rest.

Let me remember when I stray,  
How on a night of old,  
You sought a wounded bleeding lamb,  
And brought it to the fold.

And let me not forget, O Lord,  
The cross you bore for sin,  
Thy blood can banish crimson stain,  
And leave me clean again.

And whatever cross that I must bear,  
Dear Jesus, may I be  
Forever conscious of Thy voice,  
That daily speaks to me.

## Bearing Your Cross

By Ora Black, Huggins, Mo.

"Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me"—Mark 8:34.

The last part of this verse is

the part I have in mind, "Take up his cross and follow me."

I wonder if we Christians are taking up our cross and following Christ as we should. I'm afraid

## God Speaks In Many Ways

By Eld. Elmer B. Stegall, Desloge, Mo.

*"And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel" (Amos 7:15).*

All the prophets speak of this kind of direct communication with God: "The Lord said unto me." So said Hosea, Micah, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Paul said, "Have I not seen Christ our Lord?" (1 Cor. 9:1). And Paul said, "God . . . called me through his grace to reveal his Son in me" (Gal. 1:15, 16).

Many people down through the ages have been called of God, they have been spoken to, have had experiences with the Lord.

God does not speak to all alike. Paul speaks of having had visions, of being caught up to "the third heaven," and there in Paradise, heard "unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter" (2 Cor. 12:1-4). But many another apostle, just as faithful to Christ, has lived out his life without being caught up into Paradise.

Our little church house is just an humble small town church, but to me, my inner self, it is beautiful: for it was there that God first spoke to me. It was there that I first knew Him. It was there that I learned of the

Savior who gave His all that we might have eternal life. But there are conditions that we must meet before God speaks to us.

First we must seek God, must be sincere and honest with Him; we must say as in Psalm 139:23, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts."

Second, we must listen, prayer is not only talking to God, it is also waiting upon God. This is very essential to being a child of God. When in God's presence we must forget all our worries, all the cares of life, and let the Lord have right of way in our hearts, not even try to think what words we should use to pray or testify; but, as in 1 Sam. 3:9, "Speak Lord; for thy servant heareth."

Third, we must persevere. If we would be true to God, live close to Him, and be a consistent Christian, we must pray daily. "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6).

Find some time every day to be alone with God in secret, and our Father will reward thee openly.

is beautiful to look at, and that we may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature.

Then, while sitting here meditating on the things that I see and hear, I hear cock-crowing at the different homes in the little village. It was immediately after the cock crew, that Peter remembered the words of Jesus, when He said unto him, "Before the cock crow thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out and wept bitterly." No doubt he now realized his great mistake and, if we all would repent and weep bitterly, and pray a fervent effectual prayer for God to help us to overcome evil with good, I am sure God would bless us.

Just now I think of Peter, when Jesus was washing the disciple's feet. It may be that Peter was looking on as Jesus set this example for the disciples to follow. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, thou shalt never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." (See how quickly Peter changed) Simon Peter saith unto Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head."

The Apostle James a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, said (James 5:16), "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much, . . . and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." So we learn from the very Word of God that we must confess—there's no way around it.; so I now confess to God and before men, that I have not lived as close to Jesus as was my privilege to live.

....David said (God to be praised for His goodness), "I acknowledge my sins unto thee, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord" (Psa. 32:5).

Well, I am thinking of what a busy time the month of June is, for the farmers here in the Ozarks, harvesting their grain. They desire the sunshine too, that their crop may be taken care of, to make bread for the hungry, to

## The Old Time Religion

By Aunt Lina Claxton, Hartville, Mo.

Our Father who art in Heaven,  
With grateful hearts, we thank Thee;  
For quiet, restful night,  
With joyful hearts, we praise Thee;  
For the glorious morning light,  
With humble hearts, we worship Thee,  
ADORE and obey Thee;  
With valiant hearts, we'll do Thy will  
Through this new-born day.

This morning, as I awoke out of sleep, the first thing I thought of was, how beautiful is God's creation at sunrise! I hastened out on the east porch of our home to watch the glorious sunrise (June 17, 1937). While it was somewhat cloudy in the east at sunrise, it was some time before

the rays of sunshine spread over the little village of Hartville. And while I was waiting to see the sun come from behind the cloud, the little birds, all this time, were busily singing praises unto God, the great Creator. The mocking bird attracted my attention in a tree near the door, then in the distant forest I listened to the little dove, and thinking of how Noah used the little dove to bring him the message; and the dove came in to him in the evening: and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off; so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. He used the raven also. The rainbow, it too,



keep soul and body together. These are temporal blessings, but the spiritual blessings require the Son of God to shine into the hearts of His people. He said, "My people are a peculiar people."

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Mat. 9:35).

You remember that Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint."

"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

I remember back when a lot of folks had old time religion, when father used to try to preach, and old Bro. Sheets and others, I think of, just how they sang:

"The harvest fields, oh brother,  
Are just as white as white can be;  
And much we're losing every day,  
For want of men to work and pray,  
For want of men and women  
To pray, labor, and work the whole  
day through."

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb, which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 7:16, 17).

I think of old Brother Larkin Jones, when he would get happy, and sing, "O, won't that be glory over there!"

I want my friends to pray for me, and God bless the readers of the Gem. I feel so weak and unworthy; O, pray for me, to have the old time religion as long as time shall last.

—Aunt Lina Claxton.

## Stop My Paper

By Lena Kent

These are days of retrenchment and close economy. Many necessary things are being disposed of. It is no longer a question of what we want, but of what we need. So we are saying, "Stop my—?" Stop my daily paper? No, indeed, I must have that, so that I can read about politics, war, murder, sports, and crimes that have been committed. I must have it to read its advertisements of style, whisky, tobacco, theatres, and patent medicines.

Stop my magazine? No, I like it, with its literary articles, its accounts and illustrations of men and affairs. To be sure it's all worldly, but then, I don't enjoy heavy reading all the time. I like something light occasionally. It rests my mind. There are good stories in the magazines.

Stop my trade journal or society paper? No, I am under obligations to take these, whether I read them or not.

Stop my candy or ice cream? Oh, now, don't get too personal. I seldom eat more than one dish of ice-cream a day, and as for candy, it's cheap enough, besides I'm very fond of it.

Stop my cigarettes? Oh, no, I couldn't do that. Smoking is a necessity. Business is so strenuous, and it soothes the nerves and all that. I assure you I'm a perfect slave to my cigarette.

Retrench my sugar or butter bill? Don't see how I can. We must eat, you know.

Tell you what, I'll stop my religious paper. It costs me a penny a week, and I must economize. That will help some. Yes, I'll write today and tell them to stop it.

But brother, what about soul food? Don't you get helpful spiritual instruction in your religious paper? Don't you get encouragement for your weak faith? Isn't the paper good for you and your household in these days of spiritual decadence? And are you not interested, and desirous of having your children interested in the spread of the Gospel among those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death?

"Yes, all that is true, but we must economize."

If you should ask Jesus Christ what he would have you economize, where would you expect him to put the religious paper? In the first on the list? And if he should ask you if your subscription is paid to your religious paper, would it embarrass you to answer?

### MY DAILY PRAYER

Contributed by Mrs. W. M. Watkins.

If I can do some good today,  
If I can serve along life's way,  
If I can something helpful say,  
Lord show me how.

If I can right a human wrong,  
If I can help to make one strong,  
If I can cheer with smile or song,  
Lord show me how.

If I can aid one in distress,  
If I can make a burden less,  
If I can spread more happiness,  
Lord show me how.

If I can do a kindly deed,  
If I can help a soul in need,  
If I can sow a fruitful seed,  
Lord show me how.

If I can feed a hungry heart,  
If I can give a better start,  
If I can fill a nobler part,  
Lord show me how.

### THAT CITY ON THE HILL

Words by R. H. Holtzinger, Tulsa.

Oh, come and go with me,  
The Savior for to see,  
For I'm going to that City on the hill;  
How happy we will be,  
When the Savior's face we see,  
For I'm going to that City on the hill.

#### CHORUS

Yes, I am going, going,  
I am going to that City on the hill.  
How happy we will be,  
When our loved ones there, we'll see,  
For I'm going to that City on the hill.

I know it won't be long,  
Till we meet among the throng,  
For I'm going to that City on the hill;  
We will never say good-bye,  
When we meet up in the sky,  
For I'm going to that City on the hill.

Chorus.

Those lights do not compare  
With the lights that's shining there,  
For I'm going to that City on the hill;  
Our trials will be o'er,  
When we meet on Heaven's shore,  
For I'm going to that City on the hill.

Chorus.

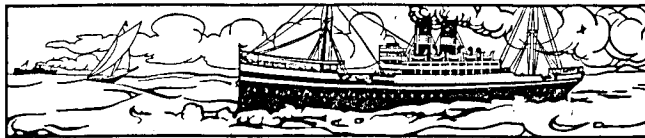
You can go too, if you will,  
To that City on the hill,  
For I'm going to that City on the hill;  
I have a mansion there,  
In that land, so bright and fair,  
For I'm going to that City on the hill.

Chorus.

## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



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



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

## The Regions Beyond

## A Few Things To Encourage Us For the Near Future

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

It is a happy state of mind to arrive at when one fully learns that God's leadings are by a step at a time. While this is true, He expects us to have enough faith to believe Him for the future, while we live moment by moment.

Have you not discovered that as a denomination we have a group of fine young people, and among them are those to whom the Spirit of God is speaking? There is talent, intelligence, ability and consecration. I am thinking of our young ministers as a whole, then, especially of our volunteers whose eyes are turned to the whitened fields beyond the seas.

Chester Pelt has been much upon my mind and heart. I have been thinking of his fine spirit, of his consecration, of his holy ambition to go where there are no trails, to men and women who have never heard; in his heart is a desire to be at his very best for God. We covet him for the great work of pioneering in an unspoiled and untouched field. We were happy when the Eastern Association formed a board and placed him on it; we hope he will be used to campaign for missions.

To you who are unacquainted with Brother Pelt, he is a student at the Bob Jones College, Cleveland Tenn. He is one of the ablest young preachers I have ever heard. He was born in Alabama where he now has a brother, Daniel Pelt, preaching. These two preachers are of the sweetest spirit I have ever met, both very able preachers. We are glad he is in Bob Jones College, he is safe there, and will get a polish that will equip him to stand before kings with no fear of coming out with degrees which are all tangled up in question marks.

Then we were delighted to learn of another whose eyes are turned to the fields, and whose life with the call of God upon her, can be beyond the estimate of the human. With a knowledge of obstetrics that placed her at the head of one of our large hospitals in the East, and now taking a course in surgery; you can imagine her value on a mission field in a land where mothers die with no help. Think of the high death rate here in America, the land of plenty, where hundreds of doctors are trying

to lessen it, here where every precaution might be taken; then compare the land to which we go, where there are no facilities to sterilize, no doctors, nothing that bespeaks cleanliness. Her ministry to the body might begin at once, she might never speak the dialect, but there is a language more powerful than words, the language of love, the compassion that moved the heart of the Master.

The world of achievements would have been rather barren without dreamers. We want to tell you of that which we hope shall be more than a dream in a short time. We went to the North Bay and back on the Rio Taumba and the Rio Turira and studied the maps of Panama, we have been praying and trusting God for a schooner having both sail and motor. Such a boat would give us a marvelous ministry, it would be our pulpit in a hundred villages, and the banks of the rivers make an ideal auditorium to which the multitudes would flock. The boat itself would be our home, with a crew of young men aboard in preparation to carry the Gospel to their people (and they are master sailors, going for hundreds of miles in small dugout canoes). Thus we would have a floating school. Then with a finely equipped clinic and our doctor, you can imagine how the prejudice of men must give way. The Panamanian government does not love us overmuch as a people, but will lay out every possible means of aid.

Some might say, "How about the expenses and the cost of such a lay out?" I think I am safe in saying that it would represent less than it would cost to build a house or a church.

But first we must creep before we can crawl. We shall do this by outboard motor, reaching the people working from the most backward places. We know what lies ahead of us; and we rejoice if we have any hardships of suffering, realizing that after all they are small when compared to what Paul the great apostle to the Gentiles suffered to reach those in darkness. When we get glimpses of his suffering we must hang our head in shame, and our tongue is stricken dumb. We gladly forego the comforts of home and home life, being assured that when we do this we become heirs to an eternal home, an house

not built with hands—there shall be a title to a mansion in the skies.

We went to Houston last week to make reservations for sailing, but found that, due to the fact that people have vacations and are spending them in the West Indies, we could not get out till September 15th; so we are booked to sail at that time, unless some one fails to take their reservations on August 30th. So we are making all arrangements to leave August 30th.

We need your prayers and thoughtful response at this time. We are praying that your crops shall not fail, and that prices might be good for you. We are depending largely on a rural people, and we find that the rich do not give as much as the poor.

### REPORT OF MISSIONARY FUNDS

Mrs. H. E. Claflin, Arcadia, Kans. ....	\$1.00
Mrs. Nettie Beck, Chetopa, Kans. ....	1.00
Northeast Mo. Association, by Cassie Kelsey .....	46.51
Tulsa church, by Eld. Melvin Bingham .....	3.00
Jones Chapel church, by Otha Campbell .....	1.00
Union Association, by Bro. Willey .....	41.00
St. Louis church, by Eld. W. C. Hill .....	3.50
Blue Eye church, by Bro. Willey .....	13.70
Merls Chapel church, by Bro. Willey .....	9.37
Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. ....	6.00
Columbus Marbut, Monett, Mo. ....	3.50
Edith Marbut, Monett, Mo. ....	1.00
Chalmer Medlin, Monett, Mo. ....	1.00
Gertie Davis, Purdy, Mo. ....	1.00
Macedonia League .....	1.00
Nettie Davis, Monett, Mo. ....	1.50
Collection at Macedonia .....	2.57
Monett Mission Circle .....	2.00
Leo Wormington, Monett, Mo. ....	1.00
C. K. Miller, Monett, Mo. ....	1.00
B. T. Tallent, Monett, Mo. ....	1.00
Catherine Caple, Monett, Mo. ....	1.00
Dr. T. V. Poole, Monett, Mo. ....	2.00
Mrs. Pearl Allred, Monett, Mo. ....	1.00
Collection at Monett .....	5.55
Leadington Mission Circle .....	3.00
Leadington church .....	.75
Fairview church, Chetopa, Kans. ....	1.00
Lloyd Johnson, Carthage, Mo. ....	1.00
Marion Johnson, Carthage, Mo. ....	2.50
Belle Hawkins, Cartersville, Mo. ....	1.00
Lena Johnson, Cartersville, Mo. ....	1.00
Mrs. Muench, Carthage, Mo. ....	1.00
Collection at Cartersville, Mo. ....	2.37
Lady at Cartersville (name unknown) .....	1.00
Collection at Jones Chapel church .....	2.24
Collection at Oak Grove church .....	.93
Hildred Apple, Aurora, Mo. ....	5.00
Mrs. Sarah Brittain, Aurora, Mo. ....	1.00
Aurora Sunday School .....	11.50
Collection at Aurora .....	4.25
Will Slagle, Anderson, Mo. ....	2.00
John Wilson, Anderson, Mo. ....	1.00
Cleve Huffaker, Anderson, Mo. ....	1.00
Callis Slagle, Anderson, Mo. ....	1.00
Collection at Pleasant Grove church .....	6.30
Willie Bowman, Iantha, Mo. ....	1.00
Ruby Phillips, Iantha, Mo. ....	1.00
Mrs. Emma Thomas, Hannon, Mo. ....	2.00
Finis Miller, Arcadia, Kans. ....	.50
J. K. Thornton, Arcadia, Kans. ....	3.00
Mrs. H. E. Claflin, Arcadia, Kans. ....	1.00
Ed Wade, Liberal, Mo. ....	2.00
Paul Adams, Arcadia, Kans. ....	2.00
A. W. Hartley, Arcadia, Mo. ....	5.00
Charles Edmondson, Stella, Mo. ....	1.00
Noah Cullers, Stella, Mo. ....	1.00
John Kipps, Stella, Mo. ....	1.00
Collection at Stella M. E. Church .....	3.22
Tulsa Church, by I. C. Arnold .....	4.00

Bro. Willey has now left the state of Missouri, and gone back into Texas. We will perhaps see him no more before he and his wife and babies leave for Panama. But may our prayers go up without ceasing for them and their success. We wish to thank one and all for the wonderful way you have responded. May we make our giving perpetual. We have a lot of money pledged in Indian Creek Association, as well as all over the state, for this missionary program. We pray that the Lord will enable every one to meet their pledge.

Yours for the furtherance of the cause,

Winford Davis, Secretary.

### TALALA, OKLAHOMA

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our church, a stranger, but we feel that God has sent him and his good wife this way. They are both out to fight sin and hold Christ up to a lost and dying world.

The first of June we had Sister Welch with us in a ten day meeting, with some real messages for the church. Bro. Wilson and Bro. Melvin Bingham from the Tulsa church continued the meeting for fifteen days, with twelve souls saved and reclaimed.

Our Sunday school has almost doubled in attendance, and we are starting our young people's Bible study each Friday night, with Sister Wilson as the teacher.

We have a little mission working hard, as we are preparing to put a floor in our church, and we are ready to start work as soon as the men are through threshing their grain. It seems that we have had a hard time getting our church built, but the Lord has wonderfully blessed our church; and we are trusting Him, that we may get it finished this year. We ask the prayers of all the brothers and sisters in Christ, that our church may grow and prosper in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Daisy Merchant, Mission President,  
Inez Castleberry, Sec.-Treas.

### REPORT OF PUBLISHING HOUSE FUND

Eld. Boyd Thornton, Arcadia, Kans. ....	\$2.00
Mrs. Alice Dickey, Arcadia, Kans. ....	1.00
New Harmony Mission, Greentop, Mo. ....	2.50
John Peterson, Greentop, Mo. ....	5.00
H. H. Filkins, Novinger, Mo. ....	2.50
Mrs. W. M. Newcomer, Greentop, Mo. ....	1.00
Sublette Free Will Baptist Church .....	2.00
Royal Oak F. W. B. Church, Alton, Mo. ....	10.00
Mill Creek Church, Myrtle, Mo. ....	5.00
Union Third Fork F. W. B. Church, Easton, Mo. ...	7.00

Our superintendent, Eld. John B. Rollins, is working tirelessly and faithfully to raise the money for the building of our new publishing house. If we people over the state will be as loyal to this as our superintendent is proving to be it won't be long until we will be doing things in a much greater way as pertaining to our publishing business. Come on with your donation, Gem readers; let's do this which we have started. Every one helping will get the job done.

Eld. Winford Davis, Secretary.

### FIELD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Once more we have moved forward in an extensive campaign for the success of the Missouri State Association's \$5,000.00 Publishing House program. And again we are glad to report that we have met with success.

We began our tour on July first in the Cave Spring Association, in Oregon County, Missouri. During eleven days we preached and lectured in twelve churches. These

churches are composed of poor people, but most of them are willing to do their little bit. We received one cash donation and about \$60 pledged to be paid soon. We are expecting to return to visit their Association, and we are expecting many of them to pay their pledges then.

This tour was very strenuous, but our health stood the trial and we really enjoyed being with those dear folk. Their donation for my personal traveling expenses were as follows:

Cane Hill Church.....	\$0.10
Rose Hill Church.....	0.60
Pleasant Hill Church.....	None
Bonds Church.....	1.15
Norman Church.....	1.25
Cave Spring Church.....	0.75
Pleasant Ridge Church.....	1.45
Smyrna Church.....	None
Royal Oak Church.....	None
Piney Church.....	0.75
Walnut Grove Church.....	2.00
Myrtle Church.....	1.50

We wish to make very honorable mention of Ralph T. Hoyt, who gave me the use of the famous Liddell and Scott Greek-English Lexicon—now won't I shine! Brother Hoyt has a library that fills one large room from floor to ceiling.

Very honorable mention is due to the pastors with whom we labored. Eld. Harry Beatty and Eld. E. E. Simpson are busy, spiritual preachers, with a vision. They are progressive and useful.

This division of the state tour required me to travel 525 miles.

On July 14th, we were in North west Missouri Association. Rain and mud hindered an extensive campaign. We visited three churches who responded to our personal expenses as follows:

Union Third Fork.....	\$4.15
Center Point.....	0.10
Philadelphia.....	1.50

We preached three times at Union Third Fork. Eld. Kenneth Turner is their pastor and he was present at all services. These are wonderful folk.

Sister Melba White and Bro. W. R. Rush are the only ministers we met in N. W. Missouri. We enjoyed our stay in each home.

Our tour in this section required the traveling of 388 miles.

On July 21st, we were in North east Missouri Association. We enjoyed this section of the tour im-

mensely. The churches visited cared for us as follows:

Sublette Church.....	\$1.60
New Harmony Church.....	2.40
Hazel Creek Union Church....	3.30
Green Grove Church.....	1.00
Stahl Church.....	None

The ministers we worked with in N. E. Mo. are Noel Turner, C. M. Dauber, Vernie and Mary (Welbaum, Cassie Kelsey. Also Archie Cooper. Honorable mention is due each. Brother Rush followed us to N. E. Mo. We appreciated his presence too.

Brother Kenneth Turner and family took me to North Mo. and stayed with me throughout the tour.

The Northeast Mo. tour required the travel of 590 miles.

During the month of July, we visited 20 churches, preached 22 sermons, gave 20 lectures, and traveled 1,503 miles.

Your Humble Servant,  
—John B. Rollins, Field Supt.

## ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

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Well, we had installation of officers last night, and a little program, after which all went down in the basement, where cake and coffee were served, and all had a good time.

Bro. C. W. Hill and Bro. Gill were elected teacher for this year. The league has a get-together meeting on the last Friday night in each month, where they can have a social time together.

Harvey Hill and his wife Sylvia, Ed. Juner and James Langley all went down to Fredericktown to visit, and Harvey and James went fishing; they didn't brag about how many fish they caught, but they did say they got lots of mosquito bites.

Francis McCauley and his wife, Birdie, spent a few days at Esther, Mo. with her brother who is Supt. of Flat River S. S., and we attended morning and night services. We had a fine time with Brother and Sister Lackey.

The church has elected Bro. W. C. Hill as pastor again this year.

Bro. Lester Ferguson preached a few weeks ago, and Bro. Mark Lewis also preached; we hope to

see and hear them often.

The church is getting along very well, attendance is holding up fine, and we are looking for this to be a good year for us. Francis McCauley, 1622 Hickory.

## ABOUT OUR COMING STATE MEETING

Bro. Zinn, pastor of Hannon church, and myself, have just been to Hannon, where we met with those dear people and started all things moving in preparation for our coming State meeting, which will meet with this church. The Hannon people are very enthusiastic about it, and are undertaking wonderfully. Again I want to remind the churches and pastors over the state that it was voted last year that each church should send in a donation during the year for the entertainment of our State meeting. Up until now I have received only \$2.50 for this purpose. Brethren, we must wake up! We must do it now! Hannon does not know how much money they will have to raise till they hear from you. This donation, remember, is separate from your church budget. This donation is strictly for entertainment, your budget money is not for entertainment. Your church is to decide the amount you send in. Send it direct to me, and I will receipt you, and send it right on to the Hannon finance committee. Yours for a marvelous State meeting this fall

—Eld. Winford Davis.

## COUNT THE COST

*Contributed by Eld. Alvin Halbrook*

"Many a tower will stand unfinished,  
Planned, begun, abandoned, lost;  
For the thoughtless, foolish builder,  
Failed to count the cost.

"Many an army, proudly marshalled,  
Marches into helpless woe,  
For the boasting, reckless leader,  
Under rates his foe.

"Many a vessel, richly freighted,  
Sinks beneath the whelming deep,  
For the watcher in the lookout,  
Heedless, falls asleep.

"Many a life goes out in darkness,  
That might shine in endless day,  
For the soul, bewitched by folly,  
Barbers it away."



## Mrs. James E. Claxton—Aunt Lina—Passes Away

Phebe Caroline Palmer was born in Tennessee, Sept. 12, 1860, and departed this life at 4:30 o'clock Thursday morning, July 8, 1937.

At an early age she moved with her parents to Mattoon, Illinois where she resided a few years, then coming to Missouri with her parents in a covered wagon in 1874. She has lived in Missouri since that time.

She was married to James Edward Claxton September 16, 1877, and to this union nine children were born, five daughters and four sons, all of whom survive her. She was the youngest child of her parents and the last surviving member of her family, her father, mother, four sisters and two brothers having preceded her in death.

She was converted at an early age, and has lived a true Christian life. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Although her health had not been good for some time, death came quite suddenly to Aunt Lina, as she was affectionately known to a host of friends. Besides her husband and nine children, she leaves twenty-eight grandchildren, three nieces and four nephews, and a host of friends to mourn her departure.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Geo. W. Scott, Jr. at the Free Will Baptist Church in Hartville, Missouri.

—Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr.

Phebe Caroline Palmer, daughter of Isaac and Phebe Palmer, was born in Jefferson County, Tenn., September 12, 1860.

At the age of three her family moved to Coles County, near Mattoon, Illinois, where she lived until the age of fourteen.

In 1874, her family came to Missouri in two covered wagons. They settled in Wright County, where Aunt Lina lived until death.



Aunt Lina Claxton

She was married to James Edward Claxton, September 16, 1877. To this union nine children were born all of whom are living. They are:

Mrs. J. E. Burney,	Hartville, Mo.
Rolson Claxton,	Hartville, Mo.
Roy Claxton,	Grove Spring, Mo.
Walter Claxton,	Grove Spring, Mo.
Mrs. John Hightower,	Grove Spring,
Oval L. Claxton,	Marshfield, Mo.
Mrs. S. M. Richardson,	Houston, Mo.
Mrs. J. W. Hilterbrand,	Houston, Mo.
Mrs. C. G. Davis,	Thayer, Mo.

Aunt Lina's was the first death in her immediate family of nine children, twenty-eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Three nephews and three nieces are the only survivals of her father's family.

She was converted at the eleven o'clock services in the year 1876, at the Crawford school house. She united with the Free Will

Baptist Church at Mt. Olive, and she loved her church better than her her own life.

She passed away early Thursday morning, July 8, 1937, with a heart attack.

She wrote in her diary, Listened to the Scripture reading and family prayer, then retired for the night. She slept well, but just as the sun was climbing the eastern horizon and the birds she had fed around her doot, were announcing another day—Mother lay back in father's arms and peacefully went home to heaven, where she had been getting ready to go for sixty-one years.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Geo. W. Scott, Jr. at the Free Will Baptist Church in Hartville, Mo., Sunday, July 11, 1937.

The singing was conducted by the Christian Harmony Band, of which she was called "The Mother of the band."

The body was laid to rest by the side of her loved ones in the Cold Water cemetery.

—The Family.

### ONLY A LITTLE WAY

'Tis only a little way on to my home,  
And there in its sunshine for ever  
I'll roam;  
While all the day long, I journey  
with song,  
O beautiful Eden land, thou art my  
home.

'Tis only a little way farther on to go,  
O'er mountain and valley where dark  
waters flow;  
My Savior is near with blessings to  
cheer,  
His word is my guiding star, why  
should I fear?

'Tis only a little way; there I shall see  
The friends that in glory are waiting  
for me;  
Their voices from home now float on  
the air,  
They're calling me tenderly, calling  
me there.



**GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM***Continued from page three*

but the covenant shall stand (2 Sam. 7:15; Psalms 89:20-37). The chastisement came; first in the division of the kingdom under Rehoboam, and finally in the captivities (2 Kings 25). Since that time only one King of the Davidic family has been crowned at Jerusalem, and He was crowned with thorns. But the Davidic Covenant confirmed to David by the oath of Jehovah (2 Sam. 7:4-17) and renewed to Mary by the angel Gabriel, cannot be changed:

"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established forever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven" (Psalms 89: 34-37).

The Lord God will yet give to that thorn crowned One "the throne of his father David:"

"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:31-33).

"Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things" (Acts 15:14-17).

All the prophets proclaim and describe this "kingdom," to be set up according to the Davidic Covenant; they declare it is to be established under an heir of David, born of a virgin, truly man, but also Immanuel, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. (Isa. 7:13, 14; 9:6, 7; 11:1; Jer. 23:5; Ezek. 34:23; 37:24 Hosea 3:4, 5). Read these scriptures and see for yourself that they were only fulfilled in part at the first coming of Christ; but the words are sure and will be fulfilled, perhaps soon.

The kingdom will be heavenly in origin, principle and authority (Dan. 2:34, 35, 44, 45), but set up on the earth, with Jerusalem as the capital (Isa. 2:2-4; 4:2-5; 24:23; 33:20; 62:1-7; Jer. 23:5; 31:38-40; Joel 3:1, 16-21).

The kingdom is to be established first over regathered, restored, and converted Israel, and will then become universal (Psalms 2:6-8; 24:22; Isa. 1:2, 3; 11:1, 10-13; 60:12; Jer. 23:5-8; 30:7-11; Ezek. 20:33-40; 37:21-25; Zechariah 9:10; 14:16-19).

We have mentioned only a few of the many Scriptures, which God has spoken through the mouth of His inspired prophets, proclaiming the good news, or the Gospel of the Kingdom, and our article is getting too long, but we must mention a few more Scriptures and take at least a peep into the New Testament.

The prophets, in setting forth the Gospel of the Kingdom, also set forth the King, who "shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job 19:25). The feet of Jesus shall again stand upon the mount of Olives, which is east of Jerusalem, and He shall be King over all the earth (Zechariah 14: 4, 9).

Yes, the prophets pictured to us the Christ (the Messiah to the Jews) who should come to earth to reign; and the doctrine of the kingdom entered the New Testament absolutely unchanged. If we come to the study of the New Testament with our minds saturated with the Old Testament foreview of the coming kingdom and the King, we will find it an open book; but if we do not see this in the Old Testament, we are not apt to see it in the New Testament.

The New Testament begins, "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham" (Matt. 1:1), taking the thoughtful reader's mind back to many things said of Christ in the Old Testament; for this verse connects Him with both the Davidic and the Abrahamic Covenants (2 Sam. 7:8-16; Gen. 15:18). The first 25 chapters of Matthew's Gospel sets forth the King, the son of David, then in chapters 26, 27 and 28 he sets Him forth as the son of Abraham, obedient unto death.

Christ was born King of the

Jews (Matt. 2:2); and John the Baptist, the Lord Himself, and the twelve apostles all preached, saying, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom" (Matt. 4:23). Yes, Christ preached the kingdom at hand, ready to be set up; but the Jews rejected their King, and the setting up of the kingdom was deferred until the return of the King who has gone back where He was before; and when all is ready, He will return, and will be accepted by the Jews as Moses was accepted to deliver them from Egyptian bondage. (Luke 19:12-27).

The preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom was suspended at the Cross, when the Jews, as true branches, were broken off because of unbelief, and the Gentiles were grafted in, until the times of the Gentiles shall be full (Luke 21:24; Rom. 11). This Gospel of the Kingdom will again be preached by believing Jews, as our Lord declared in Matt. 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

**WALKING IN THE LIGHT***By Mrs. Charity Hedrick*

I am walking in the light,  
And my path is shining bright,  
where there is no more night,

I now dwell.

This vain world I bid adieu,  
And all pleasures fade from view,  
To me all things are new,  
All is well.

**CHORUS**

Jesus saves day by day,  
Sweetly keeps all the way.  
Of my burdens, He bears every care,  
Soon I'll lay my armor down,  
And at Jesus' feet sit down,  
And receive a starry crown over there.

I have angels' food to eat,  
And no honey is so sweet;  
'Tis the most delicious meat  
To the soul.

In Jesus I abide,  
And my soul is satisfied,  
As I feel the crimson tide,  
O'er me roll. —Chorus.

I've a mansion over there,  
And a home that's bright and fair,  
And from earth I shall arise,  
Pure and white.

I shall with Jesus reign,  
And eternal honor gain,  
And be washed from every stain,  
In His sight. —Chorus.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement of your Association, Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, 5th Sunday Meeting, or any other important meeting should be announced here. If your announcement is not here, send it in so we can print it in the next issue of the Gem.

## ASSOCIATIONS

THE ARKANSAS Association will be held with Mulberry Church, at Gravelly, Yell County, Arkansas, on September 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 1937.

Introductory sermon by Eld. A. N. Best, With Eld. I. J. Wilson alternate. Eld. Elmer Turner, Clerk, Branch, 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. Jtnes, 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.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI Association will convene with Hazel Creek Church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1937.

Eld. Noel Turner to preach the Introductory sermon.

Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk, Greentop, Mo.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER Association of Free Will Baptist will convene with Pleasant Grove church, near Newhope, Pike County, Ark., beginning Thursday night, Sept. 2nd, and shall continue in session over Sunday.

Eld. E. J. Oneel, Mod., Newhope, Ark. R. D. Smith, Clerk, Newhope, Ark. M. J. Smith, Cor. Clerk, Newhope, Ark.

## MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Readers: If I may have space in our dear paper, I wish to announce our Southeast Missouri Ministerial Conference of Free Will Baptist which will convene at Mill Creek, Missouri July 7, 8, 1937.

Our subject for discussion will be "The Relationship of the Church to the Mission Field" (at home and abroad). Brethren, this is something that we should be very much interested in. There are great things that can be accomplished by tireless efforts and I am one with many others that want to see it go over the top for God.

Come and be with us, and help us, and remember us in your prayers.

## JULY IS BUDGET MONTH

Pastors, this is the time to collect the budget of ten cents per resident member in all our churches of the State of Missouri. Fifty per cent of the budget is to be used to defray the expenses of the local Association, and fifty per cent is to be sent to the State Association. It is very needful that we have a full budget at our Association this fall. Let us respond accordingly.

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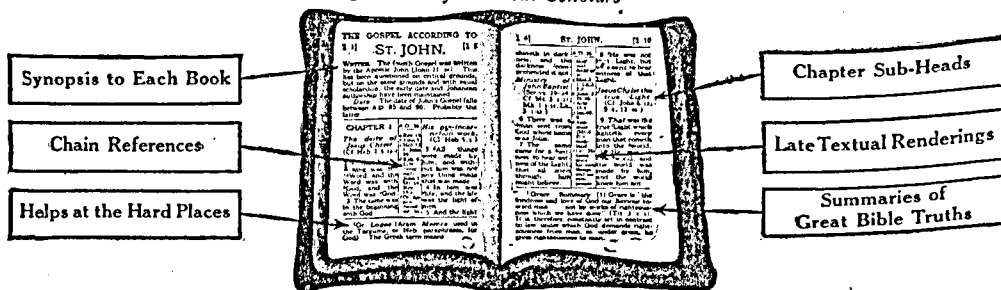
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