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### Langley - Kennedy

James Langley and Vera Kennedy,  
both of St. Louis, Mo., were happily  
joined together in marriage some time  
ago.

James is secretary of the Sunday

school at the Third Free Will Baptist  
Church in St. Louis. He confessed  
faith in Christ when just a small boy  
at Flat River church and was bap-  
tized there. Vera gave her life to  
Christ when a little girl. She is one  
of the Sunday school teachers.

## The 11th Anniversary of the "Gem"

ONCE AGAIN, We live to celebrate  
a happy birthday. This is the  
birthday of *The Free Will Baptist  
Gem*. We enjoy seeing the *Gem*  
close its eleventh (11th) year success-  
fully. The Head-rule of this issue  
bears this mark of identification:  
"Vol. XI. No. 12. Monett, Missouri,  
Dec. 1939." The next issue will be  
"Vol. XII. No. 1." So we pass from  
one year into another.

*The Free Will Baptist Gem*, located  
in its new brick building at 211 Bond

Street, Monett, Mo., is valued at  
\$4,500.00

The subscription list is growing  
steadily, and has been over the past  
few years. The outlook for the coming  
year is good. May the Lord prosper  
to His own glory.

The Editorial Staff wishes to express  
our sincere thanks to all who have  
supported and co-operated to make  
the *Gem* Go! "Merry Christmas and  
a happy New Year to you all, and may  
God bless you.

# The Editor's Specials

FOR A Good many years, many of our associations and ministers have wanted Gospel Tracts. Gospel tracts are very valuable in spreading the Gospel among non-church going people. One time, I was placed on a committee to work out a plan for us to have good tracts. No printer can print tracts for nothing—with no source of income somewhere to counter balance "free tracts", so the cost of printing was our difficulty.

The Gem Office cannot produce "free tracts" but we can make an unusually low offer to our ministers and laymen, who write to the "Gem" and want their articles in tract form to distribute to the multitudes.

Here is reprinted the exact front page of the article printed on pages four and five of this issue of the *Gem*. This article made a 16 page booklet, vest-pocket size, printed with the same type used to print in this issue.

When we can use an article in the *Gem*, the cost of type composition is eliminated in making up the tract. All there is remaining is the cost of the paper and the press-work. We use the same paper that is used in printing the *Gem*. We made Brother Gates 1,000 copies of his 16-page booklet.

Any of our sermon writers may have vest-pocket size folders made for only about cost which is very low.

This offer only holds good with future articles as I have already thrown out the type which printed this issue. We will be glad to figure on your tract at any time.

Spread the Gospel to the multitudes with printed tracts.

THE EDITOR Makes this offer to *Gem* supporters—send a Christmas gift which will bring sunshine and cheer throughout the year. Send the *Gem* to a friend as a present. To those who wish to give good gifts, and will send us 50c to pay for the *Gem* for one year to be sent to your good friend, we will mail them the following notice to show them who is remembering them this Christmas time:

## Eternal Life And Condition of It

By Eld. N. P. Gates

Subject for discussion at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Mich., Sunday morning and evening, October 8, 1939.

What is it? Our answer is this,  
"Christ in you the  
Hope of Glory"

FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM, MONETT, MO

AS THE Last page of this issue goes to the press, the construction crew is in front of our office ready to lay our proposed curb and gutter. This is a city project and all it cost the property owner is the cement, chat, and sand. We thank everyone who has contributed to our improvement fund. We would be glad for others to make their contributions soon, for NOW is when it is needed.

I am so happy to get this much needed improvement done.

## The Publishing House Improvement Activities

Following is a report of those who have responded to Bro. Miller's appeal, in the last "Gem" for funds to make some improvements at the Gem office.

James F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.	\$1.00
Ernestine Turner, Neosho, Mo.	1.00
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Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.	1.00
Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.	1.00

We are indeed thankful to each one who have responded, and we trust others will continue to answer the call. By each of us being thoughtful in this way we can thereby make all necessary improvements and yet keep our Gem office property free of debt.

Upon my return to Missouri this month, and of course as usual, I visited the Gem office the first thing. When approaching the office I noticed very readily some large beautiful lettering on the plate glass front that read, "Free Will Baptist Gem." Bro. Rollins explained that there had been some nice response to the expressed need as set forth by Bro. Miller in the November issue, and thereby made the much needed sign possible.

— Winford Davis

The Free Will Baptist Gem  
211 Bond Street, Monett, Missouri

Dear Friend:

We are happy to announce to you that your good friend

has remembered you with a gift of a twelve months' subscription to our magazine.

We sincerely trust you will be greatly benefitted by reading the sermons and reports of religious transactions as they appear in each month's issue.

Joyfully Yours,

Editor





# Eternal Life

Eld. N. P. Gates, Hazel Park, Mich.



**WEBSTER** tells us, that eternal is without beginning or ending; everlasting, an appellation of God:

ETERNITY, Infinite duration; Unending. (AN ETERNAL ABODE.)

IMMORTAL, not subject to death. Imperishable.

IMMORTALITY, exemption from death or oblivion; Unending existence.

## State of Immortality, (Eternal)

"To them by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, ETERNAL LIFE." Romans 2:7

"He that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved." Mk. 13:13 Matt. 10:22.

### II

"For this corruption must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Cor. 15:53.

### III

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, *eternal in the heavens.*" II Cor. 5:11

### IV

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I Thess. 4:17.

### V

"But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." II Tim. 1:10.

Text: John 5:24

"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."

BELOVED, we take from this, that the Apostle doesn't mean to imply "He that *hath* heard my word," or "*Hath* believed," but a continuation, as to live is to exist, or have life: reside; endure; subsist.

"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." John 15:9. See also I John 4:7-17, 5:1-13.

### II

"Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which *endureth unto everlasting life*, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for *him* (Son of man) God the Father hath sealed." John 6:27.

### III

Also, speaking to unbelievers.

"But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you." "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: (..... a stranger will they not follow. John 10:5.) And I *give* unto them *eternal life.*" John 10:26-28b

NOTICE, the sentence, IS, (present tense, JUDGEMENT) passed from death (ETERNAL DEATH) unto life, (ETERNAL LIFE). Neither has any reference to this life, or death of the flesh.

You will do well to see I John 3:1-12.

### IV

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on *eternal life*, whereunto thou art also called and hath professed before many witnesses." 1 Timothy 6:12. See also 19th verse.

Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on *eternal life.*

### V

"In hope of *eternal life*, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." Titus 1:2.

"That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of *eternal life.*" Titus 3:7

### VI

"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? Rom. 8:24.

SO BELOVED, It behoves us to labor on in love, in full assurance of faith, (for he is faithful that promised), walking by faith and not by sight, that we may obtain that crown of life, that is made possible through his shed blood, that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

### VII

"Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the be-

ginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even *eternal life.*" I John 2:24-25.

### VIII

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto ETERNAL LIFE." Jude 1:20-21.

Being built up in the most holy faith, we become servants of God in righteousness, (being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.) Romans 6:18.

### IX

"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by JESUS CHRIST our Lord." Romans 5:21.

### X

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is *eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:22-23.

This gospel confirms the prophecy of the prophet Daniel, as of the judgement. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2.

### XI

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into *life eternal.*" Matt. 25:46

## Condition of Eternal Life

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:7

### II

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." James 4:8-10.

So BELOVED, it takes a renouncing of the things that pertains to this world, coming unto Jesus, be-



believing that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." Heb.12:1b, 2a.

## III

The rich young ruler realized there was something for him to do that he might inherit eternal life; notwithstanding the fact he had kept the commandments, but he lacketh one thing: And BELOVED, that one thing is the great hindrance today of many coming unto the Lord and living a victorious life through him; desiring riches and lusts of this life, following their own pernicious ways rather than follow the way of the Lord.

Then Peter said, "Lo, we have left all and followed thee. And he said unto them, verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife or children for the kingdom of God's sake. Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come *life everlasting*." Luke 18:28-30.

## IV

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have *everlasting life*." John 3:16.

BELOVED, perish, as referred to here does not infer some obstruction or destruction of this life (in the flesh), but refers to the eternal destruction; hence everlasting or eternal life instead for the believer

## V

The word says, "he that doth righteousness is born of God .....

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"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28-29.

## VI

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son and believed on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:40.

## VII

"And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and

he that reapeth may rejoice together." John 4:36.

## VIII

"Verily verily I say unto you Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." John 12:24-25.

## IX

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record that God hath given to us *eternal life* and this life is in *his Son*."

He that hath the Son hath life; and and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." 1 John 5:10-13.

THEREFORE, we must forsake all, and follow Him, for there is no other name given under heaven or among men whereby we must be saved.

## X

"And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall

receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." Matt. 19:29.

## XI

Let us notice His prayer when our blessed Lord prayed to the Father for those that believe in Him:

"As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:2-3.

## XII

## What Will The Harvest Be. (?)

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:7-9.

## XIII

## The Rapture

"And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." St. Luke 21:27-28—See also Rom. 8th ch. "...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.



## Progress of our Educational Program

By Rev. J. R. Davidson, 808 W. 27th Street, Bryan, Texas

As time passes, we keep moving forward, though not as rapidly as some feel that we should. Still new supporters for our National Program are being added each week. Considering our limited means of contact, we are progressing nicely, for comparatively

few of our vast numbers read either of our publications. Were it possible to get the *Gem* or the *Baptist* into each home, or at least one of them, we could reach our people with our appeal much more satisfactorily and with far more gratifying results. But, even though we have not these advantages, we shall continue in all faithfulness until victory is ours. Pray much for your Education Program, and your Board.

Since my last report, another state has been added to the list of cash donors. One of our spiritual-minded, and far visioned ladies, in the state of Arkansas saw an article in the *Gem* or the *Baptist*, and immediately mailed a nice offering. This lady is none





other than Edyth Brooks Collins of Arkadelphia. How many will immediately follow the example of this good Sister? Arkansas being added to our list gives us thirteen (13) states listed as cash supporters of this great work, while two more are on the pledge-list

Inasmuch as we can profit by each other's examples, I shall mention some of the communications which have come recently: Mrs. J. E. Frazier of Nashville, Tennessee writes to say that the Tennessee State Association voted a whole-hearted approval of the National move, and of purchasing the site at Greenville, Tenn. for our property. I assume that the plan for raising funds to meet the needs for her state is in the hands of the state organization—surely this should be the medium.

Brother Winford Davis of Monett, Missouri communicates information to the effect that his state has appointed special field workers, and placed receipt books in their hands for convenience in this campaign. Many other states could profit by Missouri's example.

The Texas State Association voted a unanimous approval of asking our churches for the equivalent to twenty-five (25c) cents per member for this cause by July 1, 1940, and half of this is asked to be paid by January 1, 1940.

I hear somebody ready to say, "Texas will not do that." True it may be, but we shall be trying; and some of our churches will put it over, and even more. What if there could be that much cash reported from the entire field when we assemble at Paintsville next July? Would we not have cause for shouting? Well, we can do just that if everyone will begin now to co-operate.

Brother Henry Melvin of North Carolina expresses their approval with a \$44.00 check from his Union Meeting in the Western Association. He asks for more information to communicate to his people, which I gladly forwarded. It is a joy to co-operate like this, and I wonder if others cannot do a similar work through their Unions and Associations.

Should any of you have plans for any of our activities in this great work, feel free to forward them, for we are only your servants; hence we are in a position to take orders and suggestions.

So far as the Chairman of your Board knows, we have no special de-

velopment in view at this time, other than to continue raising every dollar possible in order to be able to take advantage of what we shall be able to locate in the way of property for our school site. We are ready to launch forth into an educational program as soon as it is made possible by unstinted support. We thank every one for co-operation given thus far, and again are pledging our best for you.

My financial statement will be in itemized form for the state of Texas this time:

Bryan Church .....	\$197.56
North Zulch Church .....	28.87
Cario Springs Church .....	1.96
Blue Lake Church .....	3.55
Pine Grove Church .....	10.60
Woodlawn Church .....	1.20
Van Dyke Church .....	.30
Buncombe Church .....	1.60
Long Branch Church .....	.70
First Church, Fort Worth ....	28.30
Friendship Church .....	3.10
Fellowship Church .....	.40

Willow Hole Church .....	1.09
Pine Prairie Church .....	3.55
Bright Light Church .....	18.99
New Hope Church .....	2.20
Keith Church .....	14.28
Friendship Church (No. 2) ....	.70
Bonami Church .....	.50
Union Arbor Church .....	.75
First Church, Denison .....	5.99
Pleasant Mound Church .....	2.60
New Salem Church .....	1.10
Comanche Church .....	.30
Plainview Church .....	1.95
First Church, Waco .....	2.50
Texas State Association .....	4.79
Central Texas Association ....	4.25
West Fork Association .....	7.20
Central Texas Quarterly Meeting	33.45
District Ladies' Aid, Cen. Texas	38.45
Special fund turned by C.F. Goen	109.03
Mrs. Ethel Carmichael .....	1.00
Mr. J. E. Tompkins .....	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Binson .....	1.09
Rev. A. F. Ferguson .....	.59
Special ministerial offering ....	11.90

Total cash for Texas .....	\$536.75
Pledges not yet due .....	1,051.00
Grand total, cash and pledges	\$1,587.75



## Found --- A Free Will Baptist Church

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.

SOMEONE HERE in Flint told me there was still one of the original Free Will Baptist churches in Kingston that never did go with the Northern Baptist. So yesterday I borrowed a car from one of my members and said, "I will just drive over to Kingston and see."

Kingston is a small town about 50 miles northeast of Flint. It is located up toward the section of Michigan known as the "thumb." If you will notice the map of the state of Michigan it lays in the shape of a hand. The section up between lake Huron and Saginaw Bay resembles the "thumb".

I drove into Kingston and located a church spire in the distance and drove to it. I noticed on the corner



stone the letters F. B. D. I supposed that stood for Free Baptist Denomination. I went across the street and asked a lady if that was a Free Will Baptist church. She said, "yes it is." Of course I was joyous to know that.

I asked where the pastor lived and she showed me. I drove to his home and was disappointed to find him away. I had a very interesting visit with his wife, a dear old lady 61 years of age if I remember rightly. The pastor's name is Sherk, Rev. B. A. Sherk. I secured the key from Mrs. Sherk and went down to look through the building. They have a nice frame building with a basement and a Sunday school department, so situated as to make a larger auditorium when necessary. They have 110 enrolled in Sunday school, and I failed to get the exact membership of the church but I am sure from what information I did receive they have a nice membership.

Before leaving town I visited in the homes of two of the deacons, Bro. Peck and Bro. Moore. I also visited in some of the homes of some of the laity. I found they are just standing there without any associational affiliation whatever. They informed me



that they had always flatly refused to go with the Northern Baptist movement, and so had just stood alone.

Their present pastor came to them from the Mennonites. He has been with the church almost 15 years. He united with this church when he took charge of it.

Did I forget to introduce the "Gem" while in the midst of these dear people? No, indeed I did not. I believe I learned to appreciate the "Gem" on this little searching tour just a little more, if could be, than ever before. How glad I was to have the paper to show these people, that the dear old Free Will Baptist work had not all gone down by a great deal. I secured several subscriptions, so from this on there will be a nice little mailing list to Kingston, Mich.

I received such a hearty welcome in the homes and all invited me to visit them again which I promised to do. I examined some as to doctrine and found them strictly fundamental, wide awake on the second coming, etc. They also told me of some two or three other churches over in that section of the country which they were pretty sure never did go with the Northern movement. One is the Novesta church and one is the Clifford church. The Watertown church near Sandusky, Mich., we were told, is closed with no services whatever. So I must make some more trips now and look into these churches. I returned to Flint really elated and overjoyed, and of course I could hardly wait to write to the "Gem" family what I had found, and brethren I feel that the Kingston church is just a sample of many in this great northern country who are still Free Will Baptist through and through. And remember this church carries the name Free Will Baptist not just Free Baptist.

Our work in Flint, with the First General Baptist, is moving along splendidly. We had a union feet washing service last Sunday night. The Fenton Lawn General Baptist church came over and engaged in the service with us, and there were 50 people washed feet. We had a packed house and the power of God fell in a wonderful way. Shouts of praise went up from both men and women. Of course these people are a lot like our Free Wills, you know there are always some who refuse to take part. One sister in the church called me on the telephone Monday night and told me she laid awake till four o'clock Mon-

day morning praying for forgiveness for not washing feet. And then another lady last night at prayer meeting made her confession. So I think they will wash feet next time. We are kept pretty busy here in the work all the time with the various departments of the church; but it is great and these people are fine to work with.

We had some wonderful services with our church at Neola, in Missouri, at my last appointment there. Things seem to be moving fine with the church there. We plan a revival there in the near future. My pastoral work is spread wide apart this year; but it is interesting. I really enjoy it. I enjoy the train trips back and forth each month.

Well, I must close for this time. Anytime anyone wishes to write to me just remember mail will reach me addressed to 612 Asylum Street, Flint, Michigan, or General Delivery, Flint, Michigan, or to Monett, Missouri.

May the Lord bless the "Gem" family and our work throughout the land is my prayer. I earnestly desire your prayers.

P. S.—Today, I drove again to Kingston, and had dinner in the home of the pastor there. Bro. Sherk was home this time, and I must say I had a very pleasant visit with him. I found him a very sweet spiritual man of God. He talked interestingly with me about our Free Will Baptist work in general. He gave me directions to the Novesta church, 11 miles northeast of Kingston.

I drove on to this church and found a nice brick structure, and the pastor, Rev. Collins, living just across the road. I made myself acquainted with Bro. Collins, and again found a real man of God.

Bro Collins is a man only 32 years of age and has his heart in the work. He is full-time pastor at the Novesta church. I gave him some copies of the "Gem" and took his subscription. He told me a number of things about the Free Will Baptist work in Michigan, about the merger, etc.

I found that the Novesta church still retains its Free Will Baptist name and doctrine, and refused to even be identified with the Northern Baptist.

Bro. Collins received the "Gem" gladly and talked very interestingly about the Free Will Baptist work.

Bro. Collins at one time attended the Moody Bible Institute. I believe he told me his first pastorate was a Free Will Baptist church.

I am sure the "Gem" family will rejoice with me in these findings. You can imagine how happy I am to make these discoveries.

We had a man wonderfully saved in the church in Flint Sunday morning. We took in four members over this week end, and had wonderful outpourings of the spirit in both services. Many shouts of praise went up in the camp.

Pray for us in this great field of labor here.

—In Jesus Name,



## Feeling the Weight of the Unsaved

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**T**HIS Month throughout our Women's Auxiliaries, we who are using the Year Book of Programs, are thinking about and discussing fruit-bearing Christians. In order to continue our line of thought, I want to add another way Christians may bear much fruit—soul-winning.

In Romans 10, Paul tells us what it takes to make a great soul-winning church. Let us consider these for a great soul-winning auxiliary of our church. Notice (1) zeal for the lost (2) a great gospel (3) effective witnessing, I want us to think about

number one—zeal for the lost.

Paul was a Jew. He loved his own people with passionate devotion. Why was he so concerned, you ask, about his Jewish brethren? The Jews were God's chosen people, they knew the scriptures, they possessed high and exalted ideas, they strove earnestly to keep the law. Yet Paul declared that his heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel, was that they might be saved. Paul, himself a Jew, had not the slightest doubt about the matter—these Jewish brethren of his, after the flesh, were lost. As he con-



temptation their lost condition his heart was deeply stirred. May we, as we contemplate the lost condition of the millions in our southern states who profess no religious faith of any kind, be deeply stirred. More serious than this amazing number is another fact. The increase of people who belong to no religious organizations is at a more rapid rate than the increase of population, which means that every year the religious bodies are following farther behind.

This condition could not exist if every professing Christian took his business of soul-winning seriously. Paul declared that he could almost wish himself accursed from Christ for his brethren's sake. So great was his concern for their lost condition, that if it had been possible he would have been willing to be lost himself in order that they might be saved. No wonder Paul was a great soul-winner! His soul was on fire with passion for the salvation of the lost.

Is not this the first and greatest need of our churches today? We have buildings and equipment, we have open Bibles and much teaching and preaching, we have elaborate services of worship and all sorts of organizations. But do we have Paul's passion for the lost? If not, why? Is it not because, down deep in our hearts, we do not really believe that people are lost without Christ? Of course, we know that this is what the Bible says, but do we really believe it. If we did, would it long remain true that three out of five of the children who come to our Sunday Schools slip through our fingers and are never won to Christ? If we believe from our hearts that our unbelieving neighbors are actually *lost*, could we go happily about our business and rest contentedly with our church services while they are in this terrible danger of dying in their sins? I know the Sunday movies, commercial attractions, week-end automobile trips, and business houses that now run wide open on Sunday in many of our communities draw many away from church. But simply closing these will not bring people to church. Too often have Christians used these outside attractions as an alibi for their own laziness and indifference. The only thing that will bring people to church is the gospel preached from its pulpit and lived out in the lives of *preacher* and *people* throughout the week. The only method of winning

them is by witnessing, personal testimony, personal influence, supported by consistent Christian life — neighbor to neighbor, friend to friend, and Christian to everyone he or she meets. Remember that more than half the people of your town belong to no religious organization. Let us hammer that fact in that here in our own communities is the largest mission field we have in our homeland.

But what to do? Look around first and see what can be done? If Jesus walked your city or village streets, down your country roads, what needs would He see as He passed homes and people? You are His hands and feet; today, if you ask Him, He will touch your eyes and mind to see and know what His hands would be busy doing. His lips occupied with saying. Be systematic and take a survey of

the situation and know your community well. There will be more to do than there are days for the doing.

If the church and individual Christians fail in the immediate task at their own doors, can we hope that they will have the vitality to project a powerful and effective witness through representatives sent afar? At the doors of our churches are fields of moral and social responsibility of the greatest critical importance. This battle is won or lost through the *attitudes, activities, and patterns* of life of the Christians of our communities. Here, in the community, the call, "Follow Me," comes insistently to every believer, without exception. "Follow Me" — two small words, but within them lies the winning of the world for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



## Missouri Sunday School Program

*William Reeves, Supervisor, 510 Allen St., Fredericktown, Missouri*

To the Sunday School Workers of the State of Missouri:

I will at this time endeavor to give you our State Sunday School Program. We feel there is much that can be accomplished in the future, and I sincerely pray that I may write this so everyone can understand it, for how well do I realize the great responsibility that rests upon me in sponsoring this program. I have spent many hours praying and meditating for the guidance of God in the right way, and I feel He is directing me.

There are many communities that have conditions we are not acquainted with, so we are asking that if you do not understand our program in any point, please, see our field worker in

your Association, or write me. If you will do this, it will help us to meet conditions all over the state.

Here is our present program:

We are sending for publication our Rules, or By-Laws that we are to be governed by. We will also furnish to each field worker a sheet of explanations on our rules so they can be in reach of you.

We are seeking semi-annual reports; one from July 1st, 1939 to January 1st, 1940, then from January 1st, 1940 to July 1st, 1940. That gives our field workers two visits a year, then they will be able to encourage and keep the Sunday school informed of the program.

Then we are recommending that each Sunday school take up an offering at each regular visit of the local field worker — part of which is to be sent to the State Supervisor, the other part to help bear the expenses of the field worker, for we can't expect him to bear all his traveling expenses.

We are hoping to build among our Sunday schools a unionized work for the bringing together of our Sunday schools where there are no organization or communication of school with school.

We have a number of Associations with no convention or organization





at all. We are hoping that we can see the Sunday schools organized into a body.

Then we have Associations that are connected with other organizations, and are doing a wonderful work. I do not blame the Sunday schools, for I would want my Sunday school connected with some body for the benefit of the home, the community, and the Sunday school. We appreciate such organizations, and want to co-operate with them in their work, and at the same time, build for us a work for our Free Will Baptist people.

We are not asking, and would not ask our people to discontinue working with other conventions or organizations, but we are praying for a union that will unite our Sunday schools, making a local, state and national

work, that we may know of our Sunday school work everywhere and that we may have for our denominational records or history a statistical record of our great work.

Pray for me.

#### RULES OR BY-LAWS

It shall be understood that we, the State and Associational Sunday School Workers shall be governed by the following articles.

No. 1. The field workers shall have no power to change or dominate over Sunday School practices (only offer helpful suggestions).

No. 2. The aim of the work is to promote unity in teaching and doctrine.

No. 3. The work is in the interest of promoting Denominational interests.

No. 4. The work is in the interest of Statistical reports of our local, state, and national Sunday School work.

No. 5. The work is in the interest of Denominational Organizations.

No. 6. The work is for the perfecting of a local, state, and national Sunday School Organization.

Recommendation of Mo. State Ass'n.

That each Sunday School take up a free will offering for the expenses of the Program, and send it to the State Supervisor.

State Supervisor's Recommendation

The local field worker should see to the offering the day he calls on the Sunday School.



## CHRISTMAS ARTICLES



### Peace on Earth --- But When?

By John B. Rollins

ON THE Night of the Savior's birth, the angels and heavenly hosts praised God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

The Prince of Peace was born, and the angels sang. There was every reason in the world to rejoice! Peace on earth? And no one with a smattering of brains would dare to disbelieve the truth evolved in that song! But face the facts— is there peace on the earth? What meaneth the booming of giant guns and the rumble and thunder of war that I hear?

I did not ask if there was peace within the *HEARTS* of a *FEW* men. The angels did not sing of peace within the "hearts" of men; and that in so comparatively *few* men—they sang, "ON EARTH PEACE," and when did it come?

As early as only seventy (70) years after the birth of Christ, the great and majestic city of Jerusalem, itself, was razed to the ground in a *COMPLETE* destruction of WAR!

A study of history, even in the slightest form, is a study of war.

Nations rise and fall by the event of war and bloodshed. Bloody Wars! Hundred Years' War! Massacres! Reigns of Terror! Strifes without end—from bloody Thermopylæ to the late battle-fields of Adolph Hitler, the world is a constant scene of WAR!

Look at our own fair country—a Christian nation! Born in war! Remember Bunker Hill. Look—Revolutionary War, 1776. War of 1812 Indian Wars of various kinds. Civil War, 1860. Spanish American War, 1898. World War, 1917. And we have been a nation for only 163 years! What is next? When shall peace come to the earth?

At this very time, the nations of the world are at war. Japan and China

fight! Hitler is Europe's bully. Germany, Russia, Britton, France and others are mobilizing. The trend of all the world is toward war—then where is peace?

The angels were NOT mistaken in the matter when they sang of peace on the earth, and good will toward men—but the question with us is, "When shall these things be?"

What did Christ say about it? Listen to Him: "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against the mother....and a man's foes shall be they of his own household." Matthew 10:34-36.

Christ is a divider of men. Listen to Him again: "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division. For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three." St. Luke 12:51-52.

Peace is spoken of in Scripture in three ways:

#### Peace With God

"Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1 This is the work of Christ into which the





Individual enters by faith— Cf. Eph. 2:14-17.

### The Peace of God

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ." Philippians 4:7. This is inward peace, the state of the soul of the believer who, having entered into peace with God through faith in Christ, has also committed himself wholly to God (entire consecration) with all of his anxieties through prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

### Peace on Earth

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2: 14. This is the prevalency of peace in the earth during the Kingdom-Age or the Millennium, the glorious reign of peace on earth when the nations shall study war no more. "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Isa. 11:9.

There are very many Scriptures which bear upon this subject.

The world is now headed for the battle fields of Armageddon, and after the wrath of God is poured out upon the wicked world, then the Millennium begins. Ah! what peace, when He shall reign whose right it is to reign!

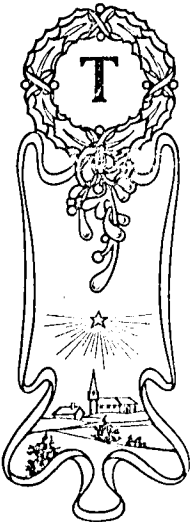
to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

God knew how to touch the heart strings of the shepherds on the hill-sides who are watching their sheep. Sometime during the night, soon after the child, Jesus, was born, the shepherds beheld a great light that shines around about them and they see an angel appear. They are amazed and become afraid of this great mystery. But the angel says, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born... Christ the Lord." Then the angel telle them where they will find Him. As they gather one by one, they do not say one to the other. "Do you believe it is so." or, "I doubt this." But within each heart this great truth becomes a reality, and they go to Bethlehem to worship the Christ child in a spirit of adoration. As they reach the stable their hearts are touched; they fall upon their faces, and worship the Prince of Peace.

Soon there is seen in the distance, three camels plodding across the sandy plains carrying their riders. These are the three wise men of the east who have been studying the stars, and this night they notice an unusually large stars, so much more brilliant than the others, that they become enthused and begin to wonder why it is. They feel in their heart that it must be of some importance to them, so they let it be their guide. As they follow the great light from the star and it leads them to the stable. They feel the same spirit that led Joseph and Mary there. As they appear on the scene, their hearts are so touched by the stillness and sacredness of the place, that they humbly bow as the shepherds had done before them. They feel that there is nothing too good for the Messiah, so they have brought him their wealth, gold, frankincense and myrrh, and they give themselves to Him who now reigns above and over all.

## The Sacred Journey

By Zula Lewis, Bristow, Oklahoma



RUDGING Slowly along a narrow winding road thru' the hills of Judea at the close of a beautiful day, two humble travelers are on their way to Bethlehem. They are tired, weary and worn from travel; perhaps they have been traveling all day, anxious to reach their destination. Joseph walks along beside the donkey which is bearing Mary, and as they near the town of Bethlehem, darkness is coming, the stars, one by one, peep from beneath their cover of blue. Joseph sees not the stars, but only the tired anxious face of Mary. He whispers to her, "It is only a short distance more to Bethlehem," and her faint reply is, "Yes, Joseph."

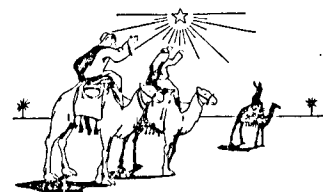
At last they reach the town of Bethlehem; each step of the way is very painful to Mary; but her thoughts go back to the words the angel had spoken to her, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, and of his kingdom there shall be no end." They pass slowly through the streets of Bethlehem, seeking shelter for the night. They stop

at the inn and Joseph asks for a night's lodging, but the innkeeper said "There is no room." If the innkeeper had known Mary was to become the mother of Jesus, would he have refused them lodging there? If he had noticed closely the depressed anxious look on Joseph's face he surely would have known there was something wrong.

But Joseph and Mary are probably two among a great number he has already turned away. They pass on, moving slowly down the dark street, and on the out-skirts of town in an open field they see a stable, where the animals are kept. They make their way to the stable to spend the remainder of the night, and it is there that Mary brought forth her first-born son and laid him in a manger.

The glittering brightness of the stars stand out: the night is hushed into quietness; and angles are hovering around.

"Ah! God is here," Mary says, and feels His hallowed presence. The lowly stable is transformed into a hall of fame for Jesus Christ is born. As Mary cuddles the babe more closely to her bosom the angel choir is so filled with heavenly ecstasy that they burst forth in a song of praise. "Glory





# The Reception of the Christ Child

*By Gweneith Talley, Aurora, Missouri*

Scripture reading: Luke 2:8-20.



**CHRISTMAS** — The gladdest day of the year to us all, but especially to the children, with its spirit of cheer and good will, its merry gatherings in the home, its hallowed services in church and Sunday school, its beautiful carols of praise, and its exchange of gifts among loved ones and greetings among friends! How anxiously we looked forward to it in our childhood years! And for us who have grown older, what treasured memories cluster around it, in addition to the ever deepening joy and spiritual blessing we derive from its reverent celebration!

All this, and much more, Christmas is to us, because it commemorates the birthday of the holy babe, our blessed Savior.

In Luke the announcement is not of a king of the Jews, but of a Savior, and so the news is not brought to the wise and the great, nor to the chief priests and elders, but to the shepherds in the field in the region near Bethlehem, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

While the shepherds were faithfully attending to their duty, the angel of the Lord came unto them suddenly and unexpectedly. The glory which shone around about them was the Shekinah glory of old, the glory which betokened God's presence. (Exodus 40: 34-35 and 1 Kings 8:10-11) This made them sore afraid, as fearing some evil tidings.

The angel at once quieted their fears by assuring them he had a joyful message. He brought "good tidings of great joy." The news the angel brought to the shepherds was, "There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." (A. S. V.) It was not only good news in general, but good news to them. The birth of Christ was the most marvelous event that had ever taken place.

And what a strange "sign"! Christ the Lord, "a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger."

The angels in Heaven were stirred and enthused over the birth of the

Saviour. While the angel of the Lord was delivering the good news of his birth to the shepherds, a multitude of the Heavenly host came upon the scene. The angels promised the Lord,—angels who had never sinned, and needed no savior, and who could never enjoy redemption,—angels who can never sing the sweet song of redemption, by the blood of Christ.

The angels did not sing as generally said, but they spoke. First, "Glory to God in the highest." Praise to God for the birth of the savior. Second, "And on earth peace, good will toward men."

The shepherds were not indifferent to the news the angels brought them. They may have been uneducated men, but they were wise men. They went to find out for themselves the thing

the Lord made known to them. They did not go to test the word of God, but to "see" what had come to pass.

They went at once, in haste, to the place to which the angel directed them. It was the obedience of faith, and it was rewarded. They found "Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." Then they went and told what they had seen to others. People wondered at the great news these poor unlearned shepherds told.

Mary said little about all these things but she pondered them in her heart. Blessed woman! She must have had some strange and deep thoughts.

The shepherds returned to their former task, but they were possessed by a new spirit. They were full of praise and gladness. They had "heard" and had "seen" what God had spoken to them. They had an experimental knowledge of all the angel had told them. The journey that is begun in faith, will usually end in praise.



## What is Christmas to You?

*By O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri.*

About 2,000 years ago, a child was born in Bethlehem, a city of David, who was the Son of the living God. Through the years since his birth the day has been kept as a sacred day, in memory of Him, what He has been, is now, and will be to those of us who love this Christ; and He said while here, "If ye love me ye will keep my words." Others have looked upon this day with other interests, not knowing or caring for its real meaning.

We will mention only a few of these, then you who read this may ask yourself, what does Christmas mean to me?

First, we shall mention the group who look upon Christmas from a commercial viewpoint; with the thought only of material gain. This group, no doubt, is headed by apostate, Christ-rejecting, Christ-hating Jews, who deny the Divinity of Christ. To them Christmas is just another holiday.

Second, we will mention the group who look upon Christmas as a time

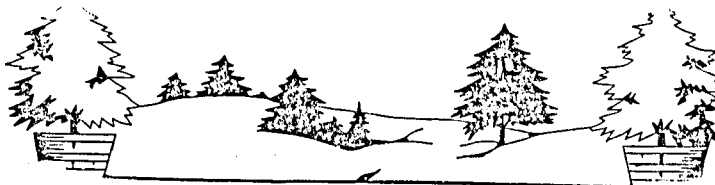
of giving and receiving gifts; perhaps saving and skimping for weeks or going in debt, some which will never be paid, in order to give someone a present. Many of these would not give one thin dime to save a soul from Hell.

Third, there is still another group who look upon Christmas as a time of revelry, a time to indulge in sins, even the kind of sins they would not consider indulging in at other seasons of the year.

Fourth, there are those who look upon Christmas as a time of home-coming; visiting father and mother and the folks back home.

Fifth, we shall mention the small group who celebrate Christmas as a time we keep in memory of the birth of Christ the Son of God, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life, died a sacrificial death, arose victoriously from the tomb, and is coming back for His own.

What does Christmas mean to you?





# MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



Rev. T. H. Willey,  
Foreign Missionary,  
Returned from Panama.



## The Regions Beyond



Mrs. T. H. Willey,  
Companion Missionary  
Returned from Panama.

### Bro. Willey's Travels

Leaving Michigan, from Detroit, early Monday morning, October 23, passing through Chicago, Illinois and St. Louis, Mo. and on to Tulsa, Okla. to be with Bro. Melvin Bingham and his dear people. I found the church at Tulsa in the midst of an old fashioned revival with Bro. Zinn deep into the battle wielding, the Gospel sword. Up to the time I left, there had been about 25 conversions with the church greatly revived. Everywhere I go, I find out people are calling sinners to the mourners bench. I am glad that I can tell other churches that the Free Will Baptist church believes in old fashioned repentance, the mourners bench way, and that we are deeply concerned and that those who kneel around the altars of our church experience a "know-so" salvation. We should discourage personal workers who come to the altars and persuade seekers to claim a dry-eyed profession of religion; killing the spirit of the seeker before they are really born again.

From one night in Tulsa, with our missionary program presented to a fine crowd who were thoughtful of the missionary program, we went to New Home Church. Bro. Day kindly took us on to Drumright where we met Bro. Staires who has a fine thriving church in a great oil center. We have in Bro. Staires a friend of missions. The church at Drumright gave us a good offering. We also met Bro. West of whom we had been hearing many good reports. Bro. West, we are counting on you with your fine new church. We regretted very much that we could not be with Bro. West in that lovely new work.

From Drumright, we went to Cushing, Okla. where we met Bro. Judd and his fine family for the first time. Bro. Judd has a lovely ample church in a beautiful little city. I was impressed with the fine group of young people there. While there, looking into the faces of that earnest group of young people, I thought of the possibilities of a ministry with young peo-

ple like those fully consecrated, in love with the great Gospel, living examples of deep consecration in their community and school.

Bro. Winford Davis had told me of a fine group of young people who went to the principal of the high school and asked permission to have a prayer meeting in one of the class rooms, and a number of students joined that consecrated band. What a testimony to the character of the principal of a high school, and its instructors, to encourage a noble venture like that.

Thank you, friends of the foreign mission program, in Cushing, for the offering. From Cushing, we went to Wewoka by bus. Wewoka is an Indian town, and I almost felt that we were back among our Indians in Panama.

We were delighted to see in a very nice part of the town a lovely new comedeous brick church, one of the most attractive I have ever seen.

It was a great treat to be with Bro. and Sister Rogers and their lovely little daughter. We have learned to love Bro. Rogers like a brother. We thank God for men whose interest in our church is not only wrapped up in one community, or association, or state, but is national and world wide. We preached Sunday morning to an exceptional fine group of people. Then at six, promptly, we showed the moving pictures of our Indians. At 7:30, we were on our train bound for Memphis, Tennessee and the East.

I have a record of my trip through the West. In six weeks, I traveled on train and bus 8,700 miles; seven nights and eight days spent on trains riding steadily. Many of my appointments were between cities, so that after a service, I would hurry from the service to the station to catch a night train. During that six weeks, I spoke 30 times. This itinerary has taken me through eleven states, speaking in five of them. I have met our people all over the East, and West, from South Georgia to the borders of Virginia; and from Houston, Texas to

the borders of Canada, and I love our folk. Ours are not high-toned or stylish churches made up of the rich, but they are humble folk who believe in a heart felt, old fashioned religion.

One of the high spots of heart warming was in Sulfrage Field, Michigan, just beyond the city of Pontiac. During our last year in Panama, Mrs. Willey and I, in fact, the Willey family had a real friend in the person of a Major in the Air Department, then stationed at Albrook Field, Balboa, Panama. They were deeply interested in our effort to reach the Indians of the Darian; so much so that the Major's wife, Mrs. Skanse and Peter, her son, who is about 15 years old, and has the real material to make a missionary, made the trip down with me in company with Rev. Tinnin, of the Southern Baptist Association, then pastor of the Balboa Baptist church. They proved good sports on the trip, though we witnessed some of those common trying things which are most common to the life of a pioneer missionary. We were always welcomed in this lovely Christian home when we came into the Zone.

When I was taken with malaria, Major Skanse took me to the government hospital as his guest, and without my knowing it, paid the hospital bill. I remembered that we received a letter from Mrs. Skanse, saying that they were being transferred to the States, and to somewhere near Detroit; so while riding along with Bro. Slim Davis between Flint and Detroit, I mentioned my officer friend and the family. Slim reminded me that there was an aviation field off from Pontiac and suggested that I call up. I did with the result that Bro. Skanse was amazed to hear my voice, and we were enabled to visit them twice. The Major, Peter, and Peter's grandfather, Mr. Akenson, attended the closing service of my meeting in Hazel Park Mich. A sample of the Major's thoughtfulness took the form of a pair of number 12 shoes which he had me try on in his car before parting. We have praised God many, many times for these friends while in Panama and their financial help. Down there they would come up to El valley and visit us always with a

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## ✠ The Debt of Preaching the Gospel ✠

By T. H. Willey, *The Missionary*

Text, Romans 1:14-15 "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome also."

IN THIS Text, we have the dynamic, the motivating power of the foreign missionary urge in the life of this man, who was the greatest missionary of the early church. No one suffered more than he, so that in his final testimony, he said, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." (Gal. 6:17).

So marked was the transformation of this Jewish fanatic on the road to Damascus, that he changed his name from "Saul the Great One" to "Paul the Little One." The Holy Spirit should take the big 'I' out of us and help us to see just how small we are after all.

"I AM A DEBTOR!" What an acknowledgement! I think most of us know what it means to be in debt, some of us up to the ears. Some of us have built homes, bought fine furniture, and cars; some of us preachers have built churches and have had hanging over us a burden like a great blade suspended by a hair, debts that stagger us. Some of us have lived to see the day we could burn the mortgage and pay our honest debts.

When we are in debt, we begin to plan and figure as to how we might discharge our obligation; we think of the man to whom we are in debt. We might ask Paul the Apostle, "Who is your creditor, Paul?" Immediately the answer comes back, "I am in debt to the man who died for me." Ah! Here is a debt that can never be met. I want us to notice how he figures on meeting his obligation. He says, "I am in debt to the Greek and the barbarian, to the wise and the unwise."

I want us to notice that the speaker was a Jew, this was the man, who a few years before would have considered himself a subject for cleansing if only the shadow of a Gentile fell upon him. These people that Paul named were considered by the Jews as foreigners and heathen. He was interested in his own countrymen, it is true. He

said one time, "I would that I were a curse for Israel's sake." But his debt was not altogether to his own people, for he felt the eternal obligation of the universality of the Gospel. It was not only the Apostle of the Gentiles speaking, the man whom the Holy Ghost had ordered separated unto a special ministry, but it was Paul the Christian.

I want us to think of the Greeks. They were the enlightened, the cultured, the informed; from the Greeks came Art at its peak, the philosophers sprung from this race, in the universities we still drink deep from their great thinkers. On the other hand, there was the barbarian, who were they? They were slaves, captured from far away Britton, the Angles and Saxons, the Huns, the Germanic, the Celts. They were sold in the marts of Rome. They were brought into the arenas with wild beasts to make amusement of the populace of Rome. They soaked the arenas of the Roman amphitheater with their blood in combat. They were wild, untutored races. They were our forefathers, and would have remained heathen had it not been for these early missionaries who grasped the universality of the missionary obligation to all men, of all races, in all parts of the world.

I meet those who would despise the foreigner, and ignore the claim of the heathen, saying, "I do not believe in Foreign Missions," or "I am not interested." I might meet that type of person anywhere in the average American community. He thinks that I am going to disagree with him and say, "Why brother, there are no heathen in the United States, this is a Christian nation." To the contrary, I must admit there are heathens in this enlightened land, they are two-fold more heathen than those of the foreign lands. I am bound to ask this brother how many people live in his home town. "Oh, about 700 inhabitants." Then I ask, "How many churches are there in that community?" He counts over a number of Methodist bodies, a number of Baptist bodies, Christian groups, Pentecostal groups, Holiness people, and maybe others. "How many preachers preach in your

village each Sunday?" Usually there are three or four sermons. Then there is the radio with a Gospel message to enlighten the mind of those who will listen. "Tell me, brother, are you a Christian, and a member of some fundamental church group in your town?" He answers, "Yes Sir." I ask again, "Pray tell me, how many heathen have you led to Christ this past year?" Oh now that's different, perhaps this brother expects the preacher to do it all.

I wish to tell you of tribes of people, cities of immense populations, who have never heard a Gospel message the like of which you have heard all your life, they have never listened to a radio Gospel message. In some of these cities, no Protestant group have ever preach a message of Life.

Thank God, the program of the Gospel to the Regions Beyond goes on, and in the church there are those who desire and will keep "All things that I have commanded you," and part of that "all things" is "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to Every Creature."

To what extent was Paul, that great missionary, willing to go in the publication of the Great Gospel? "As much as in me is," we would say, "with all there is in me" "I am ready to preach the Gospel to you who are at Rome also." Rome then was a heathen city. There was not a Methodist, Baptist or any other church there except there was a little company made up of slaves and freed men who were the "called out ones." Paul would go into this great heathen city and preach the Gospel, backed up by the testimony and prayers of this little group. He is willing to go into this city that afterward was to be his prison and finally the fate of the head-man's block. This great Gospel of our Christ has an eternal "Go" in it. It is impossible to spell Gospel without "G-o" the first two letters. Not all of us can go, personally, to these darkened lands, but thank God, you can help send those whom the church separates unto the Gospel. Does Christ possess us fully? Is it with us as with Paul in His service, "So as much as in me is, I am ready to do or dare or die for His sake?"

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Paul was a home church worker who was compelled to be a missionary or lose his soul.



# The Question of Life After Death

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri.

"If a man die, shall he live again?"  
Job 14:14.

**T**HE QUESTION OF Life after death is one that, to a more or less degree, arises in the mind of every man. Of course, there are some who remind us of the certain husband. Upon his wife's return home from a Ladies' Missionary Society, at which gathering they had discussed the question of "life after death," she told her husband of the very interesting and remindful discussion, and asked him what he thought about it all any way. His reply was, "Madam, to tell you the truth, I haven't spent much time thinking about it." There are a great many who treat the question very carelessly.

Job was one of the oldest Scriptural writers, and in his day, this marvelous question was seriously pondered. Let us not get the idea at all that just because this comes in the form of a question that Job was entertaining a degree of doubt concerning the matter. No! But the very fact that he was pondering the question is evident proof in itself that he believed in immortality.

The Bible is practically filled with Scriptures supporting this great doctrine. The very fact of a Bible is convincing proof of immortality, but there are also many evidences outside of the Bible that tend to prove this great eternal fact.

## Life After Death is Indicated By the Physical Universe

So many things of nature seem to be fashioned after the great eternal plan of a future and more perfect life after death. The tiny seeds and roots lie dormant in the earth through the long snowy and cold winter season, only to burst forth in new life in the spring, after being acted upon by the great means God uses to produce material life, that is, the sunshine and the rain. The ugly worm wraps himself in his coffin or cocoon, laying dormant and apparently lifeless for a long season, only to burst forth in winged beauty, which far surpasses his former state. So many organic and geological changes in this great universe, and each tending toward a more perfect condition. Do

they not typify that future hope and state of man? Just as life bursts forth in the spring, so it is destined for man on that morning of the resurrection to take on that glorious immortal body and wing himself into the great things of God which mortal cannot look upon. Job said, "There is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant."



"I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith: Hence-  
forth there is laid up for me  
a crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous  
judge, shall give me at that  
day: and not to me only, but  
unto all them also that love  
his appearing.'" 2 Tim. 4:7-8

## By the Expenditures and Economy of God

I think all agree that man is the king, or holds dominion over all other creatures. All the six day's work, both the material re-arrangement and bringing forth of the living creatures, was done with but one motive in the great mind of God, namely, preparing for man's habitation; or to bring into existence man — the crowning work of all creation. It is good that man stop along his hurried journey and consider what he has cost, and what he is still costing. I wonder if the

swinging of every planet in its place, the holding of every one in its orbit, and perhaps the preserving in order of universe after universe; I wonder if this great eternal exertion, if it could be called such, is not ultimately for the blessing of man.

Then we know man has cost God His Son, and a continual grief in the heart of the Father. All right, in the face of this, and much more that could be mentioned, we are told that the average life of man is only about thirty years. It has been estimated that approximately ten of this is used in sleep during which time there is no knowledge or usefulness. Then at least five of the remaining twenty are taken up in man's infancy during which time there is no real realization. Is it thinkable or reasonable that God would go to all this expenditure, and the taking of all these preparatory measures for merely fifteen years of man's real existence? Or if the average of man was the three score and ten it would seem practically as unreasonable. The very fact of the expenditure and economy involved in it all is proof that surely God intended something far greater and more perfect for man than can ever be realized in this life.

## By Discussions and Debates Carried on in the Mind Itself

The ideals of man's mind, and he being so prone to be dissatisfied with the present is surely a clear indication of something better and higher. Paul said, "For in this we groan earnestly desiring to be clothed with our house which is from heaven." 2 Cor. 5:2. Regardless of our state of well-being here, we yet remain dissatisfied creatures. Is it not because there is an independent spiritual nature or soul within man that will never be satisfied till we awake in His likeness? We can satisfy the natural desires of the animal, and he lays perfectly quiet and satisfied till some natural desire arouses him. Give man everything heart could wish for, and still he is a restless being. The painter is never satisfied with his paintings, the business men are never satisfied with their returns, the statesman never satisfied with his gains, the general never satisfied with his victories. The mind is always anticipating something greater; always entertaining an ideal. We call them air-castles sometimes, but they are within themselves proof of the future



state of man. I do not think it is reasonable that man would be compelled to go through this life having never gained his ideals entirely nor fully realized his anticipations, and then be ushered out into non-existence. The mind or spiritual nature of man is entirely independent of matter and entirely indestructible, and the soul housed in this tenement of clay is, and will be like the eagle which the boy begged from the store keeper in the country store in the valley. The captivated eagle was walking back and forth in the window with a longing look into the mountains in the distance. The boy being permitted

to take the eagle outside, deliberately clipped the band from her foot and set her out of hand. The eagle spread her broad wings and soared away into the distance, and the boy heard her give a scream for joy and for her mate as she soared over the mountains. Upon being asked why he let the eagle loose, he gave this logical reply, "She didn't belong down here." So it is with us in this mortal captive state, we don't belong down here, and will not have to stay in this limited state always. Surely, as one has said, this life must be only the infancy of man's real life, the mere vestibule of man's real existence.

were, He answered, "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business." But they did not understand. (Luke 2:4-9)

We next view another strange scene. When Jesus, now grown into manhood, came from Galilee to Jordan unto John (the Baptist) to be baptized of him.

"And Jesus when he was baptized went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."

We next see the Christ entering upon his ministry saying, "Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He calls for followers and we see twelve men willing to be his disciples.

We have many of his miracles before us such as, turning water into wine, healing the sick, walking on sea, having control of storms, etc.

But when he restored Lazarus to life after he had been dead four days; indeed the people were made to marvel at his power and many were made to believe because of the strange things they saw with their own eyes.

Then we think of another time when Peter, James and John went upon a high mountain to pray and as He (Christ) prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

"And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias.

Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem." Luke 9:30-31.

There was a cloud that came and over shadowed them. Then there came a voice out of the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son: hear him."

Jesus requested them to tell no man of the things which they had seen on the mountain.

We must hurry along but we want you to view one more picture; the most wonderful of all and yet so strange to the world at large, especially those who have not had a born again experience.

We see the Son of God, Jesus, about to be offered up as a living sacrifice for the world, who was so willing to give his life and shed his precious blood that you and I might have life and have it more abundantly.



## Wonders of God

By Rev. Miss Melba White  
Plattsburg, Missouri



Text: Luke 5:26. "We have seen strange things today."

**WE WANT** To consider some of the wonders of God that we have recorded in the New Testament, and the strange way they came about.

The birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was strange; in that He was born of the Virgin Mary. His birth was foretold by prophets hundreds of years before; and then the angel from God appeared to Mary. "And the angel said unto her, Fear not Mary: for thou hast found favour with God,

"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 forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1:30-33)

No doubt Mary was astonished for she had heard from the portals of glory. She knew she had seen and heard strange things that day but she waited for God to fulfill His promises.

We want you to view with us again another picture in this drama recorded in Matt. 2:1 and in Luke 2.

We see shepherds taking care of their flocks when suddenly there appeared an angel from the Lord and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

As we read on we notice they made haste and followed the star in the East as it guided them onward and rested over the stable where the babe lay in the manger. As they told their experience the people were astonished at the strange things they heard, but Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

We find further in the same chapter where Mary and Joseph went to the feast of the passover and the child Jesus was now twelve years of age. As they were returning, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem. When his parents noticed his absence they retraced their journey and found him in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when his mother reproved him as it



He is so innocent and pure, but he came to seek and to save that which was lost. So they took Him to Calvary, there they crucified Him.

Even his Divinity was challenged but wait, listen. Mark 15:33 — There was darkness in the sixth hour lasting till the ninth. The sun was darkened. Luke 23:45.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent.

Yes, many believed when they had seen these strange things, some said, "Truly, this was the Son of God." But what a price had to be paid so men and women might be saved from their sins. Just some more wonders of God and his matchless love for humanity.

But there is a little more to the picture as Jesus had been put to a shameful death but he rose the third day.

The angels announced the resurrection to Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary, and they told the apostles but they did not believe their message. Afterward Jesus appeared to others and made himself known to his followers.

We see Christ as the conqueror of death. He promised to send another comforter that they should receive power after the Holy Ghost had come upon him both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria, and into the uttermost part of the earth.

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner, as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Yes, they were filled with the Holy Ghost as Jesus promised and led many souls to Christ.

We see the strange things Christ through his workers does today in preaching his word and people yielding their lives to him.

We will see still more wonderful and strange things, probably before long, as we see scripture being rapidly fulfilled. We know that we need have no fear, if we are true children of God, for the strange things we see and hear for our redemption draweth nigh.

## BRO. WILLEY'S TRAVELS

By Willey the Missionary

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big load of good things which we could not afford to buy. One time they came up and we placed a mattress on the floor for all the kiddies to sleep on while the Major and I slept on the car cushions. Mrs. Willey and I are praising our Heavenly Father for the Skanse family.

We hurried on to attend the Cape Fear Association meeting, held at Saint Mary, out from Smithfield. Arriving on an early morning train, we waited around for a couple of hours before waking up Bro. Sasses in Selma, North Carolina. When we met them it seemed that we had known each other all our lives; they treated me to their loving hospitality. Soon Bro. Nobel Hemenit and Bro. Evins, from Kenely picked me up and we were on our way to another happy fellowship meeting in one of those good big country churches. We were given liberty to bring a message and with a good reception and offering amounting to over \$29.00. Thank you, Bro. Spencer and folks of the Cape Fear Conference; it was a great pleasure to be with you.

We arrived in Durham, the starting place of all our itineraries and found through the cancelation of a date we had a few days so we went on to the High Point Gospel Tabernacle, where we have dear friends and the good pastor, his wife and a wonderful group of people; some of whom found the Lord under our ministry. They were in the midst of a great building program and during the past six months have raised over \$8,000 dollars and are building this great auditorium free of debt.

Bro. Homer Williams has a great work in that city. He has been on the air over five years, broadcasting each Sunday morning; "The Tabernacle Hour," 8:30 to 9 o'clock over WBIG, Greensboro, North Carolina; and the "Union Camp-meeting of the Air" over WBIG the last Sunday night of each month from 11:00 to 12:00 o'clock midnight. Listen in to this program and drop Bro. Williams a post card. We spoke over this broadcast with brother Williams, Sunday morning; then preached to a large crowd Sunday night. One backslider was reclaimed. Tuesday night we had a great missionary meeting with

that immense tabernacle crowded with people. Thank God for great gospel centers where the Christ is exalted. This work was born under the ministry of Mrs. Willey and myself. It came out of the day of depression as well as days of blessing.

I am writing this from the parsonage in Durham. We are trusting God for a great meeting. Each day except Saturday and Sunday we shall be broadcasting over WDNC, Durham, North Carolina. This time was given us to announce our revival meeting with the understanding that we lecture "Over the jungle trails and into the out-of-the-way place of South America." The time is 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Listen in and send us a card if you pick up the program.

Bro. Henry Melvin is building an immense church here; beautiful and well equipped. This is my home church and the longing of my heart is to witness a great revival meeting, in which many shall find the Lord.

From this meeting we head back to Florida to get ready for the mission fields that lay white unto harvest. Please pray and remember the slogan of the Foreign Missionary Program, "Think missions, pray for your missionary, and give to your mission."

## A Christian's Greatest Joy

*Mrs. O. V. Tadlock, Batesville, Ark.*

We all find things in this world to bring us joy. A beautiful picture, sweet music, association with friends, the return from some distant place of a dear relative or friend; these all bring us great pleasure and joy. But the greatest joy in a Christian's life is seeing sinners saved. The greater the sinner, the greater the joy of his salvation. The longer we have prayed for one who has wandered unheedingly in sin, the more faith we have exercised, the more joy we experience at his surrender to God.

Let us work harder and pray harder that we may experience more joy of seeing our friends and loved ones saved from sin.

"The fact is that sin is the most unmanly thing in God's world. You never were made for sin and selfishness, but for love and obedience."



## LEAGUE & MISSION RALLY Monett, Missouri

*By Esther Apple, Reporter*

On Sunday October 29, the Indian Creek Association held its Fifth Sunday Mission and League Rally at the Free Will Baptist church in Monett, Missouri.

The Morning service was in the interest of Mission work. Eld. J. B. Rollins conducted the forepart of the service. Eld. C. T. Alred and Eld. Cecil Campbell brought the Mission message, full of power, inspiration and instruction in the work. The messages carried the thought of "Go ye". All about us are things that we can do in way of Mission work. If we are not willing to do the little things, God will never trust us with the big things in His work.

A Christian fellowship followed these wonderful messages.

After a bountiful dinner spread on the church lawn, we were called together for our League program.

Due to the absence of our Associational League President, Don Campbell, who was injured in an automobile accident October 22, enroute to a Gospel Team meeting in Arkansas, our vice-president, Sister Doris Rollins, was in charge of the afternoon session.

Monett, Carterville, Aurora, Merl's Chapel, Jones Chapel, and Macedonia Leagues represented with a program.

The readings, songs, etc. were very inspirational, but the reporter wishes to make special mention of the plays presented by the Monett Leagues.

The playlet by the Junior division was one urging abolition of radical prejudice among Christians. The playlet by the senior group was a plea for more interest in Missions; especially an appeal for more financial support, that the lost of other nations may be won to God and trained to do service for him.

Our next Mission and League Rally will be held at the Jones Chapel church the fifth Sunday in December. Eld. John C. Swaffar is to preach the Mission message; Eld. John B. Rollins alternate.

Let us as Mission and League workers make a special effort to be there and meanwhile let us labor praying the Lord to bless our service to His glory.

## REPORT OF MISSION RALLY Bristow, Oklahoma

Dear Editor:

In your November Gem, you had a report from our new Free Will Baptist Church at Bristow. We, up in this district, are very happy that we have another group of good soldiers fighting for a King who never lost a battle.

However, this is not a church report, but a report of our last Mission Rally which we have the first Sunday in each month. We met with the Bristow church, and were indeed made to feel we were welcome, and now they are one of our circle. After our morning business was taken care of, we all enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

The afternoon service was opened with song and prayer, then a scripture lesson read by the Bristow Mission president, and a good testimony service, after which we enjoyed two wonderful messages. Bro. Lane, the new pastor at Tuskegee, took the stand first; using as his text, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Bro. Tom Dickson, who was in a revival at Drummright, followed him and used as his subject "What we, as Free Will Baptists, stand for," and believe me, it was real food for the soul.

The evening services of these Rallies are fellowship meetings, and every preacher has a chance to bring a short message. At this meeting, Sister Fincher began, taking her text from Romans 12:1. Bro. Huff, John 13. Bro. Carter, Matt. 4. following in order. A special song was sung by the Fincher Sisters. Bro. Thornton, Luke 18. Bro. Lane, John 1. Bro. Fincher, Luke 4.

We are indeed glad to send this report of our Mission Rally, and we ask an interest in your prayers that we may keep growing in number and strength for our Lord and Savior.

Your Sister in Christ,

Elva Haley, Clifton, Okla.

Secretary of Mission Circle No. 1.

## HERRIN, ILLINOIS November 14, 1939

Dear Co-workers:

Greetings in Jesus name!

As we write this morning, we are asking the Master to let us write as near like we would talk if we had the "Gem" family together.

To say the Flat River revival was a glorious success would not do justice unless we told why we had such a

victory. The first thing, we found the pastor and his congregation really praying for souls to be saved. Second, we all realized it would take God to break through the ranks of the enemy. From the very first we began personal work, then later prayer meetings in the homes, then another great feature in the meeting was the prayer meetings in the basement just ahead of the preaching hour. Then after the congregation gathered in the church for worship, six men would stay for prayer one night and six women the next night while the preaching was going on. You could feel the mighty power of God from pulpit to the door and all over the building. Bro. and Sister Miller are wonderful to work with.

We had a sad experience along with the good. Bro. Ed Wikerson, one of our former deacons, was called home during the meeting, and it matters not how good our loved ones are, we hate to give them up. May God bless Sister Wikerson and the children.

We had Sunday afternoon services with messages on the "Second Coming of Christ" which proved a great blessing. The meeting continued through five weeks with 72 conversions and reclaims and 33 added to the church; 24 baptized and others to be later.

We made our home with Sister Hilderbrand, and we can say she did her best to make us feel that we were in our own home.

It was our privilege to make talks to the Mission, League and Sunday School which gave us great joy. We also visited the Desloge Mission twice and they have some live workers. We want to get a district convention in that part later. The mission women at Flat River were so nice to us. They surprised us with a shower of things we could use, and a number went beyond the shower and gave the evangelist a new dress, shoes and purse.

I must stop or Bro. Rollins will have to make two articles out of this. God bless our paper and the editor and wife.

Pray for us here at Herrin. We have a wonderful pastor and wife here, Bro. Pat Lairsey. Everyone likes him fine, and he is doing all he can to help put the meeting over. We have had 7 conversions up to date. Pray for us to have great victory.

Yours for, Jesus,

— H. M. and Lizzie McAdams



## Monett, Missouri November 17, 1939

Dear League and Mission Workers:

We will give a brief report of our work for the past month.

We have visited eight churches thus far, six in the central western part of the state and two in the Indian Creek Association.

Number of sermons preached 12, finance received \$9.87, traveling expenses \$4.59.

Five out of the eight churches have Mission and League organizations but need more encouragement and co-operation.

We had the privilege of attending the Fifth Sunday Mission and League Rally at the Mt. Olive church near Neola. A large delegation was present. A good message was delivered by the pastor and a good program was enjoyed after the noon hour. The spirit of the Lord was manifested in both services.

We see the need so much, since coming on the field, of a "Home Missionary" to go out and organize churches.

Three places we have in mind especially that need revivals, and who are not affiliated with any particular denomination. What a marvelous opportunity for someone. "Behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Rev. 3:8. May the Lord place a burden on each of our own personal responsibility, to get this great work launched.

We as Mission and League workers can do much to get the home missionary on the field. They must have finance, so therefore a salary, and we must have a fund to pay a salary. This is what we can do to help: Each Mission Circle and each League send in to our Sec.-treas., Miss Esther Apple, 501 Lincoln Avenue, Aurora, Missouri, one dollar per month for our Home Missionary Fund. If we will do this we can soon have a man on the field.

We have raised \$10.00 in pledges for our denominational school. We are trying to get our Leagues and Missions to give at least \$5.00 or more by spring. Someone might say this isn't much. No, it isn't but just think if all our Missions and Leagues would respond from all over Missouri, what a help it would be. Yes, with the help of our good Free Will Baptist Mission and League workers from our other sister states, we would soon

have a school for our boys and girls.

There is so much we can do in the work of the Lord if we make use of the "open door" that the Lord has opened unto us as laborers together with God.

May the Lord help each one of us as League and Mission workers to have a real vision of the work that is before us. We, so much, want to visit each League and Mission over the state and will if you will support by your prayers and finance. It takes money to travel from place to place, as I am sure you all realize, so we are depending on you as you placed us on the field as your League representatives. If there is a place desiring to organize a League or Mission, let us hear from you for that is our work.

We covet your prayers. May the Lord bless all of you is our prayer.

Yours for Jesus,

—Melba White

## TULSA, OKLAHOMA First Free Will Baptist Church Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor Mrs. Marvin P. Dalton, Reporter

"The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee." Romans 11:19-21.

The wonderful revival meeting which was in progress when we sent in last month's report continued for five weeks. Rev. F. C. Zinn brought wonderful Spirit-filled messages each night. Not only did these messages strike conviction to the hearts of the unsaved, but they were real spiritual uplifts to the Christians as well. Rev. F. C. Zinn and his good wife are wonderful gospel singers, and we enjoyed very much the good messages in song they sang during their stay here. We appreciated very much the many who came from a distance to help in the services.

We were glad to have Rev. Zinn and his wife stay in Tulsa for a few days after the revival closed. Rev. Zinn preached for us Sunday morning, November 12th.

Rev. Melvin Bingham and his gospel Singers are receiving a wonderful response to their program each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 over KOME. If you hear these programs, don't fail

to write Rev. Bingham in care of the Station. We are praying that God will make it possible, in the near future, that Rev. Bingham can have thirty minutes instead of the present fifteen minutes. Your cards and letters will help.

The Mission Workers are making wonderful progress in their work. The number who attend each Thursday to work is growing. We thank God for willing workers in the mission field.

We have changed our League class back to Sunday night, and we have elected Bro. Everett Keiffer and Bro. Oliver Lindle as sponsors. Bro. Keiffer and Bro. Lindle are two of our young preachers. We believe this change will create new interest in the League class and will also be good training for our young preachers. We desire your prayers for our leaders and the class.

We meet each Monday night and sing. If you are in Tulsa on Monday night, we will be glad to have you come out and help us. We will have some new books and we believe you will like the songs.

"To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen." Jude, 25th verse.

## MT. VERNON, MISSOURI State Sanatorium

Dear Gem Family:

Just a few lines to let you know that Ruth and I are both feeling fine, and I feel that the Lord is still with us. I only ask that you, dear brothers and sisters, continue to pray for us, please, and I feel sure you will, and that God will hear you.

I received a very nice and encouraging letter a few days ago from Sister Alpha Jane Wilson of Drynob, Mo. It was very highly appreciated. Only a shut-in, or one who has been a shut-in, knows just how much good a few words of cheer does. We have received quite a number of helpful letters from different ones during the six months we have been here in the Sanatorium. Several of them were from people whom we have never met, and we certainly appreciated them all.

I just want to wish each and everyone of the dear "Gem" family a very bright and happy Christmas.

A sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Opal Frazier.



## GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Flint, Michigan

Rev. Winford Davis, Pastor  
Carl B. Raysdale, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

We are all laborers together in God's vineyard.

We, the General Baptist, thank God for sending Bro. Davis our way, and for his soul stirring messages.

We have a real live Sunday school with an attendance running between 125 and 150. The building is practically filled at both morning and evening services.

On November 12th, we had a busy day, Sunday school, preaching service with one conversion and two members received into the church, in the morning service. In the afternoon, a Men's Meeting where a "Men's Building Aid Society" was organized for the purpose of lifting the debt on the church so we will have a permanent place to worship God, and work for the salvation of souls.

In the evening service, we had a message from Rev. 16:13-16 by our pastor, and the convicting Spirit of God was apparent upon the unsaved.

We were glad to welcome Brother Willey to Michigan, and may God speed the time when he can return to his great work in Panama.

I will close, asking the Gem family to pray for us that we may be drawn into a closer walk with Him.

## The Niangua Quarterly Meeting

The Niangua Quarterly Meeting met at our Pleasant Ridge Church in Hickory County, Missouri on October 26, 1939, at 2:00 p. m.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Frank Linton. Text, Exodus 8:28. The meeting was properly organized and the general line of business was taken up.

At 7:30 p. m., Eld. W. F. Millard filled the stand, followed by J. P. Highfill of Springfield, Mo.

Came together at 8:00 a. m. Friday morning. General business was taken up, queries and items of business were discussed. The Free Will Baptist Gem was presented by Elder Frank Linton, and a goodly number of subscriptions were taken just before the preaching hour.

Eld. Kenneth Turner of Granby, Mo., filled the stand at 11:00 a. m., using for his text, Malachi 3:10. Subject, "Tithing."

A fine dinner was spread in the yard at noon for every one present.

Called together at 1:30 p. m. by the Moderator. The afternoon was spent in business.

The stand was filled at 7:30 by Eld. Lee Spain, followed by Eld. G. W. Sturdevant. Communion and Foot-washing were observed and enjoyed by a large number.

The stand was filled again at 11:00 a. m. Saturday by Eld. Lee Spain

The meeting voted to meet with our Green Mountain Church in Wright County on the 28th of December, 1939, with Eld. Jess K. Mace to preach the Introductory sermon.

Eld. W. F. Millard delivered the farewell address.

Eld. W. F. Millard, Mod.  
Gilbert Percival, Clerk

## TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers:

Again, I will report our work. The last time we reported, we had just arrived at Tulsa and begun a revival here in the Free Will Baptist church with Bro. Melvin Bingham. From the very beginning God began to work, and when God begins the Devil begins, also.

There was a chain of prayer that began at the beginning of the revival and continued until the last service. Two days the chain of prayer began at early dawn and continued throughout the day; someone coming at the end of each hour and taking up the prayer. Heaven was reached and results came.

God promises us in 2 Chron. 7:14; "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." We found his promises true. After a few straight forward messages to the church and a few days of prayer, souls began to come forward and bow at an old fashioned altar of prayer and pray through to a definite experience with God. Souls were saved almost every service up to and including the very last service, which was one of the very best services; with four souls finding God, among whom was a father, mother and son, who immediately followed their conversion by uniting with the church. There were 35 conversions in all.

We enjoyed working with the Tulsa Free Will Baptist church and especially with Bro. Bingham and his family of singers. For some time Sister Bingham and her two daughters, Alveta and Bertha May, had longed for some lady who could sing tenor so they could have a ladies quartette. We found that Mrs. Zinn had a good tenor voice, so with some practice they were able to sing together. We had the privilege of being with Bro. Bingham and his gospel singers in their broadcast over KOME on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The program consists of an orchestra (personal), Violin, Mr. Charlie Gebhart; pianist, Mary Gebhart; guitar, Richard Day and Ray Bumgardner; bass violin, Junior Tomlinson. Ladies Junior Quartet, Zedavern Gebhart, soprano; Bettie Mickel, alto; Georgie Mickel, tenor; and Mary Gedhart, bass accompanied by orchestra. Ladies Quartet, Mrs. Bertha May Keiffer, soprano; Mrs. Opal Bingham, alto; Mrs. Belva Zinn, tenor; Miss Alveta Bingham, bass; and Marvin P. Dalton, pianist. Mixed Quartet, Mrs. Bertha May Keiffer, soprano; Mrs. Opal Bingham, alto; Mr. Marvin P. Dalton, tenor; Mr. Everett Keiffer, bass; and Miss Alveta Bingham, pianist. Radio announcer, Rev. Melvin Bingham.

Our next meeting will be with Sister Elda Crane at Granby, Missouri. We ask your prayers that God will bless our efforts.

—Eld. F. C. Zinn and wife, Belva

## A GREAT REVIVAL In Arkansas

Clipped from The Jaylin Globe

Kingston, Ark., Oct. 31 — One of the most spectacular religious ceremonies ever conducted in this community was held Sunday afternoon at the Kings River bridge on highway 68 near here, when 59 persons, holding hands, were led into the river and emerged by the Rev. Jacob Gage. A crowd estimated at 1,800 witnessed the event.

The old fashioned baptismal service was held as the conclusion to a two-week's revival meeting held by Mr. Gage, a former Carroll County resident but now of Locust Grove, Okla.

The ages of those baptized ranged from 15 to 65 years, most of them being middle aged persons.

Mr. Gage, who is a Free Will Baptist, said 131 conversions had been recorded during the revival.





# POEMS



## SAMPLES

*Mrs. O. V. Tadlock, Batesville, Ark.*

As I sit and watch a sunset,  
On a quiet summer day,  
I think of all the beauty  
In the land of endless day.  
And I wonder if the sunset  
Is a sample bright and fair,  
Of the beauty in that City  
We shall enter over there.

As I listen to the music  
Of the birds in spring's bright days,  
I think how sweet it is in heaven  
To hear sweet songs always.  
And I wonder if the bird's songs  
Are but samples sweet and clear,  
Of the music by the angels  
We hope some day to hear.

As I look into the blue eyes  
Of my baby girl so sweet,  
I think of the little angles  
Who are there at Jesus' feet.  
And I wonder if our babies  
Are but samples planted here,  
To remind us of the sweetness  
Where we'll never shed a tear.

As I think of my dear parents  
And the love they show for me,  
I'm reminded of my Savior  
Who gave His life for me.  
And I wonder if our parents  
Are but samples of the love,  
We shall see inside the portal  
Of that happy land above.

## Helping Others at Christmas

*Mrs. Opal Frazier, Mt. Vernon, Mo.*

'Twas on a bright and joyous morn,  
When Christ our Lord and King  
was born,  
God sent a bright and shining star,  
To guide the Wise Men from afar.  
They fell and worshipped the infant  
fair,  
And brought precious gifts and  
placed them there,  
They thanked the God of Heaven above,  
For sending down this child of Love.

God sent this Savior from above,  
To fill our hearts with peace and  
love,  
To bring the lost and dying in,  
To save us from a world of sin.

So on this happy birthday,  
Of our Lord and Savior dear,  
Let's try to gladden lonely hearts,  
And fill them full of cheer.

And in the Book of Books,  
It says that God is love,  
So we know that helping others,  
Is the will of our Father above.

## MY CHURCH

*Expositor & Homiletic Review, Oct. '37*

My church to me means life;  
The more abundant life, enlarged,  
full-grown;  
Unchanging in a swiftly moving age  
When hope has flown.

My church to me means love;  
An all-embracing love, secure, serene,  
With hands outstretched to help the  
passing throng;  
With self unseen.

My church to me means rest;  
A quiet, peaceful rest, calm and  
complete;  
Unbroken by the din of worldly strife;  
The soul's retreat.

My church to me means home;  
A happy, cheerful home, within whose  
walls  
An undivided circle kneels in prayer,  
As evening falls.

My church to me means God;  
An understanding God who loves His  
own;  
Who weeps the sinner and consoles the  
saints,  
When tempest blown.

My church to me means Christ;  
A sympathetic Christ, with boundless  
love,  
Who will not rest until each wayward  
child  
Is safe above.

My church to me means hope;  
A never failing hope when night  
descends,  
For in that hour it lights the evening  
lamp  
And comfort sends.

My church to me means faith;  
Triumphant faith, that clears the  
cluttered way  
Toward that City where for us awaits  
Eternal day. —Geo. W. Wiseman

## LISTEN, SMOKERS

*Contributed by Rev. Sam H. Marcum*

I have walked in summer's meadows  
When the sunbeams flashed and broke;  
But I never saw the horses, sheep or  
the cattle smoke.

I have watched the world with wonder  
When the grass with dew was wet;  
But I never saw a robin puffing on a  
cigarette.

I have fished in many a river  
When the sucker crop was ripe,  
But I never saw a catfish puffing at  
a pipe.

Man is the only living creature  
That parades this earth below,  
Like a snorting traction engine  
Puffing smoke from ears and nose.

If God had intended when He first  
invented man  
That he'd smoke, He would have built  
him on a wider and different plan.

He would have built him with a smoke  
stack, a damper and a grate.  
And He would have a smoke consumer  
that was strickly up to date.

## THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

*Mrs. Griff Harrison, Thayer, Mo.*

Christmas is coming, with all of its  
cheer,  
The happiest time of all the year;  
It's the birth of our Lord, so we recall.  
How He suffered on the cross for the  
sins of us all.

So let's pay a part of the great debt  
we owe,  
As through this pilgrim life we go;  
Let's tell the world till all will know,  
Jesus' blood cleanses whiter than snow.

How He left His home in Glory,  
And in the form of a precious babe,  
Took up a weary life's journey  
From the cradle to the grave.

All the good that He accomplished,  
No mortal tongue can ever tell;  
As in the Garden of Gethsemane,  
His prayerful voice arose and fell.

As the sweat stood on His forehead,  
Like great drops of blood;  
No one knew how His heart was aching  
But the dear Father above.

"Not my will, but thine, O Father,"  
Was the prayer that He prayed,  
And God gave Him the victory  
Over Death, Hell and the Grave.

And so, like the wise shepherds,  
Who followed His Star;  
Let us worship our Saviour,  
But not from afar.

Let's not foolishly spend our money  
For liquor, strong drinks nor beer;  
But let's fill some lonely heart  
With comfort and heavenly cheer.

Let us follow the footsteps of Jesus,  
Though the path be filled with thorns;  
It will be worth everything,  
Just to rest in Jesus' loving arms.



**Standing At The Portal of 1940***By Gweneth Tally, Aurora, Missouri*

Standing at the portal of the opening  
year,  
Words of comfort meet us, hushing  
every fear;  
Spoken thru the silence, by our  
Father's voice  
Tender, strong and faithful, making  
us rejoice.

I, the Lord, am with thee, be thou  
not afraid,  
I will keep and strengthen, be thou  
not dismayed,  
Yea, I will uphold thee, with my own  
right hand  
Thou art called and chosen in my  
sight to stand.

He will never fail us, He will not  
forsake,  
His eternal covenant, He will never  
break.  
Resting on His promise, what have we  
to fear?  
God is all sufficient for the coming  
year.

**Missouri State Mission****President Speaks***By Eunice Miller, Flat River, Mo.*

Dear Mission Workers:

I would like, so much, to drop in and have a nice visit with every Mission Circle in the state of Missouri. But that seems to be impossible so I am doing what I think is next best, by writing to you all through our paper. I just want to say now before I go farther with my letter, "I want to thank the Lord and all the people that have made it possible for us to have a church paper." I am wondering if any of us fully realize what the paper means to us as individuals and also as a denomination. I'm afraid there are not many of us that do. But I'm sure we all enjoy the good sermons and letters we receive from each other through the *Gem*.

I would be so happy if more of our Mission workers would write to the paper. When we get the paper I always turn through it to see who all has written to the paper, and I am especially pleased when I see a letter from some Mission Circle in Flat River.

We meet most every Wednesday in the church basement and spend most of the day there. We have a stove, dishes, cooking utensils and a long table, so each of us bring something along to help out with the dinner and

we cook and eat together; and do we enjoy it. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us. Some quilt, some do embroidery work, some piece quilts and then some cook dinner and wash the dishes. After dinner we have our devotional services.

We have been blessed with the privilege of having one of our national workers with us the last four weeks. Bro. and Sister McAdams are in a revival at our church and they and also the pastor have eaten dinner with us and have been with us in the devotionad service. We surely did enjoy having them with us. They made some splendid talks and told us some things about the Mission work in some of the other states which was a great inspiration to us. God bless our Mission workers everywhere.

Our Mission Circle has just recently brought a piano bench and also voted to send one dollar a month for twelve months to our state mission treasure in church extension work. I wonder how many of you know about this plan? I'm sure all of you do who attended our State Association. As some of you have pledged your support I trust there hasn't been a one of you went home and forgot it. If you have, please take it up at once with your Mission Circle, or maybe an individual who was not at the Association would like to pledge their support to this very worthy cause.

The plan is this: Just as quickly as we create sufficient funds, we will place on the field a strong and able preacher to go into the cities and other likely places and organize new Free Will Baptist churches. This plan was discussed with a great deal of enthusiasm at our last State Association. If you have not contributed to it, we would be so glad for you to send an offering or monthly pledge. I promised at the State meeting that I would take it up with my Mission Circle and also our young peoples League when I got back home and I did. They both responded gladly and voted to send in one (1) dollar a month for twelve months.

Send your offerings to Miss Esther Apple, 501 Lincoln Avenue, Aurora, Missouri.

Yours in the interest of the Cause,

—Eunice A. Miller

**Ohio Pine Creek Q. Meeting**

The Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting convened with the Eifort church, Nov. 25, 1939. Eld. Walter Doll was chosen moderator; Eld. J. A. Kemper, ass't moderator.

After completing the organization, Bro. L. Hall led a praise meeting which lasted for almost two hours. God's spirit was greatly felt.

At noon a fine dinner was served at the church by the good people of the Eifort church.

Sixteen of our seventeen churches reported by delegates and letters; one came in later. The churches are doing fine. Some great revivals were reported. One church reported 40 saved and the revival still in progress.

Four other Quarterly Meetings sent messengers to sit with us, to whom our good moderator gave a warm welcome. All reported their Quarterly Meetings doing well.

We licensed two fine young men to preach the Gospel for one year, and ordained one deacon.

Two precious souls were saved in the night service.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Bloom Church, 12 miles out of Portsmouth, on route No. 140, on the fourth Saturday in February, 1940.

Reported by Rev. J. A. Kemper.

**Revival Meeting at Blue Eye, Mo.**

Rev. W. K. Weston, of Monett, Mo., pastoring the Free Will Baptist church at Blue Eye, Mo., reports a revival meeting with nine conversions. The meeting began on October 23rd and continued until November 11th. Very good services were attended by more people than has been reported for a long time. The church was greatly revived. Bro. Weston was alone in the meeting.

The conversions reported were among the youth of the community. There is a splendid League at Blue Eye which has been very active for a long time. All three departments function efficiently (junior, intermediate, and senior). All recite before the whole audience and is very interesting. The results of the meeting gives a very encouraging outlook for the future of the League.

Wonderful co-operation was reported among the Christian people of other churches. A baptizing is announced for the first Sunday in December.



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION FUND

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| Madison Co. S.S. Convention (Mo.)   | \$2.54 |
| Nellie Tate, El Dorado, Kans. . .   | 2.00   |
| S. P. Easley, Portales, N. Mex. . . | 5.00   |
| Oak Grove of Mo. State, Norwood,    | 3.00   |
| S. E. Mo. S. S. Convention . . . .  | 4.62   |
| Flat River Church, (Mo.) . . . .    | 15.19  |
| J. R. Thornton, Arcadia, Kans. . .  | 3.09   |
| Rev. & Mrs. Noel Turner, Green-     |        |
| castle, Mo. . . . .                 | 1.00   |
| Shibleys Point Church (N.E. Mo.)    | 1.00   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Finis Miller, Stock-     |        |
| ton, Missouri . . . . .             | 2.00   |
| Mr. & Mrs. W. I. James, Freder-     |        |
| icktown, Mo. . . . .                | 5.00   |
| Oak Grove of Mo. State, Norwood,    | 3.00   |
| Mine La Motte S. S. (Mo.) . . . .   | 1.51   |
| Hazel Creek Union Church (Mo.)      | 12.44  |
| Union 3rd Fork Church (N.W. Mo.)    | 2.25   |
| Amity Church, Niangua, Mo. . . .    | 3.00   |
| Pleasant Grove Church, (S.W. Mo.)   | 1.77   |
| True Blue Class, Neola S. S. (Mo.)  | 1.00   |
| Neola Mission Circle (Mo.) . . . .  | 1.00   |
| Lloyd Jeffries, Greenfield Mo. . .  | 5.90   |

If your gift is not mentioned in this list, please bear with us as we get mail at two or three different addresses, and sometimes, we don't make it around to get our mail for a few days; but we always get it sooner or later. So if your gift is not mentioned here, it will be reported next month.

We are certainly gratified for the way the Foreign Mission money is coming in. Please don't slack up. Just keep it coming. We are glad to make mention that our National Secretary has been saying some good things about the way Missouri has been giving for Foreign Missions.

— Winford Davis, Sec.

## The Oklahoma City Free Will Baptist League

We are just a little Free Will Baptist church asking prayers and friendship from our fellow churches.

We wish to tell you something about our league. Several times we have organized league, but for some reason we lost interest and it would die. So how could our visitors be interested? But this time we have really gotten down to business. We reorganized our league November 5. We elected Brother Warden general president, Gordon Andrews assistant president, Sister Davis secretary and treasurer.

and Sister Layton assistant secretary and treasurer. Rev. B. T. Kirby, pastor, acted as moderator. Our group was divided into the adult, senior, and junior classes. Each class is striving to do its best.

For a small church, our adult class is large, but our junior and senior classes could be greatly improved. We must make our League so interesting that it will shine above the things of the world, so that the young people will turn, as did the shepherds of old when they saw the Star, wonder and seek to find what dare to shine forth so bright into the night. When we get them, our task is then to keep them, and make them one with us in Christ. This can only be done by prayer. We are seeking prayers and advice from those who have already reached the mountain top with their League work.

Correspondent,  
Geraldine Warden

## Mo. State Evangelist's Report Sam Marcum, Evangelist

Dear Co-Workers in the Lord:

In our last report, we were just beginning a revival at the Union Third Fork Church, where we had our State Association. I am sure those who were there will remember the temporal and spiritual feasts while there, and some from the South will remember that after the rain there was some mud.

We were there four weeks. We had some wonderful services, and four professed faith in Christ. Bro. Kenneth Turner, the good pastor, was with us over his appointment. Bro. Turner has done a good work in that community the past four years.

We have been here at the Philadelphia Church, near Santa Rosa, Mo., two weeks. One profession has been made thus far. Bro. and Sister Wellbaum have moved to Santa Rosa. Sister Wellbaum is pastor of this church, and also Center Point Church, which is three miles from here. There is some of the Salt of the Earth here, and also in the Third Fork Church. May God bless all these dear people.

From here, we are going to Connellsville Church in the Northeast Missouri Association.

While in these meetings, we conducted street services, using our Loud Speaker, in the following towns:

Stewartville, Clarksdale, Easton, and Hemple, also in Santa Rosa and Pattonsburg. We thank the good Lord for our speaker and for those who have made it possible for us to have it, and also our Trailer House. The Lord has been supplying our payments each month for which we give Him praise.

We ask that the Gem Family remember us in your prayers.

Sam & Daisy Marcum,  
Home Address, 111 South Walnut St.,  
Cameron, Missouri.

## MINE LA MOTTE, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Since I am sending my renewal, together with two other subscriptions, I would like to make a brief report of our undertaking at Mine La Motte.

Let me say, first of all, we have a very faithful pastor, Rev. Wm. Reeves. It can truthfully be said of him that he leaves nothing undone that he thinks will help his church. We have church services every Sunday and Sunday night; also Sunday school and league every Sunday. We also have a Home Mission Circle which has been a great help to our church, especially in the last year.

Last December we started a building and repair program which, when completed, will add much to the appearance and efficiency of our church. Some of the improvements include the installing of an electric light plant, covering the building with siding shingle, placing of two windows in the front of the church and minor repairs. Funds have been raised for other improvements both inside and outside the building and on the ground. We wish to thank everyone who has given either cash or labor for these repairs.

We should say too, that much credit for this work should be given our former pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd; both worked untiringly with us last year.

We believe the foreign mission program is one of our duties and we take a special offering each month for this program.

Remember us, at Mine La Motte, when you pray.

— Alta Matthews

## OBITUARIES

**WRIGHT** — William B. Wright was born in Stone County, Missouri on April 12, 1879, and departed this life at his home in Aurora, Missouri on November 22, 1939 at 4:20 a. m. Age 60 years, 7 months and 10 days.

He was united in marriage to Martha Jane McCollough on April 3, 1898. To this union was born two sons: Arthur Ulman who departed this life October 12, 1917 at the age of 19 years, and James Edmon, of Marionville, Mo.

He was later united in marriage to Addie Hutton on April 28, 1934, and lived a happy life until death. Mrs. Wright and the son, Edmond were devoted in administering to him in his illness.

He lived a Christian life during his last years.

Those surviving besides the wife and son are one brother and five sisters, three grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the Free Will Baptist church in Aurora with Rev. John B. Rollins officiating, and the King Funeral Service in charge. Burial was made in the Wright Cemetery east of Hurley, Mo.

Brother Wright left plenty of evidence that all was well with his soul. He said he was ready to go, and he urged his son to become a Christian.

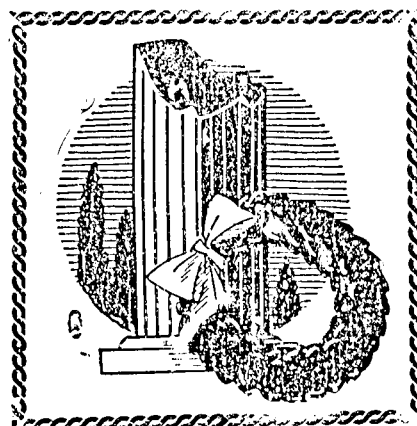
Mrs. Wright is a devoted Christian and her sorrows were made lighter because of her husband's hope of heaven. May God bless her.

**WILKERSON** — C. E. Wilkerson, son of the late Cephus and Nellie Wilkerson, was born December 27, 1888 at Palmer, Missouri and passed away October 24, 1939, 6:30 a. m. at his home in Flat River, after an illness of several months. At the time of his death he was 50 years, 9 months and 27 days of age.

He was united in marriage to Rose Ettie Furry June 10, 1910, at Farmington, Missouri. To this union five children were born, three of whom with the wife survive. They are Irvin of St. Louis, and Mildred and Earlene of the home. One son, Othel, and one daughter, Edlene, preceded him in death. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Charley and Rondie Wilkerson, of St. Louis and three sis-

ters, Mrs. Laura Hodge of Bernie, Arkansas, Mrs. Sallie White, Rockford, Illinois, and Mrs. Pearl Henderson of Desloge, Missouri, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Bro. Wilkerson was converted 27 years ago and was at the time of his death a member of the Esther church of the Nazarene.



He lived an unusually devoted Christian life, and his memory lingers like sweet incense to bless the lives of those who knew him. He was a devoted and loving husband and father, a friend to those in need, daily putting into practice the golden rule.

He will be sadly missed but we will mourn not as those who have no hope, for one of his last requests was that we all prepare to meet him in the morning of the resurrection just inside the gates of pearl.

### FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Report of Fifth Sunday Meeting held October 29, 1939 with the Notch Mound church near Centralia, Okla.

At 11:00 o'clock a. m., Song service; followed by sermon by Bro. Crain.

Testimony meeting.

Dismissed for noon.

Moderator, Charlie Landreth, appointed for pulpit committee, Bro. Frank Jones, Bro. Roy Ivie, and Bro. Pierce.

The afternoon session was opened with a song service. Prayer by Bro. Frank Jones.

Special song by some Notch Mound folks, "What A Friend We Have In Mother."

Sermon by Bro. Crain; text was

taken from Thes. 5:27.

Song by Mrs. Rogers of Miami. "There's Going To Be A Meeting By and By."

Song by young people from Picher. "Jesus Hold My Hand."

We then had a message by Bro. Easterly on "The Love of God." Text John 15:12.

Special song from Notch Mound. "The Great Speckled Bird."

Duet by Erma and Ray Easterly, "The Sea of Galilee."

Sermon by Bro. T. E. L. Curry whose text was "The word."

Special song by Picher, "Anywhere Is Home."

We then had a talk by Sister Elda Crain. An altar call was given. Several young men and young women asked an interest in prayer that they might soon become Christians. One young man and one young mother came to the altar for prayer.

Song by Ray and Erma Easterly, "What Would You Give."

The next meeting will be held with the church at Granby where Sister Elda Crain is pastor.

—Geneva Lamb, Clerk

### Third Free Will Baptist Church St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

I am writing a few lines to let you know how we are getting along. We have been having a revival meeting, and we sure had a fine spiritual time, although we didn't have many souls saved. Bro. Vestal of Lebanon is a very fine man; also Bro. Lewis.

Our prayer meeting attendance has been good with spiritual interest.

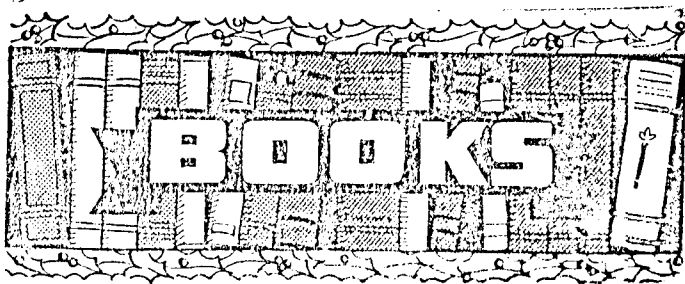
Our league is coming along fine, with good attendance, and very interesting Bible lessons.

In Sunday school we receive great blessings studying our lessons in our classes. Five of our Sunday school workers went to the Sunday School Convention at Desloge a few Sundays ago. We had a fine time and there was a full house present. The next meeting will be held with our Third Free Will Baptist Church, 1330 Geyer Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., and we are looking forward to a great meeting.

F. McCauley

1622 Hickory Street





## Is This Your Library?

I see enough room in your library for another book—Let that be Butler-Dunn Theology!

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| Eld. T. H. Willey (Missionary) | 22½ |
| Eld. Winford Davis             | 13½ |
| Eld. Frank Linton              | 10  |
| Eld. W. K. Weston              | 9   |
| Eld. Cecil Campbell            | 4   |
| Eld. Sam H. Marcum             | 4   |
| Holy Kerns                     | 4   |
| Dorothy Bush                   | 3   |
| Alta Matthews                  | 3   |
| Eld. Curtis Wilson             | 3   |

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