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## What This World Needs

Mildred Milligan, Highland Park, Mich.

What this world needs is Jesus,  
To guide our every step;  
He can always reach us—  
He can always give us help.

No matter where we're staying,  
But if we are in need,  
He will hear our praying  
And our prayers He'll heed.

When doors to war are opening  
And with fear we run to hide,  
Look to Jesus, He will help you,  
And your every step He'll guide.

If this world had Jesus,  
No trouble then would come,  
Every thing would please us  
And God could say "Well done."

This world would be like Heaven  
No sorrow, pain nor care,  
If every one would obey Him,  
Why! He'd be everywhere.

But its been said in days of old,  
These trying times must come;  
But if we trust, He'll make us bold  
Until He calls us home.



## Looking Ahead With the Editors



Herbert L. Henderson

### BRO. ENNIS COMING TO MO.

Rev. L. R. Ennis of Goldsboro, North Carolina, our National Executive Secretary, is coming to Missouri to put our Free Will Baptist enterprises into action. Missouri bids him welcome, and everything is in order to receive him.

Bro. Ennis asked the editor to plan a tour among the churches, beginning March 11th and ending March 23rd. We have arranged 14 appointments for this limited time. We regret that we are unable to send him to every church, for we know Bro. Ennis to be a man of God and he will have items of our highest interests to present.

Here is his itinerary in detail:

Mar. 11—Tues. night .. Monett church  
 Mar. 12—Wed. night .. Neola church  
 Mar. 13—Thur. night .. Hannon church  
 Mar. 14—Fri. night, Carterville church  
 Mar. 15—Sat. night .... Merl's Chapel  
 Mar. 16—Sun. morning, Monett church  
 Mar. 16—Sun. night .. Aurora church  
 Mar. 17—Mon. night .. Mine La Motte  
 Mar. 18—Tue. night .. Wortham church  
 Mar. 19—Wed. night .. Desloge church  
 Mar. 20—Thur. night .... Union Light  
 Mar. 21—Fri. night, 3rd ch. St. Louis  
 Mar. 22—Sat. night ... Fredericktown  
 Mar. 23—Sun. morning ... Leadington  
 Mar. 23—Sun. night, Flat River church

We urge these churches to be sure to hear Bro. Ennis.

### SUMMER SCHOOL NOTES

Last month, we presented the plan for a summer Bible conference, of about two weeks duration, to be conducted by Rev. L. R. Ennis. We asked for a response from our minis-

ters from various parts of the state to see if their interest would justify an effort in further planning. We have not been disappointed.

Rev. C. M. Dauber of Hemple, (Northwest) Missouri was the first to reply. His response was highly favorable. He suggests a time immediately after the National Association, because he can make *one* set of arrangements for a three weeks' leave-of-absence easier than he could make *two* sets of arrangements for two different leave-of-absence. In other words, he wants to gain two objectives with one enterprise—"kill two birds with one stone."

Since the National Association is to be in Oklahoma, Bro. Dauber can attend the Association and the Bible school with only one trip southward, thus saving expenses—and we Missouri ministers have to be conservative on expenses.

Bro. Dauber "hit the nail on the head." We had that very time in mind. Now we can say to Ohio ministers, "Stop on your return home, and attend our Bible school."

Two young ministers from central western Missouri wrote in favor of the enterprise, namely Miss Marie Thomas and Mrs. Alice Dickey, from the Missouri side of Arcadia, Kansas.

Bro. Ennis is qualified and is a man of God. He will be here in a few days, then we will set definite plans in order, and communicate with those interested on this page in succeeding issues. In the meantime, we would like to hear from other ministers who are interested so that we might know to what extent to plan.

### THE NATIONAL ASS'N.

It may be a little early to mention going to the National Association, but to those who attend the associations regularly, this is a good subject the year around.

The National Association meets with the Free Will Baptist Church in Drumright, Oklahoma during the week of July 14-18, 1941.

The Women's Auxiliary Convention begins on Monday night, July 14, and holds sessions through Tuesday.

The introductory sermon for the Association will be preached on Tuesday night, July 15. Sessions will continue through the week, or until the business is completed.



John B. Rollins

### GEM OFFICE ESCAPES LOSS

Mr. Herbert Henderson, active Associate Editor of the *Gem*, was classified in Class 1-A in the National Draft, and was subject to a call to military training.

We were very much concerned. We would not be branded as unpatriotic, but to give up Herbert would certainly cripple our office. Herbert is especially trained as our linotype operator. He received his call for a physical examination and the doctor pronounced him "underweight". He is with us now to help carry on our growing business. We are thankful and have plans set for increased services to our people.

### TREATISE DELAYED

We had promised the sale of the new Treatise by February 15. Right when they were almost in the act of coming off the press, we suffered a misfortune. We are delayed 30 days in our progress to success. If our people can hold their breath 10 days longer, all orders will be cheerfully filled.

This experience cost us \$30.00 actual cash and the loss of time which is so valuable to us. This means we are going to have to run faster to make up the delinquency, and we will appreciate abundant orders, beginning March 12.

We will not accept postage stamps for payment on orders for Treatise.

Price 25c each; \$2.50 per dozen.



# Denominational Enterprises

## Our Challenge: A Bible School

Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Second Vice President, National Women's Auxiliary  
705 E. Simmons St., Goldsboro, N. C.

Dear Women of our National Body of Free Will Baptists:

**A**S YOU PLAN your work for the year of 1941, May I urge you to give our Educational Program careful consideration. I understand that Rev. L. R. Ennis, our National Executive Secretary, is already receiving applications from prospective students. The demands are becoming so great that we must work quickly, or those who are pressing us for an institution of learning will be forced to seek training elsewhere. Once again, we have built up the hopes of our young people that they are soon to have a place to go to be trained for efficient service in the Master's Vineyard. And, if we fail to make these hopes become a reality, I doubt seriously that our denomination will be able to atone for this disappointment. We are so near the goal that we must know nothing but victory! May I dare to challenge our women thus: *We shall work so ardently from now until our National Association convenes in July that it can be said of us that the efforts of the women of the denomination determined the opening of the school in September 1941.*

To those of you who have not already laid your plans, may I offer to you the coin bank method of raising money. Secure coin banks for each member of your society, and distribute as many as possible to the remaining members of your church, urging that they keep them in a conspicuous place in the home and deposit offerings in them as often as possible. Have them collected each month in your society, or in one of your regular church services. Rev. J. R. Davidson has a wonderful plan he is using in his church, and I am sure he would be glad for me to pass it on to you. At a specific time each month, the banks are emptied into envelopes with the donor's name and the amount written on each. At the close of the

pastor's message, he gives the members an opportunity to file by and drop these envelopes in a container placed on the table before the altar. These coin banks may be secured by mail order from any church supply house, or probably from a local 5 and

10 cents store. The small salad dressing jars are being used by some societies, and, with a slot cut in the lid, make very desirable containers. I am asking each local Aid Society to begin your campaign at once, and be sure to report to your district second vice president your accomplishments. I am appealing to all State Second Vice Presidents to do all in your power to put this plan across in the state which you reside. Send all money to Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas.

## Over the Top for Education! Bryan, Texas Church & One Dollar Per Day Plan

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

**C**HRISTMAS, with all of its demands in a financial way, did not prevent the Bryan Church from going over the top again with its dollar per day for the educational program. The final count shows that we received \$44.00 from the banks plus \$3.00 personal donations, making a total of \$47.00 for the month of December. Our receipts for November gave us \$55.41, which makes a total of \$102.41 for the sixty-one days. Thus, we are \$41.41 ahead with our pledge. I do not know what you think of this, but I am frank to say that I am proud of this record, and proud of my congregation for making it possible. However, this is not an achievement out of reach of any pastor and congregation who wishes to make the record; but I will say, Brother Pastor, you will have to be the leading example. When we began on this plan I said, "Give me bank number one." Hence the folk followed the example. This is a most simple plan, and one that can be used by any church however small or large. Some can not raise as much as Bryan Church; but some are able to raise more. Remember that the basis is: full time churches **ONE DOLLAR PER DAY**, half time churches **FIFTY CENTS PER DAY**, and quarter time churches **TWENTY FIVE CENTS PER DAY**.

I should like to tell you that the Bryan Church is not alone in its effort. For the Blue Lake Church near Anderson, Texas, scored an "over the top" victory during the month of November. I have not heard from them as to December returns yet. Although they have only about thirty members, and have only one preaching service each month, that being an afternoon service, they came up with quite a bit more than their twenty-five cents per day. In fact, they turned in \$11.45. Now, if this little congregation can do such a noble job, why can't every congregation in the nation fall in line? I believe that they will, if the preachers encourage them to do so. Brother Minister, will you make this special effort at your next appointment? For any information needed, you may write to Rev. L. R. Ennis, Executive Secretary, 709 Park Avenue, Goldsboro, North Carolina, or to me at Bryan, Texas.

The question will naturally arise as to how this will affect the financial support of other causes. This may be answered by those churches trying it, so I will tell you what I know about the two churches with which I am working. The Blue Lake Church has raised as much for pastoral support and regular incidentals, and has raised money for the painting of their house of worship, and co-operated in the



Annual Superannuation Celebration, and gave the pastor one of the finest showers of good things for the family's use you can imagine. The Treasurer of the Bryan church gave me a check for half of my salary for the month of January, and said, "We do not owe anybody a dollar." This church has given for all phases of our National program just the same, looked after many benevolent objects, and gave the pastor and his family the greatest Christmas shower of any given since we came here; in fact it was large enough to call it a downpour. Dear Brother Pastor, do not fear to try this plan, for I assure you that other interests will increase with your church making this regular offering for our school. Time is swiftly passing toward the 1941 session of the National Association, so get your congregation to adopt the plan, elect a sponsor and get busy. You will be surprised at the hearty response.

A letter has reached me lately that came from a sister in another state. In this communication the Bryan Church was commended highly for its achievements through this plan, and she stated that her church had voted to adopt the plan but that it had not got it into operation yet. Permit me to say that the plan is simple, but not efficacious enough to operate of

itself. It requires some effort, but a limited effort will work wonders. It was further stated in the letter that the proposition would be presented to her Quarterly (Union) Meeting. May we all join in prayer for a promoter of this plan in every church, and a general promoter in every district. Do you remember that your Educational Board promised to open school next September on condition that you would raise \$15,000.00? If only you will fall in line with this simple plan it will be done. Many are going to pay their larger individual pledges, so will churches and auxiliaries; putting it all together will spell victory.

The mind which led in Nehemiah's building program for rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem will prove to be productive in our educational program, if only the Nehemiahs (Pastors) will lead out in faith in the proposition. The secret of the success with which Nehemiah was associated is revealed in the Book which bears his name, chapter 4: verse 6. "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." I am sure that every one can see the application to our present situation. The same faith and persistence in all our ranks will work similar wonders now.

in tract and in the New Testament, making friends with them, then later organizing Sunday schools and preaching services. So you see it is still the call to pioneer work—going with the gospel where it has never been before.

As we labor we do not expect to re-make the world, in which we find ourselves, as much as we would love to see it. We do not expect the salvation of the world but we do, with all our power, engage to evangelize and seek to carry the message to all men in all the world. How much of the responsibility we shall assume in this task shall depend on each of us. As we consider the needs, even here in Cuba, we almost despair. We can multiply our service. This is easily possible, but this can only be done as our people in the States respond. So we are appealing to you, who read these lines, to be obedient, prayerful and share with us the ministry of evangelizing Latin America.

We want you to pray definitely for the following things:

1. The ability of your missionaries to fill efficiently this place of great need. The things we shall need under this are:

- a. A great measure of health.
- b. A continued and increasing mastery of the language.
- c. The wisdom from above, which shall make us soul winners.

2. The increase of finance. This makes it possible for us to carry on.

a. There are personal obligations we have assumed. We brought our little Gospel car. Gas must be bought at thirty cents per gallon.

b. The horse which will take us over roads that are impassable by other means.

We are counting on the ranks of the faithful few within our denomination being enlarged as the months fly by in the cause of carrying the message.

If we could send any personal message to any association or church, which might help you to better understand the work, write to us and we will endeavor to do our best to correspond. It takes about four days by ordinary mail to reach us from the States—air mail over night, costing about ten (10) cents, if you use thin paper and envelope.

I think, by this time, our change of address is listed in both papers.

May God richly bless you as you share with us an interest in the unevangelized of Cuba.

## Evangelize Latin America

*T. H. Willey, the Missionary*

Anglo-American Hospital  
Havana, Cuba

**T**HIS LETTER, as you see, is written from a hospital. Tommie had an accident. He fell from a shed and broke his arm. It was a bad break, so I am staying in with him until the swelling goes down enough to set it.

We are finding a place of great need and doing our best to fill it. Both Mrs. Willey and I are teaching four days of the week and shall be preaching now as we become adjusted to the field. I shall need for the field soon, a good heavy horse to reach the surrounding valleys.

Saturday afternoon Mr. Pain, the students and I went out and climbed a small mountain, overlooking a beautiful valley filled with royal palms and sugar cane fields. Within two miles we counted over 25 homes. This valley represented about 200 people.

Cuba, in the province between Havana and Matanza, has the richest population and is unevangelized in the rural sections. This is the task we are committed to—an effort to penetrate with the Gospel these neglected sections, estimated at having 90 persons to the square mile. With a heavy horse we could go with the message by personal testimony, written



*Mr and Mrs. T. H. Willey*



# History of Missions in Latin America

*T. H. Willey, the Missionary*

POSSIBLY a little history of modern missions in Latin America will help us to understand the difficulties that have been faced during the past century. A century past, Rev. John Dempster landed in Buenos Aires, the capitol of that great Republic of Argentina. We, of this age, cannot grasp the sentiments that moved the heart of that early pioneer. He was a lonely pioneer, landing on those strange shores.

A man by the name of Rosas was then dictator. He had assumed the reins of authority on condition that "extra-ordinary powers" be granted him. He used those powers to such an extent that the whole country was subject to him; then began a reign of terror. All who opposed him or did not demonstrate fullest allegiance to his regime were ordered to be shot. There was no time for a trial. On one occasion he ordered his soldiers to cut the throats of 1,500 men who had surrendered, hoping to receive mercy. By the middle of his career 15,000 persons had been killed and 30,000 driven into exile.

It is hard for us to understand these conditions—they have changed very little during the past century. The president of Venezuela, Gomez, who died just a few years ago, is said to have had over fifty children and for a quarter of a century murdered his political opponents. During the reign of Machado, in Cuba, thousands of the best people in the Island were murdered and fed to the sharks. Machado died just a couple of years past.

Do you know that one week ago we went through one of the most remarkable revolutions ever staged in this republic? Tommie and I were in the Anglo-American hospital. While there, we could feel the tension. Men spoke in whispers about conditions and shook their heads. The remarkable thing about this revolution was it was bloodless and the opponents of Batista were not murdered but escorted out of the country. What is the difference? Democracy, was the watch word. Protestantism has always fostered democracy, freedom of thought, of the press, and of religion.

Such was the condition in Argentina when Dempster arrived in that city, then about 135,000 in population. He could not foresee the growth of the

protestant church the years were to witness in that republic. Dempster was a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Just one year previous the Moravian Brethern began work in Dutch Guiana. H. B. Pratt arrived in Colombia in 1856, and, in 1859, the first protestant services was held in Mexico.

This great continent called Latin America is more than twice the area of Europe and has a population about equal to that of the United States. It contains the longest mountain range and the greatest river system of the world. Its two shores so nearly meet that they can be joined by a canal, and are so widely separated that two months traveling by land and river is necessary to make the crossing.

The great need of Latin America is a continent shaking revival and reformation. This has never happened in all South or Central America. God, alone could foresee the results should there come such a revival as England, Scotland, Wales, and the United States have experienced in its past history. Should this happen it would shake the whole world.

The great need of these people below us is a greater *sin-consciousness*. This is why we are preaching, praying and laboring. Unless we can see, as a result of our preaching, genuine conviction for sin and something more than an effort to gain members of our particular church, we labor in vain.

I am sorry to say I have already been brought face to face with this on the part of those groups now laboring here in Cuba—an effort to work on and work over members of other congregations in an effort to get them to join up with their individual churches. SHAME, when a world of lost men are all around. I am glad to report that last month one humble Cuban pastor, with whom we are associated, had 26 definite conversions to Christ. This is something for which to give praise. This humble pastor is living on \$10.00 per month.

It is a means of sorrow to men of broad Christian views that here in Cuba and in much of Latin America, it cannot be said of the church as in India i.e. The mass movement survey of India has this to say, "There are large areas in India where Christians do not know the names of foreign

churches to which they belong". To some, who want to make church members, this may not be so gratifying, but to those who desire the salvation of the lost and not mere church membership, it is a means of thanksgiving to God. It is better to have a membership of ten, who truly know the power of redeeming love, being born again, and a profound conviction that they must win others for Christ, than a membership of ten thousand who by the mere rites of joining a church are made two-fold harder to reach for Christ.

We want a church here; that is why we are here. But be assured we want a church of truly saved people, who, by the power of the Spirit, have been made members of the *Body of CHRIST* first, and to them we minister the truth of God's Word.

Our labors have taken us into and through the cane fields and over the hills to the neglected and the hungry. I have never had greater liberty in preaching, even in my own tongue, than I have been experiencing here in Cuba. God is giving me command of the languages as never before. It is a joy to see these dear people drinking in the simple gospel message.

We are still restricted in our effort to spread out, due to the lack of a good heavy horse—saddle horse. We need funds to buy a good heavy horse that can stand the punishment under my weight on bad muddy roads.

Our lives here in our mission home is peaceful and quiet. Early in the morning we can hear the rumble of great wheels, eight feet in diameter, drawn by as many as six yoke of oxen, walking so softly we can hear nothing but the rumble of those wheels and the long drawn calls of the driver. Now and then there is the steady cadence of trotting horses as mounted country men pass, and from them comes the soft drift of conversation, to fade softly out as they pass.

The past week has been one very full because of an accident. Tommy has suffered having broken his elbow. There has been a steady stream of visitors to see him and to inquire about him. Our Cuban neighbors are very thoughtful and kind.

So here we are as witnesses of the glorious Gospel of Christ. We are counting on your prayers and interest in this far flung line of Christian advance. In any way we can add to interest in the missionary program, do not hesitate to write us for any information covering the fields of our labor.



## Department of Music

### I Want to See Jesus, Don't You?

*Dr. Leonard Earl Harris 650 East 33rd. Street, Chicago, Illinois*

ONE of the most memorable episodes I have ever experienced in church or revival work was a revival at Piny Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Baufort County, North Carolina, about fifteen years ago. I remember the meeting, chiefly, because of a hymn which left its impression indelibly upon my mind and also the minds of the people of that community. The song, "I Want to See Jesus, Don't You?" by Locke.

At that time I was only seventeen years of age and my experience in song leadership was slight, particularly in evangelistic singing. In fact, I believe it was my first experience outside of my home church and community. I was a guest during that period in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ingalls, very influential members of the Piny Grove Church; Mr. Ingalls filling the office of church organist, clerk and superintendent of the Sunday School. Needless to say they made my visit a very enjoyable one.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Ingalls suggested that we visit a Holy Ghost Revival which was in progress near there. It was a typical southern "Bush Revival" and being my first occasion to visit a meeting of this sect I was somewhat bewildered at their mode of service. In my early home training I have been taught not to criticize anything before looking for the possible good, lest by doing so I became myself the object of criticism. Thus I recognized one lasting good which I shall never forget. It was in their hymn book that I discovered "I Want to See Jesus, Don't You?" We carried a copy of this song back to our own meeting and I sang it for the first time that evening. As the meeting advanced through the week, I was asked to sing that song every night regardless of whatever else I had selected. That meeting was a great inspiration to me and I shall never forget it. Both children and adults were the loveliest to work with that I have ever met, and I think there were tears in the eyes of all as they bid us God-speed.



*Dr. Leonard Earl Harris*

So distinctly had this hymn become a part of the Piny Grove community, and its sister church and community, Rose of Sharon, that when I returned for another revival, exactly ten years to the month later, that I was again asked to sing this song, not only on the first night but all other nights as well. In fact, I believe it was requested even more during this meeting than the former one. As I recall, hardly an evening passed that I was not met by some eager member, as I neared the church door, saying "It is my favorite" or "I have brought a friend whom I especially want you to sing that song for."

The last night of this second revival was perhaps a greater climax than anyone had anticipated. The house was packed and those who could not find room within were crowded eagerly about the entrances. The song service had been unusually joyous and the minister had preached a fine sermon which seemed to have been greatly accepted by the congregation. After the hymn of invitation the minister arose to close the meeting by his farewell benediction. Just then a voice was heard from the rear of the church,

it was one whose calm, vibrant sincerity bespoke patience, toil and suffering and as a result of those characteristics, victory and peace. He was a very dear old friend of all those people, their former pastor who had been retired for a number of years. As he walked to the pulpit and laid his thin worn hand upon the book from which he had read so many passages of scripture, there was an intense silence. All looked admiringly to the man who had organized, built and dedicated their church as he said, "I want you all to be seated again and before we go I want to hear Leonard sing 'I want to See Jesus, Don't You' one more time before I die." I sang, seemingly, as I had never sung before, yet it was not as if I was singing but that God was communing with his people through me. In those few moments the people of Piny Grove saw through mystic vision the glories of Heaven from a higher plane than they had ever seen before. If I remember correctly, there followed four confessions of faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that night. It is needless to say there were happy times for those of us who love our Lord, and know that He has gone to prepare a place for all of us that where He is, there we may be also. In this service we seemed to know more assuredly that we will one day SEE JESUS.

This dear old pastor, the late Reverend Tom Polard, who was my great uncle, was laid to rest by the side of his wife in the Parker's Chapel Cemetery in the fall of 1940. Before passing on he said, "The first thing I want to do when I get to Heaven, is to SEE JESUS, and praise His Holy name."

I am submitting the story of this incident as a means of soliciting stories of other such experiences. I am sure that many pastors and song leaders in our denomination have had such experiences that they would like to relate concerning their favorite hymns. Please send them to me as soon as possible. I hope to be able to use them in some recent work I have been occupied with in Hymnology. If you have accounts of how certain hymns were written I would appreciate a copy of them also.



# 1832--Christian Melody--1941

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**I**MMEDIATELY upon reading my recent article, "Old Hymns Wanted", the Rev. C. M. Dauber of Hemple, Missouri sent me a very prized piece of material. He graciously permitted me to examine it with no penalty if I chanced to keep it a few weeks more than ordinarily would be expected. This book, "Christian Melody", was printed by the Free-will Baptist Connection in the year 1832. It contains the total sum of one thousand hymns, twenty doxologies with a complete index, table of first lines, index of subjects, and index to scripture references. It is to be regretted the fly-leaf and frontice-piece has, perhaps, long ago been severed. However, the book is, otherwise, in perfect condition. The whole of the preface is well preserved and like the rest of the book is in very good condition. This book is one and one-quarter inch thick, two and three quarter inches wide and five inches long. It is bound in genuine leather, with board backs. Since the denomination, as referred to therein, is written as "Free-will Baptist Connection" it would be interesting to know when they dropped the hyphen and capitalized the "W" to the Will. Also, wherever the denomination is mentioned, it has the word "Connection" associated always at the end. I would

like to know why that word is always there, when it was dropped and what its original purpose was.

Many have written me regarding the desired information, but the above book has been, by far, the most informative, and is certainly something to be treasured most highly. Were I the possessor of such a rare book, I venture to say it could not be purchased because I would certainly consider it priceless. As much as I think of it I realize that I must send it back to Brother Dauber very soon, as he does appreciate its value, and more than that it has been handed down to him, and in that way is a token of deep sentiment.

There are many people in our denomination, several of whom I know personally, who could send me any amount of extremely noteworthy materials on just the subject I am interested, but perhaps it will be better to discover what I want in a sort of exploration method.

Some have written to me wanting to sell their valuables up to one thousand dollars for one book similar to the one above described, only this one is much more common, since it is of a more recent publication, 1854. There are several available books of that date. One good lady desired of

me a written and signed contract to give her all royalties from the sale of my compilation if I used any of the materials she possessed, but in order to examine the material I should send her a check for one hundred dollars to pay for that privilege. There are many others I have not time to mention.

It has been my intention, ultimately, to compile a pastor-choir directors hand book. A small unique guide for those who lead the song service in our churches, let it be pastor, choir director, or an active layman. It is my utmost desire to contain in this book a brief historical setting of many of the most used hymns of our denomination. In addition, I should include as much material on the history of our church music as will be possible for me to obtain. Then, I should include some general helps and hints as to how one may best lead the song service and direct a small choir.

Should I produce a book worthy of the name I would not desire any fame for myself; nor would I desire the financial gain. When one learns to forego pleasures that are selfish and foolish it is easy then to do for others with a willing heart. What ever profit might be accomplished or obtained through the sale of such a book would be turned over to the National Free Will Baptist Educational Fund. Consequently, I should like to dedicate such a work to that cause.

## Gospel Sermon Department

### Ye Are the Light of the World

Matthew 5:14

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**B**ELOVED, we shall not attempt to discuss this subject at length, but will briefly try to bring a few thoughts, we think of paramount importance in connection with the text. While "Light" (the opposite of darkness) is the subject or theme principally, let us notice who it is speaking, and to whom, and the purpose for which the words are spoken. We should like to stress particularly the last phrase "Purpose".

But, first, why have light? In the physical sense, that we may see and not grope in darkness. God made the "sun" to rule the day and the "moon" to rule the night. And I can not restrain this thought: He also gave "His only begotten Son" to rule the hearts of men.

Seeing that God willed that we should have light (physically), it is also His will that we have light (Spiritually); and not only so, but that we

should become a part of that "Light", inasmuch, that our very lives would burst forth with the "radiant glow" of the Sunlight of His dear Son.

WE HEAR THE PROPHET SPEAKING, AS RECORDED IN JUDGES 5:31,

"So let all thine enemies perish, O Lord: but let them that love him be as the sun (Son) when he goeth forth in his might." See also Isa. 42:1-9.

WE RECALL, HERE, THE PROPHET AS CONCERNING THE LIGHT AND ITS RESULTS.

Isaiah 60:1-3.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall



arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

*BY AN EYE OF FAITH, WE SEE THIS "LIGHT" BEAMING FORTH ITS RAY OF GLORY, THROUGH THE AGES, EVEN UNTO THE REALMS OF ETERNAL BLISS.* Isa. 60:18-22.

While the preceding passages, according to the Prophet, Visualizes the "Light" of God's glory, through Christ, giving the light unto those who would be saved; and darkness over all who reject Him. It is also evident that God wills that His people should reflect the "Ray of Light" of His Son that others might come unto Him and be saved.

*WE RECALL THE PROPHET'S PLEA FOR THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE LORD.*

Isaiah 62:1-3

"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake will I not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Also see Matt. 4:16, 17; Luke 1:68-80.

*WE ALSO NOTICE THE APOSTLE JOHN BEARING WITNESS OF THE "LIGHT."*

John 1:4-7

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe" etc.

*THIS BRINGS US TO THE WORDS OF JESUS, DECLARING HIMSELF AND HIS MISSION.*

John 8:12.

"Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

*AND AGAIN, WE HEAR HIM SAYING,*

John 12:35.

"Then Jesus said unto them, yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth."

Also see verse 46.

"I am come a light into the world that whosoever believeth in me should not abide in darkness."

Here we see Jesus teaching His disciples the importance of, not only a personal knowledge of him that is in the flesh, but also a Spiritual knowledge the "Light of Life," and not only so, but of the necessity of continually walking in the light, that we should not abide in darkness.

I John 1:6, 7

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."



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Moreover, beloved, there is a responsibility enjoined upon us as children of light, more than our security, but that we should be a light unto others.

We see Jesus, painting a very beautiful picture in connection with our text, when He compares us to a city, as we can imagine a great city sitting yonder on the mountain peaks with its brilliant lights aglow, outshining the

entire country around it, even so, He expects us to shine forth in Him.

See Matthew 5:14-17.

"Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

*WE HEAR THE APOSTLE PAUL TESTIFYING UNTO THE GENTILES.*

Acts 13:47

"For so hath the Lord commanded us saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth."

Also 2 Cor. 4:6

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

*PAUL FURTHER DECLARES THAT WE SHOULD BE THE EXAMPLES OF CHRIST.*

Philippians 2:15

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world."

Also see Ephesians 5:8.

"For ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light."

Also verse 14

"Wherefore he saith, awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

*WE HEAR THE APOSTLE SPEAKING TO THE THESSALONIANS.*

1 Thess. 5:5, 6.

"Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do; but let us watch and be sober."

See Romans 13:12.

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

*IN CONCLUSION, LET US HEAR THE APOSTLE PETER.*

2 Peter 1:19

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy: whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."



# What Method Shall We Use?

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IN ASKING THIS QUESTION, the thought I have in mind is this: "Getting the sinner to Christ." Shall we invite him merely to confess? Shall we invite him to membership in the church? Shall we invite him only to resolve? Shall we invite him simply to make a public acknowledgment? Or shall we invite him to an altar of prayer and exhort him to pray through?

Yes, getting out of sin and into Christ involves confession, resolution, public acknowledgement; and church membership has its rightful place in the Christian order, but the method we should use is to invite the sinner to an altar of prayer, exhorting him to repent of his sins, and to stay there until he knows he is born again.

One of the first steps toward modernism in the church is the ignoring of the public altar. As we study the Word of God, we find the altar has its place from the patriarchal age on through. The Jewish temple worship was never without its altar. The altar is where things die. James said, "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; 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 yourself in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up" James 4.

In Revelation 11:1, John said, "And there was given me a reed like unto a rod; and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein." As to the altar, could your church or your ministry bear measurement?

Some say, "If I, per-chance, come into a community where they will not adhere to an altar of prayer, I will resort to some other method." Not me. If my lot be cast into a community where they are not acquainted with an altar of prayer, it's a settled fact they are going to hear about it. If they will hear, fine and good. If they will not hear, then I have done my duty. If I compromise in my methods, then I have failed my God.

There is such a tendency in this time toward easy ways, a smooth manner. To many converts have a "still born" experience, if an experience at all. We do not paint the "sin-picture" black enough. So much of our preach-



*Winford Davis*

ing does not make the sinner feel bad enough. No, I would not say that a sinner cannot be saved except he be at a public, dedicated altar; but I will say that he cannot be saved except he adhere to the altar principles. His altar might be when he is flat of his back in affliction. It might be alone about his premises. It might be anywhere.

In this short discussion of this grave and all important question, I am speaking as to our general customs and practices. Sad the day when the Free Will Baptist ministers cease their use of, and preaching the altar. We will then simply be going the way of so many others. No doubt in my mind, but what God is raising our people up and revivifying them in these days for a specific purpose. Remember, we

have come up to where we are just now, through the preaching and use of an altar of repentance and prayer. Then could we expect to continue to "gain a place in the sun" by forsaking such practices? I hear some one say, "Preacher, you are old-fashioned and radical." I esteem such statements a compliment. I thank God that I am able to make the statement, and I know whereof I speak, that not a Free Will Baptist church or Free Will Baptist minister in the state of Missouri does, or would, resort to any other method of endeavoring to get souls to Christ other than through and by the use of an altar of prayer. And at the same time I think we have a fair minded and logical ministry in this state, and I am not speaking boastfully. I am interested in defending the faith of our fathers that was once delivered to the saints.

True, the altar isn't faith; but bear in mind, dear heart, that it is a splendid place to gain faith. No one can have faith in God until his sins are repented of, and at the altar is an excellent place to repent of sin and to come in possession of saving faith and keeping power.

Once in contacting a church of another denomination, in one of our Missouri towns, I learned that on each sabbath afternoon there is a continual stream of its members going to and from their church altar. I then understood their exceptional missionary program, their excellent church budget, their livable pastor's salary, their splendid spirituality, and all else that made that church outstanding. Free Will Baptists would do well to go and do likewise.

## This Generation

*Rev. Frank Linton, Branch, Missouri*

"The men of Ninevah shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here" Matthew 12:41.

THE LORD spoke these words nearly two thousand years ago to the Jewish people. You may say that was just to the Jews and doesn't mean anything to us for it was all written before our time. It means as much today as ever before.

Jesus was preaching salvation by grace through faith in a loving way,

and the Jews were saying, "We just can't accept it." Jesus looked that people in the face and said Ninevah that illiterate people shall rise in judgment and condemn this generation.

"Now, let us, just for a moment, study the nature of Ninevah and Jonah. Ninevah was a very large city for that day. The Bible doesn't say just what the population was, but there were 120,000 people that didn't know their right hand from their left; they had never heard a gospel sermon; they had no churches; and they had no knowledge of God. Now



let's look at Jonah and see what he looks like. Jonah was no friend to Ninevah. He didn't want them to be spared. He was mad when God spared the city. Jonah was a horrible sight to look upon. His clothes were dirty and covered with filth and sea weeds, just as he came from the whale's stomach with a frown on his face. We would call him a tramp or "hobo". He didn't go to that people as our pastor comes to us — neat and tidy, and with a message of love and comfort. He didn't visit in their homes and call them "brother" or pray with them and sing "Life Will be Sweeter Some Day." He just said, "Yet forty days and Ninevah shall be overthrown." He didn't even offer them a chance. That fish bait preacher just walked down the street and cried aloud "In forty days this place will be overthrown." All the chance Ninevah could see was "Who can tell" Jonah 3:9. They took that chance. Man nor beast neither ate or drank until they found favor with God.

No wonder Jesus said Ninevah would condemn this generation. With all of

the chances that we, the people of this generation, have had and yet we are so far from God. It seems like the kings and presidents of this generation have tried everything but the thing that Ninevah tried. How the presidents and kings ought to be looked in the face and say repent or "else".

We are living in the end of the Gentile age now and you can expect the governments of the world to be overthrown maybe in less than forty days. I am sure Jesus knew what he was talking about when he said that Ninevah would condemn this generation, for they repented at the preaching of Janah and a greater than Jonah is here—the Holy Spirit, churches, pastors, evangelists, the Bible, Gospel songs, and a plan of salvation; a greater than Jonas. This text alone ought to convince the man or woman of foreign missions. The heathen will believe and repent if they can only get the message. Be ye ready for the Lord is coming soon.

May God bless America that we be not condemned by a heathen nation.

times seemed almost more than I could bear.

To me it seems very wonderful to be well again. My strength, which was almost gone, returned all at one time. I could feel the strength come back into my arms and body. Now I can go to church and Sunday school, help with the housework, walk as much as I like, run, take horseback rides, visit the sick, etc. I'm so glad that the Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Jesus died on the cross to save souls and heal diseases — He still saves and He still heals.

Some of you who read this may not believe. Shall your unbelief make the faith of God without effect? No, it is not what men believe or do not believe that is to settle the great facts of truth, but it is WHAT THE WORD OF GOD SAYS.

With men many things are impossible, but with God all things are possible.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who *healeth all thy diseases*; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles"—Psalms 103:2-5.

You who are sick — come to Jesus. The prayer of faith shall save the sick. Jesus tells us in His Word that He has all power on earth and in Heaven. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He has lost none of His power, and loves to stretch forth His hand to help those who believe on His word. Have faith in God. This Great Physician will heal YOU.

You who are walking on sin's path way! Come to this wonderful Jesus. Jesus loves YOU. He gave His life on the cross that He might save your soul. He is so willing and so ready to save you. "Whosoever will may come", says Jesus. He never turns anyone away. Salvation is for you. Leave the paths of sin and give your heart to Jesus. Jesus will miss you if you are lost.

"Christ died for us that we might live for him."

## Jesus, My Great Physician

Miss Loretta E. Teel, Lenora, Kansas

"He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED" Isa. 53:5.

I write this testimony with an earnest prayer that it may strengthen everyone's faith, and help all to realize more than ever what a wonderful God we serve.

In 1929, my health began to fail, and in 1932, I became so poorly that my parents took me to a widely known hospital where the doctors are very good specialists. They diagnosed my illness, and said I needed an operation as I had an inward goitre, but that they could not operate as I had too many complications. So I was brought back home. I took medicine from this hospital for about three and one-half years, but kept getting worse all the time.

One day in April, 1935, when I was lying at death's door, prayer was offered that God would heal me. God heard and answered our prayers, and healed me of a very bad inward goitre.

It was so bad that often I could hardly get my breath, and would choke so I would almost strangle to death. It never bothers me now, nor hasn't since that day in 1935. I could see and feel the goitre disappear. I sent the unused medicine back to the hospital and have not doctored since.

Why God did not heal me then of all my diseases I do not know, but God knows — and that's all that is necessary. The Bible tells us that "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord" Rom. 8:28. So these added years of suffering have been for a purpose.

On May 13, 1940, special prayer was offered again that God would heal me completely. All praise and glory to His wonderful name. Jesus healed me *completely* and *instantly* of heart trouble, sinus and lung trouble, a disease of the joints, nervousness, etc. I have no pain now whatsoever.

I have been sick twelve years and a shut-in most of the time for the last eight of those years. Many times confined to my bed, or sitting in a rocking chair suffering pain that at

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# Reaching the Unreached

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**W**HAT could be a more important subject in these last days? Let us follow after patience as it becometh wise stewards. We have so many things that try our patience and spirits. Oftimes we feel it more than we can bear. So let us look unto our Lord. He is our ever present help in the time of need.

The task or need is not too great. The bigger the task, or stone to be removed, the more glory our Lord can get from it if only we will stay humble in His sight.

"What must I do to be saved?" was the words of the Philippian jailer after seeing his guilt before God and His saints. Paul and Silas had such perseverance that the very instrument of the devil was convicted. Suppose Paul and Silas had not endured the pain and chastisement as good soldiers of the cross. The Philippian jailer would have died in his sins.

Many such subjects are looking our way for a ray of light. If we are to reach these, we must not fail in holding high the blood-stained banner of the cross. Oh, ministers of God, let us awaken to the need of bearing some one else's burdens.

"Should I be carried to the skies

On flowery beds of ease,  
While others fought to win the prize  
And sailed through bloody seas."

The Philippian jailer's plea was "What must I do to be saved?" Did they tell him to go live a good moral or clean life and God would save him? No, but rather believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. The victory is in the Lamb of God. Everyone seeking salvation must see their need of Christ. Let us point them to Him for He is the Savior of the world. Man is so apt to fail, so let us be diligent concerning our example. A chaste life, or a moral conduct, is not a condition of salvation, but rather it may well be considered a proof of our salvation.

Have you sufficient evidence in your daily life to persuade others you have been alone with Christ? We are prone to wish ourselves free from the very things that are essential to us if we are to be of influence to others.

Any old horse can balk when the load is heavy, but one that will carry

In Paul's shipwrecked journey to the load receives the approval of his master. Dear ones, is the pull hard? Are you about to become discouraged? If this is your condition, fall on your knees before God, just as Paul and Silas of old, and let Christ speak peace to your soul. Their prayers and songs went up to God despite the punishment received in the Philippian jail, and they beheld the glory of God. Thanks be to God, He changeth not. He will mean the same to us if our faith wavereth not.

## Excuse Making

By Gweneth Talley, Aurora, Missouri

Please read Luke 14. I will call your attention to the three men I have just read about. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of ground, and must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused."

It isn't customary for an invitation to a feast to go begging—at least it isn't in our day; but that's the very point of this story. If it isn't customary for men to treat an invitation to a feast in this world the way these men treated this one, God would have us understand that it is very strange, indeed. That is just the way so many men do treat the invitation to the feast that He has made for the soul, not only in this world but in the world to come.

The same invitation that was extended to these three men nineteen hundred years ago is extended, still, to you and me. You will notice that those three men, all with one consent, began to make excuses. Now these three men didn't have an excuse, so they made one; there is a difference between having and making excuses. The first had bought a piece of ground and wanted to see it just at supper time; he hadn't made a partial bargain and was afraid some one would step in, and he would lose the land. I will venture to say he had gone over every acre of it and knew just what it was like. He made that excuse. He could have accepted the invitation and gone to look over the land, too; he had plenty of time,

Rome, while the sea was angry and wind boisterous, the sailors got nervous and were ready to throw the anchors over the foreship. Paul, being filled with the Spirit, perceived what was about to happen, and said, "Except these abide in the ship, ye can not be saved." Christian friends, most certainly we want to be saved, so let us be prayerful lest we be guilty of throwing over the very things that mark us as Christians, thus making a ship wreck of our faith.

Remember Paul's words, "Except these abide in the ship, ye can not be saved." We must hold fast all the qualities of a Christian if we are to be the sinner's looking glass and perchance reach the unreached and win them to Christ.

but he wanted some excuse.

The second man had bought a yoke of oxen and must prove them. Why didn't he prove them before he bought them? He had plenty of time to prove them. I don't believe he took the oxen out of their stalls that night. He had plenty of time to accept the invitation and then go and prove his oxen, but he didn't want to go so he made an excuse.

The third man's excuse was even more absurd than the first two. "I have married a wife and therefore I cannot come." I am sure the young bride would have enjoyed going to the feast. But the fact is the man did not want to go and did not have the honesty to say so. He made an excuse.

Upon first thought, we might feel inclined to justify these men in the reasons they gave, but we read that the master of the house became angry, and so there must have been some contempt in the way they treated his invitation. So weighing the details of the story more carefully we see that the real reason these men did not go to the feast was because they did not want to, and they used the wife, the real estate, and the oxen as pretexts behind which to hide.

People, today, are still making excuses. God is inviting Christians to come to the feast. Like these men in our story, Christians are hiding



behind excuses. You say their excuses were so absurd. Well, can you give one any better.

Let us notice three things about the men of our story:

First they were excused. The master of the house said, "For I say unto you, that none of these men that were bidden shall taste of my supper." God invites you to the greatest happiness that can come to a man in this world, and you say, "Excuse me." He invites you to a noble life of service and you say, "Excuse me." And yet He has borne with you in patience and in love, but sometimes God will take you at your word and say, "You are excused," and shut you, as He did

these men, forever out of His mercy, love and His pardon.

Second, it was their *OWN* fault. Nothing will ever shut a man outside the kingdom of God but his own stubbornness, or stubborn will in the matter.

Third, it was the last invitation these men ever received. It is a sad thing that we need to be reminded so often that there is a hidden boundary between God's patience and His wrath; and that

"There is a time we know not when.

A place we know not where;  
That marks the destiny of men  
To glory or despair."

works" Eph. 2:10. Salvation comes first, then naturally good works.

### We may glory in the Cross of Christ.

In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and John it says Christ bore his cross. But in Luke 23:26 it speaks of a Cyrenian coming out of the country and on him they laid the cross. Is this a contradiction? No, it is very suggestive. Christ carried His cross until He fell under it, then the Cyrenian was made to carry it the remainder of the way.

We have a cross to bear. Matthew 10:38, "And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

We today suffer the offence of the cross, Gal. 5:11. This cross may be the cross of false doctrine. There is much of it today. Paul was defending the faith in the book of Galatians from which my text was taken. It may be the cross of world attractions. The bright, beautiful, glittering lights of the picture shows, drinking dens and dance halls lead many into sin.

Some may have the cross of loneliness to bear. When we refuse to follow the crowd, sometimes we are left standing alone. It takes the courage from God to bear this cross and keep true to Him.

Ours may be the cross of false accusers. Some may tempt us by saying false things about us, as Satan was a liar from the beginning. Our last point is:

### Saints of God dying in the Cross of Christ.

Let us here notice our text, Gal. 6:14, again. "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

The word crucified means dead. Now we may read, by whom the world is *dead* unto me and I *dead* unto the world. A Christian is said to be dead unto the world and alive unto Christ.

Let every one follow after Him, bearing his cross, no matter how heavy it may seem for He first bore His cross for us.

## Glorying in the Cross of Christ

*Rev. John W. Francis, 1143 Hodiamont Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri*

Text: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" Gal. 6:14.

**T**HE Church of Galatia was composed of people that were fickle minded. They were fond of change. Some false preachers had followed Paul and tried to make his doctrine of no effect. They were told that they could believe in Christ but they were obliged to keep the ceremonial law of Moses also. They were asked to be circumcised. Paul said they were asked to do this that they might glory in their flesh. Paul said, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world." Now I notice:

### Paul had many things in which he could have gloried.

He could have gloried in citizenship. He was a good citizen, Phil. 3:5. He was of the stock of Israel and of the tribe of Benjamin. In Acts 21:39, we find Paul was a Jew of Tarsus, said to be no mean city.

Paul could have gloried in his education. We learn in Acts 22:3, Paul was educated at the feet of one of the greatest teachers of his day. This man was Gamaliel.

Paul could have gloried in his profession. He was a tent maker. Many people lived in tents in those days. So his trade might have compared well with the building trade of today.

Paul could have gloried in his re-

ligion. Phil. 3:5, 6, he was a Hebrew of the Hebrews, as touching the law, a Pharisee.

What more could a person want than to be a good citizen, have a good education, a good trade at which to work and also be religious? But Paul said "Those I counted loss for Christ" Phil. 3:7.

### We cannot glory in the flesh.

We are not saved by the flesh. In Rom. 3:20 it says "by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in the sight of God." So salvation is not of the flesh. It then must be a new birth, John 3:7. We have nothing to do with our physical births, and neither can we boast of our spiritual birth because it is not of human efforts. But we can praise God that we are saved.

Salvation is a gift, Eph. 2:8. It is a gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast. We do not deserve any glory for a gift. We can only praise the giver of the gift. This is true of our salvation. It was an unmerited gift to fallen man. Now, God earns all the glory and praise for it. We are now willing to love God because He first loved us.

Salvation is said to be by faith. Eph. 2:8, "For by grace are you saved through faith." Since it is by faith we do not work for it, and again boasting is excluded. We must have faith in Christ Jesus who did the work for us. "We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good

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# DIVORCE

By Harlie Camp, Green Forest, Arkansas

**T**HIS is a hard subject on which to write, and I suppose it is still harder to talk on, for I have never heard it preached; neither have I read much written about it from a Bible standpoint.

I think this a subject on which every Christian should be well informed and should study, for it is one of the greatest evils of our day. There are so many members of our churches who do not realize that there is a difference in man's laws and God's laws regarding the subject, and a husband or wife will become infatuated with another, divorce follows and they remarry, and still remain in the church.

They seem to think that they are under no more obligation to their mate, under God's laws, than they were before they were married, and man has made it easy, by expending a little money, to undo the obligation under man's law. It is as easy as dissolving a financial partnership. Christ gave but one cause for divorce. Man gives so many causes that I believe some cause could be found under man's laws in 99% of the Christian families.

Some have no thought of the heartache of their own mate, nor of their children who are deprived of father or mother by the divorce. Every child born into the world of Christian parents has the need and the right of the guidance of a Christian mother and a Christian father. "Honor thy father and thy mother" is one of the commandments. How can a child honor both father and mother if they are divorced? The child will naturally love the one and despise the other.

Sometimes it happens that a person really loves his mate, and is absolutely true in word and deed, but the mate becomes infatuated with another, gets a divorce and remarries, leaving the former mate to go on through life just an empty shell. The forsaken one would be more broken hearted than if death had claimed the departing mate, for instead of the cherished memory of a good true companion would arise the ugly remembrance of false love and betrayal.

Some take to drink to "drown their troubles"; some become bitter and full of hate and harshness; some be-

come brazen and try to make people think they do not care; and some just crawl off out of sight to "lick their sores" like a wounded dog, but none are ever the same as before. How could anyone be when one half is gone?

when a couple is married they are no longer two separate beings, but one flesh, and neither is complete without the other.

In Mark 10:6,9, Christ says, "But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh: so they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

In 1 Cor. 7:10,11, Paul says, "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife." Verse 39 says, "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord."

That which is true of the wife is also true of the husband. He is also bound as long as his wife lives; even though man made laws may say he is not. I can see little justification for a divorced man or woman to marry again, whether they put away their mate or were put away by their mate.

In Romans 7:2,3, Paul says, "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while the husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."

He doesn't say that she may be married to another if her husband be "dead or divorced", but says that she shall be called an adulteress if she marries another while he lives. And I say that if the man marries

again, while his wife lives, he shall be called an adulterer! Can you see any other way?

Look at Christ's words in Mark 10:11,12, "And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery," against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery." Again He says in Matthew 19:9, "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away, doth commit adultery."

Here is the only cause that Christ gives for divorce, and here is the only chance that I find for justification of the remarriage of a divorced person, if their mate was divorced for fornication. But, remember, if you divorce your mate for any other cause, and marry another, you commit adultery. Is that plain to you? Even though it be for drunkenness, or abuse, or any other cause given under man's laws, you are not allowed to marry another under God's laws.

Can one remarry the same mate? 1 Cor. 7:10,11, quoted above, would seem to indicate that such might be done if neither had married another while they were separated, for it says to let the woman remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. At least, they may separate and again return as man and wife.

Why shouldn't the young members of the churches be taught these things; these pitfalls which are entrapping so many these days? Is it dishonorable to warn of the effects of this sin? Read Ezekiel 3:20 and see if you can keep silent. "Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Will you warn them or will you, like Pilate, try to wash the blood from your hands?

Or is this just a little white sin that doesn't amount to much, and does not bring us into condemnation with God? In 1 Cor. 6:9,10, Paul says, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor



efeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

What are we going to do about

this: soil our hands with **this rotten** mess or stain them with **the blood** of those whom we do not **warn**?

For additional copies of this tract, address Harlie Camp, Green Forest, Arkansas.

## The Woe Because of Offences

Eld. D. C. Jones, Portia, Arkansas

Matthew 18:7, "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe unto that man by whom the offence cometh!"

I am a subscriber to the *Gem* through the love and kindness of Eld. Raymond Riggs, for which I thank him very much.

If the editor will allow me space, I will write a few notes on the above text. In studying the above scripture, my mind reverts back to the creation. God created everything and placed

man in the garden to dress and keep it: and how beautiful it must have been. Just think of all the fruits that was in that garden, and how happy and glorious it must have been to be there. There was nothing to mar the happiness of man: no thorns or thistles there, no wars, no earthquake, no volcanoes, no death, sickness, sorrows or trouble of any kind.

But we see another picture which brings sadness. Satan moved in on

the scene. We find him tempting mother Eve. "The wages of sin is death" Rom. 6:23. They (Adam and Eve) brought death upon man, and lost fellowship with God, and brought offences on the world and on man-kind. It caused the Son of God to have to come down to this low land of sin and sorrow, and give His life for the sins of the world that man might have a chance to be saved. Man was made after the image and likeness of God. Sin has brought lots of trouble in the world. Look at the trouble over in the old country today. Look at the millions, today, in sin. People are going into eternity unprepared. Man has tried by his own power to progress and has failed.

Pride and arrogancy and the evil way, the froward mouth do I hate. "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God" 1 Cor. 3:19. Mother Eve thought it would make her wise. So we see what it has done.

But there is a remedy if we will accept it, found in Jesus Christ.

## THE HART

Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Missouri

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God" Psalms 42:1."

**H**ERE DAVID tells his experiences, how he thirsts for the blessings of God. As the little deer (David calls it the hart) becomes thirsty for a fresh drink of water, his soul is likewise in need of refreshing.

Perhaps David had seen the hart running across the field into the forest seeking refuge from the hunter or some wild animal, and the chase had caused it to become tired, weary, hot and thirsty. It realizes a drink would help to strengthen and knows just where to go to find water. As it reaches the little brook it pauses long enough to bow down and drink of the pure, clear, refreshing stream. Then with renewed strength and more determination it continues its course to refuge.

Can we not get the lesson from this picture. The enemy is upon the trail of every Christian. So many times he gets so close upon us we have a great task to win. We become discouraged and want to give up, thinking there is no use. Why not do as the hart does. We know where we

can go to receive new spiritual strength; so why not take time to draw near to God in prayer and drink from that source of refreshing and say "keep behind me satan." Perhaps the hart would have soon given up and be overtaken by the enemy had it not found the drink it needed so much. Too many times we try to get along and live our life without taking time to go to God for help. People are prone to forget there is a God. Like the Israelites at the Red Sea, they were all troubled and discouraged and were trying to do things without God until they were told by Moses to "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord" Exodus 14:13, that is, wait upon the Lord, trust Him and let Him bring victory.

In another place God speaks through David saying, "Be still and know that I am God" Psalms 46:10. People are living in a mad rush, trying to keep up and even ahead of some one else, leaving God entirely out of the program; and their life becomes empty of the spiritual satisfaction. And here they go being cheated out of the real blessing of the soul.

We should realize that we need God

in our life, then strive to live for Him; taking time to study His word and praying every day. Let us try to be like the good Samaritan who took time to help in time of need. We can serve our God by being interested in our fellow men and taking time to bear one another's burdens.

May the Lord bless and help us all to find strength in Him which will enable us to have victory over Satan.

Again!

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## CALL FOR STATISTICS

The time for another National Association is fast approaching, and statistics are in order. Will all clerks of all associations and conferences in the Free Will Baptist brotherhood send me just one copy of their associational minutes? If this cannot be done, please send me a statistical report of last year's work.

Don't fail to comply with this request, since it will save this office a great deal of work. This request includes all associations in every state, east and west of the Mississippi River.

Clarence Bowen, National Statistician  
Box 203, East Durham, North Carolina



## General Articles

### History of Sandy City Church See Front Cover

*By Gertrude Bowe, Catlettsburg, Ky.*

We are indeed glad to have this opportunity of telling the readers something of the history of the church at Sandy City. We cannot boast of a new building, but we are glad that through the years it has been and still is a soul-saving station.

We were unable to find much information about the first ten years. We did find that on October 19, 1910, a small band of Christians (ten in number) met to organize a Free Will Baptist Church at Sandy City. Rev. J. C. Walker and Rev. J. E. Conley were the ones that led that little band. Rev. Walker was chosen as its first pastor.

The ministers who have served this church as pastor are as follows: Rev. J. C. Walker, Rev. Charlie Gypson, Rev. Isaac Griffith, Rev. C. Z. Cavin, Rev. G. H. Young, Rev. Millard Van Hoose, Rev. H. B. Conley, Rev. Adrian Davis; and the present pastor, Rev. L. E. Colliver.

Twenty years ago the third Sunday night in this past November, Rev. Colliver preached his first sermon (after God had called him into the

ministry) in the Sandy City Church. For nineteen years he has served this church as pastor and assistant pastor; Fifteen of those nineteen years have been as pastor. He has faithfully discharged his duty, and loyally served the people of this community in a way that they have no regrets that they have chosen him as their leader.

The writer can remember, more than



*Rev. L. E. Colliver, Pastor*

once, when Brother Colliver has told his congregation that he felt the call to the evangelistic fields, and not to pastor a church. God has always blessed his efforts in the Evangelistic work, and in the fall of 1939 he cut the shore lines and has been doing his best to go wherever God has called him. The results are that hundreds of souls have been saved. The church here is proud to own him as their pastor, and while they miss him when he is away, they are glad that God is using him as a means to point lost souls to Jesus.

We do not want to forget to mention the only two charter members who are now with us; namely, Sister John Frazier and Brother Jim May. Although their heads are silvered over with the frost of many winters, they are still regular attendants.

At present, Sandy City has a membership of about 250. We have a good Sunday School and good attendance at all Sunday evening services. Also, as a rule, there is a good congregation on Thursday night for mid-week prayer services.

Remember the Sandy City Church in prayer that it will continue to grow and ever do its part to hold the blood-stained banner of King Immanuel up to a lost and a dying world.

## Workers Wanted for India

*Laura B. Barnard, Returned Missionary from India*

IN JUNE, 1935, at Black Jack Church, I was commissioned by the Free Will Baptist Church in General Conference to go to India as its representative on behalf of the Gospel of Christ and to look for a suitable field in which we could operate as a denomination and endeavor to "restore the years" we have lost in missionary activity. The Lord has graciously answered and has opened to us an immense field where the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few.

Worthwhile tasks are not usually accomplished with ease, and so in this case it has come through many a difficulty, discouragement, backset and struggle, combatting Satan's devices on all sides. It has been a real

victory, and the field is ours for the entering in and possessing of it. Purnea District in the Province of Bihar is 5,000 square miles in area, and has a population of two and a quarter millions. There is not a single Protestant missionary in the district, and only two native preachers. The people are very primitive and in great need of the Gospel witness. Many of the natives urged us to remain there and help them. One of the Indian workers touched us deeply by his appeal. He said that he and his wife had been praying most earnestly that God would send missionaries to that district, and that they were at prayer as we came to their door. He naturally felt that we were the answer to that prayer, and we were

urged to hasten back with helpers from America.

I am sending out, therefore, an earnest plea for young men and women who are willing to lay down their lives for the Lord Jesus and go forth to serve Him in lowly, hidden service. Such a work requires high qualifications but it will not call forth any praise of men. Those who go must be willing to count all things but loss for His sake. If there are those in our churches, anywhere, who are feeling the call, please get in touch with the Secretary or with me, as time is passing so quickly and you will need much time for preparation and for proving His will in the matter you are going. The laborers are few, indeed, in this great harvest-field, and it would be absurd for our Board to send one lone missionary back to face this mammoth task.

National Secretary of Foreign Missions: Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, 1310 Chicamanga Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.



# General Reports and Letters

## Ponder, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

After reading the reports of so many good revivals in the Gem, we are moved to tell about a wonderful meeting conducted last fall in the Johnston Chapel Methodist Church by Brother Raymond Riggs, pastor of a Free Will Baptist Church in Highland Park, Michigan. Our own pastor was unable to be present but Bro. Riggs took able charge and the Lord worked wonderfully through him.

Services continued for ten nights and, truly, the Spirit of the Lord met with us, for thirteen souls found pardon for their sins in the Savior, Jesus Christ.

When the meeting first got under way, every service became a spiritual blessing to us and many were the shouts of praise, joy, and thanksgiving that were heard. Men who were heads of families, children, young people and even mothers were saved during the revival. Our hearts were made glad but still we pray for others in our own and neighboring communities who are out of Christ.

Brother Riggs and his wife rendered many beautiful and especially appropriate services which we thoroughly enjoyed. They made many friends and we look forward eagerly to another year when we hope it will be our happy privilege to work again with them in a revival here.

Pray for us that we may be diligent in His service.

—H. G. and Bess H. Green

## Portales, New Mexico

To the Gem Family:

It has been a long while since I have written to the Gem. I use to write once in a while from Forrest and Milrose, New Mexico. There are only two or three Free Will Baptists around here, so consequently we don't get to hear much Free Will Baptist preaching.

A brother gave me several Gem papers a while back, and I got more good old gospel sermons out of reading them than I had heard in many years. I am longing to get where I can hear some more good old heartfelt, Holy Ghost sermons preached and not so much formality.

2 Cor. 6:16, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and I walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord almighty." "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" 2 Cor. 7:1.

I won't take space to comment on these verses at this time.

Best wishes to the Gem family everywhere, and may the Lord bless and keep us all in the straight and narrow way. Pray for me.

A Brother in Christ,

—J. J. Murdick.

## Holly Grove Church Marianna, Florida

Dear Gem Readers:

We are glad to say that we are back again. The weather being bad and lots of flu in our country, but we are still at work.

We have called our Sunday school and prayer meeting to one of the homes, and we have our church building going on. We are hoping to soon have it finished now. Our church is a country church and only a few working, but I know if we work and pray to the Father alone we will accomplish and finish this work we have started here. We want all you praying people to remember and pray for us here in our work.

We are in the Salem Sunday School Association and will carry a program to Damascus church, about five miles from our church, the fifth Sunday in June.

We are preparing and getting ready for the Union Sunday School Convention to be with us the fifth Sunday in March.

We are glad for our little community and especially for our Sunday school, prayer meeting, and church work. We have grown boys and girls in our Sunday school who have never belonged to Sunday school before. We have a Sunday school membership of

66. Of course, they all don't come regularly, but we are hoping to build it up and get more people interested when we get our church house finished.

Our church is being built 4½ miles south of Marianna on the new highway being put through from Marianna to Thomas Mill. Now, all of you folks remember us in prayer.

—Mrs. Floyd Padgett.

## Okla Union Church Report Wheaton, Missouri

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

This is the first report we have sent in from our church, but we are glad to report our church is in good condition. Due to bad weather and sickness there were two Sundays we could not have services. However, we find our Lord is a present help in time of need. We have good Sunday school.

Our pastor, Rev. Delmer Cochran, preaches the first and third Sunday of each month. We are happy the Lord saw fit to save some of our Boys and girls who attend our services. Pray for us that we may ever do the will of our Lord.

## Leadington, Missouri

We are sending in our renewal for the Gem. We have found there is a vacant place in our home when we do not receive the Gem.

I am pastoring the Wortham church this year. In November we had the privilege of having Eld. and Mrs. Dodd conduct a revival meeting for us. We found it a pleasure to work with Brother and Sister Dodd. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Five souls were saved and reclaimed. We are sure the influence of the meeting will live on.

Last Sunday night three precious souls knelt at an altar of mercy and found Christ precious to their souls.

Your Brother in Christ,

Eld. and Mrs. Albert Halbrook.

## Benton, Illinois

Dear Editor of the Gem:

I belong to the Franklin County Quarterly Meeting and am acquainted around over the country, and know about all the old boys that are on the firing line for God. I greatly enjoy reading the Gem.



We have just closed, recently, the third revival, with great success for God—49 souls saved in an eight weeks' meeting.

I spent the night with Bro. and Sister Dodd in Flat River, Missouri, some time ago, and also preached at the quarterly meeting and greatly enjoyed myself. I am still expecting them to visit me and the Mrs. Lairsey. Bro. Dood, keep on the good work if you never come to see me.

The Franklin County Quarterly Meeting will meet the fifth Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday in March at the Ina Free Will Baptist church, Ina, Illinois, ten miles north of Benton, Illinois, on route 37. We would like to have a car load of preachers from around Flat River on Saturday. Come over to Macedonia and help us. Our quarterly meeting is in a fine spirit. We feel we are making progress for God.

We also have a fine singing convention the first Sunday of each month some where in the field and have a great time with lots of good singing and shouting—and yours truly is president, master of ceremonies. Come and thanks to you.

—Eld. Pat. Lairsey.

### New Home Church Report Tulsa, Oklahoma

Rev. Willard Day, Pastor  
Elizabeth Smith, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since we have reported to the *Gem*, but we are still holding to God.

We have been having good prayer meetings. We had a series of prayer services starting January 1 that continued for almost two weeks. Five precious souls were saved and I think everybody was refreshed in the Spirit.

We have a wonderful group of young people. They are not all Christians, but we ask everyone that knows the worth of prayer to pray for them and to pray for us that we will live where God can use us for His cause.

May the blessing of the Lord Jesus rest on all of God's people and keep us in the center of His will.

### First Free Will Baptist Church Sapulpa, Oklahoma

Rev. Floyd Test, Pastor  
Hattie Collins, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

We haven't been reporting very often, but since the Lord has been sending us such showers of blessings,

we want others to know about it.

The ladies' mission seemed to have gotten into a ditch. For some reason the load seemed too heavy, so we changed our services to Tuesday nights, including the men too. The result of this co-operation, the past month, was a ten night's revival, with large crowds, great interest, stirring messages, and Christian hearts greatly revived. The meeting ended with a basket dinner, all day service, and thirteen ministers taking their turn in a ten minute stirring message, which really dug to the bottom of our hearts. "Oh God, give us more of this!"

Our Sunday school is also improving. We also have four nice size Bible study classes each Sunday night before services, including the league.

The ladies of the mission have been real busy raising funds and visiting the sick.

Pray for us that we keep the good work going.

### Joelton, Tennessee

Dear Gem Readers:

It fills my soul as I read the *Gem* and know that there are many Free Will Baptists that have had a vision of God's work. So many of us have visions, but we never do anything about it.

Galations 5:22, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith." I would to God that more of us might go by this verse. Divisions would not come into our churches and our pastors could work better, without having to suffer as they sometimes do. What a great coldness just a few church members can cause by their confusion.

My prayer is that God will help each of us to put on the whole armor of God and encourage our pastors in these trying days, for after all they are just human beings that God has laid His hand upon to go out and win souls.

### THEY NEED OUR PRAYERS

Teach me dear God, in your own way,  
Just how to win souls day by day.  
Help me to be more gentle and good  
So I can work for Thee the way I should.

—Mrs. Vera Elliott.

### Panama, Oklahoma

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I thought I would write a few lines to let you all know how we are getting along down here. We had

to tear our church building down and rebuild it, but we have it almost completed and we have services in it now. We have a small church and Bro. Wickham is our pastor.

We haven't started having prayer meeting nor Sunday school but we are planning to.

We are always glad to get the the *Gem* and read it. I will write more the next time.

A Sister in Christ,

—Ada McCormick.

### Merl's Chapel Mission Report Cassville, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

After a few months of absence, I will try to give a report of our mission work. We are thankful that we still have a few faithful workers that are trying to do our little bit for the Lord each day.

Our meeting days are the first and third Tuesdays of each month. January was our month to elect officers. Mrs. Alta Bush is our new president, Mrs. Aletha Tow, vice president, and Mrs. Jefferson, secretary-treasurer.

We served lunch at Mr. Sime Perce's sale in January, which brought a good profit. By this you might think our greatest interest is money or ways to make it, but we are looking to the Lord to lead us and He has wonderfully blessed us.

Although there has been so much sickness in the community, there has always been a few at meeting each time, and the Lord's presence could be felt there for we always feel a great blessing and strengthened for each effort put forth.

We sent Bro. J. A. Starnes, who has been on the sick list for two months, a basket of fruit. Our February activities have been a wedding shower for Glen and Bee Saunders, the later being formerly Bee Starnes. The young folks pieced a friendship block for a quilt and the older ones got the material to quilt it with. In addition to the quilt will be a miscellaneous shower, leaving the articles for Mrs. J. T. Cooper and Miss Dorothy Bush to deliver.

Since Tuesday being our meeting day we met in the morning, each bringing a covered dish, and quilted. The day was enjoyed by all. We also had two visitors with us. In the afternoon we had our lesson, led by Mrs. Anna Mae Infield, one of our new members. The secretary's report was received and all business was brought up to date. Our aim this



year is to be more faithful, helpful and true that we might not be weighted in the balance and found wanting.

We have had some sad occasions lately because of the deaths in this community of Bro. Mack Black, Bro. T. R. Robberson, and Sister Perce. The bereaved have our deepest sympathy. We feel their passing away was our loss and heaven's gain, and may they remember that the Lord giveth and taketh away. Although these were not in our circle, we feel they were our brothers and sister in Christ, and they will be greatly missed by all.

—Monteen Starnes, Ass't. Reporter

### Cortez, Colorado

To the Gem Family: Greetings!

As I am sending in my subscription to the *Gem* and also for a sister-in-law, in Oregon, I will try to tell you dear brothers and sisters in Christ how I enjoy reading the *Gem*. It really does my soul good to read the good sermons and to hear of the good revivals and precious souls being saved. Oh, how I would enjoy being in some of your services once more.

We go to church here every Sunday and to Sunday school, but it's not like home. I would be so glad if we could have some old time preaching and see the manifestations of the outpouring of the Spirit as we saw and felt so many times back in Oregon County, Mo., and in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

May the richest blessings of God be with you all is my prayer, and I ask the prayers of all you dear praying Christians that I may always be found doing the will of the Master.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. W. N. Wilmarth.

### Arcadia, Kansas

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I have not seen any testimonies in the *Gem* from anyone except preachers or reporters. The Lord told me to send in this testimony. I know I am a child of God, because He said if you love the brethren you are one of His children. I have a love for everybody. I love my enemies, if I have any. The devil tries to tell me I am not doing as I should or some of my family would go my way. I am praying earnestly that they will come my way which is the Lord's way.

I attended services at Hannon and Bro Ford gave a Lord inspiring message food to the children of God. It made me think of good days past

and gone, when they were not afraid to move out of their tracks when they were preaching, and they rejoiced in God.

Pray for me that I may live closer to Jesus Christ in days to come. My greatest joy is to attend church and Sunday school. I love prayer meeting but I do not get to attend, however I can pray by myself and I believe the Lord answers prayer.

—Viola Farmer.

### Hill City, Kansas

Dear Gem Readers:

I will endeavor to write a few lines to express our appreciation of the *Gem*; always glad to receive it and read the good sermons and thoughts that it contains. It always gives us renewed courage and a boost up the hill, especially in these days when the world is in such a turmoil and trouble — nations rising up against nations, kingdoms against kingdoms, and our own beloved country, in which we live, is preparing for defence, calling our sons to military training. Millions and millions of dollars are being spent for defence, making ready for one knows not what, and sending war equipment into foreign nations. We are building a defence in man power to protect our nation, so it is said, against invasion by the enemy.

Let us "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places, wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God" Eph. 6:11-17.

I would to God that our nation had on that kind of armour. If so, we would not need such a large defense program. The King of Ninevah was warned and he put on a defense plan. He commanded all to repent and turn to God, and God heard their prayers. Ninevah was spared. What the world needs most today is God.

Think of the innocent little children

that are under the dreadful bombing in the war countries — children that will have to go through life crippled, shell shocked, and will be left in the most horrible condition. There will not be hospitals enough to accommodate one-half of them. There will be some of them that will go through life almost raving maniacs, and again, we can look farther! What will become of these nations being filled with such people to make up a nation? God forbid that any of such trouble or horror may come to America. Ask the boys who fought in the Argonne Forest about war. That was a war against armed men, but this war consists of great armies against unprotected women and innocent children, and the destruction of beautiful cities that are left in ruins. Homes are left in a heap of ruins, many families are separated that will never be brought back together, and such are some of the horrors of war.

Let us pray that it will never come to our beloved U. S. A. Let us pray as one large family that God will spare us of such ordeal. Let us get back to the Bible, live the truth, preach the truth, and hold up the blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ that souls may be saved and born into the Kingdom of Christ.

Let us all pray to this end and may God bless the Gem family.

—Eld. C. J. Joy and wife.

### Free Will Baptist Church Drumright, Oklahoma

Rev. Harry E. Staires, Pastor  
Ollie Hopkins, Reporter

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

God was with us these past weeks for here we are conversing with you again this month.

We have been rejoicing over the wonderful prayer meetings God has blessed us with. There isn't many churches who can say that they have children of thirteen years of age that lead prayer meetings and the Lord blesses so much that the Spirit is manifested in shouts and tears. We love our prayer meeting more than Sunday night services. Why, prayer meeting to me is a filling station where we store up the blessings God has given to sprinkle throughout the week, to those who need a little love and help along the way.

We young people went to the State School of Instruction for Girls at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, a few Sundays ago. We presented a play, "The



Symbol of the Cross", a song and a reading. The Lord was with us for those girl's hearts were deeply touched. We believe we spread a little of that help to those unfortunate girls.

One of our young preachers, Bro. Evert Brown, has just returned home from holding a revival at Tuskegee, Oklahoma.

We have the honor of reporting that Bro. McClam preached for us one Sunday evening a few weeks ago. He preached such a wonderful service there was a number requested prayer. Doesn't it make your heart happy just to see people request prayer? But it is going to be more wonderful when you see them pray their way through to God. What a wonderful savior He is.

February 16 was Odd Fellow Night. The local organization attended services in a body accompanied by their wives. Bro. Harry Staires preached a beautiful message. There was about four hundred attending the evening service. They all appreciated the wonderful sermon.

Our church is well under way of being made anew. The men have been working nights on the ceiling of the church. We are proud of our church for the business men of Drumright have contributed in the exterior construction. God has been good to us.

We are praying that we will see your faces at the National Association in July. Let's all keep praying for the lost. I have a deep determination to pray for continued peace within the boundaries of our beloved nation. I hope that you will pray for continued peace also.

## Second Week of Missionary Tour

*H. M. and Lizzie McAdams*

Dear Co-workers:

At our last writing we were in Texas with Sister Franklin, near Henderson. We had a splendid revival with 24 conversions and the church revived. We made our home with Sisters Reed and Franklin, which was a great privilege, indeed, as they both have traveled in our evangelistic party. We can truly say they are two godly women.

After closing the meeting we started for North Carolina on our missionary tour, which has been on our heart for some time. We stopped over Sunday in Tupelo, Mississippi and visited with Bro. M. L. Hollis in three of his churches. We were received with such a sweet fellowship by both pastor and

churches. We visited in several homes and were received in the Spirit of Christ. Bro. Hollis is a busy preacher. We followed him to Beach Springs at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Then at 11:00 o'clock we came back to Tupelo. We had fine services at both places. Then at 2:00 o'clock we went to Fawn Grove and had another splendid service.

We left Monday morning and stopped for lunch in Cardova, Alabama, with Bro. and Sister K. V. Shutes, where we had a cordial reception.

Our next stop was with Bro. M. H. Mellette, near Turbeville, South Carolina. We surely did enjoy the night with this fine family. We had one service with Bro. Mellette's church. It was a real revival. We had five conversions. We spoke of the "Jehoiada Chest Plan", and while we were speaking a Missionary Baptist school teacher rose up and said, "I want to buy that Chest and make the auxiliary a present of it." We thought that was a splendid feature of the service. We thank God for such men as Bro. Mellette, and his good wife has her heart in the work, too.

We came the next day to New Bern, North Carolina, where we were met by Bro. J. C. Griffin and wife. The auxiliary women of New Bern met in Sister Griffin's home that night and, as both circles were represented, they bought two Jehoiada Chests.

We next visited a splendid group of auxiliary women in Bro. R. B. Spencer's church. We found them wide awake for our national program. Bro. Spencer made a motion to get a chest and they did so. How we wish all pastors would do as this pastor—encourage the women to fall in line so that when we meet in July we could have a full treasury.

We next visited the Bridgetown, North Carolina, church and had splendid services. The ladies took a chest, and another auxiliary that was represented from another neighborhood had a dear brother present that bought them a chest.

We visited an auxiliary at Ayden, N. C., but it was so cold only a few were present and they didn't take a chest. We hope to meet them again. We have visited a few places where we felt it would be best to go back again.

It was our privilege to be in Bro. Ennis' home this week, and we learn he will be in Missouri soon. We ask everyone to be sure and hear Bro. Ennis. He has a splendid program for

our people. Let's hold his hands up.

Dear Auxiliary, come on and get your chest. You will feel badly when you get to the National Association and see so many auxiliaries that have accepted the "Chest Plan". We expect to put the names of all auxiliaries that have purchased chests in the papers before July. Order a chest at once. Send \$1.00 with 10 cents added for postage. Our headquarters will be at Ayden, North Carolina.

We ask your prayers for this missionary tour is being made by faith. Ask God to supply our needs, according to His riches in glory. It is glorious to trust Him who has so wonderfully stood by us all these years. God bless our work everywhere is our prayer.

Yours for Jesus,

## Arcadia, Kansas

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus, our Savior! I have been wanting to write a personal letter to the "Gem" family for a long time, but days passed by and still I didn't do it. I feel that I have a lot of friends that take the paper and they may still be interested to hear from us. We want to tell them that by the Lord's help we are still trying in our small way to carry the Gospel message wherever God leads. We find hungry souls in most every place just starving for the old time Gospel, while the multitudes are going on in pleasures and sins. This year the Lord seemed to lead us into new fields. Although they are just humble places, with small congregations. He has blessed our labor with the salvation of precious souls. That is our heart's desire, in His service, to be a soul winner for Him.

In November, Sister Alice Dickey and I went to a small church in the eastern part of Barton County for a revival, but the weather and roads were so bad we had to close the first weeks; but three precious souls were saved. This Sunday we went back again. The roads had been so bad we haven't been back since the meeting. At the 11:00 o'clock service another precious girl was saved without either of us getting to preach. After a short song service, the power of God came and this precious girl came weeping her way to the altar.

In the afternoon at 2:30 we went to Doylesport school house near there for another service. God was still blessing and at the close of that ser-



vice a mother came and gave her life to Jesus. Then we came home happy in the service of the King. There is a great harvest there and we desire your prayers as we endeavor to labor among this people. I preach one Sunday each month at these places. I also preach one Sunday a month at the Old Buff church, not far from our

home. It was at one time a strong Free Will Baptist church. At present there is no organization there. We are beginning the work there. We desire the prayers of Christian friends everywhere. We hope to have a meeting there soon, the Lord willing.

May God bless all of our friends with whom we have labored in other

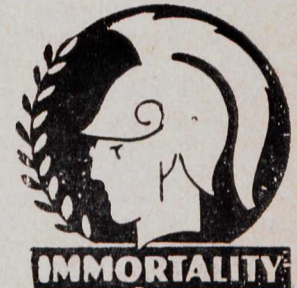
days and other fields. Press on for God. Don't give up. If God is for us who can be against us!

I ask your prayers for my companion. He is in the Veteran's Hospital at Wadsworth, Kansas, for a general examination. Pray that he may soon be able to be back with us again.

—Roena Thomas.



## OBITUARIES



**CONLEY**—Rev. Harvey Burns Conley, one of Johnson County's best known and most prominent citizens, died during the early morning hours of February 1, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Grover Crider in Paintsville, Kentucky.

Rev. Conley was 79 years of age. He had been ill for more than a year. Cause of death was due to an attack of pneumonia. His death brings to a close a long and useful life spent in the service of mankind.

He had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for 59 years

and as a minister of the gospel had preached in every section of Johnson County and many other points throughout Eastern Kentucky. He has probably married more couples and preached more funerals than any other minister in this section of the state. Because of his Christian ministrations to rich and poor alike, he had often been honored with positions of responsibility in civil life. He served his county five years as County Judge, one term as County Assessor, and one term as Master Commissioner, in addition to serving two terms as Member of the Board of Education of

the Paintsville City Schools.

Rev. Conley had been a minister of the Free Will Baptist Church for 58 years. He served as pastor of the Rush Fork Free Will Baptist Church for 50 years. He had always taken an active part in Christian affairs as well as civil life and was honored and respected by his people.

The body was removed to the Free Will Baptist Church on Third street where funeral rites were conducted. Revs. Millard and F. S. Vanhooose, Rev. Scott Castle, and Rev. C. Z. Cavin were in charge of the services. Burial followed in the family cemetery on Little Mud Lick.

The funeral and burial were largely attended, relatives and friends being present from practically every section of Johnson County.

He was a son of the late Judge Hiram E. Conley and Clerinda (Rice) Conley, and one of eleven children, one daughter and ten sons, four of whom are living, Mrs. Colfax Butler, Dennis B. and Cyrus Conley, of Paintsville, and Rev. John E. Conley, of Auxier.

In 1883 he was married to Minta Jane Rice, (deceased,) a daughter of Wallace B. and Elizabeth (Butler) Rice. To this union was born four children, two sons and two daughters, Theodore, who preceded him in death 39 years ago; Herbert L. Conley, now a patient in the Veteran's Hospital, Perry Point, Michigan; Virgie Lee McCann of Lawshe, Ohio; and Mayme Crider of Paintsville. In addition to these he is survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.





**KERNS**—Cleopatra Warner Kerns, daughter of Willis and Eliza Warner, was born in Russel County, Kentucky, on October 25, 1849, and departed this life January 6, 1941, at the age of 91 years, 2 months, and 11 days.

She came to Missouri, with her parents, when she was two years old, traveling in a covered wagon drawn by oxen. They first settled in Davess County, and two years later moved to Buchanan County where she lived until her marriage. Her entire married life was spent in Clinton County.

In 1865 she was united in marriage to James M. Kerns, who preceded her in death. To this union was born seven children; one having died in infancy. She leaves to mourn her departure, six children: J. M. Kerns of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Hervey Kerns of Easton, Mo., Willis Kerns of Wheatland, Wyo., Logan Kerns of Logan, Okla., Luella Lake of Logan, Okla., and Rhodema Baker of Murdo, S. D.; also 26 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren, besides many other relatives and friends.

She was converted at an early age and lived a devoted Christian life until her death. She was a charter and faithful member of the Union Third Fork Church for more than a half century.

Funeral Service was conducted by the Rev. C. M. Dauber, and burial was made in the Union Third Fork cemetery, under the direction of the Lyon Funeral Home of Stewartville, Missouri.

She has left this world of sorrow,  
For a place beyond the blue;  
She has gone to meet her loved ones  
Who were faithful, tried and true.

She has gone to meet her Saviour,  
Who died to make men free;  
There to dwell among the angels  
Throughout eternity.

**REID**—Lorcena Elizabeth Lewis Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lewis, was born June 13, 1874, and departed this life January 24, 1941, at the age of 66 years, 7 months, and 11 days. She was united in marriage, March 20, 1892, to Eld. S. N. Reid. She leaves her companion, one brother, four neices, and two nephews.

She was converted and joined the Cross Roads Free Will Baptist church at the age of 18. She lived all her life near the church, living a faithful, prayerful life, filling well her position as a minister's wife.

She often told of seasons of prayer

and rejoicing at home. "Aunt Lorcena" as she was to all who knew her, had no children of her own, but she took care of two children and cared for them as her own, and at different times she kept others that had no mother or home. There is such a lonely seat in the church and community, where she had always been, and left the foot prints of a Christian. She requested that the songs of Zion be sung while she was on her death bed.

Funeral services were conducted at the Cross Roads church at 2:00 o'clock Saturday, January 25, with Elders Curtis Wilson and Glyn Jones officiating. Burial was in the Cross Roads cemetery.

— Written by Alpha Jane Wilson.

**LEONARD**—Mary Wanda Leonard, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leonard of Allen Chapel, passed away Sunday morning February 9, 1941.

Her death was caused by burns which she received Saturday when her clothing caught fire from a brush fire near her home. Her mother's hands were seriously burned as she tried to extinguish the blaze.

She is survived by her parents; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Leonard; two brothers, Billy Wayne and Jimmy Rupert Leonard; and two sisters Melba Joyce and Mina Sue.

Mary Wanda was such a sweet little girl, so interested in Sunday school and junior league, seldom missing either of them. She always knew her Sunday school lesson and talked so sweetly of Jesus and Heaven. Her funeral was held at the church she so loved to attend and by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Lewis, whom she loved to hear preach.

The church was filled with sorrowing and sympathizing friends of the family. The junior league sang "Jesus Loves the Children Dear," the song little Mary Wanda had helped sing so many times. Members of her class at school sang, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be."

Mary Wanda will be sadly missed in her home, church and school room, but we know that her sweet spirit is beyond all sorrow and suffering now. Another member of the Allen Chapel Church and Sunday School has gone home. Will the circle be unbroken there? Mrs. O. V. Tadlock, Batesville, Ark.

**HODGE**—Marion Richard Hodge, little son of Marion and Lois Hodge of Independence, Missouri, was born June 26, 1940, and passed away, following a brief illness, at Mercy Hospital in Kansas City on February 2, 1941, at the age of seven months.

Everything that loving hearts and hands could do was done but the Father needed this little bud for the Heavenly Garden and so He took him home. Heaven is nearer and dearer than ever before because Baby Richard awaits us there.

Little hands we loved are still,  
Bright, dancing eyes are quiet;  
His sunny smiles our memories fill,  
He was our whole delight.

Oh, little treasure gone above,  
While we're left sad and alone,  
You are our beacon light of love,  
To guide us safely home.

The little body was brought to Stockton, Mo., and funeral services were conducted by Mrs. Lowell Martin at the Independence church near Stockton on February 4.

Surviving besides the parents are two brothers, two sisters, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Long of Stockton, Mo., and Mrs. Francis Hodge, besides other relatives.

**PERSE**—Anna Dell Perse was born near Golden, Mo., November 12, 1941 at her home near Cassville, Mo.; being 66 years, 1 month and 21 days of age.

She was united in marriage to Gimon P. Perse July 1, 1894. To this union was born two daughters, one preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her going, the husband; one daughter, Belva Sparks; one sister, Mrs. Ellen Garner of eagle Rock, Mo.; two brothers, Geo. Dell and Willie Dell, both of Exeter, Mo.; one half brother, Charley Dell of Cassville, Mo.; and other relatives and friends.

She was a companion and mother that was loved and made friends with all she met. She professed faith in Christ in 1924 and united with the Christian church of Cassville, Missouri.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. K. Weston, assisted by Rev. Ralph Underwood.

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# Inspiring Poems

## A Voice

By Doris Kerns, Stewartsville, Mo.

In the dawn of early morning,  
I can hear a voice so clear;  
Seems as though it's gently calling,  
To some friend so kind and dear.

"Come up here with me dear loved ones  
See the angels as they sing;  
And listen to their wonderful music,  
Played from harps with golden strings.

Meet with a'l your many loved ones  
In this land of brightest day,  
Where alone you'll see the Father,  
In this world so far away.

I have built for you a mansion,  
Far away up in the sky,  
Where you're free from all disasters,  
And the people never die

Everyone is well contented,  
In this home of joy and love,  
Where there are no wants or heartaches  
In this blessed heaven above.

Suddenly the voice is silent,  
And the time draws gently nigh,  
When we'll close our eyes forever,  
And go to live up there on high.

First of all we wish to see Him,  
He who made us one and all,  
For we'll be waiting at the door-step,  
'Til He makes His final call.

When at last he gives the summons,  
And He calls His children home,  
We will all be waiting yonder,  
For to sit upon His throne.

We also want to be like angels,  
And have a pair of golden wings,  
And be allowed to play sweet music,  
On a harp with golden strings.

If when we die, we go to heaven,  
We will have no worries there,  
Nothing but to live in luxury,  
Free from sorrow and from care.

## Discouraged

By Doris Kerns, Stewartsville, Mo.

Sometimes in your life  
There'll be sorrow and woe;  
But look on the bright side,  
Let happiness show.

Don't worry or mourn  
When a dear friend is gone,  
For you will go too,  
When your work here is done.

So look on the bright side,  
Live the best that you can,  
And when you are ready,  
Give the Master your hand.

## Bring Back the Old-Fashioned Church

Ralph Cannady, Dunham, N. C.

Bring back the old time gospel  
Where there is shouting in the pews,  
And a preacher preaching Jesus  
Instead of chicken stews.

Bring in the Holy Spirit  
Instead of barbecue,  
We'll have less criticism  
Because of me and you.

And how about that kitchen  
That looks so bright and clean,  
You'll find them in the basement  
'Tis a modern church's theme.

God give us o'd time power  
And those Holy Spirit days,  
When all would go to preaching  
In the good old-fashioned way.

When those bells rang so sweetly  
I can hear that village choir,  
And a preacher really praying  
For a church that was on fire.

Bring back the church of Jesus  
To this modernistic world,  
He would clean these church house  
kitchens  
With a simple little whirl.

Bring in the o'd-time people  
Where they enter with a prayer,  
And you never heard a whisper  
Nor a chatter in the air.

Bring on that "Amen Brother"  
With a gospel preacher, too,  
And how about some singing  
Instead of gum to chew.

And say, I knew a teacher  
In those good old days back there,  
He never taught a class  
Until we all had prayer.

Bring back those good old mothers  
When on bended knees would pray,  
With the Holy Spirit working  
That the Lord may have His way.

Don't think that I am knocking  
But listen while I say,  
Let's move out all the kitchens  
That the Lord may have His way.

Instead of games for pleasure  
We like so much to do,  
Why not dust off your Bible—  
There is work for me and you.

It's good to build a church house  
With all those shining pews,  
But God will never bless it  
When it's built by selling stews.

## Working for God

By Mrs. Geo. Hancock, Desloge, Mo.

Dear people of God,  
I am so glad to know,  
You are working for Jesus  
Wherever you may go.

You labor and toil,  
Sometimes you are sad,  
Trying to save sinners  
From things that are bad.

But cheer up, dear people,  
You are doing your best;  
God knows your true worth,  
And He will give you sweet rest.

If you have been faithful  
He will give you a home,  
With the Saints up in Heaven,  
There you'll never more roam.

When at the judgment  
You meet Him up there,  
He will have your place waiting  
Near His bright jeweled chair.

## Sticking

By Mrs. Earl Jones, Flint, Michigan

There was a little postage stamp,  
No higher than your thumb,  
But still it stuck right on its job  
Until the work was done.

They licked it and they pounded it  
'Till it would make you sick,  
But the more it took a licking  
The tighter it would stick.

Friends, let's be more like the postage  
stamp

In playing life's rough game,  
And just keep on a sticking  
Tho' we hide our heads in shame.

For the stamp stuck to the letter  
'Till it saw it safely through;  
There is no one who could be better,  
Let's keep sticking and be true.

## No Pocket in a Shroud

By W. L. Alexander, Greentop, Mo.

Use your money while you're living,  
Do not hoard it to be proud;  
You can never take it with you,  
There's no pocket in a shroud.

Gold can help you on no farther  
Than the graveyard where you lie,  
And tho' rich while living—  
You're a pauper when you die.

Use it then some life to brighten,  
As through life they weary plod,  
Place your bank account in heaven  
And grow rich toward God.

Use it carefully, use it freely,  
Do not hoard it to be proud;  
You can never take it with you,  
There's no pocket in a shroud.



**BLACK**—John M. Black was born March 15, 1862 at Rolla, Mo., and departed this life December 26, 1940 at his home near Cassville, Missouri.

He was united in marriage to Sophronia Ryan November 20, 1887 by Rev. J. W. Ennis. To this union was born five sons, two of whom preceded him in death; also one grandchild died in infancy. He is survived by his wife, three sons; Albert, Marion and Luther all of Cassville; seven grandchildren and a great number of other relatives and friends.

He was converted in 1911. In 1917 he united with the Oak Ridge Methodist church and later united with Merl's Chapel Free Will Baptist church where he remained true and faithful until his death.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. O. M. Ennis, assisted by Rev. W. K. Weston.

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