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The ministers of a Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting in Cuba. From left to right are: Rev. Pedro Rojo, Rev. Julio Zohonet, Rev. Blas Serrano, Rev. Santiago Delgado, Deacon Florentino Gracia, Rev. Luis Diaz, and Rev. Pedro Oliva. Seated are Brother and Sister Willey.



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## ANNOUNCING!

## NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH IDEALS

A series of three articles by the Editor will appear  
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## Missionary Department

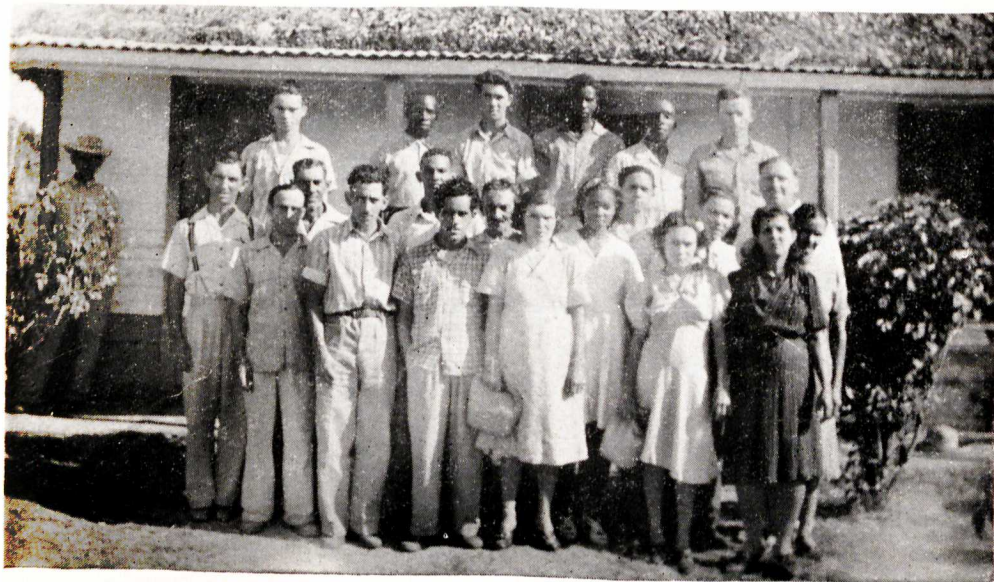


Rev. Winford Davis, Chair.-Treas. National Board, Monett, Mo.

### Scenes in Cuban Mission Field



This large group is the membership of the Free Will Baptist Church at Sabalo.



This group of folk were baptized and received into the Free Will Baptist Church at San Juan.





Rev. Blas Serrano, his wife and daughter on one of the mission horses, "Templeza Griffen," named for Brother J. G. Griffin of New Bern, N. C.



A student preacher, Rev. Luis de Sabala, mounted on "Jawbone," Mrs. Willey's horse which was purchased by the ladies of North Carolina, Sister Olgsky had a large part in this purchase.





Rev. Pedro Rojo and his mount and new saddle. Bro. Dunbar and his people in eastern Tennessee purchased this horse and saddle.



Rev. Pedro Oliva on his horse.



Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey  
Missionaries to Cuba



The Free Will Baptist Church,  
San Andres



Rev. Santiago Delgado and his horse Durham Junior. The horse is named for the group of juniors in the Durham North Carolina Church





This displays some of the work being done by our Free Will Baptist Missionary in Cuba Rev. T. H. Willey.

## Christmas Cheer and Hope

### The Virgin-Born Man

The story herein set forth is very impressive, indeed. It is the very heart of all Bible teaching. It is an all inclusive subject, and binds us to the words of God with such fascination till we will not let go—and we thus receive great blessings.

#### Prophetic Portrait

The prophetic picture of Christ found in the Old Testament may be summarized in the following statements:

1. He must be a man, a descendant of Eve, therefore the promised seed of the woman, a virgin-born man.

2. He must be of the seed of Abraham.

3. As the seed of Abraham, He must come through Isaac, not Ishmael; and through Jacob, not Esau.

4. He must be of the race of Israel and of the tribe of Judah.

5. He must be of the house of David, and heir to the Davidic Covenant.

6. He must be born of a virgin mother.  
 7. He must prove His deity by His works.  
 8. He must be born in Bethlehem.  
 9. He must be a great prophet.  
 10. He must be cut off in suffering and die as a vicarious sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, and rise again from the dead.

11. He must reign as King over Israel and through them over all the world.

12. Therefore, He must be One who will restore the Kingdom to Israel.

13. And to do this, He must come again to rule and reign.

#### Must Have Virgin Mother

The doctrine of a virgin-born Savior is set forth in Genesis 3:15 which reads: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; and it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel." This strange, all-



inclusive prophetic statement is of great significance because it occurs in the Adamic Covenant which God made with Adam and Eve immediately after their fall in the garden. What does such a statement as this hold, of hope and grace and mercy for those who had sinned against God? Much every way, because it gives the promise of a Savior to come, who shall in due time bruise the serpent's (that is Satan's) head. Let us notice the special characteristic invested in the one who shall do this. The prophecy clearly states that He must be the seed of the woman. God said, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed." No reference is made here to Adam who was the federal head of the race. Remember, the woman was taken from Adam, not by natural generation, but by the creative act of God. And even though Eve sinned and caused Adam to sin, still the headship of the race belonged to Adam, and therefore God held Adam responsible for this first sin. This is confirmed in Romans 5:12 where it says, "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned." In Romans 5:19 it further says, "For as by one man's disobedience, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one, (that is one man) shall many be made righteous."

### Eve Was Deceived

Why was not Eve mentioned in these passages which explain the cause and consequences of that first sin? Why? Because God held Adam as the federal head of the race responsible for what was done. And again, in seeking to place the responsibility for the first sin, we read in 1st Timothy 2:13, "For Adam was first formed, then Eve, and Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." Here again we see why it was that God held Adam primarily responsible for the first sin, instead of the woman. In our shallow reasoning upon the subject we generally lay the blame on the woman, and rather excuse Adam for what he did at Eve's suggestion. God reverses the order of the condemnation and blames the man, and excuses the woman. In other words, if grace was to be

offered in any way to this sinful couple, on the basis of comparative guilt, God was bound to offer grace through the woman instead of the man, for she was deceived, but Adam was not deceived. So when God considered the matter of administering grace upon them, He chose the seed of the woman instead of the seed of the man, because in God's sight she was less guilty than Adam. God could offer grace to one and through one who had sinned because she was deceived, rather than through one who had knowingly sinned, and had thereby sold his own birth right and also sold his entire posterity into sin.

### The Seed of the Woman

In view of these things, the prophetic statement in Genesis 3:15 is very important and very significant indeed. It establishes the divine principle upon which grace and salvation were to be offered to sinful men: that is through the *Seed of the Woman*. Notice God said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman (not the man), and between thy seed and her seed (not the seed of the man, but the



seed of the woman apart from the man)." In other words, no son of fallen Adam, born of natural generation could ever arise to become the Savior of men, because he would be under the curse of his father Adam. But a man, virgin-born, of the seed of the woman, could become the Savior of the world, because God Himself chose the seed of the woman to be the means through which the Savior would come to bruise the serpent's head. The curse of the Adamic Covenant fell upon the seed of the man, and not upon the seed of the woman. God reserved the seed of the woman unto Himself, for the redemptive purpose of bringing a Savior into the world. This is wonderful truth! Truly, a portion of the judgment fell upon the woman for her part in the transgression, for unto the woman God said, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow

shalt thou bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." Nevertheless, God reserved the seed of the woman unto Himself—through which He would bring a Savior into the world—who would bruise the serpent's head, and rule over God's Kingdom.

### Adam's Faith

To further confirm the foregoing, let us examine the statement of Adam in Genesis 3:20. "And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living." This strange statement immediately followed the pronouncement of the Adamic curse. What then does Adam mean? It is an expression of Adam's faith in what God had just spoken in Genesis 3:15 that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. Adam understood the significance of this strange prophetic utterance. He knew, even then, from what God had said in him, that is in Adam, all would die, but that through the promised seed of the woman all would be made alive. Therefore by faith he could call his wife "Eve", the mother of all living, because the life of the race was to be preserved through her. Adam understood that the redemption of the race henceforth depended upon the seed of the woman, a virgin-born man, and he knew also that only God could bring such a miracle to pass. Therefore Adam had faith in God, that He could do what He had promised to do, i.e. give to him and all his descendants a virgin-born man to be their redeemer, and that this conquering one would bruise the serpent's head and thereby redeem the race from under the judgement and curse wrought by the fall.

Many have asked, do you think Adam will be saved? Certainly I do. The very fact that he called his wife's name Eve, "the mother of all living" showed his faith in the Messianic promise that God had given.

### Eve's Expression of Faith

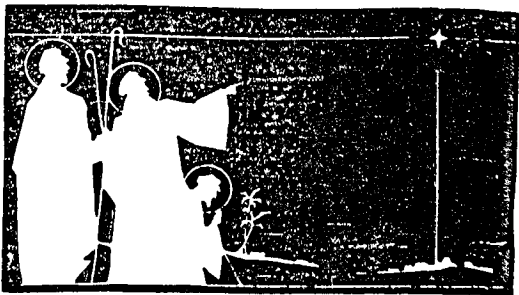
That Eve also understood the promise and the important place God had given to woman in the redemptive plan and that the promised Savior was to be a virgin-born man, is evidenced by her remark when Cain was born. She said, Genesis 4:1, "I

have gotten a man from the Lord." More literally translated, "I have gotten a man, even the Lord." She thought that she had given birth to the promised seed of Gen. 3:15, the Lord, the Redeemer; But in this she was mistaken, for Cain did not prove to be the promised seed. But the expression indicated her faith in the promise and that she knew the importance of it.

### Isaiah's Prophecy

Long centuries the world waited for the coming of the promised seed. And as we have already shown, the Messianic hope was eventually given to the race of Israel, and to the tribe of Judah, and to the house of David. At last the prophet Isaiah made a striking statement that was closely related to the Messianic hope. It is recorded in Isa. 7:13-14. "And he said hear ye now, O house of David; is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Note the prophecy is addressed to the house of David. God made the Davidic family the depository of the Messianic hope through the conditions and promises of the Davidic Covenant. Through Isaiah, God gave the house of David the sign, the all-important sign, that the long prophesied and cherished hope was about to be fulfilled. A virgin was to conceive and bring forth a son whose name was to be Immanuel, or "God with us."

Now this is exactly what had been promised in Genesis 3:15 when God said that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. It was the only way a man could be born and escape the adamic curse! It was the only way a man could be born and qualify as King to rule over God's King-





dom. It was the only way a man could be born and become the Savior of the world!

### The Four Ways in Which God has Made Man

It will be interesting just here to refer to the four ways man has come into the world:

- (1) Adam was made from the dust of the ground.
- (2) Eve was made from Adam's rib.
- (3) Others have been born by natural generation.
- (4) And Jesus was born of a virgin mother.

Jesus is the only man who ever lived who has claimed a virgin birth. That Jesus was born of a virgin mother is openly declared in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. And if this be true, and we believe it is, then the fact of His virgin birth is of great importance as related to the Messianic hope, and the Kingship of God's Kingdom.

### What the Gospels Say

Therefore, let us examine the records in the Gospels upon this subject. Matthew 1: 18-25 says: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. (Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emanuel, which, being interpreted, is, God with us.) Then Joseph, being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife; And knew her not till she had brought forth her first-born son: and he called his name JESUS."

Surely this passage is clear and to the point. It declares openly, plainly, and posi-

tively, that Jesus was a virgin-born man, and that His miraculous birth was a fulfillment of the prophecy given by Isaiah.

Another very helpful and enlightening passage in this regard is found in Luke 1:26-35. It reads: "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her and said, Hail! thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women! And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore, also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Who can deny but that these passages teach the doctrine of the virgin birth.

Here again we have evidence that can not be rebutted. Wicked unbelief may deny it, but even that, can not change the facts in the case.

### The Doctrine of the Virgin Birth

And so we declare upon the authority of God's eternal Word that the scriptures teach the doctrine and necessity of a virgin birth, and that it is a fundamental doctrine, that we all must believe, if we are to be saved, for God has made it the very foundation stone and the fountain head of the redemptive plan. The virgin birth, was to the house of David and to all Israel, the sign that their King and Messiah was near at hand. And God has made it indispensable among those requirements resting upon Him, who would be King over God's Kingdom.

We have devoted most of our time to a

discussion of this one point, but it is of such major importance that we dare not pass over it lightly. It is worthy of a still more thorough treatment than we have given it.

### Pity

God pity the minister in the pulpit or the man in the pew who does not believe in the doctrine of the virgin birth. Such a position is based either upon a careless ignorance of what the Bible teaches upon the subject, or upon wicked unbelief. As for myself, being a son by natural generation of my fallen parent Adam, I can not save myself, therefore I can hope and trust

the salvation of my soul to a man, virgin-born, who thereby has escaped the Adamic curse and is able to become my Savior. Such a man was Jesus Christ, and therefore my faith is in Him. He is my Savior! Why? Because He was the promised seed of the woman, whom God declared in Genesis 3:15 He would send to redeem the race. He was virgin-born, and therefore has the right to be the Redeemer and Savior of all men who will put their trust in Him. Let us praise God for a virgin-born Savior, who under the Davidic Covenant is destined to rule over the House of Jacob forever! And in His Kingdom there shall be no end.



## GOSPEL SERMONS



### As A Little Child

*By Eld. William Buster, Thebes, Illinois*



Scripture Lesson, Matthew 18:3.

**T**HE disciples had just come to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" They evidently referred to the sphere of profession on earth and were, even at that late date, unable to separate it entirely from a political kingdom. Apparently they thought of themselves as being leaders in this kingdom, and had just been in a dispute as to which of them should be the greatest (Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9:46-48).

Jesus placed a small child in their midst and said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

"Except ye be converted....." The disciples, evidently, had been converted (John 1:11-13; 15:3 "Ye are clean.....", and Luke 10:20). The very fact, however, that these disciples still retained the selfish desire among nominal unconsecrated Christians causes much confusion and loss of power in the church of today.

Paul said, "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man; I put away childish things" 1 Cor. 13:11. Do the teachings of Jesus and Paul conflict?

Paul had been rebuking the church at Corinth for their worldly practices and abuse of Spiritual gifts. He accuses them of taking a childish "playhouse" attitude in their church services.

Now, Jesus said, "Except.....become as little children (or individually as a little child), ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Here the reference must be to the attributes of the child and not to his playfulness.

Here are some of the attributes of the child that must, also, be found in the child of God.

### The Child Is Teachable

Plastic as clay in the hands of the potter, a child has an open, enquiring mind. He is always asking questions, seeking new truth. His life can be shaped by his parents, teachers, associates, etc. Many church people fail just here, become set in their ways, their mind closed to new Truth. They do not grow in grace or knowledge and are useless in the church (except to object to every new move, education, missions, building, stewardship, etc.) They hinder God's work among men and unconsciously serve Satan!



### The Child Has Faith

He believes in his father (or mother), He takes what the parent says without doubt or question. What a lesson for God's child to learn about his FATHER and HIS WORD.

### The Child Is Loving In Nature

He loves without expecting to be loved in turn (unselfishly). Two boys may fight today and play together tomorrow. The child does not hold a grudge. Christ says, "Except ye become as little children ye cannot enter the kingdom." Yet, what an appalling number of people in the church who wilfully avoid their brother member in the handshake. Churches are kept from progress and many are closed because there are factions in them that won't forgive each other. Jesus said, ".....ye shall not enter....."

### The Child is Free of Deceit and Hypocrisy

The childish nature has not learned to dodge the issue—will not tell you one thing and your neighbor something else.

The child wouldn't invite the pastor to dinner and hope all the time that he'd not accept the invitation, or wait until he had accepted someone else's invitation then come

and ask him. He wouldn't "brag" on a minister or his sermon and then "dig" him as soon as he turned his back—Amen! The child will not carry scandal and endeavor, in that cowardly way, to injure another, or play politics to get a pulpit if he were a minister—unless, of course, he'd first learned these abominations at home.

### The Child Has No Social Barriers

The child, if unrestrained, will play with the paupers' child as quickly as one of his own standing. We grown-ups, however, discriminate between people of different races and between rich and poor. (If there ever was a time we needed to guard against this practice it is now! We are not fighting against people—but principles). We even carry this ungodly attitude into our churches and set up lines between Baptist, Methodists, etc. "Except ye become as little children.....ye shall not enter."

### The Child is Content

He is satisfied with what he has. There is no worrying over tomorrow. He knows, that someday, the father that provided today's needs will also take care of tomorrow when it comes. Yet, how many Christians lose their power and testimony just that way (Matt. 6:22, 25-34).

May God help us to be as little children.

## Much is Little When God is Left Out

*By Rev. C. E. Mann, Queen City, Missouri*

During a conversation with a young man not long ago, he remarked, "I wish I had a million dollars." Being interested in the young man, I asked, "Just what would you do with a million dollars?" He then began to relate the things he would do, but never once mentioned the Lord or the part he would play in the Master's service.

In viewing the Bible story, how few of those blessed with this world's goods did much to advance the kingdom of the Lord or set in motion those things that would prove a spiritual blessing to mankind.

Noah and his sons came into possession of the world and the things recorded of him is: "He planted a vineyard," "got drunk," "cursed one of his sons," "and died."

Lot was a man of wealth but "he pitched his tent toward Sodom." With all his knowledge of God he did nothing to advance the

worship of the Lord, but died a drunkard and an adulteror.

Pharaoh was king of Egypt (the greatest nation of the world in his day), but he failed to heed the voice of God, and his kingdom fell—a fall which it has never recovered and all because God was left out.

Nebuchadnezzar was a king of wealth and power, yet notwithstanding all this his kingdom was taken from him. He was driven forth to live with the wild beast and "eat grass like oxen," and all because of pride and God was left out.

Solomon succeeded his father, David, to the throne of Israel, dedicated himself and his subjects unto the Lord, and was blessed with wisdom, wealth and power. In his prosperous life he forgot God, became an idolater and died in sin—1 Kings 11:4-11. The

kingdom was divided and began its downward trend, and all because God was left out.

Belshazzar succeeded his father to the throne. The most recorded of him in the Bible is: He made a great feast into a thousand of his lords, had a drunken brawl, together with his wives and concubines. They worshipped the gods of gold, brass, iron, wood and stone. God was left out. It was then the Lord wrote his condemnation upon the wall and pronounced the end of his kingdom.

Herod was king of Judah and through his power he succeeded in killing James and putting Peter in prison, but God delivered Peter. Herod delivered a great oration unto the people, and because he failed to give God the glory, the Lord smote him.

Jesus gives us a parable of the rich in Luke 12:16-21. The things true of men then are true now, for men are very much the same in all ages of the world.

With people of today who have wealth and power, God is left out of their plans, and, from many reports, out of their lives also. Our government largely plans, leaving God out of the plan. They who called the nation to prayer September 7, 1942 are now working to turn the thing over to the boose element and the devil. Why should we expect the blessings of the Lord one day when we turn against Him and His word the next?

May we learn to appreciate the blessings



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of life before the Lord removes them.

When Jesus shall come riding on the clouds with power and great glory, accompanied by the holy angles and the saints, it will be those who have left God out of their lives who will pray for the rocks and mountains to hide them from the face of Him who gave his life for their redemption.

May it be our happy portion to include Him in our plans and embrace Him in our hearts.

## The Throne of God

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### The Abiding Throne

Isaiah said, "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up." It was a very fitting time for him to have such a vision; at the time when the only earthly throne he had ever known was vacant, he said the throne which never had been, was not and never was to be vacant. Kingdoms rise and fall, but God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. Thrones are occupied for a time and then are vacant, yea, are destroyed; only God's throne is established and occupied forever. There is rest in the conviction that the throne of

God abides, for if our nation should be destroyed our King still reigns over all, "high and lifted up". Peoples and nations have rejected Him from being King but they have never dethroned Him. He reigns still, and shall reign; and, by His word, we shall reign with him (Rev. 3:21; 5:10; 2 Tim. 2:12).

### A Throne of Government

If the kingdoms rise, it is by God's appointment; if they fall, it is by His appointment; if thrones are occupied, it is by His appointment; if they are vacant, it is by God's appointment. Nebuchadnezzar



reigned during God's pleasure; and he had "his portion with the beasts in the grass of the earth" during God's pleasure. "And at the end", he said of Jehovah, "all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of earth; and none can stay his hand, or say to him, What doest thou? ... and those that walk in pride he is able to abase." This was Nebuchadnezzar's response to a schooling in which God had told him he would learn "that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the lowest of men." It is still so. We vote for our presidents, and God elects them. He appoints the kings and emperors and dictators, and deposes them. He said He raised up Pharaoh and He dethroned Belshazzar and He commanded Abimelech and Cyrus, and He destroyed Herod. No man or nation can escape God's government. He uses every one to advance His end, which is righteousness and peace on earth. If you are faithful and obedient He will use you as a vessel of honor, but if not, He will use you as a vessel of dishonor. God settles the disputes among the nations and establishes their boundaries (Acts 17: 24-27). In short God makes history. All the governments are His ordinances (Rom. 13:1-7).

### A Throne of Judgment

Sooner or later God will bring every act and thought of man into judgment. He is not hasty in judgment. Many of His judgments are loving judgments of chastening if perchance He may save sinners. Some of his judgments are judgments of destruction if those who cannot by any means be persuaded to be saved, as the flood and the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, for love to those who will be saved. "Reckonest thou.....that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?" (Rom. 2:3). "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men" (Rom. 1:18). And the crucifixion of Christ was a loving judgment, wherein Christ bore the sins of all so that all who will may be saved. He substituted Himself for the sinner.

### A Throne of Grace

"Let us therefore draw near with boldness

unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need." If God's throne were not a throne of grace, all would be doomed. But God's purpose and plan and character can not fail. He must bring righteousness and peace to the earth. He, to do that, is proceeding by government and judgment and grace. There is grace in His government and judgment, and there is government and judgment in his grace. My friend, if you have not trusted and obeyed God you are clay spoiled in his hand; but *if you will* He will make you again, and into a vessel of honor; if you will not then He will use you as a vessel of dishonor, and finally destruction awaits you. God's grace provides that in Christ. He will receive as perfectly innocent and work His righteousness in all who will. His grace is meant to produce righteousness and peace in the universe even as His government and judgment are meant for that. Not peace without righteousness, that cannot be.

### A New Year's Word to the Unsaved

Friend, if you were asked, "Where do you expect to spend the winter?" You would give a candid and sensible answer. But if asked, "Where do you expect to spend eternity?" the likelihood is that you smile and give some foolish answer, or possibly frown and scorn the one who asks you, "Where will you spend eternity?" What is your answer? You say you don't know where? You may know if you will.

The Book of God reveals two destinies, one for the saved and the other for the lost. In Christ we are pardoned, saved, and in the way that leads to an eternity of joy; out of Christ we are unpardoned, lost, and in the broad way that leads to destruction. "These shall go away into eternal punishment" (Matt. 25:46); "the hell of fire; where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:47).

Dear Friend, that is where you are bound unless you turn to Him who will abundantly pardon. But this you can do. With all your heart do it. Turn now. It is the only right way to start the new year, that is, in Christ. And you have this in your favor, that He will receive you, and just as you are. He desires to pardon. He "came into the world to save sinners." He is "not

wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." "Repent and turn again that your sins may be blotted out."

You are a sinner, there is no doubt about that; and you are a lost sinner, never having accepted the Savior; but know this, "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." His blood cleanses for sin. Can you, will you not place your confidence in His atoning blood? "Believe on

the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). Believe to that extent that in humiliation as a sinner you let Christ have those sins and yourself to do whatsoever He will with you. His word will then lead your surrendered will to confess Him and to be baptized in His name. (Acts 8:36-38; 16:33, 34; 2:38-41; Gal. 3:26, 27). Having so yielded yourself to Him you may go on your way rejoicing in hope or an eternity of joy at His right hand.

## Back to Bethel

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

"Ask for the old path where is the good way, and walk therein" Jer. 6:16.

JACOB had a wonderful experience in seeing God's way for man to contact, approach and eventually ascend into the very presence of God by the ladder, Jesus Christ, God's Son, our sacrifice, and High Priest, and coming King. Jacob may have been disobedient to the lesson learned in this vision, but in after years he had his "back to Bethel" experience. In Jer. 6:16, we hear the admonition to enquire for the old paths wherein is the good way and then walk in them.

In Jude 3 we are admonished to contend earnestly for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Every wide-awake, born again child of God realize today that as a nation we are in one or the other of two ways. No other alternate can be found. One is 'back to God', "back to Bethel" in our experience with God, accept and contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints, or accept the judgments of a righteous God poured out upon a sinful, rebellious people. Many today have a form of Godliness but are denying the power thereof. A compromising group of men calling themselves ministers of God, but in reality are agents of Satan sent forth to sow the seed of doubt and lead people away from God. There is the way of driving stock from one man's farm to another; then there is the way of taking that which look like food but is not and persuading them to follow where you would have them go. Thousands of people today that would not walk willfully into sin or even suffer them-

selves to be driven into sin, yet are led from the old paths by deceptive means. Our forefathers who founded this country did not go to some God rejecting, Christ-hating nation for their pattern to follow after, but rugged individuality with a living faith in a living God was their creed.

God give us men today who will walk in the old paths and contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. It was said of Spurgeon that he considered the highest compliment ever paid him was by a man who was his enemy, and in seeking to discredit Spurgeon's work said, "He is a man that has not moved forward an inch in all his ministry. Why, he is still preaching the theology of the first century, and proclaiming the doctrine of Nazareth and Jerusalem current eighteen hundred years ago."

Would we rather go back to God or go on down to ruin?

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# The Question Box

**Question:** Do you think the greatest Pyramid of Egypt contains the information as to the great events recorded in the Bible? I have just read a little booklet which says that according to the measurements of the different passage-ways in the Pyramid we are just about or altogether at the end of the Gentile times. I would like you to explain the meaning of the Pyramid as you understand it.

**Answer:** Why should God depend upon a pile of stones built by idol worshipping Egyptians as the vehicle through which to give the world a revelation of Himself or of his purpose? Have we not His own inspired Word, and is that not sufficient for any child of God? It is pitiful to see how many people are so easily misled by morbid presentations of fantastic fables. We have

spent sometime in studying a good deal of this Pyramid literature, and must say frankly that it is filled with nonsense and with misleading intimations. If you will look up any reputable encyclopedia you will find that the measurements of the Great Pyramid as given by men of scientific reputation, are considerably different from those which are presented in the literature which we have examined. If we accustom ourselves to running hither and thither, having itching ears, and always seeking some new thing under the sun, are we not in danger of the curse pronounced in Rev. 22:18, "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book"? Beware of these new fashioned "discoveries" and stick to the Word of God, then you cannot be mistaken.



## Our Bible School



The work of the Free Will Baptist Bible School has been presented to our people from various viewpoints. At this time we would like to give you glimpses of the school life and atmosphere through the eyes of the students themselves. There are twelve young men and women who compose the student body, and here are their testimonies:

"It has become a realization to me that God is leading this school by His Holy Spirit and that He has definitely led each student this way. If you could be in our midst in evening devotions you would feel the very presence of God in His mighty power."—Rashie Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C.

"As we place Christ first in our School, all the subjects that we are studying are so blended together that they are intensely interesting. The presence of the Holy Spirit is in each class."—Opal Hiltibidal, Walnut Hill, Illinois.

"I count it a privilege to say that if there is any one who needs Christ more and wants to learn more about His precious Word, this is the place."—James Hagin, Glennville, Georgia.

"We are continually in an atmosphere charged with the Spirit and fragrant with a fellowship which only Christians enjoy. This is due to the fact that each day is opened with prayer and every activity of the day is interspersed with prayer."—Damon C. Dodd, Flat River, Missouri.

"We consider being at this wonderful Bible School an answer to many fervent prayers we have prayed. The classes are very inspirational and already we can see the results of our having studied here"—Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Flat River, Mo.

"Our morning devotional service is a great joy to all of us, and it starts us out each day in the right spirit. Evening devotions also mean much to each student."—Robert K. Woodard, Kannapolis, North Carolina.

"Our music is very spiritual and uplifting, and makes us enjoy the fellowship of each other much better."—S. R. Kennedy, Beulaville, North Carolina.

"The presence of the Holy Spirit in each class period is keenly felt. He leads our thoughts and efforts throughout every hour

of the day."—George Waggoner, Macedonia, Illinois.

"The Christian fellowship of the students and faculty makes us one big, happy family."—Marie Thomas, Monett, Missouri.

"If any of you will come to us, I am sure that you will feel the Spirit of God as soon as you enter the door."—Paul J. Kettelman, Macedonia, Illinois.

"We would feel undernourished without

the wonderful spiritual and prayerful meetings we have in the chapel, evening devotions, dormitory and even in our class meetings, all of which have become a solid part of our education."—Daniel Cronk, Hazel Park, Michigan.

"I have never found any sweeter fellowship than I find here among the students. It is a blessing to be here."—J. B. Starnes, Kannapolis, North Carolina.



## Our Boys in the Service



**Howllan Island  
October 28, 1942**

Dear John Rollins:

I am glad to hear, through the *Gem*, that the Free Will Baptist denomination is doing so much. It makes my soul rejoice.

My testimony is I am thankful that I am a Christian, and I thank God for you making it possible for me to get the *Gem*. I will always remember you Christian people in Missouri in my prayers. Pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,

P.F.C. Johnny Noll 37083809

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A.P.O. 954 %Postmaster

San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

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**54th Signal Battalion, A.P.O. 860  
October 18, 1942**

Dear Christian Friends:

Greetings! My not being accustomed to writing this kind of letter, I believe there is no better way to begin than by quoting a portion of Paul's letter to the Philippians: "Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." I believe that sufficiently conveys my feeling toward you as a body of Christian workers.

During the eight months I have been in the army, I have missed the sweet fellowship of you Christian people, but I have not been slack toward the Christian work. I find that no matter where you are, you can still find men who are firm believers

in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some may think a person would find it hard to live a true Christian life in the army. I have found it really easy. Of course, you don't get to attend church as much as was possible in civilian life, but then on the other hand, a person will take more time to the study of the Bible. There are other books which the army furnishes which give light on the Scriptures. The study of the Word, in my estimation, is one of the greatest essentials in living a life for God.

I am praying that we may again be able to attend the services as was once possible. I feel that we all will put forth a greater effort to be in the service and do our best. After all, God doesn't require a great lot of us. He tells us in so many of the Scriptures what to do and the kind of life to live if we are to inherit eternal Blessings. One of the greatest things He tells us, through Paul's letter to the Thessalonians is: "Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Writing this has been a new experience to me. So I hope that you will have been able to bear with me. May God bless each of you and prosper you in His service.

Your friend and fellow-servant of God,

Pvt. Otho Boyd Asn. 37142843

54th Signal Bn. Co. B.

A.P.O. 860. % Postmaster

New York City, New York

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### What To Do

Written by Corporal Robert Colliver,



63 Bn., Co. B, 13 Reg., Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Dedicated to his father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Colliver, of Ashland, Kentucky.

When days are dark and dreary,  
And you're feeling very blue;  
Let's always try to remember,  
There's others worse off than you.

Think of the things which happened  
To you throughout the day;

And then I'm sure you won't forget,  
To bow your head and pray.

I know if you will ask,  
"Dear Lord, walk close to me;"  
He will hear your feeble prayer,  
And will give you peace and liberty.

Go to church at every chance,  
Instead of some 'other place;  
And joy and contentment is bound to come  
To every creed and race.

## Church Letters - Field Reports

### Free Will Baptist Church Drumright, Oklahoma *Mrs. Lydia Robinson, Reporter*

Dear Gem Readers:

Again, I am reporting the glorious news of our church for God has blessed us wonderfully in our revival that just ended October 30th. It lasted 14 days and nine precious souls were saved. Bro. Bert F. Rogers of Wewoka, Oklahoma, was our evangelist and a wonderful message was brought each night.

Our Sunday school, prayer meetings and mission work are all progressing fine.

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### Revival at Independence Church Stockton, Missouri

We want to give a report of the revival at Independence church, knowing our many friends will rejoice with us in the victory the Lord gave us there.

The church, being anxious and ready, asked me, as pastor, to stay after my regular appointment and begin services. So we continued a week before the coming of our evangelist. On Sunday night, October 11, Bro. Frank Linton came and remained until October 22. During that time we sure enjoyed some rich, spiritual blessings and times of great happiness as we saw souls born into the kingdom. Bro. Linton brought a powerful message each night and we are praising the Lord for nine souls who were saved and for the very evident reviving of zeal in the church itself.

Bro. Linton greatly endeared himself to this people, as a true servant of God, and we are hoping we may have him back in another meeting some time.

We were happy, also, to have Bro. Kenneth Turner, a former pastor of the church, with us for the last week of the revival.

On Thursday night following the close of the regular service we adjourned to meet at the water's edge. There with the full moon shining down upon the scene, eight souls followed their Lord in baptism. The presence of the Spirit was felt so sweetly by all present.

All together the church feels greatly strengthened by the revival with eight additions to the church and a better spirit of unity prevailing.

We are having services two Sundays a month now and are determined to go forward in the work of the Lord.

—Lowell Martin, Pastor.

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### Free Will Baptist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

*Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor*  
*Mrs. A. F. Fipps, Reporter*

To the Gem Readers:

In the beginning we want to say that the Tulsa Church is still progressing in the service of the Lord.

Rev. V. L. Wilson of Cushing, Oklahoma, will begin a revival Sunday night, November 14. Won't you help us to pray that God will save souls during this revival?

The Tulsa Church has given up some of its most valuable members in the past few months by death. Sister Laura Higgins, a talented young lady in the Lord's work and teacher of the beginners class in Sunday school; Sister Mary Rose, faithful and long time member of the church; Bro. John Stairs, not a member of the Tulsa church but who worked with us as though a mem-

ber and in the mens' Bible class; Bro. C. E. Paxton, a deacon and one who loved the work of the Lord and secretary of the mens' Bible class. These were our loss but heaven's gain, and we say, "Thy will be done." We miss these dear ones who labored so faithful and also those that have been called away for army service. We expect to all be together again one of these days.

Rev. Bingham opened a revival in St. Louis, Missouri, and after a weeks' stay was called home by the death of Brother Paxton. Bro. Bingham reported a good time in the Lord and souls were being saved.

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### Cordova, Alabama November 9, 1942

Dear Co-Workers:

It is with great joy that we give you another report of our work. We spent two weeks in Texas and while there we visited several churches and attended our Central Texas Association for the first time in several years. It was good to meet a number of our dear preachers and friends. We were glad Bro. Joe Fort from Bryan had reached his new field of labor in time to be with us. He is one of our fine young ministers from Georgia that took Bro. J. R. Davidson's place in Byran. We feel that he will do a splendid work in Texas.

We had a few days meeting near Huntsville with five (5) conversions and then we left Texas for Tupelo, Mississippi, to be with Bro. M. L. Hollis and his churches for the purpose of organizing the Woman's Auxiliary. We reached the places on time and organized seven local auxiliaries. On November 1 we met back at Tupelo and organized a district convention. We feel that the women will do a great work and be ready with delegates and reports to meet our National Auxiliary Convention. We expect to meet at Columbus, Mississippi, the second Sunday in June, 1943, in a real district convention. A few churches from Alabama will be with us as they have no convention near. Bro. Hollis has done a wonderful work in Mississippi and Alabama. May God continue to bless his laborers.

We then went to Pell City, Alabama, to attend the Alabama State Association, which was a grand success. We found some more

of those dear Free Will Baptists just like we have in a number of other states. The meeting all the way through was filled with the spirit of unity. We heard some old time shouting. If you never did shout I think you would have when Bro. J. M. Bloss brought a powerful message on what Free Will Baptists believe. There were so many good talks and sermons. The Association raised over a thousand dollars on an orphanage. They also voted to stand by the unified program. We surely have some sweet spirited minister in Alabama. Rev. J. J. Stabb of Birmingham is moderator and he surely does make a good one. We stayed through the entire session and enjoyed every minute of the time. Bro. J. R. Davidson from Nashville, Tennessee, was there to represent our Bible School. He brought a wonderful message and a good offering was taken for the school.

We also had the privilege of speaking on the Woman's Auxiliary and what it meant to our churches. A nice offering of \$17.40 was given on our expenses, for which we were very thankful. Our dear women of Alabama are very anxious to get the Auxiliary going in Alabama. They have several district conventions, but they want a state convention and we expect to return in the spring and do some work around in the north part of the state and get them well lined up before the National Association.

At the close of the Association we accompanied Rev. K. V. Shutes to his church in Cordova, Alabama where he is pastor. We had two splendid services with the fine people of Cordova. Bro. and Sister Shutes have done a wonderful work here in their church is in full co-operation with our National plan. Sister Shutes has recently organized a group of young women into an Auxiliary. Come on young ladies everywhere and get lined up in this great missionary cause. When you organize get a Jeholada Chest and some stickers for the penny banks and keep our workers on the fields going; also in the foreign fields.

We go from here to New Bern, North Carolina. That will be our headquarters for mail. Pray for us.

Yours for Jesus,

— Lizzie McAdams.



## Report of National Foreign Mission Treasury

*Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.*

Young peoples League of Tulsa Church .....	\$10.00	Mrs. V. B. Stone, Henderson, Tex. ....	2.50
National Allocation Fund by F. S. Vanhooze, Treas. ....	\$5.59	Senior S. S. Class, N. Carolina .....	4.00
Mrs. John A. Sawyer, Columbia, N. C. .	2.25	Pearsalls Chapel of N. C. ....	5.30
State of North Carolina by Chester Pelt .....	76.11	Martin Association of Georgia .....	20.07
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S. C. .	2.00	Salem Church of Georgia .....	1.63
S. P. Easley, Portales, New Mexico ..	10.00	Missouri State Association .....	113.40
National Womans Auxilliary Convention by Fannie Polston .....	53.14	Lillian and Woodrow Burrow of Ga. .	19.00
Young Peoples League, Mt. Zion Church of Illinois .....	7.00	Turned in by Rev. J. R. Davidson from Texas .....	1.00
Central Conference of N. Carolina ..	20.00	Turned in by Rev. J. R. Davidson from Oklahoma .....	10.00
		Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Edge, T. .	2.50
		State of Ohio by Grace Peach, Treas. .	150.00
		South Carolina Conference .....	25.90
		Mrs. B. M. Mayfield, Wetumka, Okla. .	6.00

## Report of Missouri Treasury

*Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.*

### Foreign Mission Fund

North East Mo. Missionary Group ..	\$15.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) church .....	4.55
Tue Blue Class, Mt. Olive (Neola) S. S. ....	1.00
Shibleys Point Church .....	1.00
Margaret Turner, Granby, Mo. ....	3.00
Independance Church .....	29.25
Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxilliary .....	2.00
Merls Chapel S. S. ....	6.00
Wiley Circle Flat River Auxilliary ..	15.99
Blue Eye Church .....	1.57
Oak Grove Church, Thayer, Mo. ....	4.00
Myrtle Long, Patton, Mo. ....	1.00
Mine La Motte S. S. ....	4.00
Wagoner Church .....	5.25
Aurora Church .....	2.74
Happy Circle Class of Hazel Creek Union Church .....	5.00
Leadington Church .....	3.36
Verdella Church .....	5.00

### Budget Fund

Rev. John B. Rollins, Monett Mo. ....	20.00
Carterville Church .....	7.81

### Unified Program Fund (Penny-A-Day)

Mt. Olive (Neola) Church .....	\$7.08
Monett Church .....	6.00
Margaret Turner, Granby, Mo. ....	2.00

Hickory Grove Church .....	1.00
Carterville Church .....	6.05
Aurora Church .....	.96
Merls Chapel .....	7.00
Fairview Church of Kansas .....	1.25

### Benevolent Fund

S. P. Easley, Portales, New Mexico, for Tenn. Orphanage .....	\$10.00
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### Jehoida Chest Fund

Monett Church .....	\$1.00
Hickory Grove Church .....	1.00
Wiley Circle Flat River Auxilliary ..	1.00
Macedonia Church .....	1.00

### Educational Fund

S. P. Easley, Portales, New Mexice ..	\$15.00
Leadington Church .....	2.42
South East Mo. Auxilliary Convention. .	5.90

### New Machinery Fund

Rev. Marie Thomas, Nashville, Tenn. .	\$5.00
Jones Chapel by Hope Eaton .....	5.00
Flat River Church .....	25.00

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### STANDING ROOM ONLY

The pastor announced: "Tonight I am going to preach on 'Fools' and I trust that a great many will attend."

## OBITUARIES

**FUGATE**—Edgar Carl Fugate, son of Monroe and Susan Fugate, was born in Scuyler County October 30, 1873 and departed this life October 26, 1942, at the age of 68 years, 11 months, 26 days. He was united in marriage to Dora Eagon, January 2, 1901. To this union four children were born, one dying in infancy.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife; one son, Floyd Fugate, Downing, Mo.; two daughters, Mrs. Edith Montgomery, Greentop, Mo.; and Mrs. Mabel Montgomery, Kirksville, Mo.; Three brothers, Arthur of Coleville, Washington, Roy of Greentop and

Luther of Cement, Oklahoma; one sister, Mittie McElehinney of Greentop; ten grandchildren and a host of other friends and relatives. Two brothers and one grandchild preceded him in death.

He united with the Free Will Baptist church in 1932 and has been a faithful worker ever since. He was a kind and loving husband and father.

The funeral was held Tuesday October 27, at the New Harmony church in the presence of a host of neighbors and friends with the writer in charge, with burial in the Fugate cemetery.

—Rev. Archie Cooler.

## A Tribute to Brother Winford Davis

*By Rev. Maurice W. Roach, Flint, Michigan*

This is my first visit to you. Perhaps ere this letter ends you won't like me and hope I won't write again. Nevertheless here it is.

Bro. Winford Davis has been with us for a revival. While he was in our home I couldn't help notice all the bookkeeping he was doing. I began asking questions. Here is his answer. The following is his bookkeeping job:

Chairman-Treasurer of National Foreign Mission Board.

Member of National Board of Education.

Member of National General Board.

Secretary-Treasurer of Missouri State Association.

Secretary of Foreign Missions for Indian Creek Association.

Member of Board of Directors of Free Will Baptist Gem.

Member of Board of Censorship of Free Will Baptist Gem.

Imagine my surprise when I learned he was doing all of this for us without a cent of pay. Please don't misunderstand, Bro. Davis never complained and maybe he won't like me for writing this. However I do think some kind of an arrangement could be made to show our appreciation for his labor, don't you? Bookkeepers for every business draw big salaries. Couldn't the man who is "bookkeeping" our funds for the Lord be taken care of in a financial



way? Do you like me now? Anyhow, this has been on my heart and I'm passing it on to you.

Remember us here in Flint when you pray. Pray that God will bless us financially that we can build a church on our lots that were given to us for a church site.

May God's blessing rest and abide with you all forever.