

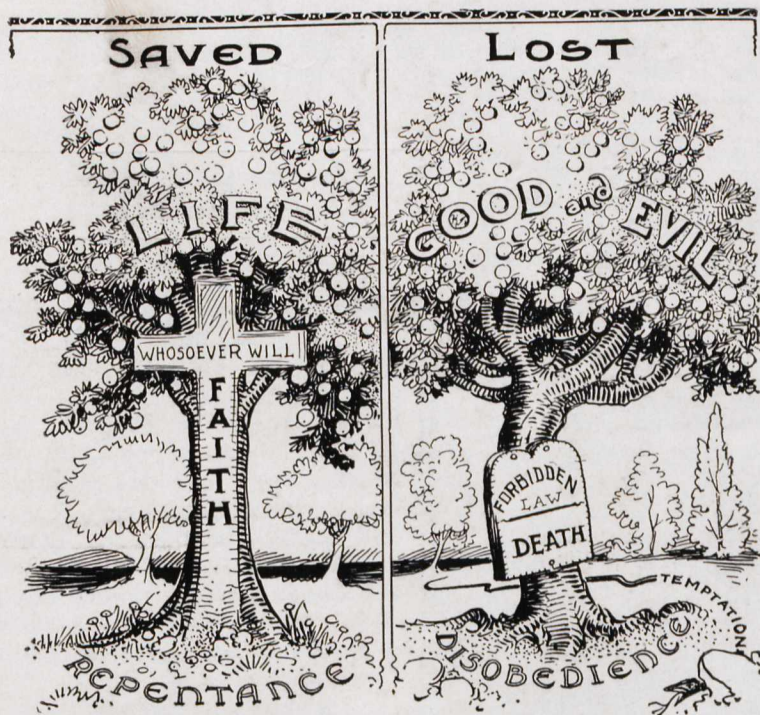
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what the Spirit saith unto the  
churches; To him that overcometh  
will I give to eat of the tree of life,  
which is in the midst of the paradise  
of God" (Rev. 2:7).





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# GOSPEL SERMONS



## The Four Falls of Satan

Rev. John B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri

The probation and sin of angels, with Lucifer as the leader, has been previously considered (January issue). Satan, and his angelic following, fell as a result of his abnormal desire to ascend into the regions above and be like God. Jesus described his fall in Luke 10:18, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Satan's course is a falling course, and his fall is hopeless and of eternal consequence. Divine inspiration points out four major epics in Satan's course of falling.

### The First Fall

Christ described the fall of Satan in eight significant words; brief words, void of encumbering detail, yet they yield a marvelous revelation. Christ said that He "beheld" or witnessed Satan's fall from heaven, and that his fall was "as lightning."

Satan fell from heaven. The exact meaning of the language of Christ commands sincere consideration because of the three-fold usage of the word "heaven." It is used in scripture to denote: 1. atmospheric heaven, or the region of the clouds and the air, 2. stratospheric heaven, or the region up among the stars and celestial (heavenly) bodies, and, 3. the abode of God, called in Holy Writ the "heaven of heavens" and "the third heaven." Satan was never in either heaven only as he entered as an intruder in the act of his original sin. It is revealed that angels were on probation, presumably on the earth, certainly not in heaven, and were charged to confine themselves to God-appointed "habitations" and to keep a certain "estate" in a voluntary obedience to God before they should be taken to dwell with God in heaven. Some of the angels, with Satan as leader, "kept not their first estate" and left the confines of "their own habitation" in an act of voluntary disobedience and sin (Jude 6; II Peter 2:4). It has been observed

that angels were not affected by atmospheric pressure, did not breathe air, were not encumbered with the system of weights and measures, and were not subject to the laws of gravitation. For them to stay on the earth (in its original form, Gen. 1:1) within the limits of an appointed habitation would exemplify a most beautiful obedience to God, and would make them, or any other creature, of sufficient purity of character to be transferred into the very abode of God to dwell with Him forever. This was the lot and portion of those angels who were faithful and obedient—they are now with God in heaven. To stay on the earth during God's will is better than going to heaven against God's will.

Satan, and his angelic following, was not so destined. He repudiated the Person of God and abrogated His command to stay



Rev. John B. Rollins



within certain limits. Satan (who controlled the king of Babylon, Isa. 14:4-16) said, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God" — announcing his intentions to arise and traverse the broad expanse of the universe and encircle the orbits of planetary systems, yea, beyond the stratospheric heaven and the region of the stars into the heaven of heavens, the very abode of God, for, said Satan, "I will be like the Most High."

If this is the meaning of the "heaven" of Luke 10:18, Satan's obnoxious person no sooner entered, a sinful intruder, than he was kicked out, and Jesus used "lightning" to convey to human understanding the velocity and force of Satan's fall.

No one knows *when* this took place. It is known, however, that Satan was a fallen and subversive person in the Garden of Eden. It must have taken place between the happenings of Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. From that time until now, Satan has been a fallen angel and has had much to do to ruin the human race. It would be well to reserve a discussion of his activities with the human family to a succeeding article treating upon the subject matter more fully, please, may it be sufficient to say here that since his fall, and the sin and fall of mankind, Satan has been "the god of this world" and "the prince of this world" and "the prince of the power of the air." In these offices, he ever seeks to boycott God and is engaged in an extensive enterprise of breaking communications between God and man. Scripture reveals that his success is worthy of notice, which shall be considered in a subsequent article. Satan's falling is not all in the past. There awaits him whose course is downward three other falls, yet in the future.

### The Second Fall

In the end of this age, perhaps at the rapture of The Church, there is to be a war in heaven (atmospheric heaven) between Michael the Archangel with his angelic hosts and Satan with his angels. Michael and his blessed angels shall win the war, and dislodge Satan from his "power of the air" and shall cast him to the ground to be confined to the earth (Rev. 12:7-12). The heavens (all three — the air, the realm of the stars, and the

abode of God) and those who dwell therein are commanded to "rejoice." But "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth .... for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." He shall try to destroy Israel who having given to the world a "Man-Child" to redeem a world of sinners and having accomplished the salvation of "whosoever will" He translated them up through Satan's kingdom. It will seem that Satan will have succeeded in wrecking his vengeance upon Israel, when —

### The Third Fall

An unnamed angel shall descend from heaven to the earth and seize Satan and bind him and cast him below into the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:1-3).

### The Final Fall

At the close of the Millennium, Satan will come up from the bottomless pit only to go down to his eternal doom. It will be a fall into the lake of fire and brimstone prepared for him and his angels. This fire will be able to torment his uncorporeal person forever. Spirit beings who cannot die will be eternally punished. Woe be to the man or woman who believes the deceiver and wakes up to the fact that his ever-existing soul is tormented in the fire that never shall be quenched. It is the mercy of the Lord that has made salvation in reach of all of us. Why follow Satan when we are promised "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"? The most important business is to get right with God while we can.

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# The Letter Killeth but the Spirit Giveth Life

Mrs. Martha Dalton, Cassville, Mo.

"The letter killeth but the Spirit giveth Life" 2nd. Cor. 3:6.

I should not dare to make the above statement if it had not been declared by an able minister of the New Testament. Read the entire verse and you will find the structure for all that shall herein-after be written at this time.

There are more ways than one to write, and more places than one in which to write. Some of these are mentioned at the beginning of this chapter. The question asked is: "Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or need we as some others epistles (letters) of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you?" We understand that he referred to pen and ink letters or the equivalent of the printed page. He might well have said "No, we do not need them" for he answers by adding, "Ye are our epistle (letter) written in our hearts, known and read of all men; forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle (letter) of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone but in fleshy tables of the heart."

This being the case, someone may say, "Why not do away with the written page?" That isn't God's will either. Then another will want to know how the letter can kill, or maybe want to know who are the ones being killed thereby. Naturally you know it isn't the body that is being killed but the soul because of letting the printed page usurp the place of Him who gave His life to save us; by depending upon the mind alone; by denying that the power of God (as one man put it) "goes below the collar bone." Another person (who claims to be a minister of the New Testament) stated that the heart was merely a mechanism by which our body is kept alive, that our real self centers around the brain, thus directly disputing the word of Paul, that

the Spirit of God writes on the fleshy tables of the heart.

The brain is one of the most amazing and wonderful parts of the highest product of God's earthly creation, yet our Lord spent years showing people that where we really live is in our hearts. For an example: The publican who smote his breast and said in simple penitence, "God be merciful to me, a sinner", didn't need to be a brilliant scholar to know his need of God. His heart told him.

Jesus tried to get people away from total dependence upon the printed page, saying, "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." Take His word for it, it takes a higher power than the mind of man to open the scriptures to us for He had to open the scriptures to those who had been continually with Him.

He sent us the Holy Ghost not only to comfort us, but to lead us into all truth, especially those of the New Testament, and those who deny His indwelling presence are unfit to call themselves ministers of the New Testament. They are incapable of understanding. How can anyone know the meaning of the heart's surrender who have become so highminded as to not know he or she possesses a heart?

These same people think they have eternal life, based chiefly upon the words of Jesus, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned." We Free Will Baptists are wholeheartedly condemned as not accepting this scripture yet we do believe it, just as we believe everything else He said, and we believe it with our hearts as well as our minds. Romans 10:10, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." We also confess (both to God and before man) not just once, but often, although we are not so particular about the *letter* as to demand certain words be said.



Yes we do believe. Believe what? Believe the story? Or believe *in* (not about) Christ. Do you notice how many times He says, "Believe *in* me"? Does it mean alone to obey the form of doctrine your church requires? With this commission went a commandment to "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, together with a promise to be with us to the end of the world. If we observe one thing we will remember the beloved disciple Peter, whom Jesus even allowed to see Himself transfigured, confessed Him as Lord, yet was too weak away from Jesus' presence to confess Him. Why? The Holy Spirit had not yet entered into his heart. You don't recall any recurrence of this weakness after the day of Pentecost, do you? The Holy Ghost descended in a dramatic way, not only to comfort the hearts of those who believed in the Lord but gave birth to new souls who believed. This great demonstration and confirmation pricked many in their hearts and they asked Peter what to do. They were told to repent and be baptized in the name of the Lord, for the remission of sins, or forgiveness. This taking on the name of Christ evidently implied much because with many words he testified to them and exhorted them. Can't you just imagine the personal experience he related of Jesus. Those that gladly received his word were baptized and the number greatly increased (by three thousand in one day). Some

might believe these had done all that was required; indeed they no doubt fully repented for the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. He also gave the apostles power to lay hands on those who had made this physical demonstration of obedience to receive the Holy Ghost. These were Jews out of different nations and if it had not been for the record of the first Gentiles receiving the Holy Ghost, without having first been baptized, also without Peter laying his hands upon them, it would be easy to believe that this change of heart is withheld unto this day, until we are buried with our Lord in baptism. Here is an example where the letter killeth many, but the Spirit of God with whose presence we are blessed, brings to our remembrance the words of these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" So we see by this that Jesus didn't intend to allow the letter to destroy true believers yet we must obey His commands. The fact that God made it possible to directly seek His presence does not excuse us from physical obedience. Even our Lord was baptized.

Let's go back to the requirements of God to be a true believer: To believe in Jesus is to believe every word He said, and some of His words are "Ye must be born again." He described the spiritual birth more accurately than anyone else will ever be able to, saying "The wind bloweth where it listeth, etc." He said, "So is everyone that is born of the Spirit." Now everyone includes every disciple and every conversion from their day on to the present time. It includes you and me, and I want to testify to that definite experience.

I think perhaps God's power was demonstrated more greatly at that time than now, to confirm and establish the beginning of this great spiritual reign. Nevertheless if you have never had an experience that is amply described by the words of Jesus, above mentioned, matters not which side of baptism you are, I would advise you to spend a lot of time on your knees, not crying maybe but confessing and seeking the presence of God, consecrating, devoting, "believing in Jesus Christ."

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Who says God won't hear a sinner's prayer? Besides our own experiences and a great cloud of witnesses whose experiences agree with our own, we can cite you another example: The Apostle Paul, being blinded as he journeyed was healed of his blindness before being baptized, and was commanded to be baptized, calling on the name of the Lord. Which of the two acts were more important? Ananias had been sent to lay his hands upon him. If we depend entirely upon the letter, then by all means Ananias should have waited until after baptism to lay his hands upon him.

Since we have been plainly told that "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved," why should we be beguiled of this simplicity, seeing it is all sufficient, providing we follow our living faith with works and so, not let our faith die. We are to abide in His doctrine. We must believe and be baptized, but we must not place the baptism that fulfills righteousness in higher regard than the baptism that gives us a heart of flesh.

If the apostles had had to depend entirely upon the written word, I'm pretty sure they would not have laid their hands upon people to demonstrate the power of the Holy Ghost to those eligible to receive Him, because so far as I know, Jesus left no order to this effect; they simply knew this within themselves through the power of the Holy Spirit. We have no record of any conference the apostles held to decide whether this were the proper procedure.

It seems that at this period of time, the evidence of this power was manifested each time the apostles performed this ritual. Just at what time this practice was abandoned, I have no way of knowing, but after the churches were established, and the new covenant in full effect it seems to me they were taught and led back under the shadow of the cross, truly to follow the steps of Jesus, rather than become too much engrossed in the rites of the church. The Jews had so many rites that some were nailed to the cross. They probably don't know this to this day, except a few who have found Christ.

It is in His cross we should glory. Paul had plenty of knowledge, prestige, education and zeal against the church, but when he submitted himself fully to the very way he had persecuted, he didn't say proudly "I'm glad I had the good sense to take up with this doctrine," but "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Christ."

It takes blood to pay for sins and altho' physical obedience, at least to the extent of baptism fits into the pattern of Christ's doctrine, insomuch that it, in a figure saves us, nothing in reality can take the place of the cross, where the dying thief without any rites of the church appealed to the One whose blood was being shed for him, to remember him when in His kingdom.

He then and there accepted Him, and it is that very hour that has meant more to a lost world than any other hour in all history—simplicity! These words may well be every sinners' prayer.

So determined was Paul that the cross of Christ should remain the chief attraction of the Christian way that he counted his wisdom as nothing. He declared that "the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness, but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God." Paul attributed his understanding to the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

With many things left unexplained, how can we in this day feel certain we are in the right way? The very same way,

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by the power of the Holy Ghost. I should feel much out of place to declare that at no time, nor under any circumstance in this present time, does God demonstrate His power, through interpretation of languages and other definite gifts, but in the new birth there is all the evidence we need of God's amazing power, or so it seems to me. I'm willing to walk by faith rather than by sight.

It is quite plain to Christians that the cross has more significance in regard to salvation than any other part of the New Testament. Why not? It's His precious blood that atones for our sins. Wasn't it while on the cross that the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom and a way made for the Gentiles? The middle wall of partition has been broken down and Christ has made it possible for our hope to enter into that within the vail where He waits for our prayers—our High Priest! Our holy and majestic Mediator, a minister of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched and not man.

Read again Acts 2:21 which let the peo-

ple know the time had arrived when men and women, boys and girls could call on the name of the Lord and be saved. Here is the way that gives the individual the right to exercise faith in Jesus, spontaneously, the way that does not depend upon the works of others; the "Seek and find way" the "knock and it shall be opened" way, the "open the door" way, the direct approach, the "new and living" way, the way of the altar where our lives are offered and, praise His name, are accepted.

I wish I might awaken those whose understanding is darkened, to the realization of the power that is greater than that contained in the written page, that they might let their hearts, and minds as well become obedient unto the truth. I wish that they might learn that God writes His laws in our hearts, even though He didn't say He would "black-out" our minds to bring our hearts into subjection.

Can't you realize there are two kinds of wisdom and one of them is earthly, sensual, devilish? James 3:15. Why don't you start looking for the right kind? Here is how it begins: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

## The Model Church

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Should we inquire of someone: "Where is the Church?" no doubt they might point to some church building and say "there is the church."

If we asked another he might refer us to his particular denomination as the church.

Some so teach that theirs and theirs only is "The Church."

I am sure Paul had neither a building, nor a particular denomination in mind in 1st. Thess. 1, but referred to people, individuals. And he as did Christ love individuals more than any building or particular denominational doctrine.

Paul is talking to blood-bought souls, called-out ones, the "ecclesia." He had been their minister sent from God with the Gospel of the grace of God.

These people had received the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. They had believed the message that Jesus Christ came to the world to save sinners.

So then first of all in order to be the body of Christ which is the Church, one must be in God the Father, and in the Lord Jesus Christ. To have spiritual life is to be begotten of God, born from above. The blood of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord was from above, divine and holy. No taint of sin in that blood from heaven poured out on Calvary's cross for the atonement for sin. The efficacy of that blood, as He stood our punishment due us for sin, purifies, redeems us, and makes as many as receive Him members of His body, the Church.

Paul begins "Grace and peace from God



be unto you" Let me say here, any grace or peace must come from God.

And it is the individual possession of all who believe in Him as their Saviour and Lord.

Paul prays for the church, the individual members, Giving thanks to God for them. I believe he remembers the travail and anxiety he had undergone for each one until Christ's Spirit had been formed in each life.

God pity the church where the pastor does not pray for the members. Prayer is an essential. It is the sunshine vitamin of the soul. And brings down God's strength and power for growth.

There is plenty of unused power of supply in God's possession, and He invites us to tap the supply by prayer.

He will bring part of it to a focal point in our midst—and Jesus said John 15:5 "Without me ye can do nothing. A model church must be a praying people. For without prayer, the communion with Christ the Christian's life totters, struggles and fails.

The members at Thessalonica had turned to God from idols.

We may not serve wooden or carved images as they had but whatever claims more of our love, more of our life than Christ is an idol.

And we as members of the church need to turn to the living God from idols. This is a work of faith the object of our faith must be Jesus. This is stressed by Paul in this model church of the Thessalonians.

They labored in love. How much pure Christ-like love have we?

The effort we make to reach lost souls for his glory, the labor we give in love, speaks for itself.

Did you speak to any person today in an attempt to win them for Jesus? Yesterday? all week? All month? How many?

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Prayer first, labor of love second and patience third. We hear many saying "I have little or no patience."

If your life is not one of prayer, if your labor is not in love of course you will have little or no patience.

If prayer is given first place your heavenly Father will give you this grace of His Spirit

Notice these words in 1st. Thess. 1: Gospel, received, power, Holy Ghost, assurance, joy.

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So Paul says in Romans 12:1—

I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice holy acceptable unto God—Read the remainder of the chapter. In deed and in truth do it. This is the true pattern. This is the model church. Your life is too precious and dear in God's sight

to go by guess pattern. So let the Word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom. Not just so we can repeat great portions of it by memory. But that we may live by its instruction. Study to show ourselves approved unto God.

God help each one of us to find ourselves in the light of God's Word. That we may be built up in him, and able to teach one another in Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord.

He is the way, and the guide that never falters and where he leads we cannot stray for step by step he goes before me. Let Jesus lead. He knows the way from earth to glory, thy every fear he will allay and lead you safe at last to glory. Let Jesus lead, He knows the way.

## The Faithfulness of the Saints

Rev. Arthur Kicenski, Jerico Springs, Missouri

There comes a time in our life that we suffer affliction, we get old and it may be that to some life has been a burden to bear. While unsaved seem to prosper. We get discouraged. I have been sick a great deal of my life time, serious a few times, I wondered why it should be that way for me? I sought words to comfort and the Lord showed them to me in Rom. 12:12 Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Ah! Again I felt good in my soul. Can the Lord point you out or me, as He did Job and say try their faithfulness to me. Rom. 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or Distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Rom. 8:39 Nor heights, nor Depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Now imagine Satan saying have you any on the earth that won't loose Faith in you and curse you to your face if you put them under that kind of a test. And if perhaps God should say have you considered my servant—So was the faithful-

ness of Job. Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer and it truly ought to make us rejoice that we can say with St. Paul Rom 8:37 Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us. Amen.

When I was in Dr. Nichols Hospital I saw this article on the wall written by Dr. Nichols.

I have made many mistakes in my lifetime and several serious ones. But it shall be my resolution to continue through, making as few as possible and doing the very best that my judgement will dictate, not forgetting the greater interests.

A thought comes to me that the teachings of the scriptures are right: that they are completely superhuman; that we can employ no language that will excel the language therein contained: that the thoughts expressed there in are infinite; that what we do is selfish; that what mistakes we make are the result of our own selfish wishes and no use in quoting anything to defend them. I am wrong you are wrong. Anybody is wrong regardless of what we may do, when we violate the teachings



of the scriptures. They are not to shield us but to show us the way; so concluded the article. It gave me courage to continue through. So may we not imagine our path is wrong because it lacerates our feet. The biggest men rarely show irritation if things go wrong in their life's program. And they face them with hope and determination.

While the little man becomes impatient

will fret and swear. that for him things shall always go right, and usually the smaller the man the bigger the cruse words. May we be big by the grace of our Lord an Saviour. And may we be able to pray as the Lord prayed on Mt. Olives. Oh my Father. If it be possible let this cup pass from me, nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt. Matt. 26:39.

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## The Courage of Jesus

Rev. Pat Lairsey, Illinois

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Text: Be of good cheer it is I. Be not afraid (Mark 6:50).

It took courage for Jesus to announce He was the Messiah, and not only announce it but to be the only person to live it and still have the untold number of friends till this day that will defend, him and his teachings.

It took courage for Jesus to denounce the temptations of the people and the world, especially when Satan said if you are hungry turn these stones into bread, Jesus said—Man shall not live by bread alone, and still more courage, when Jesus said—to set them down in 50's and took the school boy's lunch and fed the thousands. And for the man, woman, boy, or girl, it took courage to go to the preacher give their hand and kneel at the old altar. Thank God for courageous people.

It took courage to break with the custom of the people of his time, for instance when he invited himself to dinner with Corneal-

ous. It took courage to visit a publican.

It took courage to violate the customs of the Jews and institute a fellowship between the Jews and Gentiles.

It took courage for Jesus to keep sweet in Pilate's courts, with all his power that was at his command, as the greatest king of all, thank God for courage when the world says no.

Last but not least—it took courage to go to the cross of Calvary, and carry the cross till he was given out and fell under the load, I wonder if we haven't some time or another been the cause of Christ almost falling on account of the way we do.

After the trip, and the cross was all completed, it took courage for Jesus to say Father forgive them they know not what they do, thank God we know today what to do with our country honey combed with churches, preachers, Christians pleading with people to come to God.

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## The Reality of Spiritual Life

Rev. D. C. Jones, Portia, Arkansas

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But ye are not in the flesh. But in the Spirit. If so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his Romans 8:9.

It seems that in this modernistic day and age of the world we want to get away from the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost. But

as we see it, there is not any salvation unless we have obtained it by or through the Holy Spirit. From the above text, we would not have any part with Christ without it. Today is the day of the office work of the Holy Spirit. Christ did his work. Was crucified and ascended back to the Father but before he was crucified



he told the disciples that he would send them another comforter which would abide with them forever. John 14:16. Now some will say that was only for the apostles, well are they here yet. By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast. Eph. 2:8-9. This day and age of the world we have the three unclean spirits in the world, that John the Revelator spoke of in Rev. 16:13 One it Communalism, 2. Fascism, 3. Modernism. Yes they will say, while I am preaching you just make up your mind and when the call is made you come and join the church. You are alright. Such absurd statements. There isn't any salvation in it. And hope maketh not ashamed: Because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us. Rom. 5:5. So the love of God shed abroad in our hearts (by) the Holy Ghost, if we have not got it we are none of Christ. That is how we come in possession of the love of God, and the comforter which is the Holy Ghost. John 14:26. Shall be in you. John 14:17. So it is in us. Some say yes we received the Holy Spirit, but not the Holy Ghost. Thereby dividing the Godhead into four parts, when 1st. John 5:7 says there are three that bear record in heaven. The

Father the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one, that in Divine Essence. To seek and save the lost. We have become as a people to proud, we have discarded the altar. It is to old foggy. Some body would laugh at us if we shouted. It is true the apostles had a greater gift of power than we have. They had to prove to the Pharisees and Sadducees that it had become necessary for Christ to come and that He had already come. So we must look to Christ through the Spirit or by faith because he had finished his work. And now the Holy Spirit is doing or completing his office work. The comforter was not given in his fulness until Christ had ascended back to the Father. John 7:39. If we haven't got the Holy Ghost in us, we are none of His. We are trying in this modernistic day to bend the Bible to suit us and not trying to bend ourselves to God. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up. James 4:10. Be afflicted mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. James 4:9. Some will say that is to old fashioned, but if a person is not sorrow enough to shed a few tears on account of sins they have committed there is not much repentance.

## The National Association

### Enterprise Department

## Bible College Victories

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager, Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville (5), Tennessee

### Present Building. Free Will Baptist Bible College

In the month of June 1938, during the sitting of the last session of the Eastern General Association when convened with Pierce's Chapel Church, Smithville, Miss.,

a tentative board of education was elected which was composed of three members, namely: Mr. W. E. Coville of Nashville, Mrs. J. R. Bennett of Bridgeton, N. C., and J. R. Davidson. The board was called together before taking leave and agreed on a few simple plans for beginning the



accumulation of a financial nucleus, looking forward to what we are now able to see. J. R. Davidson was named as Treasurer, with responsibility in collecting, and handling funds. Quite a bit of effort was put into the plans, and a small sum of money had been gathered when the National body met in Nashville during the month of November of the same year. At this session of the National Association the first national board as it now functions was named which was composed of the following ministers: J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C., George D. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tenn., D. Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo., Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., and J. R. Davidson. George D. Dunbar was named as Secretary and J. R. Davidson, Chairman-Treasurer,

in a called meeting. It was agreed that the financial plans already set in order be continued for the present, and when the Association was convened in Bryan, Texas in July, 1939, the report of the Treasurer showed an accumulation of several hundred dollars. It was in a session of the board called to order by the chairman during the sitting of the National body in Bryan that the financial plans were enlarged upon, and investigations were ordered for selecting a location for

Bible School. The board having spent long hours together during the sitting of the National Body when convened in Paintsville, Kentucky, in prayer and definite planning for a balanced plan of procedure which would bless every phase of our common



Free Will Baptist Bible College





The Free Will Baptist Bible College Family, Students and Teachers



cause, conceived the plan of launching a program affecting all phases of our work under the direction of a national board, which called for the election of an Executive Secretary. With thanksgiving in our hearts, and assurance that God had led us in this way the plan was presented to the National body, which, in turn was unanimously adopted. From this point we launched a definite plan of procedure under careful direction of Rev. L. R. Ennis, Executive Secretary, and the Lord surely placed His approval by prospering the cause.

While the National Association was in session in Drumright, Okla. it approved a recommendation by the board of education in granting a trusteeship, and in the appropriation of one thousand dollars for the purpose of launching the Christian Workers' Institute Program; also for negotiating a deal for property in the city of Nashville for the purpose of opening and operating a school. Subsequently our present property was purchased in the month of September, 1941 for the sum of \$15,000., one thousand of which was donated by Mr. W. O. Tirrill of the city of Nashville. Contracts were drawn on the twenty third day of the month covering a period of four years with the privilege of retiring the entire amount on the date of maturity of any annual payment. A definite campaign was launched by the board to retire the debt within the first year, and the services of Rev. L. R. Ennis were secured in the direction of the campaign. It was in this connection that the well known Foundation Check plan was introduced, and in July 1942 during the sitting of the National Body in the town of Columbus, Miss. the Treasurer's report was of such nature to almost guarantee the retirement of all indebtedness on the date the first annual payment was to fall due. Consequently the Association ordered the opening of the school on September 15, 1942. This order was carried out with Rev. L. C. Johnson serving as President, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Teacher-Secretary, and J. R. Davidson, Business Manager. All of these were looking to the treasury for sustenance of life, yet with all the extra financial

draw the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail. Instead all necessities were provided, and on October 13, 1942 the property, pictured herein, was dedicated to the glory of our God for the training of talent as meet for the Master's use.

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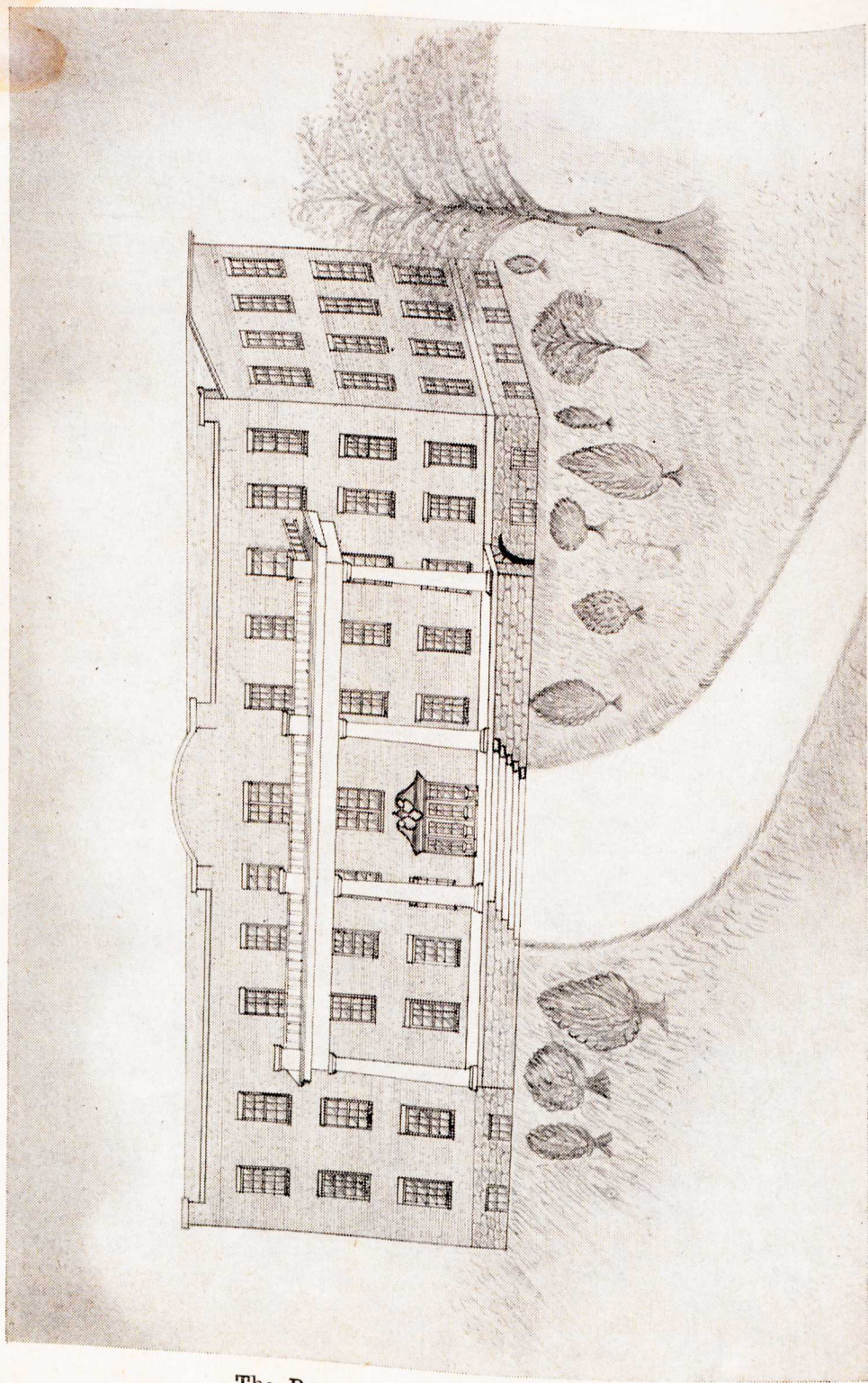
### The School Family

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Nine students were enrolled on the opening date, September 15, 1942, to which number nine others were added during the first year's history. Much of that for which we had longed began to be in manifestation as these students were directed in definite courses of training under careful direction of Rev. L. C. Johnson, Miss Laura Belle Barnard and Rev. Henry Melvin. The first session closed on May 28, 1943 with thirteen of those enrolled present, and these went out into several fields of endeavor to bear the testimony of our Saviour. Their testimony in word, and from the message lived through them, proved to be a great stimulus to this cause, as well to every phase of our National Cause. The names of those enrolled during the first year follows: Paul J. Kettelman, George Waggoner, Opal Hiltabidal, Wallace Malone, Daniel Cronk, Huey Gower, James Hagin, Chester O'Donnel, Marie Thomas, Damon Dodd, Sylvia Dodd, Rashie Kennedy, Sam Kennedy, Mrs. Rashie Kennedy, Ethelene Whaley, Royster Martin, Robert Woodard and Mr. Starnes.

On the opening day of the second year 29 were enrolled, including 13 of those who were enrolled during the first year. The new students enrolled this year are: Mabelene Leary, Francis Tinnin, Margaret Chappe, Alethia Etheridge, Luther Gibson, George Ludwig, Kenneth Turner, Albert Halbrook, Christina Halbrook, Paul Boggs, William Buster, Ailene Baine, Gladys Deane, Ruby Dowling, L. D. Nance, Howard Lyle, Ailene Gower, Trula Gunter, Gertrude Rowe, George McLean, and Myron Hyatt. Some of these have been sacrificed to the war effort, and some have felt compelled to drop out for other reasons, but there are twenty seven in daily preparation for the greatest warfare known to man. The most





The Proposed Administration Building



of the student body may be seen in the picture printed in this article along with Brother Johnson, President, and Miss Isabel Potts, Teacher.

Victories are being scored as history is being made. Inasmuch as the development of the student is of primary interest in the plans of procedure, Fellowship is a promoter of the most ideal Christian relationship, and true worship are in for special emphasis. Each day's session is opened with a worship period, and daily devotionals are conducted each evening. Besides these, and the worship spirit which prevails in class sessions, a Sunday School is conducted each Lord's Day and Morning Worship is held at the college. Sunday evenings are given to visiting with the churches in the city, and to such profit as may come by attending special features which are offered as faith builders. The students have organized an evangelistic association which is instrumental in directing outside activities, such as preaching the Word at various points where opportunity affords, opening and conducting missions in the city. At this time there are definite plans taking form for the opening of a down-town mission as a soul-saving station. May we pray definitely for this project. Our college offers training by precept and example, in the use of textbooks, of which the Bible is major, together with a practical experience which should produce such as will reveal the fact that these students have carried out Paul's injunction, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

### **Proposed New Administration Building**

Looking ahead was given careful consideration in the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, which was in session the week of the 15th of November, 1943. The Business Manager was authorized to proceed with effort to procure sketches for a proposed administration building to be constructed along the east side of the present building as soon as the government may release the necessary materials. Such sketches are now in hand, having been ob-

tained through the services of Mr. W. D. Sevier, contractor, and the accompanying picture of a prospective likeness of the proposed building reveals to you something of how the building should appear. This structure should prove to be adequate in meeting our needs in housing dining conveniences, kitchen, heating plant, gymnasium, necessary offices, class rooms, auditorium and facilities for men's dormitory. The engravers who made the cuts, and the building official of the city comment to the effect that our upright (the enclosed picture) is ideal.

Mr Sevier has furnished me with an approximate estimation of the cost of construction, and has placed the figure at \$70,000.00 with all proposals included, and at a figure of \$44,000.00 without the gymnasium and the auditorium. I am sure that it will prove to be vitally interesting to our folk to know that we have been able to operate, and constantly add facilities, provide quite a few improvements and lay up a reserve cash balance of \$5,000.00 as the initial step in providing the necessary funds with which to construct the proposed building. Said reserve is being placed in the bank on time deposit as a building fund. This means that it will only be necessary for the denomination to raise sixty-five thousand dollars for the construction of the building with auditorium and gymnasium, or thirty-nine thousand for just the front section.

It has been said by some of our representative leaders, "Let them show us something and we are ready to go." It seems to me that the Lord has shown all of us that things can be done, for no endeavor of our people has ever experienced more definite divine approval than our present educational program. It has only been a few months since we were looking into the future wondering if such as has come to pass could be done. The setting in motion of our educational institution has proven one of the most outstanding forward movements of our entire history, and is proving a great stimulus to many who were becoming discouraged. We now



# EDITORIAL

## THANKS

I am indeed grateful to you that took advantage of the suggestion that I offered last month, in securing subscriptions there was a number that have done well in sending in subscriptions however there is indeed a large number of Free Will Baptists! that yet do not take the Gem, say let us sell it to them.

The highest number of subscriptions that we received the past month from one individual was twelve, they came from Rev. W. R. Spurlock of Bonnie, Ill. there has been several that have secured four and five, and several that sent one.

Now we have made a good start this month so let us keep the good work up and see just where we can raise the subscription list to, it should be away up into the thousands and will be if we each one will be a booster.

A number of people have been sending us the old price of seventy five cents, and we have been setting them up on the mailing list for nine months, so I am taking this means of advising you to check your expiration date.

## WHERE TO BUY

We have been receiving orders from several places for year books and manuals of the Woman's Auxiliary, which we do not have to sell, they can only be secured from Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1624 East Cahal Avenue, Nashville (6), Tenn. Please order your Woman's Auxiliary literature from her.

Your Sunday School quarterlies must be ordered from the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, N. C. We do not have them.

We have all the different kinds of Sunday School literature that is needed for the six point record system, and will be glad to fill your order for the same.

We have about one hundred copies of our Treatise and that will be all that we will have until after the National Asso-

ciation convenes in July and authorizes the printing of the Treatise.

We have Ministers' License and Ordination Certificates, Deacons' Ordination Certificates, Church letter forms, Letters of Dismission, and Baptismal Certificates.

## OTHERS ARE, ARE YOU?

Others are doing things for the Master, at Fredericktown, Mo. the people are completing one of the most beautiful churches I have had the privilege to look at, it is made from native red granite, at Myrtle, Mo. the people have just about completed a new church there and it will soon be dedicated to the Lord, and we hope to soon deck the front page of the Gem with a picture of these new churches, the church in St. Louis, Mo. has been completely remodeled and enlarged, the people at Rock Chapel Church near Norwood, Mo. have just completed a new church which will be dedicated to the Lord February 27th. The church at Monett, Mo. has just recently been remodeled. I am just citing these facts to you that now is the time to build for the Lord, there is plenty of money passing by and I think the Lord ought to get his part.

What we as Christians today need most, is what Nehemiah and his people had when they were rebuilding the wall, A MIND TO WORK, and that for the Lord.

To many today are so absorbed by the war that they are not giving much of their time, talent, nor money to the Lord, the Devil and his crowd are planning and building and looking ahead, something for us to think about.

## MANUSCRIPTS

We would be very happy if you would mail your manuscript and church letters and other reports to us by the 15th of each month, we like to begin setting the paper at that time, there was a lot of articles that came to late for this issue.



# GLEANINGS

By the Editor

## THE OXFORD PRESS

One of the world's largest printers of the Bible has started rationing their sales. One pauses to remind us of the prophecy of Amos, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of the hearing of the words of the Lord: and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord and shall not find it." —*Herald of Holiness*.

## THREE SHIFTS

Most of the homes now-a-days seem to be on three shifts;—mother on the day, father on the night, and the children left at home to shift for themselves.

—*The Mirror*.

## A PECULAR PRIORITY

This on Dr. L. C. Spencer, is reported by "Time." He was to speak in Louisville, but had to cancel, because he lost his airplane reservation. Army officers, you know, always have a priority on travel reservations, and a colonel got his seat. Alas, and to late, it developed that the colonel was flying to Louisville to hear Dr. Spencer's speech—

## TWO TERRIBLE CRIMES

We are living in an age of painted-faced, cigarette smoking, cocktail-drinking women. The endeavor of the liquor traffic to debauch American women through drink, and the attempt of the tobacco trust through attractive, deceptive, lying advertisements, to ensnare innocent girls and women into slavery, will go down in history as the most dastardly, damnable, and diabolical crimes ever committed against American womanhood. And every seller, and every one that advocates the sale or use of these is a party to the crimes.

## IRKED BY COMMANDMENTS

One of the Trustees of the British Columbia Association moved that the display

of the Ten Commandments be removed from the walls of the schools of Vancouver, British Columbia. He said it was not good for the students to see a lot of "Thou Shalt nots" staring them in the face. He further said, "Anything on the walls of our schools must be either inspirational, artistic, or positive." —*Herald of Holiness*

## PREMILLENNIALISTS

Most of them, are in jail, in Japan, says one returned traveler—because they believe that when Jesus comes again that he will be King of Kings. This conflicts with what they expect for their Mikado, who is a "son of heaven", and who expects to win the last battle and be king of kings.

—*John Paul*.

## DR. GEO. W. CRABBLE

Dr. George W. Crabbe, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league: "He (President Roosevelt) has told us to take the ruffles of our pants, and has told us how much coffee and sugar we could use. When HE thinks drinking and the liquor traffic are hurting the war effort, HE can stop that, TOO."

—*Protestant Voice*

## JAMES R. KRAFT

Founder of the Kraft Cheese Co. forty years ago is still chairman of the board of that company. He has a record of being a Sunday School superintendent for thirty years.

## WANTED, Women to Join the WAAH

We already have the WAACS and the WAVES and the SPARS. And now the Rev. Hugh O'Donnell, president of the Notre Dame university, proposes a new organization, the WAAH—"Womens Auxiliary for the Aid of the Home." He maintains that "Mothers and wives can be of greatest service by remaining at home and living up to the Christian ideals of womanhood and motherhood."

—*The Christian Parent*



look on nearly two years of most successful operation, during which time forty students have received training to some degree, and several hundreds have received some training in the Christian Workers' Institute, the forerunner of the college. Prospects are fine for more astounding victories ahead, but we are face to face with a challenge effecting our production lines (Free Will Baptist Pocket Books and Bank Accounts), that we may go ahead

at our God's command. I am here reminded of God's promise in His call to Joshua as recorded in Joshua 1:3, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses." To me we have just as sure promise in this field of endeavor, but the question is: What places will our faith impel us to place the foot? Whatever we do may it be the fruit of a faith with VISION.

Books You Need

Rev. Robert B. Crawford, Executive Secretary National Association  
3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

There is a great need for more books to be used in our church work to supplement the literature produced and distributed by Free Will Baptists. I have looked over some that every church would do well to have. I recommend them to you for use.

1. "Group Activities for Children" by Margaret Beck ..... \$ .40  
2. "Intermediate Worship Services" by N. W. Whitwell ..... 1.50  
3. "Children At Worship" by Percy Elizabeth Parris ..... 1.25  
4. "Standard Vacation Bible School Courses"  
    Primary—First Year—by Florence W. Waterman ..... 2.00  
    Junior—by Eggleston & Perin .. 2.00  
    Intermediate— by C. H. Benson 2.00  
5. "Vacation Bible School Hand Book" by Verner Nelson ..... .60  
Numbers 4 and 5 are the best books I have ever seen for use in Daily Vacation

Bible Schools. They are excellent. They have all the materials as far as books are concerned for use for all ages of children. These books can be used for two or three years. You at least will have to use them two years to cover all the material. You can not go wrong if you get them.

The above suggested list is mostly for children who attend our Sunday Schools and Leagues. Please care for our youth now and they will be able to take better care of the Lord's Work now and in the future. Feed them now and they will feed you later.

The books listed above can be secured from the Press in Ayden, North Carolina at the prices shown. I urge you to order the Standard Vacation Bible School courses and also to buy the Books that are recommended to you by the "Gem" of Monett, Missouri, and the "Baptist" of Ayden, North Carolina, and those recommend by the National Auxiliary Convention.

The National Superannuation Program

Rev. J. O. Fort, National Secretary-Treasurer Superannuation Board  
808 West 27th Street, Bryan, Texas

FINANCIAL REPORT  
National Superannuation Board  
October 1st to December 31st, 1943  
Receipts

Oct. 4th — Turned over by E. C. Davidson, retiring Treas. check

for balance in treasury ..... \$1211.72  
Oct. 28.—Mrs. Beulah Chambliss, Joelton, Tenn., check from New Hope Church and Auxiliary .. 15.00  
Nov. 5th — M. L. Johnson through E. C. Davidson, check from North



Carolina State Board .....	225.00
Nov. 5th — A. B. Brannen, Jessup, Ga., money order from South Ga. Association .....	5.00
Nov. 5th — F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville, Ky., check from National Unified Program offerings .....	110.00
Nov. 10th—Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, Flat River, Mo., money order from Missouri State Board .....	6.56
Dec. 6th — M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C., check from North Carolina State Board .....	86.75
Total receipts, Dec. 31, 1943 ....	\$1660.03

### Disbursements

Oct. 4th — W. C. Holmes, Insurance Agency, premium on bond for the Treasurer .....	\$ 5.00
Oct. 7th — R. B. Crawford, Nat'l. Executive Sec., promotional Dept. of National Association .....	30.00
Oct. 13th—F. C. Zinn, Nat'l. Board Chr., expense to Okla. State Association .....	25.00
Nov. 15th—R. B. Crawford, Nat'l. Executive Sec., promotional Dept. of National Association .....	30.00
Nov. 26th—W. L. Williams Printing Co. for Stationery .....	8.00
Oct. 7th — Exchange on check from E. C. Davidson at Glennville, Ga. (\$1211.72) .....	1.52
Total disbursements, Dec. 31, 1943	\$99.52
Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1943	\$1560.51

We make the following observations concerning the report given above and concerning the program generally:

You will notice that this report covers the record of receipts and disbursements from October 1 through December 31, 1943. Therefore, offerings that were made by Churches and States during December, but reached me after the closing date of the report, will be included in the next quarterly report.

We call your attention to the fact also that reports from two states, North Carolina and Missouri, are made through the Chairmen-Treasurers of their State Superannuation Boards. This is as it should be

and we hope that before long offerings will be coming to us through the State Boards in all States where there are Free Will Baptists. We commend the Boards in these two States for doing a good work, and we urge other States to organize as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. We are happy over the overwhelming victory in that almost all the States adopted the Superannuation Program together with the Proposed State Constitution, but it will be an empty victory unless we follow through by organizing and putting the program before our people.

If you have already organized by the time you read this article, will you State Chairmen-Treasurers please write me a card or letter at the address given in the heading, giving me your name and address. My reason for making this request is twofold: First, If we get an offering from a church in your state direct, and not through your board, we can send it to you and, at the same time, inform the sender that all offerings should come through you. We want to work together through the State Boards where it is possible.

Then in the second place, we shall need your assistance in the administration of the program. For instance, we are planning a survey of the ministry at this time, and without the help of some designated person in each state to help us, it will be an impossible task so far as that state is concerned. In a few days we hope to have questionnaires ready to send to the ministers. Our plan is to send these blanks to the state Chairman-Treasurer, and let him send one to each minister in his state to fill out and return to us. You can see that, since we do not know all the ministers and their addresses, we cannot do the work as it should be done without some help. Since this program has been so enthusiastically accepted, we do not want to put it in operation without giving every minister in every state the benefit of sharing in the good to be derived from it.

Watch your church papers for some definite information in the very near future concerning the Protective phase of our Program.



# The National Home Mission Program

Rev. C. B. Dees, Secretary National Board, 117 Broadway, Monett, Missouri  
Report from July 1, to Dec. 31, 1943

## Receipts

July 18th — Free Will Baptist Church, Davis, N. C. ....	\$ 12.25
Sept. 3rd — F. S. Van Hoose	140.71
Oct. 6th — Sr. League, New Bern, N. C. ....	5.00
Oct. 6th — Free Will Baptist Church, Richwoods, Mo. ...	3.00
Oct. 1st — First F.W.B. Church Cushing, Okla. ....	1.00
Nov. 3rd — South Georgia F. W. B. Association ....	10.00
Nov. 3rd — F.S. Van Hoose ..	219.82
Dec. 31st — F.S. Van Hoose ..	113.45
Total .....	\$505.23 \$595.23

## Disbursements

July 19th — R. B. Crawford	\$ 60.00
Aug. 19th — R. B. Crawford	60.00
Oct. 7th — R. B. Crawford	60.00
Nov. 13th — R. B. Crawford	60.00
Dec. 23rd — R. B. Crawford	100.00
Total .....	\$420.00 \$420.00
Net proceeds for six months .....	\$ 85.20
Total bal. on hand, Jan. 1, 1944 ....	\$634.00



## Missionary Department



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

## Five Years of Miraculous Progress

Five years ago at this time the Willeys were working in Panama at the headwaters of the Sambu river. They were at that time working against great odds because of restrictions by the Panamanian government, and soon after that date were compelled to leave the Republic of Panama.

Five years ago Miss Barnard had not left India. In fact it was voted in July, 1940 that she be given a furlough beginning in the fall of that year. The masses of our people had never met her while most of our people knew her through the annals of our church papers, and of course she was known personally to many of our people in the eastern states.

Five years ago Miss Bessie Yeley had just come under the supervision of our National Foreign Mission Board. To be exact she came under national supervision in the fall of 1938.

Five years ago last November the Nation-

al Foreign Mission Treasurer made a combined report of three years and five months, from June 1, 1935 to November 1, 1938; the grand total of receipts for that period of time being \$7,228.03. At the close of the first six months of this associational year (July 1st to Dec. 31, 1943) the receipts totalled \$7,301.19 which is \$73.16 more during these six months than during all the time from 1935 to 1938. The Bible says "despise not the day of small things," and certainly we are not doing that. Had we not have had those figures then, though small they were, we could not show the figures we are now able to show as a denomination. It certainly does show a marked progress for which we thank the Lord.

Now we are permitted to treasure and enjoy the thoughts of a Free Will Baptist Association of churches duly organized on the Island of Cuba. A Cuban School of



Missions now functioning on an eighteen acre tract of land outside the city of Pinar Del Rio, Cuba: All exclusively owned and operated by the Free Will Baptist denomination. There is a splendid group of four Free Will Baptist American missionaries busily engaged with that work, together with a staff of some eight or ten native Cuban Free Will Baptist missionaries. We can now think of our missionaries as working directly in the interest of and under the supervision of Free Will Baptists and not under the control of some other organization or board. During the past five years, six different ministers of the denomination, aside from the missionaries, have gone out of the States to visit our mission fields, and to help with the work. Five years ago there were a very few states that were represented in the receipts for foreign missions whereas now there are fourteen or fifteen states from which come regular gifts for this worthy work. At the close of the last associational year which was June 30, 1943 our grand total for foreign missions was something over nine and one half thousand dollars.

For these successes and for this marked progress there is but one explanation. That is that God has given our people a missionary vision and they have been willing to receive it. Like Paul of old our people have not been disobedient to the heavenly vision. The reason for these victories is not to be found in any one nor in any one group of individuals; but we can only say behold what God hath wrought.

While during the last five years the Willeys have been permitted to enter Cuba where the Lord has so graciously blessed at the same time we have suffered serious set-backs as pertaining to our work in India simply because of the hindrances thrown in the way as a result of war. Had it not been for the warring conditions of the world, and our Sister Barnard could have returned to the Indian field with a staff of workers there is no telling what great strides of progress we would have witnessed as per a Free Will Baptist work in India by this time; but such have been the conditions, and that beyond the control of any of us. However the

work which Miss Barnard started in South India has been moving along all the while, and no one knows the good which may have been done.

So to sum it all up the progress of Free Will Baptist missions for the past five years has been nothing short of a modern day miracle. It is indeed unusual, and outstanding. To me it is significant of the times in which we are living. Surely His Coming draweth nigh. And tremendous is the responsibility it thrusts upon us as a denomination as these doors swing so wide ajar. Let us pray earnestly that the progress will be just as marked during the next five years as they have been this last half decade, upon the condition of course that Jesus tarries.

Yours for the salvation of the souls of men everywhere.  
— Winford Davis.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### National Foreign Mission Treasurer Receipts for Month of January, 1944

Missouri .....	\$305.60
Michigan .....	262.35
Texas .....	79.86
Georgia .....	26.67
Tennessee .....	16.00
New Mexico .....	10.00
South Carolina .....	2.09
Unified Program Fund by Nat'l.	
Treas., F. S. Van Hoose .....	170.17
National Woman's Auxiliary by	
Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treas. ....	59.83
Refund by Miss Barnard which	
check was given by mistake ....	50.00
Total .....	\$982.48

— Winford Davis, Treas., Monett, Mo.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

All Free Will Baptist in the state of California wishing to affiliate themselves more closely together in Christian Brotherhood, please contact Rev. A. B. Talbert 617 Vermont, St. Turlock, Calif. or Leonard Felton Rt. 2 box 763 Santa Ana, Calif. these brethren are endeavoring to unify the work in this state and you can help them and at the same time help yourself by communicating with them.



# Inspirational Poems

Rev. T. H. Newsome, Springtown, Texas

## MY ETERNAL HOME

Not long they say, have I to stay,  
Here in this world to roam;  
No distant day, I'll pass away,  
To my eternal home.

### Chorus

Sweet home of love, in heaven above,  
Where partings are no more;  
'Twill be so sweet, dear ones to meet,  
On Canaan's happy shore.

No pain nor sin can enter in,  
That happy land so fair;  
Where joy and peace, shall never cease,  
And love beyond compare.

Implicit faith, unwavering hope,  
O boundless love divine;  
Faith stronger grows, hope brighter glows,  
Realities are mine.

How sweet the thought, Jesus has bought,  
Redemption full and free;  
That you and I, condemned to die,  
May live eternally.

## NECESSITY OF THE NEW BIRTH

A Jewish ruler came to Christ,  
In the darkness of the night,  
And earnestly besought of Him,  
The way of life aright;  
The Lord replied with language fraught  
With Spirit, power and might,  
"Ye must be born again."

### Chorus

Except a man be born again, God's king-  
dom he can never see;  
Except a man be born again, no kingdom  
entrance can there be;  
Except a man be born again, from sin he  
never can be free.  
"Ye must be born again."

He'd read the law from early youth,  
He was a learned man;  
He anxiously desired the truth,  
And wished to know God's plan;  
But Jesus understood his need,  
So of him did demand:  
"Ye must be born again."

For those who truly seek the Lord,  
These is just one right way;  
The way to Nicodemus given,  
Is just the same today;  
If you will listen to the Lord,  
He doth distinctly say:  
"Ye must be born again."

## HOME! HOME! SWEET HOME OF THE SOUL

What a wonderful home awaits me,  
When I shall have crossed o'er death's sea  
My dear Savior to meet, and my loved  
ones to greet,  
On the shores of eternity.

How beautiful my mansion must be,  
Prepared up in heaven for me;  
In that city so bright, where the Lord is  
the light,  
Through all eternity.

I'm loathe to leave home here on earth,  
I cherish the place of my birth;  
Strong ties must be broken, good bye must  
be spoken,  
Leaving much I value of worth.

Earth's treasures soon rust and decay,  
Earth's pleasures soon vanish away;  
The glory of the Lord, revealed through  
His Word,  
Grows brighter and brighter each day.

How wonderful it will be up there,  
With saints and with angels so fair;  
There to shout and sing, praises unto our  
King,  
His glories forever to share.

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## Chorus

Home! Home! Sweet home of the soul,  
While the ages of eternity roll;  
Sweet home of the blest, where all shall  
find rest,  
Whose names on Life's Book are enrolled.

Walking solitary and alone,  
Destitute of wife or child.

Most of us tread the open road,  
And traverse the beaten way;  
Thus, we may carry a heavier load,  
More easily day by day.

## PATHS

A path is a way that hath been trod,  
Until it is distinct and clear;  
It may reach upward and onward to God,  
Or down to destruction and fear.  
Some men make paths that are all their own,  
Through the forests, dense and wild;

Whether we follow the Apian way,  
Or blaze the jungle trail;  
From a fixed purpose never stray,  
Determined to prevail.

The Lord will walk with us each day,  
As He did with Enoch of old;  
If we'll permit Him, He'll choose our way,  
Will strengthen, support and uphold.



## Our Boys in the Service



### "Strictly On The Beam"

Army slang is all but unintelligible to the average citizen, but "strictly on the beam" is one Army expression that's getting popular on the home front, too.

To the soldiers, "strictly on the beam" is any job well done, any maneuver smartly executed, any pretty girl that strikes his fancy, or any other of a thousand jobs or objects worthy of praise.

But the Air Corps is probably responsible for the origin of the expression. The route from one air base to another is marked by an invisible radio beam. When the pilot takes off, he adjusts his radio to the frequency of the beam, and the steady humming sound in his ear lets him know he is "on the beam" that leads him di-

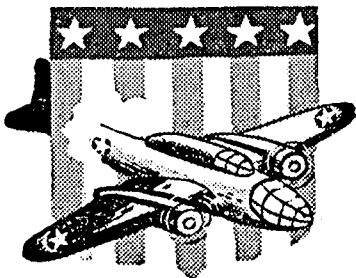
rectly and safely to his destination. If he gets off his course, a warning sound from the radio lets him know he's off the beam.

But "strictly on the beam" for the average soldier has come to mean simple anything that's "O. K."

There's one beam, however that's far more important than any other. That "beam" is Jesus Christ, God's "beam" for us to eternal life.

Christ once said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father (God) but by me" (John 14: 6). Not the "way-show-er" or the "truth-teacher," but THE WAY and THE TRUTH. Jesus Christ is the only way, the only "beam" to Heaven and eternal life, and only through faith in Him as your Saviour will you ever get to Heaven. No other ways, religions, churches or good works will put you on the right beam to eternal life.

In St. John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth after Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall





have the light of life." Here again He speaks of the "Christian beam." Christ will not only save you, but He is the "light of life" here and now. He will make your life count, guide you when the going is tough, and help you when temptations are strong.

Although I had accepted Christ as my Saviour, I remember when I got off God's beam for my life. I left Christ and tried to run my own life. But God, who loved us enough to send Christ to die for us, still had His hand on me, and He brought me back 'on the beam,' back to *live* the Christian life. And by His grace I'll never get off the beam again.

Are you 'strictly on the beam' for Christ? If you are, you know it's the happiest, safest place to be in this life. But if you're not, Christ stands ready to receive you, to put you on the way to Heaven and eternal life. He said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest .... He

that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.."

Get on God's beam today! Recognizing you are a sinner in the sight of God, accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. You don't have to do or pay anything, but simply trust Him to save you. He will lead you safely to your home base in Heaven, and it will be the happiest life you can ever know.

Accept the Lord Jesus Christ, God's "beam" to Heaven, today! "Behold now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2).

—Pfc. James A. Griffith

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## Church Letters - Field Reports

### Texas Church Celebrates Anniversary Houston, Texas

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston will observe March 5th as a bright day in the history of the organization. It brings to a close a year in which the blessings of the Lord Jesus Christ have been tremendously poured out upon the membership of this Church.

One year ago on February 7th we held our first service with an attendance of nine. One month later the organization of the Church was completed with fourteen charter members. We now have a membership of forty-one and thanks be to the Lord for the continued growth of this institution of His in the winning of souls to know the way of righteousness. We enjoy the good fellowship which comes from being in Sunday School and League Services. Studying the work of our Master and preparing our young people to stand and speak for Him are two vital portions of the Church work, and we are very glad to have this

work going in our Church.

The accomplishments here in Houston are not to be thought of as having come from the local surroundings and talent. We extend to The Central Texas Association and Central Texas Quarterly Meeting our deep appreciation for the support which both have rendered.

The day will be spent in thanksgiving and prayer. A guest speaker will bring the messages of the day. Lunch will be served in the building and meetings will be held during the afternoon for discussion of the work here and for study of the program as it stands before us in the very near future.

Your prayers are sought in this vital work for the Lord.

—Rev. H. Ray Berry

**Former Beer Tavern Becomes  
Cliffview Free Will Baptist Church  
2501 N. Peoria, Tulsa, Okla.**

The people of this community are very

proud of their accomplishment for the Lord and also for the community. The Apache Bar which formerly occupied this building was one of the worst talked of taverns in this city and now it is a place of worship. People in the community petitioned to close the place but because of politics failed to do so but by the help of the Lord it was only a short time until the place was closed. We have been organized now about six months, altho we had services about seven months before we were organized. We are now having from 80 to 100 in Sunday School, and church services are equally good. Our building is only an old store building but we are starting a building fund and hope to have a nice church in the near future if the Lord is willing and we continue to grow as in the past. We felt our city needed another Free Will Baptist Church at this time, and we hope the Lord will continue to bless.

We recently reorganized our League on Thursday night and we are now having four classes which includes a Bible class for our adults. Our attendance and order in the League is very good and we especially ask everyone to Pray for us on this night because we have a great work to do with our young folks.

We are having special community singing every Monday night between our church and two other neighboring churches which gives each church a singing every third Monday night. These have proved to be a help to everyone and a full house every Monday night.

Since organizing our church we have built on one addition which gives us just about room for our present attendance. At the present time we are painting and redecorating our church inside and out.

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

Dear Gem Readers:

We are able to rejoice that since our last letter we have witnessed many souls born again. We have just finished a one week revival with about 12 conversions. The Rev. Chas. Green being the evangelist. A wonderful man of God. We are praying that God will soon send him our way

again, and we ask you that you help us pray for his physical strength since he has been very sick, and the Lord needs him so bad we are sure He will answer. God bless a man who is not ashamed and not afraid to preach the real Gospel in the old fashioned way. Also pray for him in his many revivals that he has ahead.

We are also thankful for our Singing Convention that is being held on each 1st and 4th Sundays in each month, being headed by two real men of God, our brothers in Christ, Harold McDonald and Bro. Pratt. And for those of you who love good singing we urge you to listen in on each Sunday from 12:30 to 1:00 p. m. Station W.E.W. St. Louis, Mo. on the Carson Furniture Program, and also from W.T.M.V. East St. Louis, Ill. from 1:15 to 1:30 p. m. and listen to our boys in their quartet arrangement known as the Stamps Melody Quartet and the Victory Quartet. We are proud of them. Pray for them.

We are also thanking God for our new mission, pastored by Bro. Harvey Hill. Pray for our pastor who is holding a two weeks' revival there. For those in St. Louis who read our Gem and you friends and neighbors we invite you, welcome you and urge you to attend one of the Free Will Baptist churches: 1350 Gyer Avenue in South St. Louis and 5418 Idaho, South St. Louis. Come and bring the lost. Pray for me that I may be a better Bible Class teacher, choir leader and correspondent for our Church Paper. Pray for our Editor and wife and our Bible School.

—Edward Simmons

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### Revival Meeting at Rock Chapel Near Norwood, Missouri

We have just closed a two weeks' revival at Rock Chapel with Rev. Mrs. Lowell Martin as our evangelist. Our church is very much revived. Sister Martin is a very able minister and did some splendid preaching. There were nine who came to the altar and found the Lord as their Saviour. We had eight to follow the Lord in baptism and sixteen united with the church. Any church desiring a revival won't go wrong in calling Sister Martin.



Miss Thora Arbogast of Greenfield, Mo., our state field worker for the Woman's Auxillary, was with Mrs. Martin. She had charge of the Junior Choir. Rock Chapel was greatly blessed by having these two servants of the Lord to come to our church. You can contact Sister Martin at Greenfield, Mo. when you are in need of a good evangelist.

— Frank Linton, Pastor, Tunas, Mo.

### Revival at Macedonia Near Monett, Missouri

Have just closed a four weeks' revival at our Macedonia church with Brother Dees as our evangelist. I preached the first week, and then Bro. Dees begin to attend, and I turned the preaching to him and I took the singing part of the services, and he did the preaching from that time untill the close. We certainly heard some good preaching. The gospel was preached in its purity, and our people enjoyed it. We only saw five saved, two were added to the church, and I baptized two last Sunday. We would liked very much to have seen greater visible results; but we are indeed thankful for the results we did have. The meetings were not a failure by any means. Even the saving of one soul would have been victory. In fact when the word is sincerely preached it never fails as man counts failure. We are grateful for the services of Brother and Sister Dees. They made many friends while in our community.

Sincerely in Him

— Winford Davis, Pastor

### Free Will Baptist Church Porterville, California

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Will let you hear from the Free Will Baptist Church in California again which was organized June 4, 1940 by Rev. C. D. Findley and Bro. Elsey Owens of Mansfield, Mo. assisted by Deacon Jim Gullet of Kentucky.

The church started with but few members however it has reached 67 in membership at this time.

Everything has worked out for good to these who loved the Lord.

Services every Sunday and Sunday evening. Also prayer meeting still going strong on Tuesday evening and we are receiving great blessings from the Lord even though we have a number of stars in our church representing boys who have gone to fight for our freedom we try to always hold them up in prayer.

This is a testing time for all especially our Christian boy who are facing the danger for our country, "To die that we might live."

Deut. 23:14. For the Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, To deliver thee and give up thine enemies before the Therefore shall thy camp be holy: and he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

We had the great pleasure of taking a trip East on our vacation While in Missouri we conducted a revival meeting at Mtn. Grove Church The good Lord was there with us and two souls were saved. If it be the will of the Lord want to spend more time in the service for our Master this coming year.

God bless the Gem family and its work.

Rev. C. D. Findley, Pastor

Porterville, Calif. R.2 Box 454

### No. 1. Quarterly Meeting Near Mansfield, Missouri

The Number One Quarterly Meeting met with Lead Hill Church two miles west of Mansfield, Mo. on Friday Jan. 28. Rev. T. B. Marler and Rev. Charley Chamberlain preached the introductory sermon. Number of ministers present, seven. Licensed ministers present, two. Visiting ministers present, one. Church letters received, five. Money from church letters, \$5.00. Our next quarterly meeting will be held with Harmony Church in April. Rev Archie Halford and Rev. L. M. Marler to preach the introductory sermon.

— Floyd Haynes, Ava, Mo.

### Amity Free Will Baptist Church Niangua, Missouri

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I guess it is about time the Amity Church is reporting again, as it has been a month or two since our last report.

Well our good pastor, Rev. Frank Linton, filled his regular appointment, and we also had church on Sunday night this time, and we had a good time in the Lord all three times. Bro. Linton delivered wonderful messages every time. The weather got so until there were only a few there on Sunday night. But the Spirit of the Lord was there so we had a good meeting anyway.

We want to welcome our new Editor. It is our prayer that the years he serves as our Editor will be greatly blessed by the Lord. We are sorry to lose our old Editor. But we are sorry that new one can fill his place perfectly.

Yours in His name,  
Miss Nina McClanahan, Niangua, Mo.

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### Monett, Missouri

I have never written to this paper before but maybe I can say something that will help someone.

I really do enjoy our Gem and I'm thanking God for this paper and for the ones that write such good sermons.

Christian people let's strive to do more for the Lord in 1944 than we have been doing. We hardly give the Lord one day a week of our time when we could give Him every day. We can do something for Him every day if we will, instead of just maybe one hour each Sunday morning for Sunday school. Jesus said, "Work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work," and I believe that is just what He meant. I don't think He meant one hour on Sunday and then sit down till the next Sunday. Some of us don't have time to serve the Lord, we're too busy, we've got to make a little more money. We may think we don't have time but some day we're going to wish we would have taken time but it's too late then to do anything about it. The time to live for God and serve God is now while we are here and have the opportunity.

When you talk to God, call my name out loud to Him for I need your prayers that I may be a better Christian.

— Joe Davis

### Soper, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Family:

Just a few lines as I am sending in my subscription to our good little Gem paper. I appreciate the Gem and I would be glad if all of the Free Will Baptists people would take it. As well as others. We need the paper and the paper needs us. So we all should co-operate and help put it over for God and His cause. I enjoy reading the Gem and hearing from the different fields of service. Sorry that I have neglected to write. But I have been real busy in pastoral and evangelistic work. I spent one month in California in revival work. last May, at Porterville, we have a nice little church there. Also held a meeting there, and at Fire Baugh. Also preached at Turlock, Calif. there is great opportunities for Free Will Baptist in Calif. But we need finance to put the work over out there. I spent some time in Okla. then went to Tallahassee, Fla. visited one Association of Free Will Baptists at Blountstown, Fla. Had a nice time preached once while there met lots of Free Will Baptists preached twice at another Free Will Baptist church 15 miles west of Blountstown met lots of good people there. They have some nice little church buildings down there and lots of good people in Fla. and Calif. too as well as other states. I visited one Association in southern Ala. west of Dothan, Ala. Had a nice time there made an effort to preach there. Had a real nice time met lots of Free Will Baptist there also preached once at another Free Will Baptist church southwest of Dothan, Ala. they also have some nice little church buildings in that part of Ala. and a bunch of real good people. Was glad to meet them all. There is great opportunities for the Free Will Baptists everywhere that I have gone. But the finance is hindering the work. Not many of our ministers are able financially to go out and put the work over. The doctrine will take any where. And we have men that is not afraid to preach it. But not able to go. I attended a fifth Sunday meeting at Dallas, Texas in January met lots of good people there. And had a real nice time. They have a small building rented there. A



co-worker in the Kingdom of God.

— Rev. M. M. McKee, Soper, Okla.

## REPORT OF MISSOURI TREASURY

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer  
Monett, Missouri

### Foreign Mission Fund

Shibleys Point Church .....	\$1.00
Golden Oak Church .....	5.30
Sublette Church .....	4.50
Willing Workers Class, Sublette S. S. ..	1.50
Hickory Grove Church, Haddam Kans. ....	3.00
Ethel Gladden, Carterville, Mo. ....	5.00
Fred W. Morris in the army .....	10.00
North East Mo. Mission Band .....	25.00
Mrs. Goldia Elsea Novinger, Mo. ....	5.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church .....	6.00
True Blue Class, (Neola) S. S. ....	1.00
Ottis Martin Greenfield, Mo. ....	15.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxiliary .....	2.00
Rev. A. A. Kicenski Jerico Spgs., Mo. ....	1.00
Edith Blair Buffalo, Mo. ....	2.00
Rock Chapel .....	8.00
Pleasant Grove S. S. ....	6.42
Monett Church .....	8.00
Ollie M. Crosby Anderson, Mo. ....	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dewese Easton. ....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Montgomery Neosho ....	5.00
Willy Circle, Flat River Auxiliary ....	15.00
Lizzie Turner Carterville, Mo. ....	5.00
Desloge Church .....	46.49
Mrs. Earl Bradley Aurora, Mo. ....	1.00
Justin Gann Aurora, Mo. ....	1.00
Auxiliary, St. Louis Third Church ..	6.00
Mine La Motte S. S. ....	2.50
Hickory Grove Church .....	5.28
Gladys Gillam Carterville, Mo. ....	5.00
Blue Eye Church .....	3.00
Independance Church .....	13.70
Amity Church .....	10.00
Macedonia S. S. ....	1.98
Hulda Slinkard Patton, Mo. ....	1.00
Myrtle Long Patton, Mo. ....	1.00
Hope Well Church .....	2.60
Wagoner Church .....	5.60
Horace Neely Carterville, Mo. ....	5.00

### Unified Program Fund

Monett Church .....	13.26
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church .....	4.31
Merls Chapel .....	6.00
Willy Circle, Flat River Auxiliary ..	2.50
Carterville Church .....	8.70

Copper Mines Church .....	3.50
Pleasant View Church, Illinois .....	1.00
Hickory Grove Auxilliary .....	1.83

### Jehoida Chest Fund

Carterville Auxilliary .....	1.00
Copper Mines Church .....	1.00
Macedonia Church .....	1.00
Hickory Grove Auxilliary .....	1.00

### Benevolent Fund

Carterville Aux. for superannuation ..	1.00
Ottis Martin Greenfield, Mo. for Tenn. Orphanage .....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lewis Freeman, Mo for Tennessee Orphanage .....	5.00

### Publishing House Fund

Rev. A. A. Kicenski Jerico Spgs. Mo. ..	.50
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### Educational Fund

Lee Roy Miller in the army .....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lewis Freeman Mo. ....	5.00

—Winford Davis Treasure

## The Free Will Baptist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

Mrs. Evelyn Miller, Reporter  
Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor

Dear Gem Readers:

Since we last made a report to the Gem. we have enjoyed a good two weeks' revival, with Bro. E. A. O'Donnell bringing some stirring messages each night and he and his daughter singing special numbers in song that was real food for our souls.

We were also happy for Bro. O'Donnell delivering a special message over the air at one of our regular Saturday night broadcasts, when he paid tribute to the boys in service and to their mothers.

We feel that God is blessing us in such a big way by allowing us this radio privilege of sending the gospel by song, prayer and short messages over the air to the lost and to those that are shut-in. The interest of the listeners to the programs has been so great that as many as 35 or 40 phone calls were received during the 30 minute program and we are happy that some of the calls and requests for certain songs were made by sinners. God is still searching for His lost sheep

We want to report that within the last

few weeks, we've had 10 additions to the church and one was baptized.

A group from our church, including Bro. Bingham and our quartette, held services on Tuesday night at a community gathering in a home in Dawson, Oklahoma. After a real humble, spiritual message by Bro. Bingham, an altar call was made and one dear girl found the Lord.

The announcement has just been made that Bro. Raymond Riggs of Detroit, Mich. will begin a revival in our church, beginning on the 30th day of April. Those of you who read this, begin now to pray that God will bless Bro. Riggs with many souls being saved.

At this writing we are looking forward with happy hearts to the Quarterly Conference of the First Mission Association which convenes here in our church, beginning February 23rd.

Sadness came to the homes of one of our dear members by the death of their precious boy, Ralph E. Lister, when he was killed on the battlefield in Italy. Thus, this dear mother in our church was the first to pay the supreme sacrifice of giving her son for the defence of our country. Let us pray much for this family and for their other son who is somewhere in the service, and for all of the boys.

## CHRISTIAN WORKERS' ASS'N.

Rev. George Waggoner, Reporter

The Christian Workers' Association is the result of a meeting of the young men of the Free Will Baptist Bible College on September 10, 1943. The organization was born in prayer and effected through the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The purpose in the association is to promote Christian efforts here in the city. Officers were elected and plans were made for street meetings, distribution of tracts, prayer meetings, and other services.

Since that time there has been several services held by different members of the group. They include services at the State Prison, street services in the downtown district, open air services near a new housing project, and various prayer meetings and church services. Several hundred gospel tracts have been distributed. There

has been at least twenty-one conversions reported. New opportunities to minister continue to arise weekly.

Much work and prayer has been going on during the last few weeks in reference to establishing a city mission. The exact location is as yet unknown—maybe some large place uptown or a small place in a slum section. If the mission is established it is planned for different students to keep it open for services during the summer. The prayers of every Christian is desired in regard to this matter. Meanwhile, other services are being held regularly. It is planned to make this organization a permanent one. The new students each year will continue the work.

Nashville is a needy field. Pray with us that we may be able, with God's help, to answer that need.

## The Jehoida Chest Has Come to Stay

The springtime is one of the most beautiful times of the year, for it unfolds to us beauty, and also the glorious and riches that mother nature has been holding close to her heart through the cold winter months. Then all of a sudden we begin to see grass, leaves and flowers creep out of their hiding places and make hearts glad with their beauty and fragrance. Then spring is a time the farmers take on new life and begin their seed sowing, looking forward to a great harvest, in the fall of the year. Still another class rejoices with the farmers and that is the school children who look for the budding of the "Dog Wood Blossoms" which means fishing season with them when books can be laid aside to catch the little fishes that God has created for food.

The Church of the living God welcomes spring with all of its spiritual significance, reminding us of the glorious resurrection of our Christ. In fact we could go on and on telling the value of spring time, but we must get to the point we wish to make concerning the Jehoida Chest. While so many things are taking on new life, let our Auxiliary do likewise and put a chest in every Auxiliary and the ones that do have a chest and have let it get "lazy" on them, try and revive the work. Look in your



new year books and you will see the Jehoida Chest has been adopted into our great family and has an equal share in carrying out the program as other "phases". If you don't have a chest get one and if you do it, send your \$1.00 per month to be divided for missions anyway, and in July when Sister Polston reads her report you will rejoice because your chest helped in the great Mission Cause. Some one may say we send more than \$1.00 per month for missions. You can send \$1.00 through the chest if you like. The thing we are trying to do is get our women to carry out the program, and all do the same thing, and be a No. 1. Auxiliary. Always tell that it is Jehoida Chest money when you send it in. God bless you and help you to make this one of the very best years in the history of Auxiliary work.

—Lizzie McAdams

### Cassville, Missouri

Prayer changes things. So far as I was concerned my life was a failure. I was converted several years ago. Bro. W. F. Goodnight was holding a revival meeting at Oak Ridge when I was converted. But I let personal things get in the way which ruined the younger part of my life. But I never forgot to pray. Prayer changes things. So my life has been changed. The Lord said pray without ceasing.

When I was a boy I lived on Brother J. B. Jefferson's farm. He was always ready to speak a kind word in behalf of the Lord. Those words lived in my life until this day.

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good, and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil, for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. Luke 6:45.

—Carl Bush, Cassville, Mo.

### MEMORIES OF OTHER DAYS

In my heart there lies a picture,  
Of the happy days gone by;  
Fond memories of my dear parents,  
Who now rest in realms on high.

Of our own dear precious children,  
As they came to bless our home;  
Seems I hear their childish voices,  
And their footsteps round the door.

How they brought to me their troubles,  
And I'd kiss away their tears;  
How I cherish every memory,  
Of those days of other years.

Once again my thoughts turn backward,  
To those happy days of yore;  
Seems that I can hear their voices,  
And their steps about the door.

But alas those days are over,  
Like the sunsets fleeting rays;  
But in my heart I'll always cherish,  
Happy thoughts of other days.

Mrs. Artie McClanahan, Niangua, Mo.

### JESUS I THANK YOU

I thank you Jesus for your love,  
And also for a home above;  
I'll do my best from day to day,  
To walk within the narrow way;  
This life is filled with pain and woe,  
To that blessed home I long to go.

Day by day as I travel on,  
Within my heart there is a song;  
Since Jesus came and died for me,  
He paid the price and set me free;  
I'll cling to His unchanging hand,  
He'll lead me to a better land.

There friends and loved ones I shall see,  
And Jesus my Saviour will welcome me;

Mrs. Artie McClanahan, Niangua, Mo.

### 52nd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Henson of Esther, Mo have celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

On Sunday morning a special service was conducted in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henson at the Free Will Baptist Church. A special quartet composed of Ben La Brot, Cleo Black, Percy Henson and Rev. Damon Dodd sang a special song. Also Mrs. Percy Henson and the choir rendered special songs. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Damon Dodd from the text of Gal. 2:20.

A very beautiful and fitting sermon was delivered to a full house of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henson were married on December 20, 1891 at Marquand, Mo., by Rev. Joseph Starkey. To this union eight children were born, six girls and two boys, one girl having died at the age of eleven years in 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Henson have made their home in Madison and St. Francois Counties where they have been farmers until two years ago, when their health required them to retire. They sold their farm and purchased a home in Esther at 4th and Kingsway streets where they are at home to their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henson have been faithful to their church and Mr. Henson has been a deacon in the Free Will Baptist denomination for more than 40 years.

school, and they often have well attended cottage prayer meetings.

I did not get to attend the last session of our association, the Northwest Missouri Association, but I have been informed that they had a fine association, with all the churches representing. Elder John McKown of Lock Springs, Mo. was elected moderator, and Carl Jeffries of Pattonsburg was elected clerk. I am complying with a request in the last copy of the Gem that everyone of us send in a new subscription to the Gem this month.

Your brother in Christ,

— Elder T. C. Ferguson.

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### MOTHER SHOULD KNOW

Mother, where does God live?

A small boy asked the other day,  
His mother looked around bewildered  
Because she didn't know what to say.

You see this mother wasn't a Christian  
Like all mothers should be  
She didn't know what to say  
That would make little Tommie see.

That God and his angels live in heaven  
And we have to be washed in the blood  
Before we can enter that kingdom  
Where all is pure and good.

If all mothers and fathers today  
Would only be able to see  
That God is the one and only  
That can make our country free.

But some people are like Tommie's mother  
They just don't understand  
That we must pray and preach  
To have unity in our band.

So come on all good Christians x  
We must pray more and more  
So that people all over the world  
May have wings to upward soar.

Ruth Holmes

Editor:

If you see fit to print my poem I would be glad to see it in print. I am a young

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### FATHER AND SON

Last night my little boy confessed to me  
Some boyish wrong,  
And kneeling at my knee  
He prayed with tears:  
"Dear God make me a man  
Like daddy—wise and strong—  
I know you can."

Then while he slept,  
I knelt beside his bed,  
Confessed my sins,  
And prayed with low bowed head:  
"Oh God make me a child,  
Like my child here—  
Pure, guiltless,  
Trusting Thee with faith sincere."

— Rev. Pat Lairsey.

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### WEATHERY, MISSOURI

Just a few lines to let you all know  
that I am still alive, and not dead yet.  
But as I am now past 74 years old and  
am quite badly afflicted, I am not travelling  
in the active work of the ministry like I  
used to. But I still do quite a lot of church  
work yet. For years I have been preaching  
for the Free Will Baptist Church at Carlow.  
They try to keep up an evergreen Sunday



girl of fifteen trying to do all I can for my God. I have been writing poems for about eight months, and I consider this my best.

--Ruth Holmes Alton, Mo.

## PRINCIPLES

Twass a Sheep, not a Lamb, that strayed away,

In the parable Jesus told,

A grown up Sheep that has gone astray,

From the ninety and nine in the fold.

Out on the hill side, out in the cold,

Twass a Sheep the good shepard sought,  
And back to the flock, safe in the fold,

Twass a Sheep, the good shepherd brought.

And why, for the Sheep should we eagerly long,

As we earnestly hope and pray,

Because there is danger if they go wrong,

They will lead the Lambs astray.

For a Lamb will follow the Sheep you know,

Wherever the Sheep may stray,

When the Sheep go wrong, it will not be long,

Till the Lambs are as wrong as they.

So with the Sheep we earnestly plead,

For the sake of the Lambs today,

If the Lambs are lost, what a terrible cost,

The Sheep will have to pay.

--Mrs. Ansel Alexander, Niangua, Mo.

## OBITUARIES

**JONES** -- Rev. Willis Marshall Jones was a son of Irdel Hart and Lucinda Jane (Dearing) Jones. Born Oct. 30th, 1870 in Franklin County, Illinois and he lived his entire life in the community where he was born. On Oct. 8th, 1893 he was united in marriage to Miss May Gettings of this community, to this union four children were borned, a son named Johnnie died in infancy, Arthur, Eddie and Ethel remain to mourn his passing of their father. Rev. Jones was converted fifty years ago and he has been a true follower of the Lord all these years. Thirty years ago he answered the call to the ministry, and entered

into the evangelistic field as a Free Will Baptist minister, and preached the Bible and lived that careful life that has led men and women to know Christ, he filled the pulpit on Sunday before his departure. God was always first in his heart, and when the hour of his departure was at hand, he could well give this testimony: "By the Grace of God, I am what I am." "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him, against that day."

**BLACKWOOD** -- Aunt Callie Blackwood, 85, died Feb. 7th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Attis Chisum in Non, Okla. Aunt Callie had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church seventy years. Thirty years of that time at Non. She was the mother of 15 children, 9 of whom are living; five sons and four daughters. Also surviving are forty-nine grand children, and forty-two great grand children, and one brother and one sister, and a great host of friends.

Aunt Callie had been in ill health for the past year, but we all knew she was only waiting for the Lord to take her to a better place.

Funeral service was conducted in the Free Will Baptist Church in Non, and burial was in the Non Cemetery. Rev. I. W. Yandell preached the funeral sermon.

## In Memory

In memory of our dear husband and father, Daniel Webster Thomas, who departed this life two years ago, Feb. 27, 1942.

You bid no one a last farewell, you said goodbye to none. By the beat of the heart and the hand grasp, we knew that you were gone. You did not fail to do your best, your heart was ours, and always you worked hard for the ones you left, and you will ever be remembered a wonderful husband, father and aide. God never made a husband so loyal, faithful and true. You were one in a million. God knew that you were suffering and the hills were hard to climb, so He called you to His bosom, and whispered, "Peace be to thine."

Sadly missed by wife and Children.

--Mrs. Reta Thomas and Children

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