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# GOSPEL SERMONS



## The Birth of Jesus

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### Too Late For Last Month

Luke 2:8-20

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on the earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. The birth of Jesus was the most strange event the world had ever known. Never before nor after had there been or will there be another

one like it. Lets look and see just what brought this strange birth about.

Back in the garden of Eden after Adam and Eve had sinned and lost fellowship with God, when they had lost the likeness of God and God was about to drive them from the Garden. He placed a curse upon the serpent and in that curse there was a promise to fallen humanity. Gen. 3:15 and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. That was the first light on redemption of the human family. The seed of woman would bruise the serpent. Then came the time that people worshiped God by offerings which could not take away sin but only rolled it back for one year then they had to make another offering. Heb. 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers there unto perfect.

Then we get a mention as to what tribe the Redeemer was to come from when Jacob was blessing his children and said, the sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Gen. 49:10 sceptre means; a staff borne by a sovereign as the emblem of authority. Shiloh means rest. Continuing on through the years people still worshiped by offering sacrifices and looking forward to the time the Redeemer should come. The next and easiest understood as to the manner He should come was when Isaiah told king Ahaz Behold, a virgin shall

conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isa. 7:14. The word virgin means a woman who has preserved her chastity, pure, a woman who has had no carnal knowledge of man, a maid. Then again we hear Isaiah say under the unction of the Spirit of God, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6. Then Micah tells where he shall be born Micah 5:2. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." The years rolled on and there was four hundred years of silence that the people of the earth did not hear from heaven either by angel or prophet. But people still worshiped by offerings. One day Zacharias, the priest, went into the temple to burn incense and the people were without praying and the angel of the Lord appeared unto him and said, "thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John and he shall prepare the way of the Lord." Six months later the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused (engaged) to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel said unto her, "Fear not, Mary for thou has found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever: and of his Kingdom there shall be no end." Then said Mary unto the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man." And the angel answered and said unto her, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke 2. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise; When as his

mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her first born son, and he called his name Jesus. Here was the prophecy of hundreds of years ago coming to pass. In those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed every one into his own city. Mary and Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judaea, unto the city of David, which was called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David.) While they were there the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Swaddle means to swathe or bind tightly, especially infants, clothes in which an infant is dressed. Here we have the announcement made to the shepherds. The fulfillment of the promise made over nineteen hundred years before. The Redeemer what was looked for all through the ages. Here prophecy was fulfilled. No wonder the heavenly host said Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. No wonder the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

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# FAITH

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Text: "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." (Heb. 11:6)

Faith is fundamental in the Christian's creed and conduct. Faith is a paramount quality shown in the example of the healing of the Syrophenician woman's daughter. "Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole that very hour." (Matt. 15:28) When Bartimaeus received his sight as recorded in Mark 10; it was faith that was the supreme virtue. "And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." (Mark 10:52)

Faith is not believing a thing without evidence: on the contrary faith rests upon the best of evidence the Word of God. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17)

Faith is the constant of the will to the assent of the understanding. Faith always has in it the idea of action. It is the soul-leading to embrace the Christ in whom it believes. In comparison we might think of a child's faith in its earthly parents. There is no doubt in the mind of a child, but what mother or father will care for him. He has faith to believe in them, no matter what may come in his life. Like wise, we should have similar faith to our heavenly Father. Faith is complete confidence or trust in a person. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb. 11:1)

Faith is the work of the triune God. It is first of all a gift of God's grace. "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think: but to think soberly, accordingly as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." (Rom 12:3)

"For as the body without spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (James 2:26) When we have received this gift of God's grace, we will be determined to serve him in our weak way. "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me." (Phil. 4:13)

Second, faith is the work of the triune God, in God the Son, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." (Heb. 12:2) We as servants of God today should pray unto our Lord as the apostles did in Luke 17:5 "Lord, increase our faith. In answer to them the Lord said, "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. (Luke 17:6) There is nothing too difficult for our Lord Jesus to make manifest in our lives, if only we could believe. "Therefore I say unto you what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." (Mark 11:24)

Faith is the work of the triune God in God the spirit. The Holy Spirit is the executive of the God head. One of the diversities of gifts of the Holy Spirit is faith. (1 Cor. 12:9)

We can see that faith is the work of the triune God head. Then we are responsible for having it. God wills to work faith in all his creatures. He will do so if we do not resist His Holy Spirit.

There is also a human side to faith. We receive faith by hearing. (Rom. 10:17) "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." During the time of Peter's ministry, it is recorded that many believed by hearing the message he preached. "How be it many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand." (Acts 4:4) "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Heb. 13:8) Having this wonderful promise we can know by hearing of the word of God,

the results can be the same. (By faith)

Prayer is an instrument in the development of faith. We think of the incident when the disciples realized they were powerless because they could not heal as Jesus Christ had. They came to Jesus and ask him why they could not cast out devils, and heal as he had done. Jesus answered and said unto them, "Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Matt. 17:20) As we cultivate our prayer life day by day, we can rest assured our faith is being developed.

Our faith grows by the use of what faith we all ready have. (Matt. 25:29) "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." If we use the talent we have for God's service, our faith will be increased, and our spiritual life will be far sweeter.

There were many instances of faith recorded in the Word of God. (Heb. 11:4) "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh." Abel is a type of the spiritual man. His sacrifice in which atoning blood was shed, was therefore at once his confession of sin, and the expres-

sion of his faith in the interposition of a substitute.

We find another instance of faith found in Enoch's life. "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before he was translated he had this testimony, that he pleased God." (Heb. 11:5)

This picture has a promise for each of us; No child of God ever really sees death. It is faith that saves us. Death is when the light of earth will fade from one's consciousness, and the light of God's eternal day will come flooding in upon your soul, and you will pass from death unto life without any dark valley. Do we have this faith in our life?

Noah, a true man of God, was another instance of faith. "By faith Noah being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." (Heb. 11:7) Noah proved to be a man of faith in the midst of mockery, scorn, etc. Noah did just the things that God had commanded him to do. In faith believing he set forth to build the ark. Can we not, as Christians today follow this same example? No matter what God may call upon us to perform in his great service, let's go forth in faith believing.

Abraham was the first great man of faith. Therefore, he is the pioneer of faith and is known as the "Father of the Faithful." In Genesis 12 Abraham is presented as a pioneer who separated himself to God. The call of God came to Abraham, telling him to get out, and go to a land that God would show him. Thus Abraham, in faith believing, left all in prompt obedience. Abraham's faith stood out in contrast to Lot's materialism. Lot could not stand the separated life. Abraham had great faith in the God of salvation. Faith without obedience is not real faith. What an example Abraham gives us. It took real faith to leave, for Abraham could see what he was leaving, but he could not see what he was going to. This is always God's method with His child. This is why faith is necessary. Abraham endured hardships, and was obedient. Let's follow that

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true example of faith, and prove ourselves to be true servants of God. (Heb. 11:8) "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

One of the greatest results of faith is our being saved. The whole of our salvation, past, present, and future, is dependent upon faith. Our acceptance of Christ is faith. (John 1:12) "But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Our justification is by faith. (Rom. 5:1) "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." The justified believer is a son in the family of God by our adoption. (Gal. 3:26) "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." We are sanctified by faith. (Acts 26:18) "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Then, we are kept

day by day by the power of God through faith. (1 Peter 1:5) "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Rest, peace, assurance, and joy are other results of faith. When our exercise of faith is used we have this rest in Jesus Christ, peace in Jesus Christ, assurance through Jesus Christ, and joy in Jesus Christ.

Faith, feeling, this is God's order. Satan would reverse this order; and put feeling before faith, and thus confuse the child of God. We should march in accord with God's plan, "Feed Faith with Facts, not with Feeling," A. T. Pierson.

We have noted some of the wonderful things done by the men of faith as recorded in Hebrews 11. Jesus attributes a kind of omnipotence to faith. A disciple, by faith, can do great things for his Master. The great question for us Christians to answer is not "What can I do?" but "How can I believe?" for "all things are possible to him that believeth." (Heb. 11:6) "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

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## The People had A Mind to Work

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*Text— So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined to gether unto the half thereof for the people had a mind to work. Neh. 4:6*

There is a saying, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink." Let us say this horse needs water, is thirsty and for the afternoons work ahead of him he must have water. He has been lead to water, he sees the water, he knows he needs to drink, he knows it won't hurt him because he has often drank there before. But maybe he is excited or alarmed about something and again he may be in a stubborn mood. Grab him by the halter and do your best to get his head down to drink and you will worry yourself down and he hasn't drank yet.

By reading Nehemiah we find God's

people had sinned and their enemies had come and God allowed the walls of Jerusalem to be torn down and the gates burned. When Nehemiah heard this bad news he sat down and wept, and moaned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven. He was a man of God with God's work on his heart. Free Will Baptists, and probably Generals as well, in this state of California, have heard of the work of both denominations here and different Churches and cannot help but see they are needed in the vineyard of the Lord. Many show little or no interest. In our text we find the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt and how come them to be rebuilt is because "the people had a mind to work.") The reason the work of these de-



nominations is no further adromed is because the people have no mind to work, and the work is not on their heart. The reason there are Generals and Free Will Baptist Churches yet in the state is because the people have a mind to work and the Lords work is on their heart.

When we left the strong walls of Jerusalem back in Okla., Mo., Ark., Tex., Kan., and elsewhere we hoped to find God's work well establised out here. Many places no walls have been built. They are desperatly needed, for many are hungry for a home church for themselves their children.

Before Nehemiah began his work he prayed to God. The good hand of God was upon him. God put the desire to rebuild the wall in his heart. When he told the people of the good hand of God upon him

they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they strengthened their hands for this good work. When they resolved to do this the enemies of God rose to tear down and God's people had to build while others guarded. But that desire in their hearts was strong and not easily moved and the walls were rebuilt against much oppositions because God fought for them. I'm glad to know we serve the same God and the following is a portion of Nehemiah's prayer, and we see how God answered him. "O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of the servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the Kings cupbearer."

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## The Church Established A.D. 31

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1. I mean by scriptures:--The old and new Testament as we have them in the original to-gether with all unbiased translations.

2. I mean by the word, teach, to impart knowledge.

3. I mean by Church, a body of men and women incorporated worshiping God, in the faith and fellow-ship of Jesus Christ.

4. I mean by body: A visible tangible organization having Christ as its head observing his laws as contained in the New Covenant.

5. I mean by establish; To fix permanent ly.

6. I mean by personal ministry while Christ lived and taught His doctrine before His death. I do not use the word, Church, in its tropicall prowersatall sense nor in its metaphysical or mystical sense, but in the primary scriptural sense only.

Paul said in Gal. 1:13 for ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews religion how beyond measure how I persecuted the Church of God and wasted it.

Wasted: To dimen'sh. Acts 8:3, Saul

made havoc of the Church. Havoc: synonym waste according to Webster.

Sylogism:

1. major part, Paul wasted the Church.

2. major part, when Saul wasted the Church, he made havoc of the Church. Acts 8:3.

3. Conclusion to waste the Church is therefore to make havoc of the Church; but when Saul made havoc of the Church, he bound men and women and cast them in prison. Therefore, men and women constituted the Church.

Jesus said: Matt. 18:15-16-17 Tell it to the Church not to some metaphysical or indescribable something, but to the Church.

The geographical designation proves the scripturalness of the definition of the Church of God at Corinth. 1 Cor. 1:1-2. Gal. 1:2, And all the brethern which are with me unto the Churches of Galatia.

Acts 14:17, And when they were come and had gathered the Church to-gether they rehearsed all that God had done with them, when this came to the ears of the



Church which was at Jerusalem.

3 John 9 I wrote unto the Church: but Diotrefes, who loveth to have pre-eminence among them receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, protesting against us with malicious words, and not content there with neither doeth he himself receive the brethren and forbiddeth them that would and casteth them out of the Church.

So with this definition proved by the word of God, we present some scriptural synonyms.

1. House, 2. Flock, 3. Church—of God

1. 1 Tim. 3:15, 2. Acts 20:28, 3. Acts 20:28.

This proposition will be proven by prophecy, facts and scriptural history.

1. prophecy: (B.C. 760) Isa. 2:2

(a) established, (b) exalted, (c) all nations flow unto it (d) many people shall go and say let us go up to the mountain of the Lord to the house of the God of Jacob. (e) He will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths. (f) Out of Zion shall go forth the laws. (g) And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Last days, Gen. 49:1-10  
Luke 16:16, Until as far as up to John Heb. 1:1-2.

Material prepared, Isa. 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God (Mark 1:2) As it is written in the prophets, behold, I send my messenger before thy face which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Luke 1:76 And thou child shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways. Verse 77, To give knowledge of Salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins.

What did John do?

Prepared a people for the Lord. Luke 1:76 How? Gave them the knowledge of salvation by the remission of their sins. St. John 1:13 Therefore the material was prepared. Now the foundation. Isa. 28:11-18

Tried Stone 1 Tim. 3:16, God manifested in the flesh. Next tried or on trial proceeds justification. Justified in the spirit,

seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on, in the world, and received up into glory.

Manifested in the flesh, St. John 1:1-2 14, 1 John 1:1-2, Heb 4:12-13, 1 Peter 1:23 Tried Matt. 4:1-10, Seen of Angels Matt. 4:11, Preached unto the Gentiles Matt. 4:14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias, the prophet. Isa. 9:1-2 Seeing the land of Zebulun and the land of Nephthaliim by the way of the sea beyond Jordan in Galilee of the Gentiles. The people sat in darkness saw great light, and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up. Believed on in the world, John 17:8 and they have believed that thou didst send me.

John 6:69 We believe and are sure that thou art that Christ the Son of the living God. Received up unto Glory Acts 1:11 Isa. 2:2; Mark 3:13-14; Luke 6:13; 1 Cor. 12:28.

Isa. 2:2 Establish

Mark 3:14 Ordained, synonyms

1 Cor. 12:28 Set

Establish, Set. Webster page 410

Ordain, Set. Webster page 410

Ordain. To set to establish Web. 776

Set, To establish to ordain Web. 1012

Flock (ie) church fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Luke 12:32; Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 5:2; Feed the flock of God which is among you taking the oversight thereof not by constraint but willingly not for

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When? Matt. 10:25. It is enough that the disciple be as his master and the servant as his Lord. If they have called the Master of the House Be-elze-bub, how much more shall they call His household. Master of what? The house not a literal house for the Son of Man had not where to lay his head. Luke 9:25.

What house? House of God, 1 Tim. 3:15 Master, Director Head Webster 698. Matt. 23:10, Neither be ye called Master for one is your Master, even Christ. John 13:14.

Shepherd, Gen. 49:24 From thence is the stone the Shepherd of Israel. Zech. 13:7. Mark 14:27. All ye shall be offended of me this night because of me th's for is it written I will smite the Shepherd and the sheep shall be scattered.

1 Peter 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Heb. 13:20; John 10:14; I am the good Shepherd. Psal. 22:22; Heb. 2:12; John 17:26; Matt. 26:30; No, wonder that Jesus said, Matt. 18:17 Tell it to the Church.

The Church transacting business, Act 1:15-26; Act 6:1-3; Rev. 21:14; Ratified in Heaven.

The adding. 1st. there were more than 500. 1 Cor. 15:1-6 but the number assembled were 120, added 3000, making 3120. Every characteristic essential to a Church existed before Christ died. 1st. the members had salvation Luke 1:17. They had the gospel Matt. 24:14, For this gospel of the Kingdom must be preached to all nations for a witness then the end came. They had Baptism, John 4:12. They had the Lord's supper, Luke 22:18. They had feet washing, John 13.

Jesus was their Head, Matt. 10:25. They were not of the world, John 17:16; Christ was in them, John 17:23; They had the glory of God, John 17:22; They kept God's work, John 17:6; They were branches of Christ, John 15:5; They were clean, John 15:3; Jesus loved them, John 15:9; Jesus kept them, John 17:12; They believed in Jesus, John 17:8.

Before the Cross, 1st. Repentance, Luke

13:3; Mark 1:15. 2nd. Faith, John 6:13; John 8:14. 3rd. Confession, Luke 12:8; Matt. 10:32. 4th. Baptism, John 4:6. 5th. Last Supper, Matt. 26:29. 6th. feet washing, John 13:1-17. The law that governed the child of God, Matt. 5:6-7; John 13:35; John 15:12.

No Head-No House-No Law

Christ died to seal His covenant. Paul said, Heb. 9:17. Gospel, yes Luke 24:47. What law of resurrection. Not a law but an act unto John's baptism.

Church is the antecedent of it. Above 500 do not prove established, ordain or set. Worshippers set. Tell it to the Church. Church in the wilderness. Sing church after it was set up.

Did they have remission of sins? Isa. 53 Trial in Sacrifice, Isa. 42:2; Without no trial found, Isa. 28:14; Romans 1:4 declared to be the Son of God.

No risen Christ, no Head

Eph. 1:22 gave Him to be head over all things. No blood Heb. 9:12 Read. No Christ to intercede, but Jesus prayed for this. No prophecy, a devil in it. But Peter was a hypocrite. No gospel for all nations, Matt. 24:14. Restricted commissions all proves, Luke 24:44. Powers could not preach that Christ was Head. was not crowned King. All the truths not revealed all that I have said cursed and swore unconverted (ie) converted but of what? Without Christ doctrine, My doctrine, no opposers. 31 A.D. I will build my Church. The Church B.C. in the wilderness ceased to be a church when the Lord gave them a bill of divorce. Jer. 3:8. So Christ re-organized His Church in 31 A.D.

Dr. Yandell

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# Dangers of Church Combinations

## Some Thoughts About the Tendency Toward a United Protestantism

We are living in days of unification along all lines. The little businesses are feeling the necessity of getting together in some kind of a combination to protect themselves. The solitary laboring man is urged to join a union in order to protect himself from capitalism that he is made to think will take advantage of him and keep his pay low. Farmers are forming their unions for the purpose of getting what they believe they ought to have for their products, and buying at an advantage. Nations are being allied for defence or aggression. "Get together" is the slogan along all lines. It is not surprising that churches are also combining.

### TWO ASPECTS OF THE SUBJECT

It was the prayer of Jesus for His people that they all might be one. There will undoubtedly be unity in heaven. Denominational divisions will not be manifest there. There is a unity of true believers on earth now. The mystical body of Jesus is being formed in spite of denominational affiliations.

But there is another spirit in the world that is undertaking to form another body antagonistic to the plan of God for the formation of the mystical body of Christ. And people of religious tendencies are being drawn into this other combination in some cases. It is quite possible for the enemy of the church to use the church to defeat the very thing for which the church was formed.

The Jewish nation was formed for the purpose of preserving righteousness in the earth, and yet that nation through its official body condemned Jesus to death, the very Person Who had been looked for all through the ages.

The Roman Catholic church of the Dark Ages came from a combination of what were supposed to be Christian churches. And yet that great church opposed true Christianity. There are agencies at work today in the borders of the nominal Pro-

testant churches that are intended to defeat the purpose of original Protestantism. Modernism in Protestant churches is opposed to evangelicalism in the same churches. In due time we may look for a person to rise who will be equivalent to a Protestant Pope, and in due time the combination will unite the Roman Catholic and the federated Protestants in one great universal church that will do to Christianity what official Judaism did to Jesus and His disciples, and yet do it in the name of Christianity.

### TWO GREAT COMBINATIONS

Two great combinations are on the way, the combination of government under one head, and a combination of religion under one head. The Anti-christ will head the combined government, and a person with powers like the Pope will head the other, with powers more than the Pope of the Roman Catholic church. These are mentioned in the book of Revelation as the Beast, head of government, and the False Prophet, head of religion.

### SMALL DENOMINATIONS COMBINING

There may be some advantage in small denominations combining; and yet, even here, there are dangers. Every denomination has started with some definite principle that was not being advocated by already existing denominations. I think it is Neander, in his Church History, who says that everything prospers best that continues to maintain the purpose for which it was started. This is true of denominational churches; they prosper best when they continue to maintain the principles that their founders advocated when they broke with already existing denominations.

I think it will be a great day when Free Will Baptist everywhere will lay all their 20th century, stream lined ideas on the shelf and get back in the old path that Benjamin Randall blazed out.

Now, when two churches that have started with different emphasis undertake to

combine, there must of necessity be some compromise of principles in order that they may work as an harmonious organization. Something must be laid down or modified, and in that modification there is likely to be the clouding of the original testimony that one or the other of the combining churches originally stood for. This is a danger that confronts churches considering combination.

#### , MOTIVES FOR UNION

It is well to inquire what are motives for uniting Protestant churches. One motive generally is that the united church will have more prestige than either of the churches functioning alone. When appeals are made to governments they feel that the larger the church is the more likely it is to get what it wants in the way of

liberties and concessions. But it is a remarkable fact that the church often has prospered best when it was considered an outlawed institution, when governments were fighting it rather than favoring it. The early church outlived ten periods of persecution from pagan Rome, but began to wane as soon as Constantine issued his edict of toleration, making the church a recognized institution in the eyes of the government. While government concessions are desirable, some compromise is frequently introduced in granting them.

As little streams unite in the valleys and eventually form great rivers, so as the little churches are uniting there may be the preparation for what will eventually be a great river of apostasy, a church made up of denominations that have surrendered their original principles.

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## Missionary Department



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

### MONTHLY REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts for the month of Nov. 1944

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hartley	Wichata, Kan. ....	10.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	.....	68.99
Macedonia Church	.....	5.82
Rock Chapel	.....	12.00
Auxiliary of St. Louis Third Church	.....	6.00
Designated as from a friend	Arcadia, Kansas .....	2.00
Berkley City League	.....	5.40
Niangua Church	.....	6.50
Hickory Grove Church	.....	2.75
Green Grove Church	.....	6.28
Myrtle Long	Patton, Mo. ....	1.00
True Blue Class	Mt. Olive (Neola) S.S. ....	1.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church and S.S.	.....	9.63
Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxiliary	.....	1.00
Amity Church	.....	31.00
Connelsville S.S.	.....	5.00
Designated as from a friend	.....	10.00
Wiley Circle of Flat River Auxiliary	.....	15.00
St. Louis Third Church	.....	45.21

Shibleys Point Church .....	1.30
Edge Church of Edge Texas .....	2.68
Claud E. Sawyer Ware Shoals S. C. ....	2.00
Loyal Chapel Columbia, Tennessee .....	21.00
Offering taken at Alabama State Convention .....	114.16
Offering taken at Bear Point Church in Illinois .....	125.02
Offering taken at Webbs Prairie Church in Illinois .....	35.00
Offering taken at Ina Church Ina Illinois .....	100.89
Offering taken at Mt. Zion Church in Illinois .....	46.80
Offering taken at Bakerville Church in Illinois .....	26.29
Offering taken at Waltonville Church in Illinois .....	31.00
Miss Dolores Hale Bonnie, Illinois .....	15.00
Luella Whittington Whittington, Illinois .....	5.00
St. Mark Church Phenix City, Alabama .....	5.00
S. P. Easley Portales, New Mexico .....	10.00
Saline Association of Arkansas .....	25.05
F. W. B. Church of Estil, Kentucky .....	30.00
South Carolina Auxiliary Convention .....	18.00
Union Meeting of South Carolina Conference .....	50.00
Mrs. E F. Traut Iola, Texas .....	10.00
Rev. George Waggoner Columbia, South Carolina .....	5.00
Jack McCoury Johnson City, Tennessee .....	1.00
State of Oklahoma .....	148.00
Missouri State Association .....	245.88

Winford Davis, Treasurer

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### State Unified Fund

Twin Oak Church .....	3.00
Fredricktown Church .....	40.00
Merls Chapel .....	5.00
Garfield Church .....	11.22
Hickory Grove Auxiliary .....	0.35
Monett Church .....	30.10
Mt. Olive Auxiliary (Neola) .....	1.45
South East Mo. Auxiliary Convention .....	4.50

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### Jehoida Chest Fund

Macedonia Church .....	1.00
Twin Oak Church .....	1.00
Copper Mines Church .....	1.00
Hickory Grove Auxiliary .....	1.00

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## Publishing House Fund

Rev. Kenneth Turner	Monett, Mo.	5.00
Mattie Filkins	Kirksville, Mo.	5.00
Hickory Grove Church		5.50
Mrs. Ava Sutherland	St. Louis, Mo.	5.00
Hazel Creek Union Mission		5.00
Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Horner	Bourbon, Mo.	5.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church		5.00

## Educational Fund

S. P. Easley	Portales, New Mexico	10.00
Rev. Archie Cooper	Novinger, Mo.	12.00

## Tennessee Orphanage Fund

S. P. Easley	Portales, New Mexico	10.00
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Winford Davis, Treasurer



## Our Bible School



Monthly Financial Report, Free Will Baptist Bible College  
by J. R. Davidson, Treasurer

We are glad to report the fact that we have made another successful month's history in our Educational Program as relates to the Free Will Baptist Bible College. The following is an itemized statement by states of both endowment and ordinary gifts as well as gifts for the Expansion Program.

Source	Endowment	Gift	Total
Alabama	15.00		15.00
Florida	7.50		7.50
Georgia	40.50	37.50	78.00
Illinois	19.50	5.00	24.50
Kansas	3.00		3.00
Kentucky	20.00		20.00
Michigan	17.00		17.00
Mississippi	22.50	2.00	24.50
Missouri	50.50	35.00	85.50
North Carolina	77.50	92.75	170.25
Ohio	25.00		25.00
Oklahoma	29.50	15.00	44.50
Tennessee	79.00	1.00	80.00
Texas	44.00		44.00
South Carolina	11.00	187.01	198.01
Virginia	10.50		10.50

Expansion Program (Tennessee) .....	211.00
Value of Pounding (Tennessee) .....	45.50
Students for Room, Board, etc. ....	642.42
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	74.55
Total .....472.00 .....375.26 .....	1820.73

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Disbursements as follows:

Room Rent .....	136.50
Grocery and Kitchen Supplies .....	341.74
Heat, Lights, Water, etc. ....	57.20
Telephone and Telegraph .....	15.09
School Supplies .....	19.30
Traveling Expenses .....	120.50
Maintenance .....	196.76
Salaries .....	390.47
Labor .....	126.69
Promotional Services .....	200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	41.87
Books .....	59.90
Total .....	1706.02

I wish to call attention to the margin this month between the amount received in normal gifts and endowment. We received all most one hundred dollars in endowment in excess of the amount received in ordinary gifts. Hence the emphasis of the worth and success of our Annual Endowment Plan in the support of the College. May we further call your attention to the fact that we had a margin of most seventy dollars income above disbursement in view of the fact that we were compelled to spend most two hundred dollars for maintenance and two hundred dollars for promotional service through the National Executive Secretary not with standing our monthly allocation was not received from the National Unified Program Fund.

We wish to use this method in expressing our thanksgiving to our people who are so faithfully supporting this Cause. May the Lord bless you richly according to the Spirit in which you have joined as laborers together in the support of our Educational Program.

## SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION

J. R. Davidson  
of Ashland City, Tennessee

By special invitation to appear at Horse Branch church near Turbeville, South Carolina for the second session of the State Association which was scheduled to assemble on November 3, 1944. I left Nashville at 10 a.m. on the eighth by train. Transferring from train to bus in Columbia the next morning about nine o'clock I arrived

in Sumter at 12, but was unable to leave there until 6:50 in the evening. However, I was met by Rev. M. H. Mellette and family at Turbeville about 7:30 and was taken out to the church in time to see most of the congregation assemble for the evening service. Several minutes were enjoyed in hand-shaking, renewing acquaintances and making new friends.

By the appointed hour the congregation was assembled, and the Rev. Mr. Ballard, who was designated to deliver the evening message declined to do so in favor of having me render that service. It was again that I was reminded of the meaning of



Paul's word to Timothy on preparedness: "Be instant in season, out of season." However the service was blessed by the witness of the Spirit, and soon we were off to enjoy the warm hospitality of Bro. and Sis. Mellette's home for the night. The fellowship with them, and their children, was inspirational and pleasant. The night being over, and a nice South Carolina breakfast having been enjoyed we made our way back to the church for another good Christian fellowship in the Free Will Baptist way.

Several conferences and associations were represented, and a number of ministers were present for the day session. Although the delegation was small one could hardly pass that way without reaping spiritual blessing and having his vision enlarged. Each phase of the cause as relates to the State and the National Programs was in for fair consideration, and the Missions and Educational causes realized substantial support financially, as well as the proposed South Carolina Orphanage. Much interest was expressed in the whole cause which is dear to every true Christian's heart who is affiliated with the Free Will Baptist Denomination. In addition to a nice response to the cause of our college in cash quite a degree of support was aligned in the form of the Annual Endowment and arrangements were made to extend this plan into many of the churches of the state. As a means of promoting the cause in the state, Field Secretaries were elected for Missions (Home and Foreign), Christian Education and Orphanage.

This people have done, and are continuing, a praise-worthy job relative to orphanage work; and Rev. M. H. Mellette having been elected Secretary of Christian Education, and Rev. J. W. Sawyer having been elected Secretary of Missions, I predict

that they will now make no less commendable showing in these causes than they have already done in orphanage. This work confirms the statement that I have already made many times, to the effect that there are no groups of Christians who are more liberal than Free Will Baptists when they are given an opportunity to see the worthiness of any cause. Further, the body elected its representation to the next session of the National Association, and the ministry seemed solid in its attitude toward planning to be on hand for the 1945 session.

Only one who is in the circle of such fellowship can imagine the delight which came to me in shaking hands with a number of the old Eureka students, such as Rev. L. A. Holliday, Moderator of the South Carolina State Association, Rev. W. L. Jernigan, pastor of the Bladenboro Church and Roxie Belle Vause Gibbons, house-wife and teacher. Some how there is friendship existing between these old students which requires very little priming to reveal a relationship which is not easily excelled.

I also took account of the fact that there were at least three students of the old Free Will Baptist Seminary present to bless the assembly with their wonderful spirits, wisdom and counsel. No wonder we found an unusual healthful atmosphere relative to our National Educational Program in this assembly.

My prophecy concerning the South Carolina State Association, which is now only one year old, is: Many of the older State Bodies will soon be seeking knowledge as to how brethren maneuvered their affairs to make possible such achievements. May the richest of God's blessings be upon this fine group of Free Will Baptists as they bear fruits as true "Laborers together with God".

The Great  
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Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole  
World  
For Christ



## REPORT OF FIELDWORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of our blessed Saviour.

How we wish we had all of our friends

some where in a large auditorium. We could all rejoice together over our years work for the master, and plan new things for the new year. Since I last wrote I have visited another state Association with the good people of Ala., and it was indeed a glorious meeting. Ala. is really doing things for the Lord. They paid off their "Orphanage Home," and will open that soon and just think in two years from the time they first started, they had it paid for. Some people talk a lot and do little. These good people said little and got busy and raised the money and now have a good home with which to care for the poor unfortunate children of their state.

Our people every where are anxious to fall in line with our national program. I visited a number of churches around Birmingham, and found them anxious to do things for the Master. Some of our auxiliaries are doing a good work that were organized a short time ago. Now a word to every Auxiliary president, take the Co-Laborer Band up with your pastor and let's see in the month of January and February how many we can get to join and when you get them send me your number of members and how much you paid in dues, but don't send me your money, send that to Sister Polston, and just send me the figures. I am leaving off the honor Roll this time before I run it again. I want

more members from every state. About the first of May it will become very interesting to run for the Gem to see how many members Mo. has on the honor roll. Then compare your state with others, and if you don't think your state is running so good, just get more members. In some places fathers, mothers, and wives take out membership for the boys of the church that are over seas or in service. What better could we do than put in a dollar membership fee for one of our dear boys. Remember, we can pay one dollar per year or we can pay one dollar per month, or take out membership for as many as we like.

The Co-Laborer Band is a grand move launched by our auxiliary convention for the glory of God, and salvation of souls. We can also make a soul winning campaign out of it. While we are soliciting members and finance we can urge them to ask for 50,000 souls too, which I am sure will be very pleasing to the Master. Keep these words in mind while you are working for the plan to be carried out.

With Christ our leader, and 50,000 members praying, and 50,000 members paying, the Church will reap the richest harvest ever seen. Put the devil on the run, and we will see the greatest soul winning campaign ever begun. Watch for the honor roll next time. God bless our kindred in the service every where, yours in Jesus.

*Izzie McAdams*

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## Church Letters - Field Reports

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### REPORT FROM WINTERS CHURCH

The body of Christians at Winters, namely Free Will Baptist, are glad to report we are still "pressing toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

One of our families has moved away to Turlock. Bro. Archie Constant, but we trust our loss will be Turlocks gain. Sister Allie Taylor, who found the Lord precious to her soul during the Quarterly Meeting at Porterville, has united with us. We need more good workers to help keep house for God.

We have payed for the piano, or rather, it is payed for. We use this means to thank all who contributed for this worthy work and may the good Lord bless you.

We are still worshipping across the street from the freight depot. Make it a point to meet with us when possible is the invitation we extend to all God's people.

Yours for the cause of Christ,

Rev. Emmett Clogg, Pastor  
1351-A Noe St. S. F. 4, Calif.

Sister Della Constant, Clerk  
Box 533 Winters, Calif.

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# EDITORIAL

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## FAILING

Since we are beginning a new year it is time to take inventory, and see where we stand, I mean SPIRITUALLY, there is no need to warn the people of their financial status, for they will see to that, they pay their City, State, Federal Income, Social Security, With-holding, and Auto taxes, and all the others that I have failed to mention, give of their Time, Talent, and Money, for the advancement of Social, Society, and Political affairs, and after they have done this they are so BROKE and WORN out that they leave the LORD and HIS work go undone. WHAT A SHAME.

I have noticed this year more than any other time in my life, that the nearer we approached the Christmas season the less people thought of the CRIST, we received less manuscript, fewer church reports, fewer renewal of subscriptions, than any other time of the year.

I Say wake up and get busy in the work of the LORD, it's time to do what we are going to do, truly the fields are already white unto harvest, what are we going to do about it, are we going to let the grain fall, this is a pointed question to every individual, that has named the name of JESUS CHRIST as their Saviour, churches are dwindling away in many localities.

I think there is three (3) reasons for this,

(1) There is a group of leaders that attend all the association's, Local, State, and National, they are on the mountain top while they are there, right in the thick of planning of the work for the future, but, they go back home, and fail to carry the inspiration of the association with them to their people, and fail to practice the things they helped to plan.

(2) There is another group of leaders that never attend any association's neither,

Local, State, or National, unless they are on the program, and then as soon as they fill their place they are gone, don't care about a united work, and the results of this kind of leadership is that they and their church, slowly dry up and dwindle away.

(3) There is churches who relish this last mentioned leadership, they don't want to be affiliated with the association, they are self-centered, self-satisfied, only want to be left alone that they might just drift along in their frozen condition. If some preacher comes along and attempts to preach to them about supporting the denominational enterprises, they turn a cold shoulder to him, and say he is preaching for money, and flatly refuse to look beyond their own little sphere.

Which of these three conditions is the worse, I shall not attempt to decide, I will leave that for you to decide, they are all to pitiful for words, and I hope that if either exists in your church that you will set about to remedy the matter.

How I wish that I was able to shout with such a thundering voice, a warning that would awake people, and cause them to be more concerned about the CAUSE OF OUR CHRIST.

I am asking all of you that have been so loyal to the Gem, to continue to do so. I sure do appreciate your cooperation of the past, let us work, pray, and cooperate together this year that we might win Souls for Christ. Send us your Sermon's, Church report's, and News of interest about your church.

Don't fail to be a booster for the Gem, probably you have a friend, or relative, or a brother in Christ, that doesn't take the Gem, that would if you asked them too, Pastor, you take the Gem and get every member of your church to take it, and I will guarantee you that you will have a better church.

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# GLEANINGS

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By the Editor

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**WAR AND RELIGION** — An English preacher says, "After two and a half years of war, only five per cent of London's population attend a place of worship."

**LARGE CITY CHURCHES**—depend for many of their members on churches in the country and small towns. As an example in a Methodist church in Knoxville, Tennessee with 1888 members it is reported that 1250 transferred their membership from some town or country church.

**SLURRING REMARKS ABOUT THE BIBLE** — is subject to a fine in the state of Arkansas. A law made in 1930 makes it the duty of every teacher or other person in charge of a tax-supported school to provide for the reverent reading of the Bible daily without any comment whatever. Any teacher who makes slurring remarks at any time in the school room is subject to a fine of \$25, and subject to dismissal from his position.

**IGNORANCE** — We received additional shocking evidence of the need for Christian education in overhearing four neatly attired women struggling in vain to distinguish between Calvary and cavalry. One of the four thought her son was in the "Calvary" while the other timidly inquired "Isn't 'calvary' connected with Christ some way?"—Protestant Voice.

**SAFEST WAY**— What are your chances of arriving safely by the different modes of travel? You may not believe it, but your chances by airplane are better than by passengers trains or automobile. Here are the risks you take per one hundred million passenger miles: Passenger trains, 2.6; regular scheduled airplane, 1.8; bus, 1.7; motor vehicle, passenger car and taxi, 4.4. The bus appears to be the safest.—Herald of Holiness.

**THE BIBLE AND OIL** — An oil magnate

who read his Bible, was attracted by the statement in Exodus about the mother of Moses daubing his little ark with pitch. He reasoned that where there is pitch there must be oil, and as results oil wells were drilled in Egypt with successful results. Everyone ought to read the Bible.

**JAPAN** — is reputed to be the only nation in the world that has more divorces than the United States.

**WHICH WAS RIGHT?** — In the midst of the North African campaign General Montgomery was asked to explain for the benefits of his soldiers how he kept so fit for his duties. He replied, "I do not smoke. I do not drink, I go to bed at ten o'clock except when duty forbids and I am one hundred per cent fit." Immediately thereafter Prime Minister Churchill said, for the benefit of those same soldiers, "I smoke, I drink, I never sleep, and I am two hundred per cent fit." Not long afterward he was down with pneumonia. In time he was up again, but within a few months he was making a fight for his life with all the Allied World holding its breath lest he should not survive. He did, but it is reported that his doctors have forbidden all use of either tobacco or rum. From London comes the report that he was ill at Teheran and unable to judge issues and facts with his usual acumen.—International Religious News Service.

**MOODY'S ANSWER** — At the close of a meeting a cynic approached Mr. Moody and said, "Mr. Moody, during your address this evening I counted 18 mistakes in your English." Looking kindly at the critic, Mr. Moody said, "Young man, I am using to the glory of God all the grammar I know. Are you doing the same?" A fine illustration of the injunction, "Answer not a fool according to his folly." (Prov. 26:4). —Rescue Journal.

## THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF PORTERVILLE

Dear "Gem" family;

It has been quite some time since I have written to the Gem. I will try to give you a glimpse of the work here at Porterville. We have a nice building, paid for and dedicated to the work of the Lord, have just brought an additional lot for the purpose of building a parsonage a little later on. God has wonderfully blessed us in the service here.

We have some real lively members who are always ready to respond to any worthy cause. We have some good spiritual young folk. Of course most of our boys are in the armed forces now as in the case every where, and we really do miss them. We humbly beg you to pray that God will give us more souls, and more churches.

Rev. Ralph Geiger, Church Clerk and Reporter

150 California St.  
Porterville, Calif.

### Okla. Quarterly Conference

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to let you know what a gracious quarterly meeting we had with the Spring Hill Church. Their church is new, and their cordiality was great. We forwarded plans for our first Okla. Association Camp ground which we are buying in Shawnee. The second day was given to the Ladies Auxiliary. We had a great meeting for our first quarterly Conference and hope to have the work organized in all our churches. Pray for us that we will progress in God's work and His cause.

Mrs. Mildred Cash Corres. Sec.

five miles south of Hinderville, Ark. There was fourteen precious souls saved. We had old time preaching, praying, singing, and shouting. The good Lord did wonderfully bless with His presents and power each night. When you pray remember this humble servant.

Rev. Cecil Garrison

### Revival Report

Dear Bro. Dees:

I am sending you a report of a revival meeting I conducted at Jewell in the month of November.

Jewell is one of our Free Will Baptist churches organized in the early 1900's and thrived very well for a number of years, then the work seemed to slack, several moved away, some died, many backslide, and the church and Sunday School ceased to function.

In July of this year (1944) a group of folks who were near (and by the way they were not all Free Will Baptist either) became interested and organized a Sunday School, with an average attendance of around 25 and offering of \$4.00. So then in Oct. they called us as their pastor.

We had services only two weeks as Sister McAdams came for a meeting at Hazel Creek, but in the time we were in the meeting, there was a fine spiritual feeling, God richly blessed, 3 precious souls found Christ as their personal Saviour. A young man had accepted Christ a few days previous in a leadership training course service.

Then on our regular meeting day this month, 6 person presented themselves for membership, so we feel we are doing God's will and He has wonderfully blessed us in more ways than one.

Rev. Archie Cooper

### Revival Report

Dear Gem Readers:

I will send you a brief report of a wonderful revival that Bro. Kenneth Sanders, a Missionary Baptist Minister and I conducted at Buck Eye School house about

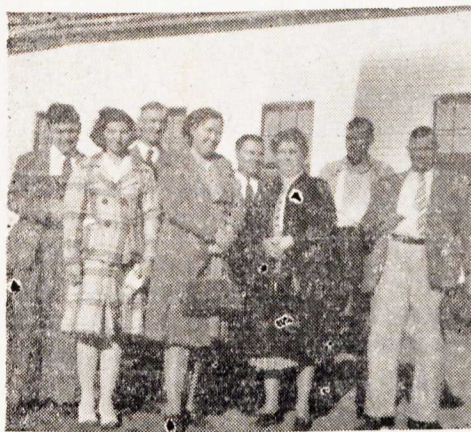
Dear Sir:

I have never written to the Gem if you have room you may print this.

In reading the book of Galations we



will find Paul writing to a church that has been almost destroyed by false teachers, I want each to notice the fourth chapter where Paul speaks of the zeal of the false teachers and in the 18th verse where he told the Calatons, it is good to be zealous affected always in a good thing, I wonder if we, being Christians have enough zeal for Christ, for God, for the church, for Sunday School, for the lost, for foreign missions, for the whole world, for which Christ died. Should we compare the church of today with the world? Would we find as much interest in the church as we do the carrying on of the world, I have been ordained now over a year and have no church to pastor. I only have what qualifications God gives me with a seventh grade education, I believe in preaching the Bible and practising what I preach, and would be glad to pastor a church. I believe my pastor would give a recommendation best for you and me for which I am thankful. Your Brother in Christ, Rev. W.W. Winters New Port, Texas.



**PICTURE NO. 1.**

The adult Bible Class at Oak Lawn Free Will Baptist Church, Thomasville Tennessee. Left to right Rev. H.E. Willis, teacher; Mrs. Mable Brinkley, Mr. Wilk Evans, Mrs. Bessie Smith, Rev. R. Kennedy, Supt. Mrs. Nora Walker, Jerome Walker, and W. B. Walker.

Taken at the side of the church, which is over one hundred years old, and a member of the Cumberland Association. Made Oct. 8, 1944. Mrs. Nora Walker.

**PICTURE NO. 2.  
ON FRONT PAGE**

The entire Sunday School group of Oak Lawn Free Will Baptist Church near Thomasville, Tenn. Taken Oct. 8, 1944. at side of the church. Since that time the interest has greatly increased. Under the influence of our good leaders, Rev. and Mrs. Rashie Kennedy and Rev. and Mrs. H.E. Willis from the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn. They are with us every Sunday.

I feel that they are God called people. I thank God that he sent them our way.

I ask the prayers of our good people everywhere for our Sunday School and work at Oak Lawn Church. Mrs. Nora Walker, Thomasville, Tenn.

**West Va. Conference**

Dear Editor:

I am sending you a part of our last business conference. The Raleigh Free Will Baptist met at the Delbert Pineknob, W. Va. Nov. 10, 11, and 12. Rev. F.P. Cook being our moderator.

We have seven churches in our conference. All reported to the conference. Most of them had good reports. We have 16 ordained ministers in our conference. 13 reported to the conference, and 2 licensed ministers. Rev. Stollie Parsons of Fairdale W. Va. had the best report for the three months. He preached 69 sermons, held 4 revivals, professions witnessed 47, No. baptised 5, additions to the church 3, funerals preached 4, money received \$514.71, instituted the Lord's Supper and feet washing 3.

Rev. Luster Ash of Pineknob, W. Va. had the second best report. Our business was conducted with brotherly love throughout the session. Our conference is continually growing. We have a total membership of all churches in our conference of 205. Our churches are all free of debt and we have a balance of \$188.75 in the treasury. Our next conference will be held at Bethel Church, Pineknob, W. Va. Feb. 1945 the second Saturday and Sunday.

We ask the prayers of all God's people

that we all may live our life in the way God would have us to, also that when we have our conference the Lord will be present. F.R. Combs clerk Posey, W. Va.

### ATTENTION F.W.B. EVERYWHERE

The second annual session of the State Association of F.W.B. in Mississippi met November 16th, and 17th, 1944 at Lee's Chapel Church near Laurel, Miss. Among resolutions offered and adopted, the two major resolutions we quote in part.

1. That the State Home Mission Board raise sufficient funds and employ a State Evangelist for at least six months of this associational year.

2. That a building and repair fund be raised for the purpose of loaning to new churches that might be organized; also to old churches that might be in state of repair.

We as F.W.B. have a great opportunity to serve God and our fellow citizens in the State of Mississippi as F.W.B. is comparatively new in Miss. We only have about 3,000 F.W.B. in the State, compared to a state population in excess of 2,000,000. Last year our Home Mission Board sponsored an Evangelistic Campaign to the extent of about eight weeks, conducting Revivals in five different towns or cities in the state, at a cost of approximately \$1,500.00. The results were splendid. There being two new churches organized, one at Amory, Miss. and one at Philadelphia, Miss. The Amory Church is a beautiful brick structure well located in a fine town of something over 5,000 population. I believe the main auditorium is completed and services is being held each Sunday. Basement is unfinished. This building will cost approximately \$15,000.00 when completed. The Philadelphia Church bids fair for a fine church. They have not started their building yet as we understand, but are looking forward to the building of this church in 1945.

From the Commercial Appeal, Jackson, Miss. I quote in part.

Jackson, Miss. November 21st., Mississippi long considered the heart of the so-called Bible Belt has approximately 700,000 persons above 10 years of age who are not affiliated with any church. Total population is in excess of 2,000,000 in Miss. There are 150 churchless areas and 700,000 above 10 years of age not Christians, unquote.

This is a great opportunity for Christians everywhere to do their part in helping us to carry out such a great undertaking for so small a group of people. It will take several thousand dollars to carry this resolution out properly. We mean to do our best God being our helper to set up churches in some of the 150 churchless areas in Mississippi.

Your help is greatly needed to make this possible. We are making this appeal to our Denomination as a whole, since we F.W.B. in Mississippi are too few in number to meet so great a responsibility, as seems to be ours. Many people are feeling stronger than ever that F.W.B. should take Jesus seriously when he said, "Go into all the world and preach to every nation."

Any church or individual being led by the Spirit of Christ to help us in his kingdom work, please mail your offering to Mr. L.E. Duncan P.O. Box 689, Tupelo, Miss. who is Sec. and Treasurer of Home Mission Board, who will mail you receipt for same. Offerings for Building and Repair Fund would be mailed to Rev. J.M. Hass, Tupelo, Miss. who is our State Treasurer of this fund. Please pray much that God will bless in this undertaking, and will be handled only in accordance to His will.

Yours in his service, C.R. Hollis Chairman Home Mission Board

## NOTICE

### MINUTES WANTED AT ONCE

Since the National Association of Free Will Baptists have elected me as their Statistician, I find that it is a tremendous task. Only by the help and co-operation of others can the task be accomplished. I am looking forward to every loyal Free



Will Baptist to send a copy of the minutes of their association to me.

We find in Hitchcock's complete analysis of the Holy Bible a Dictionary of Religious Denominations, which was printed in 1869, almost 80 years ago. It records 1,180 preachers, 1,264 churches, and 55,258 members in the Free Will Baptist Denomination. It records the Free Will Baptist Church as being organized in 1780. But say, this record does not satisfy my mind, neither will it satisfy yours.

We want a new, complete, 1944 model, stream-lined, air-conditioned, statistical report of our Denomination. We want this report read at our next National Association, and to be printed in our church papers. Do you want this report bad enough to spend a little time this very day to get a minute, and other statistical information and mail to your statistician?

If you would like to know the number of Free Will Baptist Churches, Preachers, and members, send a copy of your minutes.

If you would like to know the number of conversions in our churches each year send a copy of your minutes.

If you would like to know just what our church, as one large family scattered over the various states, is doing, send a copy of your minutes.

If our Associations over the various states would have all their minutes printed by our press either at Ayden, N.C. or at Monett, Mo., it would be easy to get a statistical report. As we could write to the press and get all the information needed.

If you happen to be a Moderator, Clerk, or Officer in any of the state, district, or local Association, or Conferences in any of the states, it will be highly appreciated if you will send a copy of your minutes or other information to your statistician.

If you are just a christian worker in your local church or Association you might take time to look up a minute of your Association and send it to your statistician. Either 1943 or 1944 minutes will be all right.

Send all minutes and information to

Rashie Kennedy, 4703 Wyoming Ave.  
Nashville, 9, Tenn.

*"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."*

—John 13:17.

#### DO YOU KNOW

that Christ is the only virgin born person in all the world and in all time, and that God caused Isaiah to tell us of this birth over seven hundred years before it actually came to pass? Isa. 7:14.

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The fulfillment of this promise is found in Matthew 1:23. Here the name "Immanuel" is defined as—"God with us."

#### DO YOU KNOW

that God fixed the place his Son was to be born seven hundred years before his birth? This statement is made in Micah 5:2.

"But thou Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel;.... This promise was fulfilled in Matthew 2:6.

#### DO YOU KNOW

that almost three thousand years ago God said he would send us a world ruler of whose government there would be no end? This is given in Isaiah 9:6-7.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever."

#### DO YOU KNOW

that if all the word of God was destroyed we would still have enough authority

ive records from the Jewish Sanhedrin and the Talmuds of the Jews; as well as the many other Archaeological writings to establish the Sonship of Jesus Christ with the time and place of his birth?

## DO YOU KNOW

that in the days of his flesh the wise men and the kings of other nations came and worshipped him and gave gifts unto him? Psalms 72:10-11.

## DO YOU KNOW

that the true spirit of the Christmas season was started by the wise men who came from afar with their gifts unto our Lord?

## DO YOU KNOW

that every time you write a letter you acknowledge the birth of our Lord by the date upon the letter? Do you know that every legal paper or document or contract is not legal until you have acknowledged the date of the birth of our Lord?

## DO YOU KNOW

that the greatest and best gift that was ever given to man was God's gift of his Son? For in him is eternal life which is even greater than this present life.

## DO YOU KNOW

that they who would honor Christ most and best should on his birthday give gifts ONLY to those who can never give such gifts in return?

## DO YOU KNOW

that the best way to serve and please Christ on his birthday would be to give gifts unto his Missionaries and workers who are underpaid and need special help to carry on in times like these?

## DO YOU KNOW

that 'Santa Claus' is a heathen Russian myth? Do you know that it grieves the Holy Spirit, and brings sorrow to the very heart of Christ for ANY, especially those who claim to be HIS, to give Christmas gifts in the name of 'Santa Claus'?

## DO YOU KNOW

that those who send gifts during the Christmas season with X-mas on the package are doing their best to keep Christ out of Christmas?

that they who would bring a heathen myth into the sacred house of God at the Christmas season surely do grieve the very heart of God in such an act?

*The Gospel Messenger*

## Inspirational Poems

Rev. T. H. Newsome, Spingtown, Texas

Be Thou our help, our strength, our stay,  
Our leader on the up-word way,  
Our faithful pilot every day,  
E'en to eternity.

If we, with Thee, walk hand in hand,  
Endeavoring to understand,  
Each word contained in Thy command,  
We'll have tranquility.

### God Hath Saved Us for a Purpose

God hath saved us for a purpose.  
His Dear name to glorify;  
All we are, or ever shall be,

### There's Nothing in this World So Sweet

There's nothing in this world so sweet,  
No joy so perfect, so complete,  
As sitting at the Master's feet,  
In rapt felicity.

How sweet and perfect is that rest,  
With which my whole-soul is possessed.  
When leaning on the Savior's breast,  
In blissful ecstasy.

O Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove,  
Sweet Messenger of peace and love,  
Sent from the Father's throne above,  
Our guide infallibly.

To Him we should sanctify.  
 May we dedicate our powers,  
 To the Lord from day to day;  
 May there be no idle hours,  
 Nothing lost along the way.  
 Jesus said, "All power is given  
 Unto me, in heaven and earth.  
 Go ye therefore, teach all nations.  
 They must have a spiritual birth."  
 In the name of God, the Father,  
 God, the Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 Baptize, ye, all my disciples,  
 Who comprize a mighty host.  
 He then promised to be with us,  
 Always, even to the end;  
 Fear not, though all men forsake us,  
 He's our best, our truest friend.  
 Jesus, Jesus, Blessed Jesus.  
 Keep us ever near thy side;  
 Jesus, Jesus, Blessed Jesus.  
 Help us in Thee to abide.

### O How Sweet to Walk With Jesus

O how sweet to walk with Jesus,  
 Down the shady lane of life!  
 With Him bearing all its burdens,  
 With Him sharing all its strife.  
 O how forlorn and how lonely,  
 If His presence I'm denied:  
 But how gloriously happy,  
 When with Him, I do abide.  
 What a dear companion is He.  
 Always faithful, kind, and true;  
 Comforting in times of sorrow,  
 Deepening spirits to renew.  
 He will ever love and cherish,  
 Me, as long as life shall last;  
 He'll protect and He will nourish  
 Me, till time on earth is past.  
 O the glory and the rapture,  
 When transported by His grace!  
 O the beauty and the grandeur,  
 Pictured on His blessed face!  
 What a glorious experience,  
 To be with Him all alone!  
 And to hear Him softly whisper,  
 Thou art mine, my very own.

### God's Wonderful Love

God's wonderful love is the grandest  
 theme.  
 That e'er engaged the mind of man,

'Twas embraced in God's original scheme.  
 When this great universe was planned.  
 This wonderful love from eternity,  
 Brings full salvation to you and me.  
 God's wonderful love is the grandest  
 theme.  
 Ever sung by psalmist or seer;  
 No loftier theme did poet e'er dream,  
 Nor solon, nor sage ever hear.  
 This wonderful love, from eternity,  
 Brings full salvation to you and me.  
 God's wonderful love is the grandest  
 theme.  
 Proclaimed on earth or in heaven;  
 Most precious treasure, of highest esteem,  
 Of all that God has e'er given.  
 This wonderful love from eternity,  
 Brings full salvation to you and me.  
 God's wonderful love is the grandest  
 theme,  
 Which saints and angels ever sang;  
 Most exalted lofty, sublime and supreme,  
 From the heart, symphony of God e'er  
 sprung.  
 This wonderful love from eternity,  
 Brings full salvation to you and me.  
 God's wonderful love is the grandest  
 theme,  
 Ever considered by God above;  
 He sent His Son, mankind to redeem,  
 Because of His wonderful love.  
 This wonderful love, from eternity,  
 Brings full salvation to you and me.

### Why Should I Worship Earthly Things

Why should I worship earthly things  
 Though precious they may be?  
 There's nothing lasting joy e'er brings,  
 Save trust in Deity.  
 Though I should gain wealth and renown,  
 What would they profit me?  
 Though I should wear a monarch's crown  
 If lost eternally.  
 Give me the mind of Christ, I pray,  
 Of deep humility;  
 That to my Father I may say,  
 "Thy will be done in me."  
 O Father help me to cast down,  
 Each idol from its throne;  
 And place in Christ, His Royal Crown,  
 And worship Him alone.

## No. 85

## The New Jerusalem Song

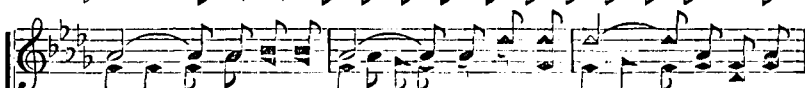
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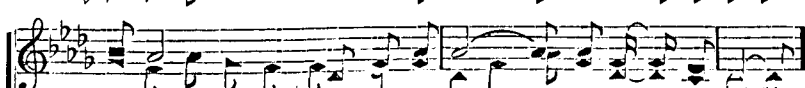
Dr. C. E. Henderson



1. There is a song,.....a song of gladness,.....Now sung by  
 2. Tho' dwelling in.....this land of sor-row,.....All bur-dened  
 3. The man of God,.....while in the Spir it,.....Was shown the  
 4. By faith,we here.....may get a vis-ion,.....Of all that



teem - - ing Saints a-bove,....Where they have joined.....the Ho-ly  
 down.....with grief and pain,....Yet, we may rise.....to heights su-  
 heav'n - ly host so grand,....Their robes were white,...all radiant,  
 great.....An-gel-ic throng,....And in our hearts.....may sing to-



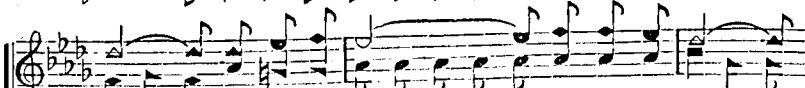
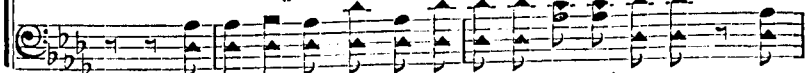
An-gels,.....To sing the theme.....of praise and love,  
 per-nal,.....If we can hear.....that glad re-frain,  
 shin-ing,.....They all held palms.....with-in their hands.  
 geth-er,.....And hear the New.....Je-ru-sa-lem song.



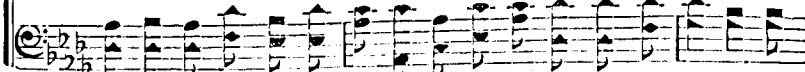
## Chorus



In cho-rus grand,.....they sing to-geth-er,.....Where feet of  
 In cho-rus grand sing to-geth-er, Where



Saints.....so long have trod,.....We bring Thee praise....  
 feet of Saints so long have trod, sweet praise



## The New Jerusalem Song

and glad thanksgiving,..... All pow'r and might be un - to God.  
ev - 'ry day,

No. 86

## Our Home Eternal

Dr. C. E. Henderson

C. E. H.

Careful, moderate movement

1. In that land of "pure de-light", Stands a ci - ty fair and bright, We are  
2. Then our sor - rows all will cease, And our pleasures will in-crease, For no  
3. In that ci - ty we shall meet, Fond compan-ions we shall greet, And re-

told it is the home of the soul; Nev-er need of sun to shine  
sin is ev - er known o - ver there; And the smiles of Je-sus' face  
joice with loved ones gone on be - fore; Thru the a - ges we shall sing

D.S.—With the Sav - ior at our side,

Fine

In that re-gion all di-vine, And no dwell-ers there will ev - er grow old.  
Light that fair and heav'nly place, With a beau-ty far ex-ceed-ing com-pare.  
Prais-es to our Sav-ior, King, When we gath-er on that beau-ti - ful shore.

In His love we shall a-bide, There to sing a - loud re-demp-tion's new song.

Chorus

D.S.

In that bless-ed, happy home of rest From all la-bor with the blood-washed throng;

## ITINERARY FOR MISSIONS IN ALABAMA AND ILLINOIS

During the month of November we had some very pleasant experiences contacting the Free Will Baptist of Alabama and Illinois in the interest of foreign missions. We went direct from Monett to Cordova, Alabama where we attended the Alabama State Association. We were privileged to stay in this meeting two nights and one day. The good brethren of Alabama had arranged for us to have the entire evening service on Friday evening. Thanks to Bro. Shutes, Bro. Staab and all others who had any part in making this service possible. Bro. Turner presented the pictures, a consecration service was held and following this the offering was taken which amounted to the nice sum of \$114.16. May the Lord bless the good people of Alabama for this splendid offering. We have all faith that we are going to continue to hear from Alabama in the interest of foreign missions. We could see much sign of new spiritual life among the people while we were there. Again, as in many other places, we were convinced that the only thing necessary is that the people just have the matter placed before them. Our people will respond if given an opportunity. Of this fact there is no longer a question in my mind. We have seen it happen in Kentucky, Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri and now the same thing repeated in Alabama. Praise the Lord for the new vision our people are receiving. We will long remember our pleasant contacts in Alabama.

From Alabama we went to Nashville where we had a few hours between trains to spend at the school. Of course it is always a pleasure to visit there. From all appearance everything is moving along with the school in splendid shape.

From Nashville we went on into Ill. where we spent one week with the picture machine going from church to church. We never spent a more enjoyable week than this week among the Illinois brethren. Our people in Illinois certainly have their hearts open to the missionary cause. Our itinerary was planned by our good brother Rev. Wallace Malone of the town of Sesser. Bro. Malone worked hard to make our itinerary a success and I must say he,

with the co-operation of others, put it over the top. Other ministers who very faithfully co-operated with us were Rev. W. R. Spurlock, W. R. Burton, Delbert Hall, Jack Kitterman, Chas. R. Porter and Marsh Harpole. However we did not get to see Bro. Harpole as he had sickness and could not attend the service held in his church. The churches visited and offerings given were as follows: Bear Point \$125.02, Wallace Malone, pastor; Webbs Prairie \$35.00, pastor not present (permit us to say that Webbs Prairie did not have a fair privilege on account of the service not being sufficiently announced. Was not the fault of any one especially; but was just one of those conditions). Ina Church, W. R. Spurlock, pastor, \$100.89; Mt. Zion, Chas. R. porter, pastor, \$46.80; Bakerville, Marsh Harpole, pastor \$26.29; Waltonville, Delbert Hall, pastor, \$31.00. May the Lord bless these churches and their pastors for their liberality. The Rescue church was in the midst of a revival with Sister Opal McClerrin, therefore we did not hold a missionary service with this church, but did attend the revival one night, Rev. W. R. Burton is pastor of the Rescue church. However we know we can always depend on these good people. Total from Ill. \$365.

We are keeping Bro. Turner busy on the field with the missionary pictures most all the time. During the month of December he made an itinerary in South East Missouri. The results, and that in the face of much difficult weather, was very gratifying. I was not with him on this tour so cannot give you full details; but following is the financial report of the itinerary: St. Louis Third Church Rev. Mark Lewis, pastor, 76.14; St. Louis F. W. B. Mission, Rev. Harvy Hill, pastor, \$32.42; Berkley City church, Rev. O. T. Allred pastor, \$11.66; Fredricktown church, Rev. F. C. Zinn pastor, \$45.33; Mine La Mottee church, Rev. Wm. Buster pastor, \$25.00; Richwoods church, Rev. Tucker pastor, \$10.00; Flat River church, Rev. Cecil Campbell pastor, \$50.16; Desloge church, Rev. James F. Miller pastor, \$11.00; Leadington church (am not sure of the pastors name) \$19.00; Total \$280.71. We are indeed very grateful for this splendid response from South East Missouri Yearly Meeting churches.

Bro. Turner is now gone into Tennessee

where he is to spend about a week and from there he goes back into Alabama where he is to spend perhaps some two or three weeks. At this writing, January 1st, I am in a revival with Rock Chapel near Norwood, Mo. Having just started the meetings, I plan to do some more itinerate work a little later on, in the mean time we have been taking care of the work at the office and have mailed out picture poster sets to fifty eight (58) different churches. Everything is going good for missions; but I must say that if we reach our goal of \$40,000 by the next National Meeting we are going to have to increase our giving to this worthy cause. We urge that you do your best during this last six months of the associational year. I am sure we all can do more if we try. In all the sections where we have held the missionary services I urge our brother ministers that you keep this work constantly before your people. Our constant giving to this work is what will really count in the end. Thanking you and may God bless you. Pray for us and for the work in general.

*By Rev. Winford Davis*

## AN AGNOSTIC CONVERTED

*By Dr. Bob Jones*

The most interesting story I ever heard was told me years ago by a man over eighty years of age. We were sitting together on a projecting rock of a mountain side in Arkansas. Here's the story:

"I was down in this country during the Civil War. Across on the other side yonder there were hundreds of tents where our soldiers were encamped. Measles broke out, and many of our brave lads died. The epidemic got so bad that we stretched some tents farther down the valley and moved all the measles patients into these tents. This, of course, was done to protect as far as possible the health of the well soldiers. I was wardmaster in charge of the tents where the measles patients were located.

"One night, while I was on the ward,

I passed a bunk where there was a very sick soldier lad not more than seventeen years of age. The boy looked at me with a pathetic expression and said, 'Wardmaster, I believe I am going to die. I am not a Christian. My mother isn't a Christian. My father isn't a Christian. I never had any Christian training. I never did attend church. I did go with a boy friend to Sunday School just once. A woman taught the Sunday school class. She seemed to be such a good woman. She read us something out of the Bible about a man I think his name was Nicodemus. Anyway, it was about a man who went to see Jesus one night. Jesus told this man he must be born again. The teacher said all people must be born again in order to go to heaven when they die. I have never been born again, and I don't want to die like this. Won't you please get the chaplain so he can tell me how to be born again?'"

The old man hesitated for a moment. "You know, in those days I was an agnostic—at least, that is what I called myself. As a matter of fact, I wasn't anything but an old sinner. So I told the boy, You don't need a chaplain. Just be quiet now. Don't worry, you'll be all right. I went on around the ward and in about an hour I came back to the boy's bed. He looked at me out of such sad, staring eyes as he said 'Wardmaster, if you don't get me the chaplain, please get me the doctor. I am choking to death. All right, my son, I'll get you the doctor,' I said. So I went off and found the doctor, and he came, morped out the throat of the lad so he could breathe just a little easier. I knew the boy was going to die. I had seen many other cases just like his. The boy was so sweet he literally climbed into my heart. He thanked me for my kindness. He thanked the doctor for being so good to him. The doctor and I went away from the bed.

"In about an hour I came back expecting to find the boy dead, but he was still struggling. He looked up out of his eyes of death and said, 'There is no use, Wardmaster, I have got to die, and I haven't been born again. Whether you believe it or not, won't you find the



chaplain and let him tell me how to be born again?" I looked at him for a moment and thought about how helpless he was in the grip of death. So, I said, "All right, my son. I will get you the chaplain."

"I walked away a few paces and then turned and went back to the boy's bedside. I said, 'My boy, I am not going to get you the chaplain. I am going to tell you what to do myself. Now, understand, I am an agnostic. I don't know whether there is any God. I don't know whether there is any heaven. I don't know whether there is any hell. I don't know anything. Yes, I do.'

### I know one thing.

I know my mother was a good woman. I know if there is a God, my mother knew Him. If there is a heaven, I know she is there. So, I will tell you what my mother told me. You can try it and see if it works. Now, I am going to teach you a verse of Scripture. The verse is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." My mother said that I cannot save myself, but if I will believe in Jesus He will save me.

"I asked the boy to say the verse with me. I started, and he followed me with a weak and trembling voice. 'For God so loved the world,' 'He gave His only begotten Son,' 'He gave His only begotten Son,' 'that whosoever believeth on Him,' 'that whosoever believeth on Him,' 'should not perish,' 'should not perish,' 'but have everlasting life.' 'Now, my boy, my mother said if a person will trust Jesus, he will not perish but have everlasting life.'

"I referred the lad to another verse my mother taught me, but he closed his eyes, stretched his hands across breast and in a whisper he quoted slowly, repeating some of the words several times. 'For God so loved the world. . . He gave His only begotten Son. . . that whosoever . . . whosoever believeth, believeth in Him.' Then, he stopped and said with a clear voice, 'Praise God, Wardmaster, it works. I believe in Him! I shall not perish! I have everlasting life! I have been born again! Wardmaster,

### Your mother was right

Why don't you try it? Do what your mother said. It works, Wardmaster. This thing works! Wardmaster, before I go I want to ask you to do something for me. Take a kiss to my mother and tell her what you told me, and tell her what her dying son said, "It works." I leaned over and kissed him in the mouth and then as he drew his last breath he said, "It works."

The old man, wiping tears out of his eyes and tears out of the wrinkles of his face, said, "The lad was right, It does work."

—The Voice of the Gospel.

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## A CRY FROM HEATHENDOM

Why didn't you tell us sooner?  
The words came sad and low,

O ye who knew the gospel truths,  
 Why didn't you let us know?  
 The Saviour died for those in sin,  
 He died to save from woe;  
 But we never heard the story,  
 Why didn't you let us know?

You have had the gospel message,  
 You have known a Saviour's love,  
 Your dear ones passed from Christian  
 homes,

To the blessed land above.  
 Why did you let our fathers die,  
 And into the silence go?  
 With no thought of Christ to comfort.  
 Why didn't you let us know?

We appeal to you, O Christians,  
 In lands beyond the sea!  
 Why didn't you tell us sooner,  
 Christ died to set men free?  
 Nineteen hundred years have passed  
 Since disciples were told to go  
 To the uttermost parts of the earth and  
 teach,

Why didn't you let us know?

You say you are Christ's disciples  
 That you try His work to do,  
 And yet His very last command  
 Is disobeyed by you.  
 'Tis indeed a wonderful story!  
 He loved the whole world so.  
 That He came and died to save us,  
 But you didn't let us know!

O souls, redeemed by Jesus,  
 Think what your Lord hath done,  
 He came to earth and suffered,  
 And died for man undone.  
 He expected you to tell it.  
 As on your way you go,  
 But you kept the message from us!  
 Why didn't you let us know?

Hear this pathetic cry of ours,  
 O dwellers in Christian lands!  
 For heathendom stands before you,  
 With pleading outstretched hands,  
 You may not be able to come yourself,  
 But you can help send someone!  
 Why haven't you let us know?

But now I want to say how do you do  
 You see, God, they told me You didn't exist  
 And like a fool, I belived all this.

Last night from a shell hole I saw Your Sky  
 I figured right then they had told me a lie.  
 Had I taken time to see things You made,  
 I'd have know they weren't calling a spade  
 a spade.

I wonder, God, if You'd shake my hand  
 Somehow, I feel that You will understand  
 Funny I had to come to this hellish place  
 Before I had time to see Your face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say  
 But I'm sure glad, God, I met You today  
 I guess the "zero hour" will soon be here  
 But I'm not afraid since I know You're near.

The Signal! Well, God, I'll have to go  
 I like You lots, this I want You to know  
 Look now, this will be a horrible fight  
 Who knows, I may come to Your house to-  
 night.

Though I wasn't friendly to You before  
 I wonder, God, if You'd wait at Your door  
 Look I'm crying! Me! Shedding tears!  
 I wish I had know You these many years.

Well, I have to go now, God, Goodbye!  
 Strange, since I met You, I'm not afraid to  
 die.

*Submitted by Elaine Levaggi, Richmond,  
 Calif.*

### The Question of a Lost Soul

If the religion of Jesus  
 Is what the Christians claim,  
 Why do they live in pleasure  
 Yet walking in Jesus' name?

Many nights away from loved ones  
 I've spent in folly and shame,  
 Yet I wondered about the Savior  
 And the people who walk in His name.

I wondered if any one cared  
 Whether I was saved or lost,  
 And if Christians who lived in pleasure  
 Really knew what sinning had cost?

I wonder as older I grow,  
 Nearer death each time I've sinned,

### Since I Met You, I'm Not Afraid

Look, God, I have never spoken to You

Will I ever become a Christian,  
Or will I be lost in the end?

While I strive for the love of Jesus  
To break such fetters that bind,  
Do those knowing freedom in Jesus  
Ever care for troubles of mine?

While many are dying in sin  
And their souls starving for love,  
Why do they not tell them of Jesus,  
God's Holy Gift from above?

A. B. Talbert

### THE CROSS WAS HIS OWN

They borrowed a bed to lay His head  
When Christ the Lord came down;  
They borrowed the ass in a mountain pass  
For Him to ride to town;  
But the crown that He wore,  
and the cross that He bore  
Were His own—

The cross was His own.  
He borrowed the bread when the crowd  
He fed  
He borrowed a dish of broken fish  
With which He satisfied;  
But the crown that He wore,  
And the cross that He bore  
Were His own—

The cross was His own.  
He borrowed a ship in which to sit  
To teach the multitude;  
He borrowed a nest in which to rest,—  
He had never a home so rude;  
But the crown that He wore,  
And the cross that He bore  
Were His own—

The cross was His own.  
He borrowed a room on His way to the  
tomb,  
The Passover lamb to eat;  
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave,  
They borrowed a winding-sheet:  
And the cross that He bore  
Were His own—

The cross was His own.  
The thorns on His head were worn in my  
stead,  
For me the Saviour died;

For the guilt of my sin the nails drove in  
Through the crown that He wore,  
And the cross that He bore  
Were His own—

They were rightly mine.

—L. M. Hollingsworth.

### COWARDS IN THE PULPIT

(Editor's Note: The following poem should be conspicuously displayed in every pastor's study. One doesn't have to be a MAN to dabble in trivialities. The compromising preacher fritters away his time and the time of his listeners telling the women how long to wear their hair and their sleeves. But he is AFRAID to stand like Elijah and John the Baptist against corrupt rulers who destroy nations and peoples in a few year's time. He is afraid to swim against the current. Therefore, on national and international issues he drifts with the TIDE—goes downstream on the momentum created by a "godless" press and radio. He is afraid of THAT "PAY CHECK." Of course he'll offer some other excuse—he's too "spiritual" (???) to preach against the BIG sinners, et cetera, ad infinitum, ad nauseam—but he fools nobody but himself. Preachers, Be "MEN," not "MICE.")

### Walter E. Eisenhower

Afraid to preach the burning truth,  
Afraid to warn the wayward youth,  
Afraid to cross man's crooked path  
Lest he should stir the devil's wrath;  
Afraid to preach against the wrong  
Because it's practiced by the throng;  
Afraid to preach in thunder tones  
Against the wicked on their thrones.

So many compromise today  
For pulpits large and lots of pay;  
For praise of men, both great and small,  
Though God may frown upon it all;  
Yes, compromise with Satan's fleet  
That they may live on easy street,  
While souls are going down to hell

Where they in agony shall dwell.

O pulpit coward, turn to God  
And go the path our Saviour trod,  
Lest you should lose your precious soul  
And fail to reach the heav'nly goal,  
Along with those you failed to win  
From paths of wickedness and sin,  
To Christ who died to set men free  
From sin and all its misery!

God wants the preacher to be brave,  
And not to be a spineless slave  
To men of base desire and pride  
Who go the downward so wide;  
But who will warn the worldly folk  
That sin and hell are not a joke,  
Then lead them to the Saviour's feet  
Where they may find salvation sweet.

--The Bible Witness

## OUR FREEDOM WE WILL DEFEND

Come all peace loving people  
And listen while we tell;  
Of some dictator nations  
The ones you all know well.

They want to take our country  
And make us peasant hands;  
But we'll join to gether,  
Our freedom to defend.

God founded our great nation  
For the good of all mankind  
But since they want to take it  
We'll put them back in line.

We don't seek their country  
Their gold, or their land  
Only to live and worship God,  
In this and every land.

Our boys are in the uniform  
They are so near and dear;  
They'll meet them on land or sea  
To protect this freedom here.

Now all the good allies  
Are holding hand in hand;  
They're putting things to gether  
To defeat their sinful plan.

You boys in the uniform

We'll back you man to man;  
We know we will conquer  
These big dictator clans.

We pray that God watch over you  
On land, the sea and air;  
We know if we'll trust Him  
He'll protect you every where.

By God's help we'll march to victory  
We'll defeat their sinful plan  
We'll probably march to Berlin  
Then Tokyo in old Japan.

*E. R. Williams, Belk, Ala.*

## TEN REASONS WHY I SWEAR

1. It pleases mother so much.
2. It is a fine mark of manliness.
3. It proves I have self control.
4. It indicates how clearly my mind operates.
5. It makes my conversation so pleasing to everybody.
6. It leaves no doubt in anyone's mind as to my good breeding.
7. It impresses people that I have more than ordinary education.
8. It is an unmistakable sign of culture and refinement.
9. It makes me a very desirable personality among women and children and in respectable society.
10. It is my way of honoring God who said, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

## OBITUARY

Willard C. Halbrook

Willard C. Halbrook, fifth son of George and Mary Halbrook, was born at Leadington, Mo., July 7, 1908 and departed this life December 12, 1944 in the Bonne Terre Hospital following a minor accident at the age of 36 years, 5 months and 5 days.

He was married to Adele Head, May 24, 1928 at Flat River, Mo. To this union was born 4 children, Willard Dale, who died in infancy, Milburn Clark, Gale Lynn, and

Jonna Faye, all at home.

He is also survived by six brothers, Oda Halbrook, Hammond, Ind., Rosco of St. Louis, Mo., Clarence of Leadington, Mo., Everett of Manhattan, Kanas, Albert and Alvin of Nashville, Tenn., his father and mother and a great number of other relatives and friends who are greatly grieved at his death.

He worked as a custodian at the Esther Public School for eight years, and had worked for the St. Joseph Lead Company for the last two years.

Willard was converted in Feb. 1932 at the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church, uniting with the church at that time. In 1935 he acknowledged his call to the ministry and was ordained in 1943.

He had served as pastor of the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church for four years and at the time of his death was pastoring the Aulsbury Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and Siver Point Church of Womack, Mo.

Willard was a devoted husband and father as well as a true Christian gentleman. He loved his ministry and was willing to make any necessary sacrifices for his ministerial work. He will be sadly missed by members of his congregation as well as by the many friends and acquaintances who knew him. But we must realize that the Heavenly Fathers will must be done and loss and sorrow is Heaven gain.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at the Flat River Free Will Baptist Church, with Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, pastor, and Rev. J. F. Miller of Desloge assisting.

The Free Will Baptist male quartet supplied the music, while the pallbearers were ministers of the several church in this area.

Burial was made in Woodlawn Cemetery under the direction of Caldwell Funeral Service.

A Brother, Albert Halbrook

months and 10 days.

He was united in marriage to Rachel Henderson, Sept. 18, 1893 to th's union was born 7 children, 5 boys and 2 girls. Mrs. W.G. Frazier, Leona Mines, Va.; A.F. Stallard, Wildwood, Fla.; J. Mark Stallard, Toms Creek, Va.; A.T. Stallard, Erwin, Tenn.; Mrs. C.B. Dickenson, Wise, Va.; P.A. Stallard, St. Charles, Va.; and also three children by former marriage, namely, H.F. Stallard, McClure, Va.; W.S. Stallard, Lothair, Ky.; and Mrs. Millard Richardson, Toms Creek, Va. He is also survived by 4 brothers, Rev. Sam Stallard, Pound, Va.; M.V. Stallard, Leck, Va.; George Stallard, Knoxville, Tenn. and Henry Stallard. 2 sisters, Mrs. N.P. Vanover, Pulaskie, Ky.; Mrs. A.W. Thompson, Prater, W. Va.

He professed faith in Christ at the age of 17 and united with the Free Will Baptist Church and membership at present is with Marys Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia and the church feels that today a great man in Israel has fallen. Entering into the ministry in 1905 he worked continuously as an influential worker gaining many lost souls for the Master. During this time he worked 13 years for the American Sunday School Union traveling through a portion of Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. He was moderator of his conference around 15 years during which time he ordained 54 preachers. He also organized many Sunday Schools and Churches through-out Southwest Virginia. During his pastorate he was a faithful servant to the church ministering unto the needy.

He leaves to mourn his going his wife, children, grand children and great grand children, brothers, sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

He has fought a good fight, he has kept the faith and was ready to be offered up to wait for h's crown. So all we can say is sleep on, brother, until Christ shall call and then arise no more to fall and God shall wipe all tears away with life eternal in that day.

The Funeral was held Nov. 14th, at Marys Chapel Church, by Rev. Ben Powers pastor, Rev. Wilson and Rev. R.A. Dingus.

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