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GOSPEL SERMONS



The Law of the Spirit Life

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God has given us a law for both physical and spiritual life, what we shall and what we shall not do, and when we violate His laws we stand condemned at the bar of God. In the beginning God gave Adam the Law of Eternal life. Gen. 2:16-17 "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden, thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." You can see how one violated law separated man from God, it is the same now, as it was in the beginning. 1 John 3:4, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." God has given us a law of spiritual life, and it is to the saved. No law of life to the unsaved, they are dead in sin, the commandment to them is to repent. Isaiah 49:2 "For your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." Our Lord said, John 8:34, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." Notice the term (whosoever) it includes every soul, none excepted, Satan preached the first sermon on the security of the saints. Gen. 3:4 "And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die." Readers let's pray God to speed the time when preachers will not stand in the sacred stand and take issue with almighty God on satans side, the Bible doesn't teach that man is forgiven for all his sins, past, present and future, in the washing of regeneration. Titus 3:5. In fact, then is where works begin, and we are judged according to our works. Rev. 20:13. "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it: and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their

works." When any man preaches that God conceals all future sins in conversion, he certainly is a very poor Bible scholar. 1 John 3:1 "My little children write I unto you that you sin not, and if any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." No one would need an advocate if he was vindicated for all his future sins, why have our Lord plead for us if God does not hold them against us. God has never made provision for covering that which is not in existence, you cannot blot out that which does not exist. The Bible teaches that a christian must work out his own salvation. Phil. 2:12. You ought to see if his eternal salvation is secure, there would be no work to do, James wrote, James 2:26, "As faith without works is dead." The greatest mistake some people make is not being able to distinguish the difference between having sin, and committing sin, 1 John 1:8. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. v. 9. If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Lust is sin, and the natural man is full of it. Phil. 3:20-21. "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." The lust of the flesh does not condemn any one, if it is not conceived in the soul, but when it is conceived in the spiritual man it brings forth sin, and sin when finished brings forth death. James 1:5.

Oh, well, you may say the body may sin, but the spirit does not again. James 2:26. "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." Hon-

estly, do you see any dead people committing sin? We are not trying to tell you that a backslider is fallen from Grace, he is only a sin sick soul, however sickness results in death unless a remedy is applied. Jesus is the only remedy for a sinsick soul. Although Jude wrote that some were twice dead plucked up by the roots. v. 12 first dead in sin, second repentance and the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost. Titus 3:5. Third, practice sin, sinsick, no repentance, no remedy applied. Fourth committing the sin unto death. 1 John 5:16, "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death he shall ask, and he shall give him life, for them that sin not unto death there is a sin unto death. I do not say that you shall pray for it." Twice dead. The inspired word of God written by the Apostle

Paul. Heb. 6:4 "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost. v. 5. and have tasted the good word of God, and the power of the world to come v. 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." Any sin not repented of is unto death, yes the next article will be on this subject in it we will deal with the texts supposed to teach an unconditional salvation to the believer. Jesus said, Matt. 6:24 "No man can serve two masters." Paul wrote, Rom. 6:16, "Know ye not, that to whom ye may yield yourselves servants to obey." His servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or obedience unto righteousness."

Encourage Yourself

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"But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." 1 Samuel 30:6

This text is recorded concerning a most trying time for David. Things had not gone well in his home life. He had two wives taken captive. His city was burned. His nation was being defeated. But through it all David encouraged himself in the Lord his God. To be able to spread cheer and courage is a wonderful asset to any person. You can not do things for others unless you are convinced of the thing you are doing. To meet some people, to shake hands with them, is refreshing as water to the thirsty or food to the hungry. Courage is a necessity not a luxury in the great business of living. Courage to a degree we must have to live at all. Courage is essential to our usefulness. However gifted we may be, if we have lost our courage, if we have made up our minds that the crooked can never be made straight, then our days of usefulness are over. There are those like Elijah who are all following their church, community, and denomination to suffer

because they think there is no use to try. The Lord will use those who will stay in the fight and keep from under the juniper tree. When men are under the juniper tree, they are hand-aces instead of leaps toward the great goal. Courage is contagious, but so is cowardice.

My subject and text concerns David's encouragement of himself. Not others encouraging him. When he encouraged himself, he did encourage others. When we are short on courage, we must become self starters and keep working, thereby giving the other fellow what he needs. We can not give what we do not have. Why shout courage, when one's own knees are shaking. If I am steady and unafraid, I can share with others. This has been proven many times during World War number two.

Why did David encourage himself? He had much to discourage him, that, we can see if we look at his situation. David had failed in war to keep his city from the enemy. One day he returns and knows his people had gone captive to a place

worse than death. He failed—a kindred experience comes to all sooner or later in some degree so we need courage when facing seemingly failure. Next David needed to encourage himself because of what his failure had cost him. He lost his popularity. David had a capacity to win the hearts of the people. What he did pleased the people. But now the hurrahs of his fellows had turned to hisses. The cost of failure was the loss of his goods and the loss of his loved ones. David was not sure he would ever see them again. It was said, Samuel 30:4 that they “wept until they had no more tears to weep.” I am thankful that David did not get bitter and angry. There were those who blamed him, but he encouraged himself. We may take hope. Whatever may be our circumstances, this door stands open to us. If the situation in which we find ourselves refuses to encourage us, if lips utter no word of commendations, if they utter the opposite, we still have the privilege of encouraging ourselves.

How did David encourage himself? He did not encourage himself by getting his feelings hurt and washing his hands of the whole business. He was tempted, as you have been, to say, “Why should I carry on when nobody seems to care?” If it is your task—do something about it. If it is the Lord’s will—go ahead. David did not encourage himself by shutting his eyes to the ugly facts that were making courage difficult. He knew he had lost the fight, his family, his friends, his fighters. He would have been a coward to say I do not face rebellion and danger. Also he would have been foolish. Jesus never gloss-

ed over unpleasant facts. He spoke plain as to the price to be paid to follow Him on every occasion to an individual or to a group.

Then David must have, (1) counted what he had left. I will get the next train. We must not look simply at losses (1910) and our failures but also the possibilities that are still ours. A great college—a great mission work home and foreign, etc. (2) Even though he made a failure that failure need not be final. I will get my eye sight, I will be healed of this issue of blood if I can only get to Him. If you win you must not let the past failure be a final finish you. (3) Best of all David brought his conditions to the Lord. “David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.” That source for David was never closed, the presence of the Lord. So many have been encouraged to fight on in the presence of One who loves, cares, and directs. Take courage and say “I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.” Now stop reading and turn to Acts 27 and read the chapter. Paul encouraged himself in the Lord: he encouraged others: He helped the Lord to save and they all escaped safe to land. As Christians and Free Will Baptist will you make applications from your local church to the National Association concerning present conditions. You are called upon to encourage and enrich the lives of others. You may do so if you will find the secret. “David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.” Thereby he regained friends, family and a good name.

The Lord's Day

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Salvation is not in meats and drinks nor in keeping of the law. The law was fulfilled in Christ. “By grace are ye saved through faith.” Salvation today is through faith in the Son of God. Jesus declared to the Pharisees, “The Son of Man is Lord even to the Sabbath day.” He had a right to set aside the old Sabbath and establish a new day, and He did so. It was not the

pore nor the church that did it, but Jesus Himself.

The day Christ arose from the dead was the most wonderful day the world ever saw. It is the day of all days to His people. That glorious morning when the Saviour stepped from the tomb brought a new day to this dark world, are we keeping that sacred day holy unto the Lord.

"The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre." (John 20:1).

That same day as two of His disciples were on the way to Emmaus, "Jesus Himself drew near and went with them." (Luke 24:15).

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"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and sayeth unto them, Peace be unto you." (John 20:19).

"And after eight days again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them; then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you." (John 20:26). Here we have proof that on the first two Sundays Jesus appeared to His disciples. Why was it, if not to establish that day as a day of worship?

"The disciples kept that day." "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them." (Acts 20:7).

Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." (1 Cor. 16:2).

Christ's Revelation to the churches was given on that day. John said "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega" (Rev. 1:10-11). The Sabbath was never spoken of as "The Lord's Day" until after the resurrection. It was on that day the most wonderful book of the Bible was given to John. The Bible begins and ends with the first day of the week.

The Martyrs Kept the first Day

There is proof that the whole church kept the first day. History records that when the first christian martyrs were tried for their faith as they came before the Roman rulers they were asked the question, "Keepest thou the Sabbath?" They answered, "I am a Christian. I must keep the Lord's Day." That answer condemned them to

death, and a million of them gave up their lives for the truth. No one can take that day out of the Christian's heart.

There is overwhelming proof in the following Scriptures that that part of the law which was "a shadow of things to come" was done away, and that it includes the Sabbath of the law.

"For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law" (Heb. 7:12). Jesus is our High Priest today.

"The ministration of death, written and engraven in stones," was done away (II Cor. 3:7).

"Blotting out the handwriting of ord-

"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was nailing it to His cross" (Col. 2:14).

"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." (Col. 2:16-17).

The moral law of God is as binding upon all men today as it was when God thundered the commandments from Sinai. "For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men" (Rom. 1:18).

Their conscience also bearing witness" (Rom. 2:15). The commandments. "Thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not commit adultery; thou shalt not bear false witness" what part of the law was a shadow applied

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to the Jews only, and what laws are binding on all mankind. Their conscience also bears witness.

The New Testament does not condemn the eating of pork and other meats that were ceremonially unclean to the Jews, and were forbidden; but the Word of God has declared under the Christian era that "every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving" (1 Tim. 4:4). These are the words of the Apostle Paul; yet the "seventh-day Adventists" are trying to bind a burden upon Christians to keep the old law which was done away nearly two thousand years ago.

"Old Testament Proof Passages." The first day was God's plan from the beginning for His Church. It was the day when light was first shed on this dark earth, when God saith, "Let there be light" (Gen. 1:3). The day on which the "sheaf of the first-fruits" was offered—the morrow after the Sabbath (Lev. 23:10-11). Pointing in type to the day when Christ arose and became the "first-fruits of them that slept"; the day on which "two wave loaves" were offered (Lev. 23:15-17), pointing to the great outpouring of the Spirit that should come on the first day of the week (Acts 2:1).

Pentecost was the first day of the week. "And when the day of pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:1-4.) God set His marvelous seal of approval upon that day. In the saving of more souls on that day than on any other day of the week, and in spreading the Gospel over the world, and many souls have been saved, as on the day of pentecost, and many people healed of incurable diseases. The power of God rest today on the lives of those who keep the whole word of God, including the Lord's Day. This ought to convince any honest soul.

The commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy," clearly refers to the first day of the week in the Christian dispensation, the present looseness regarding the Sabbath, the desecration of the Lord's Day, is appalling. We, as the

children of God, have no right to lower the standard. Some will buy and sell, claiming that all days are alike. They should know better than to do this. Their conscience always condemns them. We should keep the Sabbath as a day of worship and do no work therein, such as buying, selling, sewing, washing, ironing, planting or building. It is a day to be wholly set apart for worship and for the winning of souls; yet we may build fires, cook necessary food, leave homes and go to a place of worship in our cars or other conveyances, carry the gospel, perform deeds of mercy such as caring for children and for the sick. We are not under the law engraven on stones, but we are under the law of love to God and man, and it is a holy law and takes every consecrated power of our being to keep it.

Some people are zealous in keeping the seventh day in violating the first day. They seem to delight in working out in the field where they can be seen when people are going to church. They will argue in a bitter spirit. Contending for the old law, and using their influence in trying to do away with all Sunday law in our land. Like the Pharisees, they are zealous in out side forms, but devoid of the Spirit of Christ. They will reject the teaching of Jesus Christ on eternal punishment, and substitute in its place their own doctrines of soul-sleeping and the annihilation of the wicked. The essentials of salvation they leave out—being born again by the Spirit, but they lay great stress on keeping the Jewish Sabbath and abstaining from pork.

If the early Christians kept the seventh day, why did they break bread on the first day of the week? (Acts 20:7).

If Christians are required to keep the seventh day, how are we to account for the open violation of the law by Jesus Christ, who is our example, unless by saying that He who made the law can change it, and that He did so? (Matt. 12:1-8; John 5:9-12). Here we find that He permitted the disciples to gather the ears of corn on the Sabbath and also told a man to carry his bed. Both these things were contrary to the law.

If Christians are required to keep the seventh day, why do you depart from your dwelling on that day, when those whom the law was given were plainly commanded

not to do so? (Ex. 16:29).

If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath of the law, how are they to live in cold climates, seeing the law commanded that no fire should be kindled on that day and no work done? (Ex. 35:3 and 20:8-1). Do you not see that the law was made for one people (the Jews) one country, and one age (the Jew age)? Is it the duty of Christians to put to death those who desecrate the seventh day? A man for picking up sticks on the Sabbath was put to death, (Num. 15:32-36). If the penalties are abolished, then the law is also abolished.

If Christians are to keep the law of Moses, the seventh day Sabbath, why did the apostles and elders who met at Jerusalem leave it out of their address to the early churches? (Acts 15:1-29). Some had gone forth teaching that they should keep the law of Moses or they could not be saved. The apostle said, "We gave no such commandment."

If Christians are to keep the seventh day, why was it that the apostles preached the Gospel in Jerusalem, Samaria, to Cornelius, and to the Gentiles, without commanding any to keep it? Did they, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost fail properly to instruct their converts?

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written and engraven on stones, was done away (II Cor. 3). By whom was it brought back into force? If we are still under the law, the great apostle of the Gentiles stands convicted of a mistake.

Where did God ever, through any prophet or apostle, command the Gentiles to keep the law of Moses? Why did Jesus declare that all law and prophecy hang on LOVE instead of on the Sabbath on which seventh-day Adventist hang their all.

If you keep the Sabbath day because you think it was kept before the law of Moses, why do you not practice circumcision, seeing it was plainly commanded in those ages? (Gen. 17:1-14; Gal. 5:1-6).

Do you keep the Sabbath day? Do you not eat food on that day, prepared by work, cooked by fire kindled in violation of the law? (Ex. 35:1-3). Do you remain in your house during the day? (Ex. 16:29). If you do not keep the day according to the law, you do not keep it at all, if any part of the Sabbath law be done away, it is all done away. If you deny any part is done away, you condemn yourself, for you do not keep it. Great God! Saint's of God let us get our eyes off of man and begin to study our Bibles and see what the Word say's about it. Some people are apt to come to the Judgement and hear the WORD DEPART.

A Few of the many Reasons for Avoiding Shows

By Martha Dalton, Cassville, Mo.

Do you remember the method of defeat employed by our Lord when tempted? He merely said, "It is written," at the same time using a suitable quotation.

Do you ever think when attending shows, that it might not please God, and yet are at a loss for a single "It is written," in answer to those who insist that you go?

Let us begin with Isaiah 55:2 — "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread and you labor for that which satisfieth not?" etc. Do you truly feel you are getting the full value of your money? Is the pleasure and stimulus you receive

from mingling in the gay throng sufficient to carry you over the hard places, and do you return to your home rejoicing and spiritually uplifted?

Do you, when viewing a so-called moral or pious movie, ever wonder if the ones who produced it, know the meaning of the righteousness of Christ? And event they did, is there enough good mixed in to overcome the shameful and degrading things both done and said? In my mind it doesn't counterbalance. We are plainly told that we shall give account of every idle word we speak; when we pay others to say idle

words, and do idle deeds, are we not responsible? Can't you think of way to spend your money that would be more likely to please God? Do you show-goers give a dime out of every dollar or do you give a dime out of every dollar left after you have sent a great per cent to Hollywood?

Now read Ephesians 4:17 "This I say therefore and testify in the Lord, that ye walk not as other Gentiles walk in the vanity of their mind, etc." verse 22. "That ye put off concerning the former conversation, the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts." Be sure you read the entire 5th. chapter of Ephesians.

You will find that fornication, uncleanness, foolish talking, jesting are not becoming to saints, but giving of thanks is recommended. Wouldn't you be shocked if you went to a stage show and a saint (or we can say Christian person) came out and began to praise God? You certainly would, because you went there to hear foolishness and vanity at its worst.

Also the one who would employ one who dared to glorify his God would promptly be fired.

The 11th. verse says to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness and also that it is a shame to speak of the things done of them in secret, but we see the shameful degrading things not only publicised but glorified. The sacred things of life made shameful.

Do you still like to go? Maybe you feel justified from an educational standpoint, I've never known anyone's education to increase by attending shows, except to become better fitted for worldliness.

Or do you go to learn right from wrong? I heard a whole sermon based on a movie last year and when it was finished, the whole sermon could have been summed up with a very few verses from the Bible,

the most fitting being: "He that soweth to the flesh shall reap corruption" now imagine that statement coming from the theatre if you can!

Again, you may say, "But there has been a great improvement since you attended years ago," to which I reply, "There is plenty of room for improvement." Just last year I heard this statement, "I am getting to hate to go to shows any more because every time I go I have to watch a lot of half-clad (?) negro girls dance." "It's disgusting."

Of course I do not intend to go see if they have improved (which I don't believe anyway). Here is a Biblical reason that should keep anyone away who believes the Bible is true. The word leavening represents evil and we find in our Bible, that a little leavening leavens the whole lump, so if its partly wrong the whole business is wrong.

I am a great admirer of horses, not long ago I had the opportunity to attend a rodeo, "Now there can't be anything about a horse show that is degrading or low," thought I, well I found that to satisfy the public's appetite for filth that the clown together with the manager pulled filthy jokes constantly. It's too bad when men become lower than the beasts, but it certainly proved true that night.

I could go on and on and on, but I would never run out of material to prove you will be doing your soul a good turn to refuse to go not only to shows, but many other places Christians are giving in to attend.

Last of all, there is a very vital reason for leaving the theatre empty, our money goes to the most noted place of ADULTERY in the United States. Helps promote the very things we fight against. Let us give them a good Boycotting, you will not be wrestling with your conscience so much.

And at Midnight

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In the 23rd chapter and 6th verse of Matt. we read these words, "Behold the bride groom cometh, go ye out to meet him. How many people goes out to meet

him every week, whether they are prepared or not? And if they are lost they are condemned to a never ending hell in a lake of fire. Now that is what Christ

said when he was here, and remember that Christ is the one that exonerates or condemns on that great day. But if you and me are living as we ought to live and accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour and abide in his love and keep his commandments, we won't have to worry about a lake of fire as far as we are concerned, our greatest worry will be how that we can help someone else to escape that lake of fire, for each one of us has got a hell to shun and a heaven to gain, what are you doing about it? Is your hopes built on things above? Or are they catering after the world? Christ said follow me, but the Devil wants us to follow him, and the only thing the Devil has got to offer for following him is a lake of fire burning with brimstone. But if we follow Christ he will lead us to a mansion in the sky where all is joy and peace, and suffering and death will forever be unknown, and there will be no more farewells, but it will be where friendship reigns supreme. But dear ones let me tell you now that there will be no friendship in hell, but the best of friends here will be enemies in hell, even parents and children. God has done everything that can be done to deliver us from a Devil's hell, but it looks like that there are many people that don't want to be delivered, for they just go on in sin from one year to another, and reject every plan that they think would lead them to heaven. Now we have plenty of people who says that there is no such thing as eternal punishment, Christ said if your hand offend you to cut it off and cast it from you, for it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye rather than having two hands to be cast into hell where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. Can we find a sane person in America, who would get a good nights sleep tonight if they got word that every state penitentiary and every asylum in America was open and the inmates were running at large? Still people will continue in sin and refuse to accept Christ as their Saviour, and will face a Devils hell and never flinch, even when they know that they will be cast into a lake of fire and will have to stay there for all eternity. Now some people will say how do you know that there is a hell? Well, that is easy answered. How do we know that we have

got a president? Have you ever seen him? I have not, yet I know that we have got a president, for we read about him and we see the things that he does, and the law that he sponsors and the law that he vetoes, and we hear the speeches that he makes, so we know that we have got a president. So it is with us, we know that there is a Devil's hell because the word of God says so, and Christ said the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. And we know that his word is true. And the Bible says that eye has not seen nor ear heard neither has it entered into the heart of man the things that God has got in store for them that love him. Who would you rather follow? Would you rather follow God and reap all those good things, that are in store for you? Or would you rather follow the Devil and him leading you into a lake of fire? As for me I will follow God. The greatest joy that my heart has ever known is that God has blotted out my sins and has accepted me as one of his children. I think that is one of the greatest things in the world, that God has blotted out that great blot of sin that was weighting me down and has cleaned up my soul and blotted out my transgressions, and accepted me into his family circle. How can I love him enough? And how can I praise him enough? But God is ready to do as much for everyone as he has for me. The Bible says that it is not the will of our Father in heaven that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. So if any of us is lost it is only our own fault, and remember this, the ones that are lost will say to God on that great day that he is a just God and has given them every opportunity, that any one could accept him as their Savior, and that they will only blame themselves for being lost. But remember that hell is a hot place and the Bible says that there will be no rest there day nor night, for those who are lost. Lets read Rev. 14:11 and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Now this is the word of God and God meant just what he said, if there is a never ending heaven then there is a never ending hell. For Christ said there was a Heaven and he said there was a hell.

The Doping of Conscience

A terrible phrase in one of the Epistles finds illustration in more than one direction in the circumstances of our time: "having their conscience seared with a hot iron." The marks of this condition vary in different ages and under different influences; the phrase is wide enough to cover them all. An equally terrible expression of somewhat similar import is found in another Epistle: "being past feeling" (I Tim. 4:2 and Eph. 4:19). In the homely language of our common speech, the cause of this condition might be described as the doping of conscience.

It is an appalling loss of moral sensitivity which is suggested by these expressions. Some of its manifestations in Others are more subtle, and insufficiently recognized.

We begin with the most obvious of them all—the effect upon German mentality of a systematic hardening of the moral sense in a whole generation, in support of anti-Christian doctrines, following a loose and presumptuous handling of the Word of God and its inspired revelations.

The exact interpretation of the passage first quoted above has been the subject of some discussion; but the idea conveyed by our version is very generally adopted. Conscience grows utterly callous through persistent violation. Even the heathen can recognize the voice of conscience (Rom. 2:15). A "seared" conscience, "past feeling," denotes a lower spiritual condition than that of heathenism.

Another startling but suggestive interpretation is that a branded conscience is there described, as of men bearing the devil's mark of ownership on their consciences. In horrid contrast to "the marks of the Lord Jesus" which Paul bore in his body as the Lord's "bondservant"—the "seal" of the spirit of evil, in opposition to the seal of the Lord, described in II Timothy 2:29.

Of the second passage, a striking rendering, which exactly represents the meaning of the Greek work used, "having got beyond the pain" of doing iniquity. How exactly this answers to the revelations regarding the officials of the monstrous concentration camps, and the unmoved de-

meanor of their instigators, and also—it is to be feared—of so many who were aware of them. They had "got beyond the pain" of such abominations; because their consciences were "seared," "doped" with Nazi doctrine, there was no reaction of horror.

Such is the extreme development of moral insensibility, the deadness of conscience which supervenes when its promptings are stifled. Such is the fearful example before the eyes of all the world, of the possibility of becoming lost to the very first principles of virtue and morality.

There can be little doubt that what has appeared in all the horror of full development in Germany is the natural fruit of all totalitarianism. Tyrannous cruelty is the characteristic sequel to the suppression of justice and liberty in human relations. If the world does not take effective warning from the extreme example of this, now fully unmasked, its future is dark indeed.

Let us now come nearer home, to an alarming phenomenon in our very midst—less terrible in its present manifestations, but not less dangerous in its ultimate possibilities. The spiritual unconsciousness of the great mass of our people.

Some claim to see signs of coming awakening. There may be such, in isolated places, or under special circumstances. But probably, to most thoughtful observers, it appears that five years of appalling dangers and amazing deliverances have left the nation, as a whole, unshaken from its spiritual indifference either by warnings or by mercies. A generation or more of growing heedlessness to spiritual things, neglect of the Word of God and the means of grace, and worldly absorption, have inevitably led to mass spiritual insensibility.

Examples may be found everywhere. Here is a quite recent one, from a parish close to London. Early in the period of the return of prisoners of war, it was found that seven had come back to this country who have either their homes or near relatives in the place. Arrangements were made to give thanks for their return at a Sunday evening service. The families were in-

formed and invited, by personal calls or by letter and some expressions of appreciation were received. But, when the time came, it is believed that, with one doubtful exception, the only representatives of those especially concerned were a married couple who are attached members of the congregation. Would such a thing have been possible, even at the end of the last war?

Our nation thank God, retains its sense of horror at atrocities in the moral sphere; and so do many other nations. But to be lulled into a condition of spiritual unconsciousness, so as to be seemingly incapable of responding to spiritual appeals, is to be in deadly spiritual and moral peril. Spiritual coma is the natural precursor of spiritual death. Our present retention of the moral sense, in most matters, as a nation (with alarming exceptions, even so) may be traced to the presence amongst us of a large number of devoted Christian authority and power—and to the influence of earlier Christian traditions. But what people—including many in positions of will become of the rising generation, who for the most part are receiving no such Christian training and encouragement as their fathers often had?

But now we must draw the net still closer. Are the consciences of even Christian people in no danger of being lulled to sleep?

One who occupies a position of responsibility and leadership of Christian opinion made the following remark in a private

letter recently: "I have often been struck with the fact," he says, "that there are 'blind spots' in the lives of individual Christians. Sometimes the blind spot is in regard to money and the exercise of stewardship. In other cases it may involve a lack of conscience in business methods, and in other cases lack of consideration for members of the family, and such like."

We are ready, to condemn Germany's abandonment of moral standards. We deplore, with doubtless equal sincerity, the spiritual unresponsiveness of our own people. What of ourselves? Are our consciences lulled—even "scared"—in any of the matters referred to in the letter quoted above, or in others which may apply more specially to our own cases? Are we fully alive, as we should be, to the effect of our behavior in our homes, our business circles, our Church connections, our civic relations? And do we give as we should of our money, and our time, and our energy in Christian service?

The world has had enough to wake it up, in the events of the last few years, if its prolonged sleep has not already led to death. The Church has had enough to arouse it from the spiritual coma which has paralyzed, in so many directions, its activity effectiveness. Shall we not add that we ourselves, whoever we may be, have had enough to lead us to "examine our own selves" for any "blind spots" in our estimates and outlook, any moral or spiritual paralysis resulting from consciences not fully awake?

Building Babel Again

The tenth chapter of Genesis tells of the rise of a great empire builder by the name of Nimrod. The eleventh chapter tells of the city and tower he built by the name of Babel. Nimrod did not name the city Babel, but it was called by that name after the Lord interfered with his plans by confusing the language of the people.

Imitators of Nimrod have risen since his day from time to time. Nebuchadnezzar, in the same locality, established a great central city and set out to conquer the world. His city and empire was called Babylon,

which is the Greek for Babel, as the margin of Genesis 10:10 indicates. One day he surveyed the city from the roof of his palace and in self-exaltation exclaimed, "Is not this great Babylon that I have built?" Then, just as the prophet Daniel had warned him a year before, a voice from heaven said, "The kingdom is departed from thee." In due time, under the rule of one of his successors, Babylon was ruined and passed into history as one of the kingdoms of the past.

Alexander, called "the great," also set

out to conquer the world and bring it all under one rule. But he, too, died at the height of his human glory and history records the falling of his empire into four parts, while he died in the neighborhood of the same historic spot known as Babylon.

Another man who coveted the world as his empire was Napoleon, who disturbed the peace of Europe for some years. It is suggested by some that he planned eventually to plant the seat of his empire in the same locality as Babel and Babylon. But he came to his end and saw his empire fall to pieces.

A generation ago the Kaiser of Germany planned world conquest, but his empire it will further facilitate the plan for the same idea in his head. Mussolini had similar ambitions, and Hirohito of Japan; and possibly Russia is not altogether free from similar ambitions.

The military conquest of the world seems in every case to have failed. It has taken ambitious rulers a long time to learn the lesson. Perhaps a new way of building Babel is on the way. The characteristics of Babel were one language, one speech, one purpose, and general oneness in all things. The people of that day said, "Let us make brick . . . Let us build us a city and a tower. . . . Let us make us a name."

If we understand the purpose of the conference of leaders in San Francisco it is to formulate a plan by which the world may become practically a unit: be governed by the same principles. In another way from that of Nimrod and his successors the plan, if successful will make the world practically one kingdom. It will facilitate this plan for the same language to be spoken, or at least understood, by all nations, especially those in political positions. It will further facilitate the plan for the world to have one system of money. Eventually, as we can see from prophecy, the plan will involve the bringing of all people under one religion. And we may be sure it will not be the Christian religion, though it may bear that name. The only religion will be what may be called an "electric" religion, that is a religion that is made up by selecting certain things from all religions and attempting to harmonize them into one system. Observe now how often we read of groups of Protestants, Catholics, and Jews conferring together. Eventually

Mohammedans will be invited to such gatherings, then will come other religious systems. Over such a conglomeration no one but a false prophet can consistently preside, and the Bible tells of a false prophet to rise in the last days.

Over the political system that will eventually take over the rule of the federated world will be an individual that the book of Revelation calls "the beast." He and the false prophet, also mentioned in the book of Revelation, will work in unison to regiment the world into one system. In fact between them they will regulate all business transactions, so that, unless a man receives a certain mark he cannot buy nor sell. But to receive the mark means to worship the false system, and the Bible plainly says that those who receive the mark will have their doom with the beast and false prophet in the lake of fire. Read the book of Revelation and be informed, especially chapters 12, 13, 14, 19, and 20. Look about you and see how things are shaping toward that condition.

But there is a way of escape for the devout and faithful Christian. Read Luke, chapter 21, especially verses 34 to 36. Can you measure up to the conditions there stated of what will characterize the person who will be eligible to escape the things that are coming upon the earth? It is plain that no easy-going, world-conforming Christians will escape in the rapture that will mark the coming of the Lord to take away His saints. A look about us today at what are called the people of God is appalling. Scarcely one in a hundred can be distinguished from the worldling by their dress, conversation, and general deportment. Walk down a crowded street and try to pick out the people that have some appearance of being genuine Christians and see how few have any expression on their faces that indicate they might be Christians. On the other hand see how blatantly many sinners are in their worldliness. It is passing strange that the worldlings are not ashamed of their worldliness, but it seems sometimes that professing Christians are ashamed of dress and manners that might distinguish them as Christians. It sometimes looks as though the multitude of Christians purposely disguise their identity under worldly forms. To be ashamed of Christ in this world means that He will

be ashamed of us later on.

The word of Revelation concerning the

people of God and Babylon is, "Come out of her. My people." (Rev. 18:4).

The Voice of Experience

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Ecclesiastes 12:13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."

I have taken this subject from the name of a popular radio program because I feel that it is a message or a subject that was fulfilled in the life of a man presented in the Book of Ecclesiastes. The purpose of the "Preacher" in this book is perhaps the same as "The Voice of Experience" that's heard over the radio, which endeavors to help solve the problems that bring heartaches, strife, and separation to thousands and thousands of people.

The older we get, the wiser we become. **EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER** We learn many things through experience that parents, schools or books will never teach us. We can have a good theory on paper, but is it practical? A farmer will tell you that years of experience has taught him many things that books and schools never mentioned. The mechanic, the store clerk, the driver, the Christian and even the preacher, will tell you the same thing.

I heard my father tell one time of a lady that was just learning to drive. On a certain day in a down-town section of a large city, she became involved in a serious traffic jam. The traffic cop, who was in charge of that intersection, approached her car and said, "Lady, why don't you use your noodle?" Frantically she looked the dash board over and said, "I didn't know there was one on here." The brief experience this lady had with a car displayed her ignorance.

EXPERIENCE SPEAKS

It tells us that foolishness does not pay. Experience tells us that crime and disobedience does not pay. It shows us that lost opportunities are lost forever. "Oh, if I had known then what I know now!" There-

fore experience speaks; it tells the truth. We cannot slight nor laugh at the best teacher in the world, outside of God.

THE MESSAGE

In the Book of Ecclesiastes we have the written experience; the living experience of one of the greatest men that ever lived. Outside of Christ, Solomon was the wisest man that ever lived. His voice we must listen to. His experience we must note.

A. Why should we listen to him? First of all we will notice who he was.

1. He was a man of goodly heritage. The Son of David. It must have been a great honor to have been the son of a man that was called 'The man after God's own heart'. We think of the good education, the prayers, the instructions that his father gave him. 1 K. 2:1.

2. Solomon was a man of unusual wisdom and riches. David his father had said, "Thou art a wise man" because of the wish that Solomon made. God gave him a wise and understanding heart, so that there was none like him before or after. Also blessed him with great riches and honour.

3. He was a man of Supreme Importance. King of Jerusalem, successor to his father's throne. In that position he had dignity and power.

B. This man is "The Voice of Experience." Was once the man of God, then became the man of the world. Chose a heathen King's daughter for his wife, introduced the worship of false gods, loved many strange women. All of this lead to his downfall, the bitterness and disappointment that he reaped. He is qualified to give advice, instructions, and warnings. He experienced and has tried the World. Here is what life in all of its fullness. Has tried God, he says, "Behold All is Vanity." Ecc. 1:2.

SOLOMON'S EXPERIENCE

In chapter one and two, he gives us the search of the natural or worldly man for satisfaction and happiness in the world.

A. First of all in chapter 1:13, he sought for happiness in WISDOM. Because of being king, his opportunity was great. He sought for it with all of his heart—everything that was done under the sun. It might have been philosophy, mathematics, husbandry or trade. But this will never give the peace and joy that Christ can give. Wisdom will bring grief and increased Spirituality. It cannot be done for the Bible tells us that its "By My Spirit." We can gain all the knowledge in the world and still be foolish in God's sight. Solomon said, "All is vanity, even wisdom for it will not satisfy."

B. Next he sought for happiness in PLEASURE, chapter 2:1. He became a pleasure-seeker. THE WORLD is full of them today. Running to the Movie houses, taverns, dances, always trying to find a little enjoyment. But listen friends, this will only lead to ruin, blasted hopes, heart aches, broken homes, and death. You may enjoy the "pleasures of sin" but they only last for "a season." Again Solomon said, "It is vanity."

C. Then he went a step further and gave himself to DRINK. How often this is the case. Sin is progressive for it spreads, communicates, always leaves its mark. "Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die." Yes, you will die but it will be ETERNAL DEATH.

D. After that he made great works, built houses, planted vineyards, as chapter 2, vs. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 tell us. Yet with all this he tells us that "All is vanity." Can you enjoy your wisdom, your pleasures, your drinks, your material things? Is there still an aching void in your heart? Remember, you can find happiness only in Christ Jesus.

THE VOICE

Now we come to the Voice that warns us to "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." chapter 12:1.

A. The Youth to Remember: We as young people usually flatter ourselves with great expectations of things in the future.

The common saying is, "I want to have my fling while I am still young." But let me exhort you to believe those that have tried that very thing and now are trying to tell others of the bitter fruits of a life of sin and disobedience to God. Young people urge for the love of mirth, the indulgence of sensual pleasures, but be not deceived by this vanity.

B. Evil days are coming; are already with us, sickness and death. Old age comes, strong men become weak, teeth disappear, eyes grow dim. When our bodies become loaded with infirmities we "shall have no pleasures in the things of God." The Voice warns us that the time to seek the Lord is in our youth.

C. The Sum of it all. After Solomon had reviewed his life from beginning to end, he summed up his message with these words, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter." Examine your life. Weigh your so-called good times, parties, friends. Are they worth more than your own soul? Matt. 16:26 (R. V.) "For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?" Rom. 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

1. Fear God and keep his commandments."

2. "For he shall bring everything into judgment, every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil."

"There's a great day coming, a great day coming, by and by; When the saints and the sinners shall be parted right and left, Are you ready for that day to come?"

There's a bright day coming, a bright day coming by and by, but its brightness shall only come to them that love the Lord.

There's a sad day coming, a sad day coming, There's a sad day coming by and by;

When the sinner shall hear his doom, "depart, I know ye not" Are you ready for that day to come? Ready for the Judgment Day?"

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STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENTS

Recently I wrote an article concerning robbing God in tithes and offerings. May we now look at two other phases of stewardship. Can we say, 'I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.' John 17:4. These are the words of Jesus as He started His great priestly prayer. He had lived most of His life on earth. Now Calvary was before Him. He had decided to go on through and win the victory by dying on the cross. There are times when we can not stop. We must go on and be true to our convictions. We are called upon by the Lord to give our time and ability to the task He has planned for us. Every man is disappointed and not satisfied who has not given His time and talent to things of eternity.

These are great words, and Paul came near to saying the same thing at the close of his life; but it did take so much work, planning, praying and suffering for one to speak out these words. Jesus gave His time and talent to being the Christ. His was a faultless life. Pilate said, "I find no fault in Him at all."

May I address myself to the minister first and say that the secret of the life of Jesus was not that He was divine for He was just as human as divine. He said, "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give my life a ransom for many." Matt. 20:28 "I came not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me." Your time and talent is known of God. It is close to His heart. He loves you and wants to bless the lives of others through you. The God who called you to preach, teach, evangelize, and comfort is watching from above. Jesus said, "He that hath sent me is with me. The Father hath not left me

alone, for I do always the things that please Him." This is the spirit and secret that has kept the grip of Christianity upon the world for these years. May I say there is a famine of preaching the gospel in places in our own dear denomination because preachers will not allow the Lord to use their time and talent He has given unto them. You are not a preacher by chance or accident. You are a preacher because the Lord put you into the ministry. We are on a definite mission of our Father's own choosing. If you use not your time and talent in this mission, what kind of pay-day-reward do you expect? God has planned a great reward. Yes, we live in a purposeful universe, well planned; but we must say, "Have thine own way Lord." God has not erred in the planning of the being of every living creature. "The Heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork." God has planned so that no train of His has ever been late. No creation had to wait for another. Man, God's last and greatest creation is to spend his time and talent in working for the glory of God and His people and His creation.

"He gave to every man his work" and sent them out even as Jesus was sent by the Father. May we have more Free Will Baptist' who are conscious of the leadership of the Spirit of God—men and women who are enabled to say, "To this end was I born and for this cause came I unto the world."

When God plans our time and talent it does not mean that He has fixed a groove in which we must run whether we want to or not. God has planned but we have the freedom to execute or not. Many a child has gone against the love

and wisdom of an earthly parent. You are not compelled to use your time and talent but you have the privilege of doing so. If you don't use it to His glory you miss the deepest and sweetest secret of human blessedness.

Why not measure your own talents, and measure the work that needs to be done, and commit your time and talent to the Lord. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path." May we take the step and God's light will shine upon our pathway. "I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me." I do not call upon Free Will Baptist to do the easiest thing, but the most

needed thing. Not personal gain but to have the honor of giving time and talent to the "unsearchable riches of Christ." There is only one sure road to your highest usefulness. There is only one way to realize your highest blessedness, and that is in giving your time and talent in the will of God. To seek to save your life is to lose it. To lose your life is to keep it unto life eternal. May the Lord grant unto us to so live that when the sunset comes we may be able to say in our finite way, "I have glorified thee on the earth, I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." Jesus is praying for you to that end.



Our Bible School



Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager, Free Will Baptist Bible College

It is with gratitude that we present the montly report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College to our people. The Lord has continued His rich blessings upon this cause by putting it into the hearts of our people to give for His glory to this institution. Our balance for the month of September, in excess of expenses, is gratifying indeed, as you will observe in the following statement of receipts and disbursements:

Receipts for September, 1945

Alabama	\$18.00		\$18.00
Florida	23.00		23.00
Georgia	145.50		145.50
Illinois	12.00	50.80	62.80
Kentucky	1.00	7.45	8.45
Mississippi	17.50	43.00	60.50
Missouri	50.00	4.29	54.29
North Carolina	103.50	685.07	788.57
Ohio	13.00		13.00
Oklahoma	5.00		5.00
South Carolina	26.59	10.00	36.59
Tennessee	76.50	5.00	81.50
Texas	59.50	6.16	65.66
Virginia	5.50		5.50
West Virginia	22.00		22.00
Michigan		20.00	20.00
Unified Program National Treasurer			800.00
J. R. Davidson, Revival			100.00
L. R. Ennis, Services			72.50
Students' Textbooks			123.70
Miscellaneous Receipts			1.50
Registration Fees			565.00
Room and Board			897.27

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EDITORIAL

CARETAKERS WANTED

Dear friends please read Matthew 5:13, 14, 15, 16, as a scripture lesson and please use verse 14 as our text; Ye are the Light of the World, A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. The Lord when he preached that great sermon, The Sermon on the Mount, he showed to all his grave concern over all the world, Yes he knew the pitfalls that would come to the church which is the only Light House God has, so he poured out his heart, and tried to create a desire in our hearts to keep that light ever burning.

Before we go further, let us stop and consider the comparison of the True church, and the regularly called light house.

The regularly called light house, is a light house so long as it keeps that beacon light shining out that it might show the way to the weary one that is lost on the waters so far from safety.

Let us picture the one that is spoken of in the song; Let the lower lights be burning. Yes it speaks about a poor sailor tempest tossed, trying to make the harbor of safety. How can he make that harbor of rests if the light is not shining out to show the way. Yes the light must show the way. That beacon light has a most grave responsibility; It is dealing with the lives of men.

Now let us consider the Church and her work, yes her responsibility. Jesus told the church: Ye are the light of the world, yes and he further said: Let your light so shine before men, that it would show your good works, and glorify your Father which art in Heaven.

Is the light shining out from the window of the church, as it should? We are warned that we should never compromise truth, and the world of today don't seem to care about the truth. Yet there is only one way, Jesus said Ye **MUST BE BORN AGAIN**.

The light house is showing the fleshly man the way to safety, and the Church is showing the soul of man the way to life everlasting. Our Lord said: Not to

fear the one who is able to kill the body, but fear the one who is able to kill the soul, and body in hell.

Jesus makes it plain that no other way is to be considered, see Matthew 7:13,14. The way is straight, and the gate narrow, and few there be that find it.

Please read what Paul said to the Romans, see Romans 10:13 through 17. Yes the importance that has been placed on the church and her work is very plain.

Now please again review our subject: Wanted caretakers for light houses Employer God. There is a grave shortage of caretakers these days as there was when our Lord was here on earth. See Matthew 9:37, 38. Then said he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plentious, but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save. Will the light be shining out of God's light house when that weary lost one is nigh? Let your light so shine. God needs caretakers, Will you help?

IMPORTANT NOTICE

For a number of years all of the money from the churches of the State has been sent to Rev. Winford Davis, the treasurer, but at the last session of the State Association, Mrs. Marie Hyatt was elected as State treasurer, her address is as follows: Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Missouri.

Several years ago the State Association voted to send all money, for every phase of our work thru the State treasury, so you send your offering for Foreign Missions, Home Mission, Education, Superannuation, and unified programs to the above address.

May I urge every church in the State to adopt the unified program fund, for this is the ideal plan to finance every phase of our work, and the sooner we get in line with this plan, the greater results we will witness in the growth of the work for the Master.

GLEANINGS

By the Editor

"A GIRL whose sense of God is dulled by indifferent parents; a youth frustrated by a disordered, abnormal age; a home imperiled by too much quick money and parents working on odd and disrupting shifts: these are wounds that threaten people here at home as certainly as German shells and Japanese bullets threatened our boys," says Bishop Paul B. Kern of Nashville Tenn.

HITLER has never yet been found dead or alive. If never found he is likely to become the hero in a myth to inspire the younger generation of Germans, trained to worship him, to another attempt to rule the world, it is feared.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN—Three children aged 1, 2 and 5 were found in a Chicago home by police while their parents were away on a drinking spree. The police took them to an orphanage and the parents went before the judge to give account of their doings.

A STRANGE MUDDLE—A dairy farmer recently applied for work in a defense industry. He was tentatively accepted for the position, but later was rejected, when it was found that he had sixteen cows "dependent on him." He was told to go back to the farm and take care of the cows. A few hours after his dismissal, a middle-aged mother was given the position. It seemed not to matter that she had six children at home "dependent on her." Is it more important that the cows be cared for, than that children be cared for?—Dan Gilbert.

India worships the cow. As a result they refuse to kill cows that are useless, even though 70 out of every 100 give no milk.

A Chicken Thief's Wife sent two dollar bills to the man whose henroost was robbed, twelve years after the event, and wrote, "Please pray for him and me. A sinner who wants to repent."

BY GOD'S MERCY, said Winston Churchill, we outpaced the Nazis and developed the atomic bomb. The seers of the schools have known the power was there; but not till now have they penetrated the atom's wall, and only in part have they belted their wheels to this measureless power of the Creator. It was no accident that the Almighty trusted this discovery with a race whose ideal is to live and let live. —John Paul.

THIRTY-SEVEN GOVERNORS—In view of the Big three Meeting in Berlin, the Governors of Thirty-seven states asked President Truman to take immediate steps to open Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration with the purpose of establishing that country as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

A NEW AGE has dawned on the world—the age of atomic energy. A new responsibility is in the hands of the United States to see that this new energy is used for the good of humanity instead of its destruction.

MRS. TRUMAN, the President's wife, is described as a great contrast to her predecessor at the White House. She is determined to live a quiet life away from the limelight.

SUNDAY IN RUSSIA—It is reported that Russia has, or is considering, restoring Sunday as the official rest day, so as to give people time to worship.

HATE WILL NOT DO—"We cannot build a safe world by attempting to hate Germany and Japan," says Dr. Leslie B. Moss of the Church Committee on Relief and Reconstruction.

Grind while the wind blows, or if not, do not blame Providence. God sends every bird its food but he does not throw it into the nest.

—Surpeon

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	\$578.59	\$831.77	\$3971.03
Disbursements for September, 1945			
Room Rent			\$2.50
Groceries			62.27
Kitchen Supplies			5.75
Heat, Lights, Water, Etc.			17.25
Telephone			19.10
Maintenance			94.64
Tax			2.50
School Supplies			25.50
Books			71.47
Salaries			758.86
Labor			157.70
Traveling Expenses			116.20
Miscellaneous Expenses			14.00
Total			\$1,347.74

I am certain that our people will rejoice to know of the completion of a deal for a nice piece of property, only a half block from the administration building, which is very adaptable to the service of an institution like ours. The approach to the acquiring of this property was made last winter when Mrs. Thomas F. Swords granted an option to the college, without financial consideration, to buy her home for the sum of \$12,287. A contingency was revealed, however, which would not allow the Board of Education of the National Association to invest in additional property in excess of the original purchase; at which time Mrs. Swords graciously continued the option on a gratis basis.

On September 18, 1945, the Board of Education and the Board of incorporators of the college were called into joint session, at which time the authorized transferral of all assets was completed, and the full responsibility of the direction of the institution was accepted by the Board of Trustees; namely: Henry Melvin, James F. Miller, Melvin Bingham, J. L. Welch, R. B. Spencer, F. B. Cherry, K. V. Shutes, Ralph Lightsey, and J. R. Davidson. In this first session of the Board of Trustees of the College an offer was made to Mrs. Swords for her property in the amount of \$10,000. The responsibility of approaching Mrs. Swords with the proposition was left in the hands of the Business Manager; and the following day, accompanied by the President of the school, Reverend L. R. Ennis, the proposal was presented in proper written form. But Mrs. Swords outright refused the offer of \$10,000 and returned the proposal to me. After further discussion, however, Mrs. Swords agreed that she would sell for \$11,000; but the Board had only authorized the offer of \$10,000—no more, no less. Consultations between Brother Ennis and me together with other interested friends gave rise to the suggestion that Mrs. Swords might compromise her offer further by accepting the sum of \$500 in cash from outside individuals, and with the further consideration of free rental on the property until January 1, 1946. It was agreed that this offer be submitted to Mrs. Swords, with the understanding that the Board of Trustees should be called upon by correspondence to certify to their individual approval of the proposed plan by which the contingency might be removed. Being desirous that nothing be done without full authority from the Board, the following communication was mailed to each member, was duly signed by each member, and returned to the office:

"I,, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College do hereby approve the method by which a contingency in the amount of \$500 plus rental to January 1, 1946, shall be satisfied as a detail involving the purchase of a residence, situated on the southeast corner of Richland and Bowling Avenues, in Nashville, Tennessee, and now occupied by the owner, Mrs. Thomas F. Swords.

"I understand that the amount of \$500 will be paid by interested friends of the college, and that none of the amount exclusive of the purchase price of \$10,000 will be paid out of the treasury of the Bible College."

Signed:

Date:

Upon a one hundred per cent approval of the proposed procedure, negotiations were completed, and at this time the deed and guarantee of title are in the safe in the college office.

The acquiring of this most desirable piece of property for the use of the institution in its expansion was made possible by the generosity of Reverend J. P. Barrow, Dean of the Institution, who donated \$100 of the extra \$500 offered as inducement to the owner to sell for \$10,000; and Reverend L. R. Ennis, who donated the additional \$400 by drawing on the treasury of the college and having the account charged against his salary.

It should be of interest to our people to have the facts brought to them of the generosity of these two men who are laboring for your institution in their gifts of the past. It was hardly a year ago when Brother Barrow made a gift of \$200 to the treasury, and has systematically given as much as \$10 each month since his services began with the college. It will be remembered, I am sure, the contribution which Brother Ennis made even before the opening of the Association in directing the Board of Education of the National Association in a campaign for the raising of the foundation money with which to pay for the property which was acquired September 24, 1941. All indebtedness having been retired and the school officially opened in the fall of 1942. Brother Ennis began donating systematically to the school in monthly gifts and has continued throughout the history of the college.

Surely, the hearts of our people will be tuned to thanksgiving to our God for these who have turned aside from their normal courses of life to dedicate themselves to the service of this institution. Our people should know that Brother Ennis came to the school at considerable sacrifice in the amount of money received each month, saying nothing of the sacrifice he has been called upon to make relative to the leaving of his family behind.

I feel that the acquiring of this additional piece of property together with the liberal gifts of these brethren should challenge our people to immediately get into action in the raising of the \$100,000 for the expansion of this institution. It should be remembered that there will be some additional expenses in arranging and improving the additional property acquired for use by the institution; therefore, immediate response from every direction by the different states in raising their quota of the proposed \$100,00 is in order. Any information or materials needed for executing the will of the National Association in raising these quotas will be promptly mailed to anyone who will write for the same.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. J. O. Fort Sec. & Treas.
808 W. 27th. St. Bryan, Texas

Receipts

	Balance brought forward June 30, 1945	1,955.75
7-1-45	F. S. Van Hoose, Unified Program	208.34
7-6-45	G. L. Kilgore, Va. State Board	79.90
7-21-45	F. C. Zinn, Mo. State Board	19.50
7-31-45	Ralph Lightsey, premium	6.78
8-21-45	M. L. Johnson, premium, N. C. St. Bd.	8.41
8-31-45	M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board	27.44

9-1-45	R. B. Crawford, Unified Program	200.00
9-12-45	Kentucky, Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting	2.00
9-12-45	J. C. Clark, Oklahoma	6.00
Total	\$2,514.12
Disbursements		
7-25-45	Olive Ruth Hensarling, July Work	10.00
9-11-45	M. L. and C. U. premium	16.82
8-30-45	F. C. Zinn, Traveling expense	25.00
9-11-45	Robert Crawford, Prom. Dept. of N A. (July and August)	100.00
7-7-45	Olive Ruth Hensarling, June Work	10.00
7-26-45	Ministers Life and Casualty Union, Mo. State Board	39.50
Total	\$2,312.80

MISSOURI STATE TREASURER REPORT

SEPTEMBER

Foreign Missions

Amity Church	\$42.20
Blue Eye Church	6.10
Willey Circle Auxiliary—Flat River	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Truskett of Hannon, Mo.	5.00
Sublette Church	7.00
Leadington S. S.	2.19
Pleasant Grove S. S.	9.87
Will Price of Greenfield, Mo.	45.00
Independence Church	34.98
Independence S. S.	4.86
John W. Adkins	25.00
Rev. W. B. Fadley	1.00
Flat River Auxiliary (for Cuca's operation)	20.00
Hickory Grove	4.35
Golden Oak S. S.	2.91
Myrtle Long of Patton, Mo.	1.00
Hickory Grove (Haddam, Kansas)	2.32
Jewel Church	9.50
Rock Chapel	15.00
Merl's Chapel S. S.	17.20
Total	\$270.48

Educational Fund

Leadington S. S.	\$1.20
By Mrs. Harry Bush	\$2.00

\$50,000 Auxiliary Membership Fund

Twin Oak	\$1.00
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Jehoida Chests Fund

Golden Oak S. S.	3.00
Total	\$4.00

State Unified Fund

Aurora Church and S. S.	\$2.00
Flat River Church	5.00
Mine La Motte S. S.	3.23
Flat River Church	69.41
Berkley City Church	4.31
Fredericktown Church	30.50
State S. S. Convention	6.00
C. W. Mo. and S. E. Kanssl Association	15.75

Indian Creek Association	30.57
Northwest Mo. Association	4.90
Northeast Mo. Association	9.10
Liberty Association	3.00
Desloge Church	24.13
Missouri State Association	143.45
Cave Springs Association	8.40
Blanche Tucker of Flat River	10.00
Merl's Chapel	5.00
Twin Oak	2.15
Laclede County Association	5.50
State League Convention	5.00
Total	\$419.81

Marie Hyatt, Treasurer

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— Our Mission



Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole
World
For Christ



A GREAT TASK FOR A GREAT GROUP

Stewardship Department Plans, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, fourth vice president for 1945.

Sometimes as I had tried to pray for them I thought of what a great group they are— all the stewardship chairman, state, district, and local. I fancied what it would be like if we all could come together for one meeting. And then, on one morning of wishful thinking in the Land of Vision, it came to pass. There they were, not one state missing. My heart was thrilled! Then the Chairman of that Committee that made our Plan of work for 1946 said to me: "You may speak to them four minutes. Give them helpful suggestions." Carefully and prayerfully were the words chosen. God make them helpful!

My Co-Laborers, you are a great group— great not only in number, but great because of the exceeding great responsibility that is yours to help to cultivate. "The grace of giving in our churches." Now this "grace of giving" is of vital importance for two reasons: First, for the soul-welfare of our own people; and second, because, according to His own plan the progress of His Kingdom depends on the tithes and offerings of God's people. Thus directly by teaching and indirectly through the resultant increase in gifts, you are helping to carry out the "Great Commission," doing immortal work.

We soon discover that this task of stewardship education requires superhuman help. Therefore, prayer is our first necessity. The second necessity is study if we expect to be "approved workman" in God's sight and workman who will be equipped to attempt for God what He has commanded all His people to do—go, preach, TEACH—that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that He is the Lord, and even He only. (Isa. 37:20.) Let no stewardship chairman say that she does not know what are her duties. The W. N. A. C. has anticipated our need and provided an invaluable helper—the Year Book of Programs which contains a plan of work for our department explained in detail and also suggestions and ideas galore for our information and inspiration. But most of all for our working. See pages 11, 16, 19, 22, 31, 36, 39-42, 44-48, in the 1945 Year Book. Read the entire book to be sure but STUDY until you really know that part which pertains to your own task. Turn first to the Convention Plan of Work. Under these 'Plans' (Part IV, page II) please note prayerfully and learn every suggested way by which we seek to promote stewardship. Helping to carry out these plans constitute your duty. For this purpose were you chosen as chairman. When you have done that, then your

plans may be worked in harmony with these adopted plans. We need to catch a new meaning of cooperation in God's program for world redemption.

In our Year Book not only are stewardship plans outlined but also the most important ones are discussed each on a full page (19, 21, 22-24, 31-36, 39-42, 44-48). The material on these pages could be used for some excellent short speeches before Sunday School assemblies, Leagues, and Auxiliary meetings, or for stewardship programs on days that your church does not have regular church services. In addition special helps may be had from your National Stewardship Department. Therefore, we are without excuse we remain unfringed.

But to know and to pray will avail little unless we put in a third most important thing—**HARD WORK**. So, call together your Auxiliary President, the mission chairman, and the second Vice President who has the responsibility of leading the young people of your church. Discuss these plans with them. Decide definitely which of the plans you will undertake for the year. Never leave out plans "I" (Stewardship education of our Young People), and plan "J" (Annual Church Stewardship Night).

"The cause I knew not I searched out" (Job 29:16), wrote the patriarch Job as he recommended the motives which had governed his service for God. We must study humanity. We must study God's financial plan. What people believe shapes their actions. In the hard school of suffering and sorrow being conducted in almost every land on the globe today except our dear land, we are learning deep lessons of responsibility for a world without Christ and His peace. How long (oh, how long, Dear Jesus, will you permit this beautiful homeland of ours to rob Thee and sin against Thee in stewardship, is my almost daily exclamation of amazement as I talk to returning soldier boys, and to mothers of already sacrificed sons and daughters whose minds are, it seems on everything but sending the only Gospel that will save this world and bring real lasting peace. What, I ask over and over as I look at these boys and their wives and children, is America gaining if she defeats all the "isms" of the earth, yet loses her own soul and fails to be faithful in her stewardship of the Gospel which is solely responsible for her own

security and safety amid all the troubled and torn up countries of the earth?

We hear and read much about the post-war world. To lead the world after the war into peace, we must prepare our hearts and minds for that leadership. Are we preparing ours? Preparation is hard work—studying, praying, working long hours tirelessly, regularly, systematically at assigned plans. Today as no other member of our auxiliary, the stewardship chairman is a key person in world affairs. Do you believe this with me? Then do all in your power to lead those of your church auxiliary in a wider search beyond the stewardship class study by circulating many more books from the Reading Course (See the suggested books page 125). If this list is not sufficient, write your national stewardship chairman for more. **"SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND."**

An Interrogation mark is not half so dangerous in your thinking as a period. Perhaps the greatest contribution which study classes can make to the people who attend them, is to start them on a splendid spiritual quest—to inject an interrogation mark into their thinking. Such teaching will lead to the practice of stewardship among our people. And **CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP UNDERSTOOD** and practiced will save our people from the deadly sin of covetousness. The individual who practices Christian stewardship will have the right attitude toward his money, his fellowman, and above all the right attitude toward God and His program of world redemption.

Christian stewardship should be taught all the year in every department of the church. The stewardship teachings and application in the Sunday School Lessons and League Programs should be constantly pointed out and enforced. This should be done not only for Jesus' sake, but also for the good of our people themselves.

The happiest and most useful Christians accept acknowledge, and administer their stewardship. They set apart for the Lord's work at least a tenth of their income—little or much as an expression of their stewardship. Most of these people were taught to do this when they were children. We can't begin too soon to stress this important Bible Doctrine. If then the state stewardship chairman for 1946 will work tirelessly

at our shared task, planning excellently their work, they in turn will lead district and local chairman to work tirelessly these stewardship plans. Surely together laboring in His strength to provide stewardship enthusiasm and information, our people, and especially our young people, will feel a passion to create a world in His likeness and will find in the business of the King a dominant ideal, a cause to which to give themselves with unlimited loyalty.

An outline of Stewardship Plans which you are prayerfully urged to attempt for 1946 will be found in the Guide Book for Auxiliary Workers. This book is to be on sale sometime in September. Watch our church papers for announcements relative to our literature needs for 1946. Due to lack of space these plans can not be printed here.

All of the suggested plans may appear to be perfectly obvious and at first glance, unimportant. However, have we not found that attention to details is often the secret of major attainments? Someone said: "Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle!"

Christ calls, "FOLLOW ME," and leads on. Surely as mothers and stewardship chairman we must not fail Christ in giving Christian Stewardship Education to our people and most especially to our Young People.

And I said: "NEITHER WILL I OFFER . . . UNTO THE LORD MY GOD . . . THAT WHICH DOTI COST ME NOTHING." (1 Samuel 24:24).

The safety of our nation is now as always in obedience to God's will in all things so we do well to assure our growing tomorrow that the "LOVE OF MONEY" is still "THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL" and that honest tithing and straight-forward stewardship turn individual and thereby nations from wickedness toward righteousness and that "THE FRUIT GIVE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL BE PEACE."

"GO YE THEREFORE AND TEACH ALL . . . TEACH THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU: AND LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD." (Matt. 28:19-20).

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FIELD WORKERS REPORT

Dear Co-Workers,

I am sure some of you are wondering what has become of "the field worker," I am still in the fight for the Master. Since I last wrote I have visited a number of churches in N. C. first to Caroleen with Bro. A. M. Hilburn for a few days. We met this dear brother at the National Association and promised him that we would visit his work as soon as possible. On reaching the little village you could see from the Highway a splendid gray stone Church looming up in a pretty grove of trees and it made you feel good, to see such a beautiful building. It was a grand opportunity. The dear pastor and wife, went with us from house to house and he arranged for us to speak at both schools. It was such a joy to work with such co-workers. The Woman's work was weak but I feel that they were greatly helped and we had 15 conversions and reclaimings. Then we visited the east part of the State as some strikes were on in some of the mill towns in the west part, and while we were in the east part, we visited our Davis Church, where Bro. Ennis has pastored for 5 years. We found the people anxious to get a pastor and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit both on the part of the church as well as on our part we were led to take the work for half time. Mr. McAdams is already in the field and has a call to Cedar Island and will fill his appointment there Sunday. They only want one Sunday out of the month, and I will go right on with my Mission Work. Davis will be my headquarters for a while. We find the church with a splendid system, left by Brother Ennis. If all of our pastors could leave their churches lined up with our National programs, as this dear pastor, it would be wonderful indeed. The Davis church has a nice 6 room parsonage all worked over nice and they plan to do a lot of repair work on the church building right away. So come and visit us and enjoy the sweet fellowship that the good people of Davis always manifest. I have also visited one auxiliary Convention, in the Cape Fear Association and the women are doing a splendid work. They are also stressing the "Co-Laborer Band" in every local auxiliary and I feel we are going to do a great work

in the future. So come on dear workers and lets make "The Co-Laborer Band Plan" a future success. You can still use your Chests, for banks to keep your money in. A number have said we don't want to give our Chest up; you don't have to, just get a little more money to go in them, and you will feel better. Our Co-Laborer Band brings more into our Chests if we will work it. Try hard to stress the fact that we want 50,000 praying members and some time during the year they can give \$1.00 or if they are led give \$1.00 per month. I think the women in N. C. throughout the state plans that every auxiliary send not less than \$2.00 per month from each local auxiliary. That is a grand start. Come on all you states and follow the example. I am in Gastonia for a few days with Bro. and Sister Oakes fine servants of the Lord. Sister Oakes and I had 2 precious souls saved while we were out calling this morning. We have two churches here in Gastonia. This part of N. C. organized a new Association this year and they have 9 full time churches here and most all have good buildings. Th's brother plans a new brick building as soon as he can get the material. Praise God for the great progress of the Free Will Baptists. I plan to visit the S. C. State Association. Now God bless you saints everywhere.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams

FLAT RIVER, MO. AUXILIARY

Dear Gem Readers,

Greetings in the name of the Lord, from the Flat River Women's Auxiliary. We feel that our Auxiliary is progressing with increased interest. With the Blessings of the Lord upon us, we hope to indeed be laborers together with God.

At our last meeting we held the election of officers, with Sister Verdun Bingham being elected as president. Certainly she has the Auxiliary at heart and with the co-operation of all, we hope to make the Auxiliary a blessing to the church. Pray with us that we may be able to bring lost souls to Christ through our efforts.

The other officers were elected as follows:

First Vice Pres., Mrs. Juneta Moore
Second Vice Pres. Mrs. Ida Wilfong

Third Vice Pres. Mrs. Mildred Hilderbrand
Fourth Vice Pres. Mrs. Pearl Sirclum
Fifth Vice Pres. Mrs. Dorothy Pirtle
Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Ellen Shaffer.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Gussie Hamblin
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Erma Berry

Our Auxiliary recently assisted the church in honoring Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd with a farewell party, before their departure to Cuba as missionaries. We are indeed proud of Brother and Sister Dodd. A program was arranged, after which refreshments were served in the basement of the Church. A special offering was given them by the church. May God richly bless them in their new work is the prayers of the Flat River Church.

We have recently adopted the 6 point Sunday School system at Flat River, and the one treasury system, thus endorsing the National Unified program 100%. Surely God is leading us into greater paths of Service.

Remember us when you pray.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Erma Berry

FREDRICKTOWN, AUXILIARY

Dear Gem Readers,

We are happy, after some time to report that our Auxiliary is still progressing and we are moving forward for the Lord. We are thankful for the interest that each member is showing and trust God that each member may be a blessing to someone. We know that there are many who are in great need of spiritual help and pray that we may be so filled with the spirit that we may go out and win them.

We have decided to meet each week for some kind of service. We feel that the Lord will richly bless even our smallest efforts for Him and sincerely desire your prayers that we may know the will of God in all things and win souls for Him.

Trusting you will remember us in prayer.
Coresponding Cec., Oletha Chapman

President,

Sis. Emma Bebout

THE BOOK OF PROGRAMS

The Book of Programs for the Woman's Auxiliaries are now being printed by the Press at Ayden under contract. Orders will be filled promptly

at \$2.00 per dozen or 20 cents per copy. The first orders will be filled first. This change of address has come about through co-operation of the Revision Committee, and the Board of Publication and Literature of the National Association. Please place your orders early.

Taken from "Notes and Quotes" by Rev. J. C. Griffen in The Free Will

Baptist.

May I urge every Auxiliary to place their orders at once so you can have your Book of Programs to begin your study with the first lesson in January. Be sure to order from the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, North Carolina.

Merle Hyatt, First Vice President of the N. W. A. C.

CHURCH NEWS



OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers:

I am happy to report of the wonderful blessings bestowed upon us. We have just concluded the Annual State Association of the Free Will Baptists here at our church—and a wonderful time it was! We can truthfully say the Lord was with us. During League Day service there were three young people saved. There was much rejoicing among the older ones present as well as among the Leaguers. One visiting brother from Tennessee said he had never seen young people with such zeal for God.

I feel that the members of the Free Will Baptist Churches of Oklahoma City should be complimented for their help in serving food—and for the splendid cooperation in providing beds for the visiting ministers and delegates. There were more than enough beds to go around, thanks to the fine Christian spirit.

On Wednesday night of the Association we saw a sainted old Mother go to the rear of the auditorium and pray and plead with her son until, with tears streaming down his cheeks, he made his way to an altar of prayer. This son had not attended church in some time in spite of the fact that most of his folks are regular members. When Service was over, the Mother was heard to declare, "I knew if I could just get him inside this church he would be saved!" There wasn't a dry eye in that building that we could see, as we watched that beloved old Mother of our

church lead her own boy to God. She has been a real inspiration to all the young people here since she moved to this church from Checotah a few years ago.

All together, there have been fourteen conversions—including six in the association, and eight prior to it. You see, the Lord is still blessing our church, so continue to do so.

Reporter, Fred Potter
Pastor, Rev. Harry Stairs

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Editor and Gem Readers,

We the Tulsa First Church are glad to report to you, we count it a privilege to have this opportunity to tell others what we are doing for our Christ.

First of all our aim is to win lost sinners to Christ. Each department of the Church is working at the goal. When we win them to Christ then put them to work for Him to win others.

Our Sunday School is still growing, our League is growing too, we are trying to get on the League Manual, and truly the Lord is blessing our efforts in a great way.

The lady's Auxiliary is keeping up it's good work and the Junior and Intermediate Auxiliary is working at the job. They are sewing and making things for the Oklahoma State Orphanage. It makes us who are able to do more to get busy when we see those girls so eager to do their

might and best for Christ's Glory.

Since we last reported there has been a Men's Brotherhood organized at the Church and its goal is to win lost souls to Jesus Christ.

We are glad to see some of our boys coming home from the Armed Forces, who have served in this war, to help keep our freedom. Bro. Loyd Barnes, Sidney Walden, Johnny Wagoner, King Higgins, A. J. Cole, and Rance Biggs. We are glad to have our Pastor's son with us, on a furlough, John H. West, Jr. It looks more like old times to see these boys back in the church services.

We desire your prayers when you pray.

John H. West, Pastor
Margarette West, Reporter

SAPULPA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers,

Sunday October the 7th our First Mission Association League Rally convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This was the first Rally we have had since our annual business meeting. Our new officers were all present and performed their duties well. We are all pleased with the way they have taken their responsibilities and are going ahead with the League business and spiritual objectives.

The Tulsa Church and their young Peoples' League gave us a very cordial welcome, we enjoyed very much the Sunday School lesson brought by Rev. John West, when we visited the Young Peoples' class. Bro. West is a wonderful young peoples teacher and leader.

Rev. C. D. Benton brought the evangelistic message at eleven o'clock. His topic of discussion was, "A Walk With the Lord." It was truly an inspirational sermon.

After a good dinner served by the Tulsa Church we went into the afternoon service. Our sponsor, Bro. Strauther Yochum took charge and after some good songs and prayers, he introduced our new President, Bro. Austin De Garnett who carried on the business and acted as master of ceremonies during the various programs.

Letters of report were read and approved from ten Leagues and seven Leagues presented short programs. Tulsa's Lewis Avenue Church earned the attendance banner

and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa the program banner.

We earnestly desire your prayers that our League work will prosper for the Lord.

Corresponding Secretary,
Ava Hellard

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers,

We wish to report for the month of October our work.

We now have 72 enrolled of which 13 are in the service of our country. Two of our League members have recently returned from overseas, they are Wayne Eason and Roy Petters, we are all overjoyed at having them at home with us. We are praying that the time will soon come that all our boys will be home with us, and back in God's service.

Our average attendance for this month is 26, and our average grade is 85. We had 4 perfect daily Bible Readers for the month. We are proud of our visitors list, which is 18 for the past month.

Our League class sponsored a Youth Revival this summer in which 19 souls were brought to the Lord. Our State League Evangelist, Rev. Reford Wilson of Lexington, Oklahoma was our speaker.

The class is now studying the Book of Revelations with Rev. Harry Staires as our teacher.

Several of the leaguers met in the home of a aged lady, who is unable to attend church services at all, and held a Prayer Meeting. We plan to have more of these services in the future. These are sponsored by the Social Service Committee.

Our class has bought and mailed Christmas packages to our boys who are overseas and will not be at home by Christmas. This was sponsored by the Missionary Committee.

We have had the honor of having the Free Will Baptist State Association Convene at our church from October 22-26. Wednesday October 24th from 2 P. M. until 4 P. M. was given to the State League. We had the privilege of meeting young people from all over the state who are interested in League work. Interesting talks were given by Rev. Clarence Hearron of the U. S. Army, and Rev. Reford Wilson of Lexington, Oklahoma, and a letter was

read from Rev. Evert Hellard who is League workers of our state. overseas; all three of these young men are

We were very fortunate to have Rev. Robert B. Crawford our National Executive Secretary to speak a few words for our Leaguers. Also we are thankful for the three souls who were saved at our service Wednesday afternoon.

We desire your prayers that we will do more to bring others happiness.

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REVIVAL REPORT

Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church Detroit, Michigan, October 7 to October 21.

We are glad to report through the columns of the Gem the old time revival God gave us with Bro. Raymond Riggs and his church and people. The church was ready for the meeting, though they had just completed an addition to their church which cost over \$22,000. Their burdens and desires were for a real revival in the church and an engathering of lost souls. The second night of the meeting there was two saved in their home after church. The revival started from there. One night the spirit was working so strong we gave an altar call at the close of the praise service and six souls were saved in that Service. Twenty-two conversions and renewals during the two weeks. Twelve united with the church, among those were four men and their wives.

It was a real pleasure to work with Bro. Riggs and the good people there. Also, it is a joy to know God is able to give an old time Holy Ghost Revival even in the great city as well as in the rural community or small town. Yes, they came to the altar and prayed through in the old fashioned way.

Christians were strengthened, hard hearted drunkards convicted and converted. Yes God is still on the throne and in the soul saving business. We also had the privilege to attend a Service in Wayne, Michigan, Sunday afternoon of October 21. When a splendid group of believers were organized

into a Free Will Baptist Church.

We are now engaging in a Revival Campaign here at Berkley City Church. Rev. Harvey E. Hill is our Evangelist. We are praying for a great victory here.

Truly the fields are white to harvest and laborers need not be idle. If we will let God select the kind of work and the place he would have us fill.

Your humble Servant in Christ,

Rev. O. T. Allred
9469 Rosemary Lane
St. Louis, 21, Mo.

5TH. SUNDAY MEETING

The 5th Sunday Meeting met at the Free Will Baptist Church at South Picher, Okla. Sept. 30, 1945. Brother Crain as Moderator, Sister Evelyn Hendrix as Clerk. Introductory Service by Brother Walgmont, "Award Thy Lord" A basket dinner was served at noon. Service began at 1:15.

By singing songs 142-119-27-202, prayer by Brother Hattabaugh. Preaching by Sis. Taylor "The Record of God's Son" Bro. Art Kirk, St. Luke 1. Special Song was sung by the Free Will Baptist Church of Picher, "Precious Memories" Brother Bill Johnson. John 2:15. Brother Rupe, St. John 3, "Let's Go Fishing. Song by Sister Green. "Ye Must be Born Again" Bro. Barrett, Matt. 26-39. "Go a Little Farther". Bro. Walgmont, Acts, 12:5 Testimonial Service lead by Bro. Crain. Song, "Are You Ready?"

The all day meeting was dismissed by Brother Walgmont. By prayer.

The next 5th Sunday Meeting will come on December 30, at the Blue Front Church at Treece, Kansas.

Sister Elda Crain will have the Introductory Service.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform those who might desire to know of the change of my address, that I have moved from Columbia, Tennessee, to Leeds, Alabama. I am pastoring Leeds Church, Alabama.

God's benediction upon everyone.

J. B. Bloss
Leeds, Alabama

Greetings from Bro. Dearmore

To the Gem Readers, Greetings!

It is almost time now for another State Meeting of the State of Oklahoma. Which I have attended for so many years. I remember when it was a problem to get a quorum to attend the State Association, but its so much different now. The problem is to get rooms for those that do attend. Though so far we have never failed, some way the Lord provides. We had in 1918 approximately 100 members of the Free Will Baptist Church. The number has rapidly increased, and now we have Church buildings in several of the principle cities of the State. Some congregations numbering up in the hundreds. Property valuations is upward of a million dollars in the State and we have several churches we are very proud of as they are equal to the cities in which they are located for beauty. And as to our ministers, we have as fine a bunch of ministers as there is in the world. (And I mean except none.) They never use the word FAIL in their great work. They are very humble yet they are like the prophets of Old, dignified enough for the work they do. In fact we have a following of clean ministers, who have given their life in the work of our Master and as one of the Old ministers I am so proud of our ministers I do not find words to express my fullest appreciation for them. They are dependable and when I say dependable I know what I am saying. Like Joseph of old, whatever they do in the name of the Lord. The Lord makes it to prosper. Other denominations are looking up on us with pride on account of our great laws of Freedom and liberty which the Blood of Jesus Christ makes us free therefore we are free indeed. I have spent 45 years as a minister in the good old Free Will Baptist Church, been a member of the Church 50 years and if I had my life to live over, my desire would be to spend it as I have. I do not regret any sacrifice that I have ever made. (as some might call it a sacrifice). But every step of the way has been a privilege to me, and I am indebted to the denomination not the denomination to me. As now my health has failed and I may never be active any more as I have been in the past. What little I may be able to do for my master will be through our blessed old

denomination. (The Free Will Baptist) like Paul of old. I feel that I have fought a good fight and when my course is finished I know that there will be a crown of righteousness laid up for me. Not for me only but for all that love his appearing. First my life goes out for the members of the F. W. B. who are carrying on the great work and next for our active ministers that are putting out their very best for the Lord and then for our enterprises, school, orphanages, our institutes. Together with all our great enterprises. Pray for me that my health may be resored.

My address is:

Elder W. E. Dearmore
Wanette, Oklahoma, Box 233

CHIPS

BY ELD. T. C. FERGUSON

The Devil hates good people.

If you don't like children dont go to heaven for there sure are lots of children there.

Some people instead of trying to get Hell out of the Bible ought to try to get the Hell out of themselves.

Where is Hell? It is where you raise Hell.

Any place that is filled with God's divine presence will be like Heaven.

Prayer is the solemn communion with God.

If you succeed in church work you must leave your feelings at home.

Prayer is the key that opens heavens gates, do you use the key?

We are judged largely by our actions, be careful.

Don't fuss, it sounds foolish.

The love of God is the dove of peace.

Suspicion is more often wrong than right.

PASTOR WANTED

To the Ministers Everywhere: We have had a deacon's meeting and have decided that we want a pastor provided we can get one who will teach us the Word as we see it. We have a good understanding of the Bible as one of our saints has been called to teach. We want a man who can handle

the church in a way that will not cause division as we have several beliefs on doctrinal lines in our church.

We want him to have services on Saturday nights although this is the time that most of the saints do their shopping, but there are always some outsiders who come. He must preach on Sunday mornings although several of our saints do their visiting at that time. We want him to conduct prayer meeting on Wednesday nights, and visit the saints Monday and Tuesday nights; these services will keep his mind active.

We would rather have a preacher without a car as most of our saints do not have one and they might be jealous.

We want a pastor that will preach funerals of all saints, their relatives, and friends free of charge as some of our saints do not think it is right to take money for preaching funerals. He must be willing to work with his hands to help make a living for his family. We will give him a love offering every Sunday night.

The pastor must keep all the evangelists. We believe in taking an offering once a week for the evangelist; and Sunday night after the love offering has been taken for the pastor is the best time to take the offering as we have lots of outside folks who are able to give. We want our pastor to trust God for the extra money he needs, because we do not believe in paying tithes. In fact, the pastor could not preach on tithes because one of our deacons does not believe that New Testament preachers should preach this doctrine, and this deacon has a lot of influence in the church and could cost the pastor if he should cross his belief.

Our pastor must agree to be clean and neat every day that he does not work. There is a store in our city where he can get good second hand suits, shoes, and hats.

Don't mention anything against shows for one of our boys works at the show. Don't say anything against the repeal of the eighteenth amendment as one of our young men works at the drug store where they sell beer. Sunday baseball must not be mentioned either as one of our new converts is on the Soft Ball team and has to play every Sunday afternoon.

We don't want him to mention bobbed hair as one of the teachers in the Junior

Department has a shingle bob. Don't preach against fearing jewelry because our people do not buy costly jewelry. Don't say anything against dress because some of our ladies belong to society and it is necessary to dress like the rest of the folks when they have parties.

Oh, yes, when we take the Lord's Supper, we do not take feet washing because we have a brother in the church that says it tickles him so to wash his feet. We do not want to embarrass him so we leave off feet washing.

We want our pastor to do most of the fasting and praying for the church as most of our saints have to work too hard to fast and pray. If anyone knows of a pastor who is led of the Lord to this field of labor, tell him to write the Assembly of Inferior Christians on the main highway between Jerusalem and Jericho.

In answer to the foregoing article, Pastor Wanted, in II Timothy 4:2, Paul said to Timothy, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

Isaiah 58:1, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."

General Baptist Messenger

Not to be Defied

"One of the great and irrevocable truths seems to have dropped out of our thinking. It is the fear of God." This unusual remark was made by the Congressman-philosopher, Hatton Summers of Texas, at the House luncheon table recently. "There are great moral and natural laws, of which He is the Author and that are as constant as those to which the vast Universe responds. They are designed to promote human well-being and progress, and do, so long as we obey them. But if a person jumps from a ten-story window the law of gravity is not suspended to save him. Neither are these laws when we go counter to them. They are not to be defied except at the cost of pain and tragedy, as has been abundantly demonstrated of late.

"We need to restore the word 'fear' in its right sense to our thinking—fear of breaking the laws of God. And then, for our own good, to study and discover these

laws and adjust our affairs to them—in international matters, in Government, in our day to day relations."

It is a view substantiated by many passages in the Bible, among them this in Proverbs ix, 10:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Country Gentlemen

FAITH

By, Fred Allen Potter

Last evening I saw a gnarled old oak
Lift up it's arm—like a tired, old man—
Against the red sunset.

It didn't seem to mind that it must stand
Between two stately pines;

Nor asked of it's Creator:

Why could it not have been a stately pine—

And have a tall and graceful silhouette?

Today a little child looked up at me

Wit hsuict, trusting eyes—

And a frank, friendly smile—

he—gnarled like the oak, and old—

No longer like the tall, young pines about
me . . .

I knew there was something I had lost;
And, vainly, groped far back in recollection;

Could it be Hope;

Or was it Charity?

Then I recalled the gnarled and twisted
oak

That dared to lift it's arms toward the
sky!

PLEASE READ

Dear Sir,

I am 15 years old and I am a christian,
I belong to the Free Will Baptist Church
of Fredericktown, Mo. My mother takes
the Gem but I read it too. I have a poem
that I wrote that I would like for you
to put in the Gem for me please.

GOD'S SHEEP

We as Christians, are God's sheep,
At night we ask God for rest and sleep.
We ask God to watch us through the night,
And in the morning a battle for God we
must fight.

II

Satan and his wolves are after God's

sheep from day to day.

We ask God to help us and God always
knows the way.

Some day God is going to call his sheep
home.

Then we never more shall roam.

III

Satan and his wolves will be bound a
1,000 years,

So you needn't have a fear

Won't it be wonderful on that day

When God and His sheep have won the
way.

Wrote by Marie McFarland
Fredericktown, Mo.

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

The rich man was filled with gladness
and glee

He had no time for Lazarus or me.

He put on his robe of purple each morning

And his table was piled with food thats
adoring.

And then this begger was laid a his gate
But he had no time to set him a plate.

This rich man was proud as a Turk in
his day

And he had no time for to sing or to pray,
His God was his money his pride would
run high

His mind was too stubborn to look to the
sky.

But he learned that the death angel could
make him a call

So his money and rayment both had a great
fall.

So we find that his pleasure was all but
complete

For he had many servants to bow at his
feet.

His fare was the best that the land could
afford

So he had no time for begger or Lord.

So he ate and he drank of the best of
the land

And him and his brothers were all of one
band

We find then that Lazarus was gone on
above

And there was protected with all of God's
love.

His days of suffering and hunger were

past,
And he has no desire to remember the past.
So let us be faithful like Lazarus of old
And let God refine us as though we were
gold.

This Lazarus we know was afflicted and
poor

So the rich man did turn him away from
his door,

But the death angel said you have not
done him right

So I will come for your spirit tonight,
So he went to the grave and was buried
in state

But his sins were too heavy to reach hea-
vens gate,

So let us take warning this message to
heed

And remember the rich man with his money
and greed,

For if you miss heaven you soon then will
burn

That forever and ever you will have to
burn

So let us get ready our Saviour to meet
And strive to be worthy to rest at his feet.

Walter Lake
Eureka Springs, Ark.

POEMS

By, the late Rev. T. H. Newsom
Springtown, Texas

This World Wou'd Be A Happy Place

This world would be a happy place,
If every heart was filled with grace,
And talked with Jesus face to face,
Each day and every hour.

If love completely replaced hate,
And on the Lord, each soul did wait,
Would not this be a happy place,
If God did reign in power.

If trials, conflicts, woes, and strife,
Which now embitter much of life,
Where death and chaos now are life,
Immediately should cease.

If on God's word, each would rely,
With His commands, all would comply,
And selfish lusts would all de y,
Then we would have sweet peace.

We cannot hope this world to see,

Completely from all evil free;
But we can help to make it be,
A better place to live.

If we will fully consecrate
Cur all to God, will dedicate,
And in His love, communicate,
Power over sin He'll give.

I Still Should Long For Heaven

Many are here I fondly cherish,
Whose lives are dear to me;
Yes, friendships sweet that I should nourish
That they might sweeter be.

Yet, some day farewells must be spoken,
All earthly ties must soon be broken.
Some day all earthly things will perish,
Will moulder and decay;

For a duration they may flourish,
Then fade and pass away.
There's nothing lasting here below,
Eventually it all must go.

The world would be a wondrous place,
In which mankind might dwell
In peace and love if through God's grace,
All evil they'd expel.

How happy e'en we'd be,
If all of this should come to pass,
In perfect peace and harmony.
And death would never come;

All we have known it did surpass,
Would you choose this as home?
I still should long for heaven above,
Where all is peace and joy and love.

The Spirit and The Bride Say Come

Is your soul all polluted with sin?
Then come to the fountain of blood;
Would you be clean without, within?
Then bath in its soul cleansing flood.

Jesus, shed His own precious blood,
To wash man's sins all away;
Come bathe in this soul cleansing flood,
Be white as snow flakes today.

The thief upon Calvary's tree,
Saw that fountain open for all,
He cried, "Lord remember thou me,"
Jesus heard and answered his call

You, too may have gone astray,
From God and His infinite Love;
His spirit and word call today
Be saved and join us above.

Chorus

The spirit and the bride say, "Come,"
 "Oh come, please come while you may;
 Come back to the Fathers dear home;
 O come and be pardoned today.

DEAREST MOTHER

This is to you, dear Mother
 From your son so far away;
 I think of no other
 But you each hour of the day.
 So remember me, dear Mother
 On this Merry Christmas day,
 And also for my older brother
 For us both I ask you to pray.
 I wish we could both be with you
 To celebrate the Birth of Christ;
 But we all have a big job to do
 And it is costing us a price.
 So, Mother, don't get excited
 When you don't hear from us;
 Just remember we decided
 In God to put our trust.
 When we're fighting hard in battle
 We don't have time to write
 And our nerves are rattled
 When we've finished with the fight.
 So just keep on praying, Mother,
 For your sons, so far away;
 While we are waiting and praying
 For the break of another day.

Written by John Paul Long S 1-c on
 Xmas day. Son of Rev. and Mrs. John D.
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He walked in light at dust of day,
 A light that glowed divine,
 Upon his radiant face,
 As stars at evening shine.
 He walks in morning light above,
 With Jesus as his friend.
 May we in faith the same path take,
 Until our journey's end.

Written by his daughter, Mrs. B. H. Perkins.

OBITUARY

HARPER— Florence Sarah Harper, daughter of William and Carrie Harper was born October 30, 1880 at Leroy, Minnesota. Died at her home 4 miles north of Greenfield October 26, 1945.

She came to Missouri with her parents when 8 years old and has lived on the same farm for the past 56 years.

She was converted when 14 years of age and lived a true, devoted christian life. She never joined an earthly denomination, but contributed to any organization to help the cause of Christ. She was educated in the schools of Dade County, attended Ozark College then taught three terms of school. She cared for her father and mother until their death.

She never married but raised one niece, Bernice, from childhood. Was always interested in the welfare of children, especially her nieces and nephews.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Edith Vaughn of Arkansas City, Kans., Mrs. Mary Rose, Elkhart, Kansas, and Mrs. Edd E. of Fort Lupton, Colo., Charles W. Carrie Duffy of Joplin, Mo. Four brothers, of Ash Grove, Mo., Sherman J. and Harry H. both of Greenfield. One sister, Mrs. Ella Duffy and one brother, Fred W. preceded her in death. She leaves 34 nieces and nephews, several great nieces and nephews and a host of friends and neighbors.

She will be sadly missed by the entire family, but we know that our loss is Heavens gain.

Services been conducted in the Christian Church in Greenfield, Mo. by Rev. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. Interment in the Greenfield Cemetery.

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