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Can We Know We Are Saved?

By Rev. Sherman H. Oakes, West Gastonia, North Carolina.

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God"—1 John 5:11-13.

We often hear these expressions: "I hope I am saved." "I think I am saved." "We won't know that we are saved till the judgment day." Such statements are inconsistent to the above Scripture. Please stop and read the text again. The Gospel was given in order that we might know we have eternal life. And when we believe on the Son of God as our personal Savior; we know that according to God's word we have salvation.

The reason so many are confused, is because they have not understood what we are saved by. And they have not found the source of salvation. We find the truth in a nutshell in Ephesians 2:8, 9, "For by GRACE are ye saved through FAITH; and that, NOT OF YOURSELVES: it is the GIFT OF GOD: not of works, lest any MAN SHOULD BOAST." We are saved by a favor that we cannot merit, that is the meaning of grace. We are wrong if we depend on our goodness, works, morality, or character; or any other thing. Not only is it an unmerited favor, it is received through faith. The Bible is clear: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." You trust different jobs and things to people that you have confidence

in; why not trust Christ with the most important job in the world; the salvation of your soul? The Apostle Paul gives us the facts in the case. "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." That is the faith once for all delivered to the saints. You see that faith is to commit, that is, to depend upon; and last but not least, salvation is a GIFT. "The gift of God is eternal life." A gift is not wages, nor reward. If you earn anything it is wages, if you merit anything it is given for value received. If God handed you salvation on any merit of yours, He would nullify the atonement of Jesus Christ. He offers salvation as a free gift.

We cannot depend on feelings; for feelings come and go. God never made feelings the basis of eternal life. Salvation is founded on a fact; and that fact is the word of God; it is received on the record of Christ's death and resurrection, as the sin bearer. When someone gives me something, I do not have to feel like they have given it to me; the fact that they said: "I will give this to you," and I reach out my hand accepting it, makes it a fact that it is mine. Not only that, I do not have to do anything to retain the gift. It is mine, because it was given to me. And furthermore, no just law would make me give it up, it is my personal possession.

I appreciate the blessings of the Holy Spirit. And I do feel happy at times in the service of the Lord. The more my eup runs over, the better it suits me; but if I never felt happy, I have the gift of eterna

life, just the same.

So many are building on the sand hoping they will be saved. If your hope is other than the Rock of Ages, you have no hope; and the sooner you awaken to the fact the better. You'd better awake to the eternal word of God, and say with the hymn writer: "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; all other hope is sinking sand." Yes, quick sand at that. In quick sand the more you try to deliver yourself, the deeper you sink. And so it is with all who try to save themselves. Quit trying—let go, and let God.

Yes, we can know we are saved by the word of God. "These things have I written unto you, that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life."

The importance of the word was given to Timothy, by Paul, when he exhorted him to "Preach the word." Therefore I exhort you to believe the word. That is the hope that is "Anchored within the veil." And the anchorage within the veil is fastened to the immovable Rock of Ages. Therefore the hold is eternal. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall never pass away." Thus declares the Almighty Savior.

Look away from self and sin, look away from everything; look to Jesus Christ, the Redeemer. "Look unto me all you ends of the earth and be saved." When the children of Israel were dying from snake bites, they were told to look at the brazen serpent on the cross, and they would be healed. Everyone that believed looked, and instantly were healed. That is the picture God wants you to see. The serpent is typical of sin; and Jesus, who knew no sin, became sin for you; and died in your stead.

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REPORT OF CAVE SPRING ASSOCIATION LEAGUE RALLY

We are glad to report that our
League work is still going on.
Our last rally was held at our
Smyrna Church, Sunday, March
30th. The meeting opened with
singing, Scripture reading from
the third chapter of John, by the
Rally President, and prayer by
Bro. Davie Combs.

Three leagues were represent-
ed with a program, Myrtle League
had some recitations by begin-
ners Juniors gave a lesson on
"Brighten the Corner Where you
are." Adults and Seniors dis-
cussed "The Senior and Adult
Free Will Baptist League," and
"Why we need a League, who
should belong, and how to use
the League Quarterly." The
quiz leader gave us a quiz to help
us know our Bibles better.

Dials Creek gave the lesson:
"House of Prayer and Praise,"
by Seniors. Juniors had "What
my Home is to me." Also a spe-
cial song, "The Glory Train."

Garfield League sang several
beautiful songs, and some recita-
tions by the little folks. Adults
discussed the topics: "Sin" and
"Lights that Shine." Senior
topic: "Heritage of a Christian
Home."

With the president again in
charge, we closed our meeting
by singing, "Revive us again."
Benediction by Bro. Talley.

The programs were both edu-
cational and inspirational. Most
of us believe our meetings are
getting better. We are proud of

our people who work so faithfully
to carry on our league work.

We hope to have three or four
more leagues in the association
by the time for our next meeting,
which will be held at our Cotton
Creek Church on June 29th.

We feel that you are really
leaving something out when you
leave the league out of your
church.

We urge all churches that do
not have a F. W. B. L. organiz-
ation to organize one and join
with us at our next rally.

Let us pray for each other and
work together.

Lucille Beatty, President
Eulah Wisehart, Sec'y.

GOLDEN OAK CHURCH REPORT

We are glad to be receiving
the Gem paper again; we like to
read the reports from the other
churches. God has wonderfully
blessed our church the past year;
our Sunday school has almost
doubled its enrollment the past
year; and we have a fine young
people's league now.

We thank God for our good
pastor, Bro. John Rogers, and the
wonderful work he is doing here
with us. We had a wonderful
revival last fall, and are looking
forward to another revival in the
very near future. Pray for us,
that we will have a sweeping re-
vival, that the church will be re-
vived, and that there will be many
souls saved.

Pray for Golden Oak Church,
and for our churches everywhere.

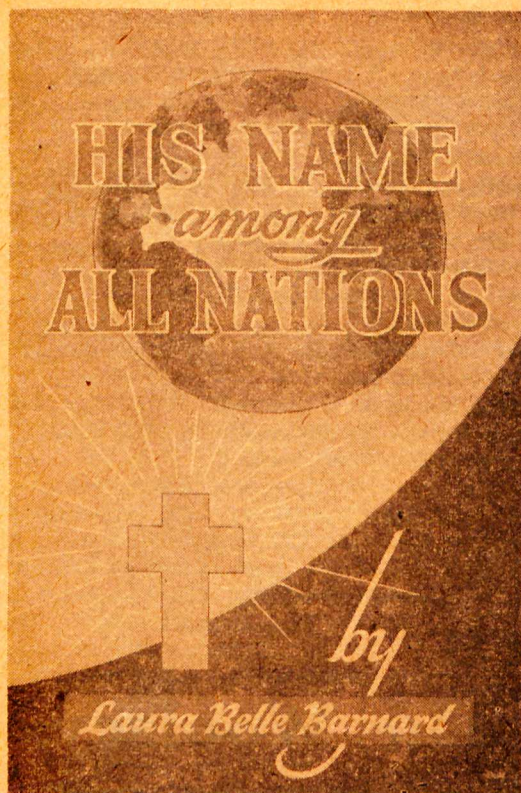
May God bless the editor and
the Gem staff, is our prayer.

Belle Coffey, Church Clerk,
Mill Creek, Missouri.

NOTICE!

The "Week of Prayer Program"
on page six of the 1947 Year Book of
Programs was prepared by Miss
Gertrude Bowe, Catlettsburg, Ky.
Miss Bowe is a graduate of our Free
Will Baptist College. I am truly
sorry that her name was omitted
with the article. It was an oversight
on my part. I am taking this means
to inform our women that Miss Bowe
is the writer of this program.

Mrs. Myron Hyatt,
First Vice President of N. W. A. C.



"HIS NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS"

A book written by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Free Will Baptist missionary to South India. It is a history of Christian missions from the time of the apostles to the present. The last two chapters deal exclusively with Free Will Baptist missions from the time our first missionaries went out in 1835 to and including our very recent missionary activity. The author has divided the book into four divisions, a means of encouraging its use by classes in missions. It is especially suited to, an adaptable for, group and class study in the Women's Auxiliary work, Sunday School Institutes, Young People's League Study Courses, Vacation Bible School Study Courses, and for Seminary Study Courses. You should by all means own a copy of this splendid book. It will not only be a blessing to you, but your purchase of the book will also help the foreign mission treasury. Order from Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Missouri.

Price, \$2.00 per copy.

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Dear Co-Workers: On Saturday, February 15th, the above Youth Encampment Board met and discussed plans of the Youth Camp for the coming season. Some time ago, we mailed letters covering our plans for this camp, to our people throughout the State. We hope that, by this time, you have studied and prayed over these plans, as

we endeavored to give them to you. After studying these plans, each of you can undoubtedly realize that it will take rather a large amount of finances, as well as work, to get this into shape for a meeting this summer, and we hope each of you will get behind us and help us put this worthy cause over. Final plans are being made for this season's encampment, and Rev. Mark Lewis will be in charge as general superintendent.

We would also appreciate receiving from the ladies of the various churches, such items as dish towels, kitchen utensils, dishes, and any other items for domestic use, which we are badly in need of. We have always found the ladies of our churches ready and willing to help us on every occasion, and we are sure that they will not let us down in this time of need.

Last year when preparations were being made for our encampment several of our people in the State volunteered to donate either finances for playground equipment, or playground equipment itself, for use at last summer's encampment.

Due to the epidemic of polio, the encampment for last year was called off, and a large amount of these donations were never received.

We are therefore, again asking our churches, and any one else who may feel that God is leading, to pledge anew for the above equipment, and send it or donations for same, to us as soon as possible, so that we may know what plans to make in regard to this material.

Let us pray and help, in every way possible, to make this year's encampment a great success.

THE SUCCESS OF THIS WORTHY CAUSE DEPENDS ON YOU! WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT? PASTORS, CHURCHES, LEAGUERS, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES, DO YOUR PART NOW!

Send all offerings, playground equipment, or donations for same, dish towels, kitchen utensils, etc., to our Sec'y, Rev. Wm. Reeves, Box 118, Irondale, Missouri. Please state in your letter with your offering, whether for playground equipment, or for general use in erecting our camp.

May the Lord lead and bless you in your giving.

—Rev. Harvey Hill, Assistant Chairman.

**MONTHLY REPORT NATIONAL
FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER**

(Receipts during the month of March, 1947.)

Grover Gould, Wellston, Ohio	\$10.65
Rev. C. J. Hearn, Waco, Texas	5.00
Okla. Women's Auxiliary, by Mrs. Marvin Dalton,	2.00
Hickory Grove Church of Florida	11.95
Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransomville, N. C.	1.00
Horney Heights Church, Asheville, N. C.	20.00
Buford Chesnut, Bonifay, Florida	3.00
First F. W. B. Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma	10.00
Mrs. Goldia Dunn, Hartville, Mo.,	5.00
Ladies' Aid, Turbeville, S. C.	27.00
Robert Little, Oakman, Ala.	4.00
First F. W. B. Church, Elizabethton, Tenn.,	15.00
Wewoka Oklahoma First Church	10.00
Mount Zion Church of Tennessee	10.00
Miss Catherine Wallace, Mt. Olive, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. Alice Lynn, Brownville, Ala.,	1.00

Ladies' Aid of Sound View Church, N. C.	10.00
Sweet Gum Grove Auxillary of N. C.	5.00
Rev. Clarence J. Hearron, Waco, Texas	4.00
Rev. Orville O'Quinn, Council, Va.,	2.00
Erin Church, Roderville, W. Va.,	50.00
Canbrake Baptist Church, Canebroke, W. Va.,	56.53
State of Oklahoma, by D. B. Helbard, Treas.	74.92
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Stover, Marfork, W. Va.	5.00
Prospect Sunday School of Alabama	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Lovering, Columbus, Ohio	10.00
West Tulsa Church of Oklahoma	11.05
First Tulsa Church of Oklahoma	40.00
Lewis Avenue Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma	16.19
Lawn Wood Church of Tulsa, Okla.	10.50
Sapulpa Church of Oklahoma	6.35
Blue Bell Church of Oklahoma	9.00
Blue Bell Mission of Oklahoma	10.00
Silver City Church of Oklahoma	4.43
Silver City S. S. of Oklahoma	5.00
Jennings Church of Oklahoma	7.75
Jennings Mission of Oklahoma	5.00
Cushing Church of Oklahoma	17.11
Wolverine Association of Michigan	71.56
Dunright Church of Oklahoma	42.57
Bristow Church of Oklahoma	19.00
Shawnee Church of Oklahoma	14.30
Wewoka Church of Oklahoma	30.05
Ada Church of Oklahoma	10.50
New Home Church of Oklahoma	11.00
Pretty Water Church of Oklahoma	8.00
Oklahoma City Church of Oklahoma	22.00
Land Mark Church of Oklahoma	17.00
Turley Church of Oklahoma	22.69
Turley S. S. of Oklahoma	25.00
Collinsville Church of Oklahoma	13.69
Collinsville S. S. of Oklahoma	10.00
Shahan Church of Oklahoma	23.62
Tuskegee Church of Oklahoma	11.60
Mrs. Dillard West, Cookeville, Tenn.	7.00
Gladys Waddell, Kenly, N. C. Picture Poster Set,	4.00
Squire F. W. B. S. S., Squire, W. Va.	3.67
Mrs. Flora Prater, Louisa, Ky.	8.00
Andrew L. George, Edge, Texas	10.00
Okla. State Auxillary, by Mrs. Marvin Dalton	2.00
Trinity Church and S. S. of Nashville, Tenn.	19.05
New Hope League of Tennessee	3.36
Oklahoma State Auxillary	3.00
Oak Grove Church of Tennessee	2.10
Rev. C. J. Hearron, Belmead, Texas	10.00
National Women's Auxillary Convention	22.67
Clayton, Texas Church	4.40
Huntsville, Texas Church	22.53
Union Meeting of S. C. Conference	60.00
Bible College League, Nashville, Tenn.	10.00
Offering taken at Bible Con., Nashville, Tenn.	135.77
Missouri State Ass'n, by Marie Hyatt, Treas.	230.93
State of N. C., by J. W. Alford, Treas.	648.04
Puntee Church of West Virginia	3.30
Sound View S. S. of North Carolina	10.00
Moore's Chapel Church of Tennessee	6.00
West Fork Quarterly Meeting of Texas	29.00
Refund from American Express Co. of Chicago	15
Blocker Christian Endeavor, Haddam, Kans.	20.00
Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransomville, N. C.	1.00
Freedom Church of Illinois	18.45

Received from sale of books,

"His Name Among All Nations" 52.00

Total \$2,210.48

DESIGNATED MONEY

Ladies Aid of Kenly, N. C.,

Special gift to Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd 10.00

Loyal Chapel Auxillary, Columbia, Tennessee,

Special gift to Miss Barnard 50.00

Evelyn Smith, Winterville, N. C.

Special gift to Miss Barnard 20.00

Ladies Aid, Kenly, N. C.

Special gift to Miss Barnard 15.00

Sound Side Adult League of N. C.

Special gift to Miss Barnard 10.00

Mrs. J. O. Harrell, Glennville, Ga.

Special gift to Miss Barnard, 5.00

Total \$110.00

Received as above \$2,210.48

Grand Total \$2,320.48

—Winford Davis, Treasurer.

The Woolseys

For the past century and past my Grandfather, Father and myself have been affiliated with the Free Will Baptists. My Grandfather, the founder of Woolsey College (1872 to 1900), a denominational school, was licensed to preach in 1843. My Father, Thomas H. Woolsey, M. D., was a country physician. He served the Union Free Will Baptist Association of Tennessee as Clerk-Treasurer and Chairman of the Church Extension Board for a quarter of a century. His Father, Rev. William Bonepart Woolsey, was a Free Will Baptist minister and educator for over sixty years. I entered the ministry in 1930. I truly feel that my own ministry has been inadequate.

The above paragraph was written merely to show the long relationship between my family and the denomination. None of us has ever accomplished anything separate and apart from the unmerited grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

After weeks of waiting and disappointment, we are about to sail for the field of our future labors for the Lord. The political unrest—the new national consciousness and disintegration of the old social, religious and economical order of the peoples of India will call for an unbounded faith and trust in the Lord. Sister Barnard has, for the past several years, been pouring our her life's blood in behalf of the outcasts of India. At least three of our most consecrated and talented young people are ready to make their call to India known to our Foreign Mission Board.

Never in life have Mrs. Woolsey and I had anything to touch us as the wonderful response to our need for funds for preparation to go to India. Over \$2600.00 was sent in without any concerted drive or effort to raise money. May we prove worthy—through the Lord—of this wonderful trust. As we leave New York, April 9th, we go with the assurance that the Lord will be with us, whither soever we go.

—Paul Woolsey.

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Will you look by faith, and see your sin and judgment on Him; and be rejoicing, because you are free for ever?

"Look and live, my brother live, look to Jesus now and live. It is written in His word, hallelujah; it is only that you look and live." Oh, that old hymn so clearly sings the truth, the simple truth; the powerful truth. The best may come, and be every whit whole. Will you come?

RINGLING, OKLA., Mar. 26th.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers: Since we have been planning to write you for some time, I feel that God would be pleased to have me to stop my work just now and let you good people who have not had the opportunity of visiting our F. W. B. Children's Home know a little news from us.

Since we have been here lacking a few days of one year, God has richly blessed us with health and everything that we needed. The children have actually become part of our lives. Every one seems to be as happy as any normal child. The hardest thing I ever tried to do in my life was to lay myself on the altar for this work. I have done almost all kinds of church work, and at times I would meet with problems that I did not know how to cope with, but God would lead us on through. I am sure He knows all about this work and can lead us aright.

The children are all grand. They share their labors with ours, each one has his or her task to perform.

The board of directors are co-operating in every way to make our Home a success. They meet quarterly at the Home to talk over, and to attend to the business and necessities of the Home. It is an encouragement each time they meet. The next meeting date is June 2, 1947. Our dear people are giving our Home such good co-operation in supporting it. The greatest need is to stabilize regular support by the participation of churches and individuals; for as you all know, the Home is always in need of improvements. They can readily be cared for by your offerings each month, if they are regular. It will enable the management to plan ahead just what can be done. Please

continue to co-operate with us in this matter, to the glory of God, and the care of these children, since God gave them to us.

May we assure you from the very depths of our hearts that we appreciate your prayers, your means, sacrifices, and your words of encouragement. These things have meant it all to us in the time we have been working here as Superintendent and Matron.

We must not forget to tell you that we have met some of the nicest people in this part of the State. At first, when coming here a stranger, we wondered, would we ever get acquainted? The little town of Ringling has some real Christian people.

Pray with us, that we may soon have a church in Ringling.

Please plan to visit our Home.

Yours in the Master's service,
Rev. and Mrs. Rex Weatherman,
Superintendent and Matron.

TO HAVE ANOTHER SUN. SCHOOL CONVENTION

We are announcing to our people throughout the states that there will be a National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention again this year, as you will notice by the program following this announcement. It will be held with our Free Will Baptist Church in Highland Park, Michigan.

For some reason or other, or perhaps several reasons, we haven't had a Sunday School Convention since the National Association convened at Flat River, Missouri, in July, 1944, at which time the fourth Annual Convention was held.

We ought to have a real good convention this year, and I think we will. We should be able to make some very much needed plans for the future of our Sunday School work. The reports that we shall make this year, no doubt, will be rather vague, but we want to look forward, and not backward, anyway.

No doubt, if we Free Will Baptists would do less parleying over what has been, and bravely face the future with a vision and a determination to advance for the glory of God, we would be a lot farther along than we are now.

Pray that we will have a great convention this year.

—C. B. Dees, Publicity Director.

NAT'L FREE WILL BAPTIST SUN. SCHOOL CONVENTION

to convene with
HIGHLAND PARK
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
242 Victor Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan
July 14, 1947.

PROGRAM

THEME: "Search the Scriptures"
(John 5:39)

2:00—Devotional, Eugene Hagley
(Huntington, W. Va.)

2:10—Appointment of Committees.

2:15—Seating of Delegates

2:30—President's Message

(Rev. Paul Ketteman)

"The Bible, the Major Factor in Maintenance of Spiritual and Material Progress in this Convention"

2:45—Special Music, Local Church

2:50—Organization and Education Report, Mrs. L. E. Ballard

"The Bible, Foundation for Adequate Superstructure"

3:00—Denominational Enterprise Report, Rev. L. C. Johnson

"The Bible, Guide for the Expansion of our Denominational Program"

3:10—Literature Report, Rev. L. R. Ennis

"The Bible, the Curriculum for Sunday Schools"

3:20—Publicity Report, Rev. C. B. Dees

"The Bible, God's Message for the World"

3:30—Records and Reports, Rev. R. B. Crawford

"The Bible, Revelation of God's Method of Keeping Records"

3:40—Election of Officers and other Business

4:50—Adjournment.

REPORT OF MISSION RALLY

Drumright, Okla., Mar. 14, 1947.

Dear Readers of the Gem: As we have just returned from our Mission Rally, I would like to report that we had a wonderful time at Jennings Church, where Rev. Ben Perkins is pastor.

We did enjoy our visit with our old friends, but best of all, we felt the presence of the Lord.

A servant in Christ,

A. B. Talbert.

MISSION GIVEN SPECIAL EMPHASIS DURING RECENT SESSION OF BIBLE CONFERENCE

Have just returned from attending the Bible Conference at our College in Nashville, Tenn. Also the annual session of our National Foreign Missions Board which was in session during the same week. Must say that it was indeed a wonderful week. The Spirit of the Lord was prevalent from the start to the very last session. Of course we were happy to see so much interest manifested in foreign missions, and to see so much emphasis placed thereon. The very atmosphere seemed charged with missionary fervor. An offering to the amount of \$135.00 was taken for the missionary treasury. A special missionary message was delivered each day and also at night. It is wonderful to see the Free Will Baptist people waking up to the need of spreading the gospel throughout the world. May the Lord continue to arouse our people more and more.

Our Board had a very interesting session. Love and perfect harmony prevailed throughout our meeting. We praise the Lord for the spirit of love among our Foreign Missions Board members. We were faced with six new applications for the foreign field, and all of them had to be deferred because of insufficient funds in the treasury. Our treasury just won't permit us to take on any more financial responsibility at this time. But, oh how it hurts to see our fine young people so earnestly desiring to get out to the mission fields in the interest of the lost, and we with not enough money to send them. Brethren, it is a tragedy. Souls going down to the dark home of the lost; Free Will Baptists with plenty of money; God calling these from our midst and they wanting to get out; yet we cannot have enough money in our missions treasury to send them who want to go. It hurt deep to see those dear young people weeping, because they could not get out to the field, and at the same time knowing that Free Will Baptists have plenty of money with which to send them, if our people would give as they ought. Won't you please pray about this important matter?

Happy to tell you the Woolseys have gotten away to India. They will perhaps have landed by the time you

read these words. We thank the Lord and all the people who helped to make it possible that they could get out. Let us not fail these dear people who are putting all they have or expect to have of this world's goods into the service of the Lord and at the same time trusting us to stand behind them. They are His and ours. Let us hold the ropes while they go down.

Yours for the missionary cause,
Rev. Winford Davis, Promotional
Secretary-Treasurer.

A New Editor Coming Soon

Here is good news—The Executive Board has unanimously elected Rev. Sherman H. Oakes of West Gastonia, North Carolina to be our Editor and Manager. He has promised to be on hand, ready for work, about the first of May, and will edit the May issue of the Gem.

Of course we are all anxious to see the new Editor. We have waited and wished for a regular, permanent Editor; now it seems that our prayers have been answered; and we are ready to help him to know the mysteries of the linotype and the press, and many other things peculiar to the Gem office. You know that we all must have our initial experiences

Now, that Brother Oakes will soon be here to take charge our our publishing house, we will want all the job printing we can do; so, if you want any kind of printing done, just give us a call; we'll be glad to serve you. And don't forget to subscribe to the Gem, if your time is out, and ask others to subscribe.

Remember, Brother Oakes is human just like the rest of us—he can't do the impossible—he can't make a real go of this work, unless we, each one, do our part. The editor can't succeed, if you wait to see whether he succeeds or fails—do your part to build our Gem paper—then you can say: "See What We Did!"

—Editor

PRETTY WATER CHURCH

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We are very happy to report that pretty Water Church is still going forward for God. We have good attendance at all church services, all

the members are just as enthusiastic about prayer meeting as about services on Sunday. We have what we call, 'Family Night' at our prayer meetings each family, in alphabetical order, takes turns putting on the program or conducting the service as they wish, which gives each family a chance to do something for the Lord, for which, in return, He graciously blesses their souls.

The Ladies Auxiliary is doing a good work in behalf of the church. Bro. Wilson conducted an installation service Sunday night just before the preaching hour, as we had elected all new officers for the coming year. Each lady, after being installed, I am sure, had a greater vision of the Auxiliary work.

We have a Junior league now, as well as an Intermediate league, and both show good interest.

We are having the fifth Sunday meeting at Pretty Water, March 30th and we are really looking forward to it; for we know we are going to have a good time in the Lord. Bro. Harry Staires of the Lewis Avenue Church in Tulsa, is to preach the introductory message Saturday night.

We desire your prayers, that Pretty Water Church may continue to be a soul saving station, and that the members do the will of God.

Rev. C. C. Wilson, Pastor,
Hazel Slaybaugh, Reporter.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

During the 1947 annual session of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager-Treasurer, and Rev. L. R. Ennis, President, voluntarily offered their resignations to become effective September 1, 1947. In offering their resignations, these brethren expressed their personal desires to be relieved of the responsibilities of their offices. Because of these requests, the resignations were accepted.

W., the members of the Board of Trustees, do hereby express our appreciation of the services rendered to the Bible College by Brother Davidson and Brother Ennis, and we pray for the blessings of God to continue upon the school and its future progress.

John L. Welch, Chairman
Floyd B. Cherry, Secretary.

ENCAMPMENT NEWS

We are glad to report on the work at our Youth Encampment. The well has been drilled, has a strong stream of water and the driller told us that it tested a flow of twelve gallons per minute. This well is 212 feet deep, and the water stands within about 70 feet of the top. We have one cabin 14x20 feet, the well house and the dining hall, 30x40 feet, with walls up, rafters on and ready for the roof.

We have used what money that has been given, that is, all will be spent when the roofing for the buildings is paid for. April 11th and 12th have been designated as donation days, for those who can go to the camp site and work—there is much work to be done on the grounds besides erecting buildings.

Here is the position of your Youth Encampment Board: We are ready to move forward with the work just as fast as our people make it possible. The question is very often asked: "Can we have the Camp ready for use this summer, and for our State Association to meet there this year? Our answer is "Yes," if our people will respond in contributing to the Camp fund, and individuals and churches will erect enough cabins.

One church, Merl's Chapel, near Cassville, Mo., have their lumber on the ground for a 14x20 cabin.

Our appeal is, that every church give an amount equal to \$1.00 per resident member. Don't wait for some one to ask you for your offering. Pastors, will you bring this before your people, and be an example to your flock?

Send your offering to Rev. Wm. Reeves, Irondale, Missouri.

In Mal. 3:10, God challenges His people to bring all the tithe into the store house and give Him a chance to show what He would do for them.

Here is the challenge to Free Will Baptists of the State of Mo. Bring a worship offering equal to \$1.00 for each resident member, within the next sixty days for our Youth Encampment, and every Free Will Baptist family subscribe to the Free Will Baptist Gem, thus giving God a chance to show you what blessings He has in store for you.—Rev. O. T. Allred.

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FACTS and FIGURES

By The Editor

Once more we must give you an

eight page paper. We have used all the manuscript that came in.

This is the fifth number of the Gem we have put out since we started putting it out last December. For most part I have worked all alone, and according to my record I have worked forty-six days, or 331 hours. This amounts to about one-third of the time—an average of about nine days each month—a young man could have done better, but that's not bad for an old chap like me. No other printing is being done at the office save that necessary to get the Gem paper ready for mailing.

According to our records, the total income since last December amounts, \$198.26, and the total expense has been \$171.00, which leaves \$27.26 over and above expenses. When accepted this work, with nothing but my expenses guaranteed, I realized that I must exercise faith and patiently work, if we revived our paper and restored it to its wonted place.

We tell you these things to show you how, by your help and co-operation we have come to the break of a new day for our beloved paper. It did look dark; and some seemed to think our publication was doomed. Though conditions were unfavorable, we have done the best we could; and a degree of success crowns our efforts.

Have just received word from Bro. Oakes, our new Editor, stating that he expects to arrive at Monett some time on Tuesday, May 6th.

During the first three months, December, 1946 and Jan. and Febr., 1947, around 200 subscriptions expired and only a few of them renewed. Expenses at the office had to be paid, and at the end of the three months the records showed receipts of \$62.92 and \$96.28 expenses—the income for these three months lacked \$33.36 of paying expenses. Our expenses would have been much more had it not been that Bro. O. T. Allred furnished us a good bed at his home, then came into the office to help fold and wrap the papers for mailing. And Bro. Dees has done the press work without any charge for his services.

In or during the month of March our income was a little more than our expenses. And since mailing the March issue of the Gem our income

has been about twice the amount of expenses; and as stated above, we are \$27.26 ahead of expenses. Since mailing the March issue we have received seventy-seven (77) subscriptions.

But 77 subscriptions per month is not enough—multiply 77 by 12 and you get 924, total mailing list if only 77 subs. are received per month for one year. I would set for our goal, not less than 200 subs. per month, which, if kept up continually, would give the Gem a circulation of 2400, and give the editor \$200.00 per mo. And there certainly would be enough writers among the 24 hundred subscribers to furnish manuscript for quite a large paper. Then would the subscribers be glad, When they received their GEM paper.

In the March issue of the Gem we reported receipts and disbursements for the Gem Stock Fund, as follows:

Total amount received	\$87.26
Paid Bro. Dees	\$34.26
Paid on note	48.00

Total paid out

Balance cash on hand

Received since last report

Will Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis,

Eld. T. C. Ferguson

Rev. James Barker

C. W. Mo. Ass'n

Mrs. Ralph Hartfield

Mrs. Goldie Elsea

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From Cave Spring Ass'n

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Alpha Pauli

Laura Mills

Eulah Wisehart

Shiloh Church

Smyrna Church

Walnut Grove Church

Pleasant Hill Church

E. L. Blankenship

Lillie Huddleston

C. R. Romburger

Leona Crews

G. L. Stallard

Ernest Harding

Davie Combs

Total receipts

Paid on note

Balance cash on hand

Balance note unpaid

COUCH, MISSOURI, March 18.

Dear Editor and Friends:

Bluebirds are thickening up now, so spring must be just around the corner somewhere; and, if you are fairly up with your Bible reading, you must realize that we Free Will Baptist folks have the right slant along the lines there laid down for our successful accomplishment of general righteousness.

No doubt all of you have read, lately, of Alexander Bell's hundredth birthday (or, rather, he was born one hundred years ago), and telling of the telephone, for which he had secured a patent.

Now, whether you know it or not, it is rather necessary to know the facts upon which the news is founded, before you can have a real understanding of what is going on, or has gone on.

Here are the facts: Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray were working on the telephone at the same time, only Bell had friends in the patent office at Washington; and when he gave them a general idea of what he was trying to do about the telephone, he asked them to put aside any application for a patent for such a product, if any one should come to the office with an application for a patent therefor.

Sure enough, Elisha Gray did reach the patent office first, but Bell secured the patent.

This is not church news, but it would seem that church members should know the truth about such an every day necessity as the phone.

Our churches here in Cave Spring Association are making fair progress so far as I know. We have really good preachers, and the people seem to be listening to them attentively, and are no doubt carrying on bravely for the Lord.

Here is an interesting sight-seeing part of our country too, with great masses of water flowing out of the ground in several parts of Oregon County. Greer Spring, about twenty miles north east of Thayer is one of the largest springs in United States; it is at the bottom of a 45% slope

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hill about a quarter mile from the top, and flows about a mile before emptying into Spring river. Don't remember the amount of water going down hill all the time, but it is said that three dams could be put across the stream in that mile, each capable of furnishing an immense amount of power for manufacturing purposes; yet it has done no work to amount to much all the generations of its flow.

Which should remind us of the unlimited goodness and mercy of our Lord, who blesses us so magnificently and perpetually on each and every new day, as it comes

to us. Let each and every one of us decide now—today, that we will keep close enough to Him, so we will know just what He wants us to do and when.

What a wonderful world this would be, if just a few Christians in each community would decide to do just that, beginning now! Think it over; then act!

Remember, the Lord has all the power there is, and will give each and every one of us every bit of that power that we will use for His honor and glory.

Also, one with God is a majority. Brethren, think on these things.

—Ralph Hoyt.